



# Victorian Clay Target Association.

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## Meeting Minutes

Meeting held online

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

1. Chairperson to open meeting and welcome all in attendance.  
Meeting opened at 7.02pm
2. Present: Chris Langridge, Steve Trembath, Brooke Davis, Zak Biggins, James Patterson, Allan Kidd, Scott Mackenzie, Travis Williams, Kim Thompson, Fiona Dobbins, Rhys Hirth, Andrew Jennings

Apologies: none

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous meetings be received and accepted.

Moved: Allan Kidd

Seconded: Steve Trembath

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the Minutes.
  - 4.1 A discussion was held regarding Gary Hayden possibly being in possession of:
    - 4.1.1 2 x Matarelli Control Boxes (Andrew Smith has 1) – 1 x coin box interface – other Gemini parts
    - 4.1.2 James Patterson to follow up
  - 4.2 Asset register – it was agreed that an asset register of all items at Echuca belonging to the VCTA was to be created over time
  - 4.3 MCMS – Carnival
    - 4.3.1 A discussion was held as to who would run/organise MCMS for the DTL Carnival – Zak Biggin confirmed his availability
      - 4.3.1.1 Zak was to create his own team to assist in the running of MCMS
        - 4.3.1.1.1 This may include Mark Coleman, Damien Hutchins and Steve Trembath
        - 4.3.1.1.2 Additional hardware may be required to enable multiple screens in the office and club house. Zak confirmed he knows what items are required.
  - 4.4 Website – It was suggested the VCTA website be updated to include such items as: How to Join the ACTA, Link to the VCTA Facebook page etc.
    - 4.4.1 Andrew Jennings offered to investigate better CMS products and strategies and report back
  - 4.5 Lost property – It was proposed that a lost property system to be implemented, basic workflow is: • bring item to office • take a photo • enter into a Lost Property register • send the information to the Secretary • once owner found, they are to sign for the item
  - 4.6 Webmaster – a discussion was held regarding the cost of running the VCTA website. It was suggested that the services of Steve Barratt no longer be retained and that the Secretary would perform basic maintenance.

- 4.6.1 MOTION: That the VCTA save money by not using Steve Barratt for web services.  
Moved: A Kidd                      Seconded: J Patterson                      CARRIED

5. Reports

i) Treasurer's report

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

Moved: Steve Trembath              Seconded: Fiona Dobbins                      CARRIED

ii) ACTA Report

VCTA President Chris Langridge, along with other states' representatives met with the ACTA Board in Wagga Wagga during the National DTL Carnival Topics discussed were:

- The ACTA board was concerned that the states were meeting without the ACTA in attendance
  - o It was pointed out the ACTA were invited to attend but had not
- The States' displeasure regarding the method used for appointing rules supervisors
- It was advised that as C Kneebone is no longer on the ACTA Board, these matters should resolve in time

Chris confirmed no minutes were kept at this meeting

It was confirmed Les Kadziela is the ACTA member responsible for MCMS issues

iii) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report –

a. EPA report – A Kidd

- i. An acoustic consult, Waveform Accoustics, has been appointed to assist in our EPA noise issues.
- ii. It was noted that the Echuca Gun Club shire issued permit predates current EPA guidelines
- iii. There may be a requirement that the DTL carnival requires a special noise permit
- iv. It was felt that this was possibly an admission of a noise problem
- v. Al is to work with Waveform acoustics and report
- vi. It appears that we will be able to have the EPA wad order rescinded due to the drainage of the channel.

b. Drainage – Landscaping

- i. A discussion was held regarding the costs, who was paying what, why was 'desilting' necessary and what quotes have been sourced. Most of these issues had no firm answer and it was thus agreed that the State Executive was to have final approval on any VCTA contribution to the Echuca Committee of Management's costs in this regard.
- ii. It was further noted we do not yet have permits for any works to be done

iv) Zone Reports

South East – it was noted that the SEZ team events series has been extremely popular with the Morwell round having more that 150 competitors. It was further advised that a coaching day was soon to be held at FACTC

South West - little news however it was confirmed that Gary Hayden is well.

North West – The Executive were informed that the EPA had conducted several club inspections and that the EPA had been helpful. Main points were that the EPA was content

with the clubs' waste management programs, including sending wads, broken targets etc. to land fill.

The NWZ also noted that club s should be reminded they can determine the initial grade of new/retuned shooters. Methods might include: recommend clay only until a grade is confirmed, look at previous scores etc.

North East – the zone AGM has endorsed again T Williams, A Kidd and S Mackenzie as the zone delegates to the Executive

6. Correspondence – as notified and tabled  
Items listed for discussion:

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
10	25/03/2024	DRC Imports	Offer for targets – DTL Carnival
	<i>It was noted that the tender process for Carnival targets had yet to start. This item to be reviewed once all tenders are received.</i>		
11	08/02/2024	T Williams	Echuca club insurance
	<i>It was asked as to whether the club's insurance was both adequate and was the cost appropriate. Travis would follow up with his broker.</i>		
12	09/04/2024	Echuca Gun Club	Quarterly invoice for payment
	<p><i>A lengthy discussion was held regarding the equity in the cost sharing arrangement, especially with regard to electricity. It was felt that the electricity charge for the fridges is excessive and that the VCTA does not get any benefit from these. It was also questioned whether the fees for both the Liquor and Ammunition licences were part of the VCTA's responsibilities. It was suggested these not be paid.</i></p> <p><i>It was also noted that no lease has to date been produced for the cottage and it was questioned whether one exists at all. Also noted was that the caravan near the cottage needs to be removed as it is an eyesore and the source of the caravan's power was questioned, ie. Which meter is it connected to?</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that these positions be made clear at the next Committee of Management meeting.</i></p>		
15	18/04/2024	Aimee Evans	Lanyard Printing
	<p><i>A discussion was held regarding the printing of new medal lanyards– should they be printed with “VCTA”?</i></p> <p><i>MOTION – That the new lanyards be printed with “VCTA” as per the artwork supplied.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: K Thompson                                  Seconded: S Mackenzie</i></p>		
19	01/05/2024	M Coleman	Letter re MCMS and MGC member
	<i>A letter was received regarding the regrading of a competitor during a multi-day shoot. It was determined that the club most likely made an error and should not have regraded during an event. Discussion was held questioning this was even an option. Answers to be sought from the ACTA.</i>		
21	05/05/2024	J Telford	Kerang Gun Club request for support
	<i>Kerang advised they had held a successful come and try day for students and were hoping the VCTA could help with the costs incurred. It was noticed that there were no current grants available at this time and thus the VCTA could not help. It was also noted that the club should have addressed this query to their zone. Reply to be sent.</i>		
29	10/05/2024	C Henwood	Request to host UT event at Echuca
	<p><i>Craig asked if the state would be happy to host the 2025 UT event on 14-16 Feb 2026.</i></p> <p><i>All agreed this was a good idea, letter confirming same to be sent.</i></p>		
32	13/05/2024	M Sing	Explanation of Echuca bills

	<i>This was discussed during point 12.</i>
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### Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
As tabled – no discussion required			

## 7. General Business

### a. Transgender:

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the attendance of transgender athletes at events. Essentially it was agreed that the law of the land must be followed and personal opinions are not relevant.

It was also noted that advice should be sought from the ACTA in this regard.

MOTION: That the State write to clubs reminding them of their obligations.

Moved: K Thompson

Seconded: T Williams

CARRIED

### b. DTL Carnival - Should prizes be paid in cash or via EFT?

- a. It was noted by the treasurer that the past method has been to withdraw and transport cash in excess of \$30, 000. This was a very dangerous situation as the association does not have insurance covering cash in transit. It also places excessive responsibility in the courier.
- b. It was explained that the payment of prizes during the ISSF Championships were via EFT and well received.
- c. Some discussion was held on the merits of offering both systems.

MOTION: That the State pay prize money via EFT.

Moved: A Kidd

Seconded: Scott Mackenzie CARRIED

### c. Team Shoots.

A short discussion was held as to when during the DTL Carnival should the Zone Team Shoots be held. It was confirmed they should take place on Friday, between DR and HC.

### d. State Overall Badges:

The treasurer noted that with the cost of the annual state badges now exceeding \$6,000 that an alternative should be sought. General discussions revolved around the importance of balancing the prestige of the badge with its cost. The treasurer is to find alternate sources and report.

### e. State Carnival Entry Fees:

After a short discussion it was agreed to keep the 2024 entry fee the same as 2023.

### f. Prizes for non Carnival State Titles:

A question was asked as to whether or not the executive can set a 'minimum requirement' for prize values for non-VCTA run, State Titles. It was felt this is a club issue that the executive cannot influence.

g. ISSF Ammo.

The question was asked as to whether the state should offer ammunition sales during the Echuca ISSF event. It was noted some travelling attendees were unaware ammunition was not available to buy. The consensus was to note ammunition suppliers on future advertising for pre ordering.

h. Club correspondence: it was proposed that more information flow from the VCTA to the clubs, such as rule changes and so on. More information will be sent when at hand.

i. Keys: It was suggested a set of Echuca keys be given to a nearby member to facilitate in delivery receipt, repairs etc.. Travis will get keys.

j. ISSF report. Has Christine Alexander given a report on the good/bad during the Echuca ISSF? Secretary to follow up.

k. Uniform. Executive members requiring uniform items to inform the secretary.

l. Letter to lapsed members. It was thought the VCTA send letters to lapsed members in order to increase membership. To be tied in with membership database.

m. Carnival extras: Scott Mackenzie will supply meats, Simone salads etc. for the Friday BBQ. Travis and Chris to follow up on expo. Kim and Chris to follow up on entertainment.

8. Next meeting – it was suggested that the next meeting be face to face. The date will be negotiated between Chris and Mark and advertised to the Executive.

9. Meeting closed 10:07pm.