



# Victorian Clay Target Association.

Meeting held by video link

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 beginning at 7.00pm

## MINUTES

1. Chairperson to open meeting and welcome all in attendance.
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Allan Kidd, Travis Williams, Scott MacKenzie, Andrew Smith, Gary Hayden, Garry Cassells, Zak Biggin, Rhys Hirth, Damien Hutchins, Chris Langridge, Mark Zielezna.  
Minute Taker: Jeff Bell

Apologies – nil

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Sunday April 16, 2023

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, as listed and circulated, be accepted, and confirmed as accurate.

Moved: Travis Williams

Seconded: Allan Kidd

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes.

- 4.1 State Coaching issues – held over from two previous meetings.

The new ACTA Board has decided that there is to be a new coaching strategy. This will be delivered/organised by Dave Coleman, who is the National Director of Coaching. He will be sending out a letter to all States/Zones in the next two to three weeks. Each State and Zone will be given a new director to implement the changes.

There is more to come on this issue in the next two weeks.

- 4.2 Child Safety Officer – the Secretary has offered to continue acting in this role in the immediate future.

- 4.3 Firearms Users Group meeting – report from March 17 meeting.

Mark Zielezna reported back that the main issue will be people's/club's ability to present the Firearms Course as you will be required to have Certificate 4 in Training. It will take a year or so to phase in. There is also an intent to make the course more difficult to obtain.

- 4.4 Uniform Policy – held over from last meeting.

There has been no further discussion regarding possible changes to length of time that people must wait for new items. It has been decided to hold this over until the next meeting.

*\* There was some discussion about an Executive 'jacket' that was seen on a person in a Shepparton bank. On being questioned, the person wearing the jacket said they had bought it at an 'Op Shop'.*

- 4.5 Firearms Consultative Committee – Gary Hayden & Chris Langridge to advise Executive. At the April meeting, the Executive had been advised that it would be in the VCTA's best interest to resume a role on this committee. Gary Hayden reported that he had heard

nothing in relation to this. Chris Langridge said that he had followed up on a couple of 'contact' leads that he had found but had received no response.  
There has been no contact with the FCC committee since Covid.  
The Secretary offered to contact people in the Firearms Users Group or Glenn Woodhatch and see if further information can be obtained.

## 5. Reports

### i) Treasurer's report

- The account's bottom line has improved, mainly due to successful grant applications for Flood Assistance.
- This isn't shared with Echuca as they submitted their own grant applications.
- The final payment from the Together More Active Grant has been paid (\$8000).

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be accepted.

Moved: Allan Kidd      Seconded: Scott Mackenzie      CARRIED

### ii) ACTA Report

There has been only one meeting of the new 'Board' and there has been no 'notes' or minutes sent out from that meeting.

### iii) Firearm Users Group Report - there has been no recent meeting.

### iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report

- Progress of Memorandum of Understanding  
Secretary reported that an email received today (July 3) from Echuca inquiring as to the progress of the Deed of Co-ownership. Further to this, inquiries had been made of Coulter Legal as to progress of Deed after notes had been sent.  
There has been a difference of information between Coulter Legal's opinion/advice regarding some elements of the Deed and information that has been provided by Echuca – especially in relation to water rights.  
It was decided to send the Coulter Legal email to VCTA members of the Committee of Management.
- Next meeting – August 4

### v) Zone Reports

South West – has a Zone Ball Trap event at Warrnambool of Saturday (July 8).

South East – held a very successful coaching day at Melbourne GC with significant support from a number of different people. Very successful, good turn and positive feedback. Morwell rebuild well underway with significant construction taking place. Hampered, to some degree, by weather. Hoping to shoot again by end of year.

North West - a meeting last Sunday (June 25) and in the middle of organising the Zone Carnival at Mildura. Mildura will be fully operational after flood issues.

North East – no report.

## 6. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion:

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
3	20/4/23	Mark Zielezna	Suggestions for fundraising

	<p>Mark Z suggested the possibility of a raffle draw to be drawn at the State Carnival. He also suggested the possibility of a 'trade display' by companies such as Toyota or Kubota.</p> <p>One issue with the raffle is that VCTA has previously partnered Echuca CTC and used the funds for joint purposes such as groundskeeping.</p> <p>Significant discussion about the choice of prize – whether ammunition or firearm.</p> <p>Mark Z to put some options together and circulate to the Executive.</p>		
9	28/4/23	Licensing & Regulation Div.	Transitioning into new longarm firearm safety course
	<p>Discussed with Mark Z earlier in meeting. Supports Mark's report. Current model in place until mid-2024. Chris Langridge reported that there is a move to include a Manual Handling and a Live Firing component to the course. Much of this change is to bring Victoria 'in line' with the expectations in other states.</p>		
12	23/5/23	Business Victoria	Successful Flood Grant Application
	<p>This was listed in the agenda due to issues with the Flood grant submission. This issue has been sorted as per Treasurer's report.</p>		
19	31/5/23	Lana Harries (DJPIR)	Letter of response re Flood Grant inquiry
	<p>This was a reply to Item 12.</p>		
23	2/6/23	Craig Henwood (Bronzewing)	Offer of sponsorship Commonwealth Titles
	<p>A letter of offer from Bronzewing for sponsorship for the Comm Titles. A letter was received from Shoot Off Australia with an offer of sponsorship for the Ladies High Gun. Of 17 sponsors contacted, there have been two positive responses, three negative replies and 12 no response.</p>		
	23/6/23	Craig Henwood (UT)	Offer of clay target sponsorship for UTs in February 2024
	<p>This email outlines a sponsorship offer from John Gilopidis to supply Euro Targets (25,000) for the Feb 2024 Ut event at Echuca. The offer provides a lesser hire fee per shooter (\$35 rather than \$76) but no target costs. After lengthy discussion it was estimated that VCTA's profit from such a sponsorship would raise profit from approx. \$1300 to \$3100.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed about the size of the target being offered and if this would cause any challenges.</p> <p>*** It was the consensus of the meeting that if the targets are an appropriate size then VCTA is accepting of the deal.</p>		
	29/6/23	Glen Cable	Advice regarding Craig Kelly
	<p>Several items of correspondence, including both emails and phone calls, have asked questions about whether clubs can ban Craig Kelly from their premises. The Secretary was asked to send an email to all clubs saying that advice would be provided by ACTA. An email was received from Glenn Cable (ACTA Board Member and a solicitor) with advice that essential says that as an ACTA member, Mr Kelly is entitled to participate in club activities. This is contrary to advice received that clubs are entities in their own right and can make decisions on their own clubs.</p> <p>*** It was the consensus of the meeting that the VCTA should not get involved in this and that, at this stage, clubs should make their own decisions until advised otherwise. Further advice, that is not considered biased, should be sought from ACTA.</p>		

### Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
		nil	

## 7. General Business

### a. Organisation for Ball Trap Championships

The Ball Trap will be run on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Sashes and medals have been organised.

The Secretary will not be attending; Damien Hutchins will run the office.

Sufficient Executives will be needed to run the event, i.e. trapping, setting up, rubbish removal etc.

Gary Hayden, Damien Hutchins, Chris Langridge, Garry Cassells, Lynne Curtis and Allan Kidd will all be there on a Friday. Changes will be made so that both traps will

be set on an arc (especially Trench 2). And the top of the Trench layout needs to be taped so that shooters are aware of a trap's dimensions.

b. Organisation for Commonwealth Titles

- Extra sashes for grades – there was feedback from 2022 that there were no “Grade” sashes. It was decided that it should remain as standard. Sashes for Overall, Ladies, Veterans & Juniors. Gold medals for grade winners as per that provided by ACTA.
- A prize money suggestion was sent out to Executive members. The only sponsorship provided, at this stage, is 4 slabs of shells plus merchandise from Bronzewing and the Ladies High Gun by Shoot Off Australia.
- It was decided to add Sub-junior to each of the competition disciplines (except Handicap) and High Gun with a sash and a \$50 prize. The Sub-junior High Gun to receive 2 slabs of ammunition from Gary Hayden.
- 4 trappers are required and need to be hired.
- Simone Tannous will be providing the catering.
- Setting up for the event will start on Thursday with practice from midday Thursday.

c. Organisation for School Student Final

It was suggested that maybe a change from medals and trophies to sashes.

\*\*\* It was the consensus of the meeting that we continue with trophies for individuals and plaques for winning team.

d. State Executive uniform requirements/reorder

It was suggested that a change be made to the Executive uniform from a sublimated shirt design, where a minimum of 20 shirts was required to be ordered, to a standard design polo that could be ordered in small quantities if needed.

A sample design was sent to the Executive as an example. It was also suggested that the new design gives a more professional ‘look’ to the Executive.

\*\*\* It was the consensus of the meeting that the new design be adopted and that the Secretary take the appropriate actions to have them ready for the Commonwealth Titles.

e. Target sponsorship for 2024 UT event at Echuca

Dealt with in correspondence.

f. Targets at Echuca – trade deal with Echuca CTC.

It was reported to the Executive that Echuca CTC had made an offer to purchase our remaining White Flyer targets at a reasonable price. This would allow VCTA to possibly enter into some of the current deals available eg. Purchasing a container of Vivaz at a cheap price. Looking for a better colour and a better price.

There was some discussion about the price that was offered.

There was also a concern about the ability of alternative targets to work on Double Rise.

It was reported to the meeting that the latest White Flyers are significantly darker than previously. It was suggested that a price of just under 25 cents per target.

\*\*\* It was the consensus of the meeting that we don't sell our current targets and use what we have for the Ball Trap, Comm Titles and School Student events and look at purchasing new targets for the Carnival.

g. Repairs and spare parts at State Grounds.

It was reported to the meeting that a number of spare parts had been received for repairs at Echuca. Gary Hayden has most of these. Lynne Curtis has a spare motor

that is the wrong one. A new motor has been ordered and sent to Gary Hayden. Gary has also organised the production of new oscillating arms. The incorrect motor will be returned to Beretta for a credit. By the time of the State Carnival, all traps, including spares, skeet and Trench will be fully operational. The controller box that was being held by Lynne is currently at Melbourne GC to ensure that it will work for us at Echuca.

- h. Craig Kelly and associated emails.  
Dealt with in Correspondence.

- i. MCMS (Travis)

There was significant discussion about the current version of MCMS and issues that have been prevalent since the introduction of the new app. There was further discussion about the cost factor of the new upgrade. It was understood that there is no cost if you are using the app in its basic format as it was previously being used. This led to further discussion about the shortfalls of the program.

This included;

- Shoot off scores not being counted.
- Handicap issues.
- Inappropriate percentages for grades.

It was suggested that VCTA write a letter outlining their concerns.

It was further discussed that the letter should be sent to all State associations to seek their support.

\*\*\* It was the consensus of the meeting that members of the Executive communicate their ideas/concerns to the Secretary who will consolidate these ideas and write a letter to ACTA. Support will be sought from the State Associations with this letter.

- j. Catering for the Carnival. It was suggested that there should be an alternative food option for the Carnival and that any 'van' should be booked sooner rather than later to ensure availability. Lynne advised the meeting that this is something to discuss with Simone at the Ball Trap or Comm Titles.
- k. Garry Cassells informed the meeting that he represented VCTA at the Bendigo Academy of Sport Presentation Evening and was asked to assist with the presentation of awards. The Academy was very pleased to have a representative of the VCTA at the awards.
- l. Travis Williams informed the meeting that progress was still being made regarding the clay target events being held at Echuca.

8. Next meeting – October (pre Carnival)

9. Meeting closed – 9.12pm