



# Victorian Clay Target Association.

State Executive Meeting held by video link.  
Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## MINUTES

1. Chairperson to open meeting and welcome all in attendance.  
Meeting opened at 7.06pm
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Malcom Dyson, Les Kadziela, Garry Cassells, Andrew Smith, Chris Langridge, Brendan Moroni, Travis Williams, Allan Kidd, Gary Hayden.  
Minute taker: Jeff Bell

Apologies: Mel Treller, Mark Zielezna

MOTION: That the apologies be received.

Moved: Gary Hayden                      Seconded: Allan Kidd                      CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings
  - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October
  - Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October
  - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November
  - Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December
  - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous meetings, as listed, be accepted and confirmed as accurate.

Moved: Mal Dyson                      Seconded: Les Kadziela                      CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes.
  - 4.1 State Coaching issues (Special Meeting Dec 8 Item 7 point 3)  
Not in a position to do anything at this stage. Communication still needs to be made with Dave Coleman. Dave believes that VCTA is not following correct protocols at this stage. It was suggested that a meeting of Dave and the Zone coaches be held as soon as convenient. A State Coaching co-ordinator could be elected from within that group/meeting. Zone coaches could then return to their Zones and distribute the information accordingly. Lynne will co-ordinate this with Dave Coleman.
  - 4.2 Child Safety Officer (Special Meeting Dec 8 Item 7 point 7)  
As mentioned previously, the VCTA must have a Child Safety Officer. There has been no further progress at this point. It was suggested that this be held over until the next meeting.
  - 4.3 Sporting Clays & Ball Trap (Special Meeting Dec 8 Gen Business Item 2)  
The Secretary reported that he had sent the letter to the Zones requesting a response in relation to each Zone taking a turn to host the Sporting Clays and to ensure that each Zone had a possible venue. At this point of time, there has been no response from the Zones as none of them have met at this point of the year.  
Suggested that this be held over until the next meeting.

## 5. Reports

### i) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his report and explained some of the intricacies of the report.

- A question was asked about the 'cash float' from the Carnival. It was explained that with the payment of volunteers and trappers from the office, there was insufficient cash to 'balance' against the float and that this would impact the 'bottom line' of the report.
- A further question was asked about payments to Conrad (groundskeeper). It was explained that Conrad had been paid the appropriate hours he had worked, including 25 hours in the month of October. He was not paid more than he was eligible for. Grant Prior had been appointed by the Echuca club to replace Conrad and is yet to submit an invoice for works completed.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report, as presented, be received.

Moved: Andrew Smith

Seconded: Brendan Moroni

CARRIED

- The price of Victoria badges was raised. The Executive was informed that the price of the badges has risen from \$3170 in 2019 to an expected \$4990 in 2024. It was suggested that possible courses of action could include;
  - Seeking an alternative, cheaper, source
  - Changing the design from a laser-cut badge to a moulded badge
  - Taking a larger portion of the prizemoney to cover the increase costs.

Consensus: It was the consensus of the meeting that we would look at options for reducing the price of the medals and look further at the costs associated with the Carnival further into the year.

- The Treasurer further reported further detail into the financial situation of the VCTA and expressed some concerns about cash flow and outstanding accounts. These included;
  - An outstanding account to Beretta of \$19,000 for clay targets for the UT and ISSF events
  - That no loan repayment to ACTA had been made in December but two payments had been made in July.
  - There will be costs associated flood repairs to the trenches and traps that will hopefully be covered by either Flood grant or insurance.
  - There are two major works to happen at Echuca, the construction of the wad catcher wall in the 'dam' and the wad catcher retaining wall – the total VCTA contribution to this will be approx. \$10,000.
  - The essential nature of the UT contributing \$6-7000 in February.
  - Caution was expressed on how VCTA spend their dollars in the coming months.

### ii) ACTA Report (Mal Dyson)

- There was a Management Committee meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> and a full Executive meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The National ISSF event started today (Jan 16<sup>th</sup>).
- Development on the ACTA grounds, the new area for exhibitors beside the conference centre is almost complete.
- Excess soil from the development of the exhibitor's site has been used to fill low points on the grounds.
- The conference centre is having a storage room added on the east end – permits are through, just awaiting planning permits. There is also the intention to add a freezer room.

- It was planned to upgrade the access track but quotes received so far have been excessive, this project is put on hold.
- Sue Vesperman is retiring from her administrative role as of Jan 20. She will be sorely missed. Jenny will fill Sue's position and a new girl has been employed.
- Each State will have received nominations for the new ACTA Board and these must be ratified by the state before proceeding further. These must be done before the end of February. These nominations will then be circulated to all clubs for voting. This will give two new Board members.
- The AGM has been extended to the end of April so as to comply with the constitutional requirements and time frame.
- Some nominations have been received by ACTA.
- Nominations for the National Trap and Skeet events will be in the next magazine and are available on MCMS.
- The ACTA's investigation into club insurance cover access is taking longer than expected. There is a write up on this in the coming magazine in the President's report.

iii) Firearm Users Group Report

The last meeting of the FUG was on November 29.

Items discussed included;

- New chairperson – Richard Paterson
- Varuna Weerasekera introduced as a new Senior Manager
- Firearm theft continues to be an issue.
- Operation Athena – national operation in illicit firearms, importation and manufacturing.
- Firearms Amnesty still in place (was due to finish on June 30).
- Resourcing issue have caused delays in processing licence applications and renewals.

iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report

The President called for volunteers to be representatives of the VCTA on this committee. VCTA is to be represented by Lynne Curtis, Travis Williams, Allan Kidd and Andrew Smith. Jeff Bell to continue as Minute Secretary.

v) Zone Reports – there were no Zone reports as Zones have not had meetings in the New Year.

6. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion:

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
19a	11/11/22	Andrew Fiek	State Coaching expression of interest.
	<i>Previously discussed at Item 4 – to be discussed at next meeting</i>		
25	29/11/22	Andrew Paddison (Beretta)	Reply to letter about broken clays
	<i>This issue has been resolved and the targets are likely to be replaced.</i>		
27a	5/12/22	Peter Dobson	Complaint regarding wads
	<i>Echuca has this all under control. Wad machine will be repaired and Travis will utilise this.</i>		
34	18/12/22	Les Kadziela	Nomination for ACTA Board position
	<p><i>A nomination has been received for Les to be a Board member of the new ACTA Board.</i></p> <p><i><u>MOTION:</u> That VCTA endorse Les Kadziela's nomination for the ACTA Board and that the secretary take the appropriate action to forward the nomination as per the appropriate processes.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Andrew Smith                      Seconded: Malcolm Dyson                      CARRIED</i></p>		

38	20/12/22	Crystal Thurmer (Elders)	Flood claim and insurance
	<p><i>In working with Nick Dean and Echuca it is intended that a claim will be submitted for anything that was damaged in the flood. This includes pumps, electricals, trap machines and controller boxes. A Hydrologist is being employed by the Insurer (Elders) to ascertain whether the flooding was caused by the 'backing up' of the Campaspe River or by the 100mm of rain in one afternoon. If the flooding was caused by the Campaspe, then the application will be unsuccessful. Should the application prove to be unsuccessful, a claim will be made for the remaining \$45,000 from the State Flood grant. The grant is available until May.</i></p> <p><i>A question was asked about future insurance. There has been no notification, at this point, that Elders will not cover the Echuca grounds in the future. If this should change, the ACTA is currently seeking coverage for clubs through Marsh and VCTA should be able to access this.</i></p>		

#### Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary

### 7. General Business

#### a. Life membership criteria (Gary)

A draft document was sent to all Executive officers for comment.

It was discussed in detail with significant points being;

- for change being that nominations should only come from the Executive.
- Should there be a limit to the number of nominations in a year.

CONSENSUS – it was the consensus of the meeting that the proposed document be finalised and sent to all Executive members for approval. On receipt of each officer's approval the document is to be published.

#### b. Victoria badges for State events – increased prices (Jeff)

Discussed in the additions to the Treasurer's report.

#### c. UT event at Echuca – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Finalisation of the UT event included the following;

- Travis Williams has organised catering via a food van and coffee van.
- Approximately 100 competitors are expected to attend.
- Jeff will be there to run the office/practice.
- Lynne Curtis, Les Kadziela, Allan Kidd, Chris Langridge will also be in attendance.
- Gary Hayden is in consultation with David Keilor regarding the electrics.
- Jeff has contacted Beretta and organised replacement controller boxes.
- Still waiting for a reply from Paul Schroeter regarding availability.
- Jeff to contact a cleaner and waste removal.
- Practice will be on the Friday from midday.
- It was suggested that if we are to airfreight a third control box then it should be organised that the motor and other spares(rubber for throwing arms) ordered from Beretta earlier be sent at the same time.

#### d. Uniform items for National events 2023 (Jeff)

The Secretary explained to the meeting that with the close proximity of the VCTA Skeet Titles to the National Skeet Titles it may be very challenging for uniform items to be completed in time for the National Skeet event. Arrangements have been made with BEST to try and decrease the time required. A quantity of polo shirts are available but anything orders not 'in hand' will take 4-6 weeks to produce and there will be insufficient time between the events.

It was pointed out that many of the team members will be the same as previously and that this may not be an issue.

- e. Cost of targets and practice at State events (Jeff)

It was explained to the Executive that the cost of targets had risen significantly in recent months and that, conservatively, targets were costing 30 cents each to throw. With the current practice price of \$10 per 25 targets, \$7.50 of this is taken up in costs. When GST is also subtracted, VCTA is making less than \$1.50 per practice round.

CONSENSUS – it was the consensus of the meeting that the price of practice be increased to \$12.00 for 25 targets. This is to take place as of the UT event in February.
  - f. A concern was raised regarding the number of meetings that an Executive member can miss and the impact this has for their representative Zone. There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether there is an item in the constitution where a person who misses three meeting must step down. It was noted by the Secretary that there is nothing in the document that disqualifies a person for missing two meetings. There was further discussion regarding only allowing one Executive member from a club.
  - CONSENSUS – it was the consensus of the meeting that the Secretary explore this issue further and report back to the Executive.
  - g. The subject of issues with My Club My Scores was raised with clubs not entering scores onto the MCMS system and, as a result of this, people have been winning events “out of grade”. A specific instance of Numurkah/Shepparton was raised. Lynne Curtis reported to the meeting that he had contacted Ian Cooksey (NEZ President) and this has been rectified. Chris Langridge reported there had also been issues at Walmer omitting the final round of a recent event.
  - The issues in both of these cases were caused by the clubs not submitting the scores appropriately.

Lynne Curtis informed the meeting that he believed these issues had since been resolved.

It was further discussed that scores had not been published in the electronic magazine. Mal Dyson informed the meeting that discussions are being held between ACTA and Martin Smith so that results of all entered events will be recorded by the ACTA. There is still some issue about publication of the results in the magazine.
  - h. Malcolm Dyson announced to the meeting that the current meeting would be his last as a representative of the South West Zone. As he is to be a member of the new ACTA Board, he is not allowed to hold any Zone or State positions.
  - Mal thanked everyone for their friendship and support during his time as President, Vice President and as an Executive member. Mal wished everyone the best for the future and that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time with VCTA.

Lynne Curtis responded by thanking Mal for his valuable contribution and for everything Mal, and Helen, had contributed over a long period of time. The VCTA can't thank you enough for the time and effort that you have both put in to VCTA and wish you every success in your new role – a fantastic job.
8. Next meeting – will be a face to face meeting at a time and venue to be announced.
9. Meeting closed 8.43pm.