



Victorian Clay Target Association.

A0013046L

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Online

Tuesday, 08th July, 2025

1. Chairperson to open meeting and welcome all in attendance.
Meeting opened at 19:07
2. Present: Chris Langridge, Allan Kidd, Steve Trembath, Brooke Davis, James Patterson, Scott Mackenzie, Travis Williams, Kim Thompson, Rhys Hirth, Mark Coleman, Zak Biggins, Fiona Dobbins
[Minutes – Mark Zielezna]

Apologies: None

3. President's Address.
The President addressed the meeting to discuss the State Executive membership criteria. The President referenced his email (attached) to the Executive detailing the legal opinion received that, according to the VCTA Rules, losing one's club delegate position does not disqualify a person from serving out their elected term as a State Delegate.

Mark Coleman (SEZ) disagreed and stated that all State delegates are only there to represent their zones. If a member of the Executive is not their Club Delegate, they can no longer serve on the State Executive. Mark questioned 'Why are we changing the rules?'. The President noted we are not changing the rules; we are trying to follow the rules, as written. The President again pointed out that the VCTA Rules do not allow for the removal of a delegate.

Kim Thompson agreed with the legal opinion and noted the rules only allow for three events to vacate one's position on the State Executive: retirement, resignation or no longer being a member of their ACTA-affiliated club.

James Patterson referenced past understanding that you must be a club delegate to your zone to serve on the state. JP referenced other states that work that way. JP noted dying was not a disqualifying condition of State Executive membership. KT asked, doesn't dying end your membership? It was noted by the Secretary that the ACTA does indeed mark members as deceased once informed.

The Secretary noted that the rules are currently being redrafted and that any prospective changes could be added to the new rules.

The President noted that VCTA Executive Council members are there to represent the state, not their individual club or zone.

Fiona Dobbins disagreed and said VCTA delegates are only there to represent their zone and noted Gary Hayden may have been removed incorrectly.

Travis Williams noted that this issue currently concerns Allan Kidd and Zak Biggins and that perhaps their respective club delegate positions may have been removed for club political purposes.

Scott Mackenzie noted the Mansfield CTC Secretary had given no official notice that Allan had been removed as club delegate. The State has not received any information regarding Zak Biggins' club delegate position.

The President noted that we cannot discuss or change past decisions; we need to address the issue at hand and abide by the rules. The President suggested a motion be put regarding the eligibility of members to serve vis-à-vis delegate from club to zone to state.

The Secretary noted that the only course of action was to follow the rules. A motion contrary to the rules cannot be put, and operating outside of the rules may remove the legal protections committee members enjoy. Mark Coleman suggested we just make a bylaw. The Secretary noted that bylaws cannot contradict the rules, and the new rule revisions are not in force.

Scott Mackenzie noted that by not adhering to the Rules, the Association may be open to legal action.

Brooke Davis noted that the VCTA should check the authenticity of the advice received from Mansfield CTC regarding Allan Kidd's removal as delegate. The President suggested that the status quo remain, Allan and Zak remain, until their removal as club delegates had been confirmed.

Mark C rejected this approach and requested the meeting be cancelled. MC suggested that any decisions made after allowing AK and ZB to remain would be null and void should their removal be warranted. JP agreed with MC.

The Secretary again reminded the meeting that the rules are clear, no member can be removed other than by the three written reasons for vacation of office. Mark C disagreed and said the rules are out of date. The Secretary again noted that it is irrelevant; the rules are the rules, like them or not. If you want to change them, follow the process. MC questioned whether the rules were 'factual' and reiterated that he and the SEZ delegates are only on the Executive to represent their zone and clubs, the state comes second.

The President again noted the Rules must be followed and we need to move on, we have other items to work through.

Mark Coleman suggested we introduce a new rule and proposed the following motion:

MOTION: In order to be a State Delegate, or remain a State Delegate [redundant], the individual must be a current club delegate [to the zone]

Moved Mark Coleman

Second J Patterson

James Patterson noted the new rules would state the same. The President again pointed out; the new rules are not in place.

The Secretary again advised this motion was a change to the rules and could not be passed, he also strenuously advised that the motion should not be voted upon. JP stated "we are not changing the rules, we are adding to the rules". The Sec noted "that's the same thing". Mark Coleman told the secretary to stop talking, stated we have a motion and a seconder and just get on with the vote.

Votes were then taken and the motion passed.

Biggin, Zak - Abstain
Coleman, Mark - For
Davis, Brooke – For
Dobbins, Fiona – For
Hirth, Rhys – For
Kidd, Allan, - Against
Langridge, Chris – Against
Mackenzie, Scott - Against
Patterson, James – For
Thompson, Kim - Against
Trembath, Steven – For
Williams, Travis – Against

ZB and AK were then ejected from the meeting.

[A subsequent investigation of the vote by the ACTA found that the motion was contrary to the rules and the motion must be declared null and void. All subsequent business in this meeting was also to be declared null and void. The ACTA further advised that, upon receiving legal advice, the VCTA rules are clear and no member of the VCTA Executive Council can be removed through the actions of a club or zone. The remainder of these minutes are for historical record only.]

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- 27th May 2025

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

Moved: J Patterson

Seconded: F Dobbins

CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes.

- a) Survey results – contact tried but unsuccessful. JP to follow up with Brian
- b) School shoots – MC nearly finished
 - i. Will carnival be compliant?
 - a. All exec has WWC?
 - b. Evacuation plan, muster area
 - c. Risk Assessment
 - d. MC and FD to complete
 - ii. Beretta re tour, coaching etc – to combine first two events and run together
 - iii. Who is available for State school final?
 - a. Tangles and Fiona
 - b. Simone?
 - c. Armory, NEZ/Echuca?
 - d.
- c) Echuca cottage
 - i. Rent in lieu of work would not qualify Tim for volunteer insurance
 - ii. Further discussion by CoM
- d) Commonwealth Carnival
 - i. Promotional video looks good – ready to publish
 - ii. Video cost is \$1,500 – funded by Vic Gov't \$10k grant tourism in regions grant
 - iii. Mark C will be available for commonwealth in preceding week
 - a. JP and FD available for comp
 - b. Katie dobbins approved to help in office
 - iv. Ensure green dream target distances are correct
- e) Constitution review
 - i. In progress – JP has done much work
 - ii. Should we get legal help when near completion?

- f) CoM – to follow
- g) State Coaching
 - i. Advertise in CTSN and FB
 - ii. A Brady has expressed interest
 - iii. Set a budget
 - iv. Email existing Level 2 coaches
- h) ISSF – A Brady
 - i. AB seeking VCTA endorsement to the ACTA for an ISSF coaching course
 - a. Endorsement granted – secretary to write to ACTA
- i) Data Storage
 - a. A copy of data to be kept by secretary and president
- j) EPA/Levy
 - a. EPA case bills ~\$60k total
 - b. VCTA to bear about \$15k
 - c. Raise VCTA fee to \$40 inc GST to help cover EPA current and future costs
 - 1. Set aside \$5 from each membership specifically for EPA issues

MOTION: for the 2026 year onward, excluding juniors, VCTA annual memberships to be \$40 inc GST.

Moved: J Patterson Seconded: Scott Mackenzie CARRIED

- k) T Williams complaint – it was noted that the VCTA does not have jurisdiction over individuals and thus the matter to be referred back to the ACTA
 - i. Secretary to write to ACTA

6. Reports

- i) Treasurer's report
 - a. The Treasurer provided all financials and noted that the Association has ~\$40k in the bank.
 - i. Time of minimal income – no events nor membership
 - b. Some notes on financials:
 - i. VCTA has paid all of Waveform Bills ~\$10k.
 - 1. VCTA to be reimbursed all, and then 25% to be a loan from ACTA
 - ii. After all EPA legal and acoustic bills paid, VCTA portion to be ~\$15k over three years
 - iii. Sound mitigation containers to be covered by ACTA under the same arrangement
 - iv. Accom and travel down
 - 1. Five five-year history sent to all Executive members
 - 2. Past and present VCTA executive members had/have been reimbursed accommodation
 - 3. Many shooters reimbursed for National carnival travel when funded by grants
 - 4. Coaching Directors had had travel expenses refunded
 - v. Web maintenance down – secretary maintaining
 - vi. Seminars expense item related to grant money, women in sport
 - vii. 2024-2025 year profit before depreciation = ~\$25k

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

Moved: B Davis Seconded: J Patterson CARRIED

- ii) ACTA report
 - a. Junior ages to be under 18 for domestic and under 21 for international events

- b. ACTA firearms insurance is now self-insured
 - c. In 2026, memberships will become annual from the date of joining, not the standard end of the calendar year
 - d. MCMS review coming
 - e. Resend existing concerns re handicapping etc
 - f. Member protection policy getting updated
 - g. Tasmania state ground lease extension
 - h.
- iii) Committee of Management
- a. President - EPA case over and successful
 - i. Minor administrative adaptations required
 - ii. Outstanding contribution by Ted Weeks – give free nom's to Ted for Carnival
 - b. Regarding container placement, it is understood that the EPA order trumps the shire's permit requirements
 - i. As per Campaspe Plan scheme:
 - 1. Buildings/works required to comply with EPA and OHS are exempt
 - c. Report from Mark Coleman
 - i. No CoM minutes exist since J Bell left
 - 1. J Bell was paid extra to do them
 - ii. 6 x 40' containers to cost ~\$26k
 - iii. Solar is being investigated
 - 1. Electricity is a considerable expense
 - 2. Look for grants etc
 - 3. One quote is \$8k on club house – no batteries
 - a. Shed probably better
 - 4. Night pumps for watering may require battery backup to ensure minimal grid power is required
 - iv. Immediate attention required:
 - 1. ECTC accused Allan Kidd of removing a trap without permission
 - a. MC said the VCTA has not replied to Nick Dean's letter
 - i. The secretary noted he had replied to N Dean that the letter was to be tabled at this meeting
 - b. The President noted that he met with N Dean, with the approval of the VCTA Executive, and had secured some cost concessions, were these discussed? MC replied, 'let me keep going with the report and we'll get to that point'.
 - c. MC noted he suggested to the CoM the AK be removed from the alarm codes. MC believed he had the power to do so and thus did revoke AK's alarm access in conjunction with J Patterson. MC stated that this action was done to mollify ECTC and contended that no damage was done to AK.
 - d. MC stated that VCTA Executive members were spreading unfounded rumours that were detrimental to the ECTC, and this was counterproductive. No evidence was presented.
 - e. The VCTA and ECTC should make a joint statement updating the community on the EPA case and affirm our commitment to working with the ECTC in co-ownership of the property
 - f. MC asserted that the VCTA President was not authorised to discuss cost-cutting [**this is incorrect, see minutes of April 23, 2025**] and thus he overturned these measures. He used an example of the explosives licences being a minimal cost and asserted that the Secretary misled the Executive by previously

stating only five slabs of ammunition were stored by the VCTA at ECTC when in fact there were 12. [A subsequent review of the previous meeting's record shows the secretary answered '5-10 slabs']. It was pointed out that storage and sale of ammunition are two different things, and the matter was irrelevant.

- g. The secretary tried to explain a point regarding the ownership deed and was instructed by MC, "Thanks for your input, Mark, just keep taking minutes".
- h. The President again noted he discussed with ECTC President N Dean cost sharing issues with the support of the Executive. He also noted there is a provision in the Agreement for the sharing of costs based on usage. JP said this would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- i. TW cottage lease – caravan – liability. JP to be discussed at next meeting.

iv) Zone Reports

a. SWZ –

- i. AGM at Beaufort – large attendance
- ii. Shoots allocated – to be sent to Secretary
- iii. Zone series for team shoot, like SEZ
- iv. School shoots well run and attended

b. NWZ –

- i. KT met in June to set shoot allocations – will send shoot allocations
- ii. Zone is against the no interstate schools at the School Persons Shoot – letter of complaint to be sent
- iii. Bendigo bank – not supporting shooting clubs
 - 1. State to also write to Bendigo Bank
- iv. Compak team for state
- v. VCTA Membership cards
 - 1. No dates on it, not useful for firearms licence renewal
 - 2. Card mainly used for MCMS & ACTA number
 - 3. Retire membership cards? Discuss next meeting

c. NEZ –

- i. AGM issues, meeting cancelled and run later, different rules for both meetings
- ii. New secretary – Tanya Fothergill
- iii. Travis re-elected as state delegate for 3 years
- iv. Zach Felmingham new VP

d. SEZ –

- i. Round 3 of the zone team selection coming at WVCTC
- ii. Bendigo bank dropped a grant to UT Australia – maybe reversing decision
 - 1. MC suggests wait a little before campaigning against BB

7. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

	Date	Sender	Summary
19	11/06/2025	J Mortenson Winchester	Why did they not win target tender
	<i>A brief discussion took place regarding how to reply to Winchester. A reply was already sent regarding a tender process, and Winchester was not successful</i>		
26	12/06/2025	C Finn	Mansfield & Allan Kidd issue
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		

28	14/06/2025	SEZ	Request for information <i>use of member funds</i>
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		
39	18/06/2025	SEZ	Further discussion re accommodation reimbursement
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		
46	20/06/2025	Club Builder	Grants
	<i>To be further investigated and shared with ECTC</i>		
50	22/06/2025	SEZ	SEZ letter regarding the use of member funds
	<i>Discussed earlier – to be revisited after next CoM Meeting</i>		
53	24/06/2025	A Brady	Request for letter of support re ISSF coaching
	<i>Already discussed, letter of support to be sent to the ACTA</i>		
54	24/06/2025	I Cooksey	Re NEZ delegates to the state
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		
60	26/06/2025	N Dean ECTC	Complaint re Allan Kidd
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		
67	30/06/2025	J Patterson	Draft Code of Conduct
	<i>To review and discuss at the next meeting</i>		
69	01/07/2025	A Kidd	Refutation of accusations
	<i>To be discussed later in this meeting</i>		
70	03/07/2025	FXD	Video Final Draft
	<i>Discussed in the meeting, slight change to be made and then published</i>		

Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
As tabled – no discussion required			

8. General Business

a) K Thompson

1. Bendigo bank – covered
2. Sponsorship of junior shooter
 - a. Perhaps give free entry to the best junior in each club for the free state titles.
 - b. 37 juniors at 2024 carnival
 - c. It was noted that with 50 clubs x \$200 for the carnival, cost would be ~\$10,000
 - d. First-time state carnival juniors (from any state) already get free DB, SB and PS entry
 - i. Expand to all events?

- ii. Review later – JP to provide examples
 - e. Zone and VCTA to remind juniors that this is available
 - 3. DTL BBQ – no sponsor, will \$5 cover the cost?
 - a. VCTA cover bill
 - i. ACTA did not sell many tickets to the national dinner
 - b. The BBQ goodwill was enormous
 - i. Would charging reverse that goodwill
 - ii. Increase nom's by \$10 total to cover BBQ?
 - 1. Gold coin donation
 - iii. What is the cost of the BBQ?
 - 1. 2024 BBQ Meat was ~\$2,500
 - a. (as donated by Scott McKenzie)
 - 2. Salads \$600 – sponsored this year
 - 3. Scott will investigate meat cost
 - iv. How much is the VCTA prepared to cover?
 - 1. Wait for cost from SM
 - 2. Look at simplifying meat order
 - c. Earlier meeting voted to charge for the BBQ, undo this?
 - i. Hold to next meeting
 - 4. State school event – NWZ objects to no cross border participation
 - a. Will send letter to VCTA
 - b) Historic Accommodation reimbursements
 - 1. List for the last 5 years shared to all executives – covered earlier
 - c) Email update – Secretary authorised to send email updates to all VCTA members
- 9. Special Discussion on Correspondence
 - a) 26 & 54 – Letters from I Cooksey regarding Allan Kidd no longer a zone delegate to the state. Covered earlier and the veracity of information to be
 - b) 28/39/50 Reimbursements of accommodation funds regarding cancelled VCTA face-to-face meeting of March 2025. Process was:
 - a. meeting was cancelled with late notice
 - b. request for reimbursement was received
 - c. request forwarded to the President and Vice President
 - d. approved by both
 - e. payment actioned and entered into Xero
 - 2. SEZ listed many perceived issues related to the 'Model Rules' and requests that Bylaws and guidelines be enacted
 - a. The Secretary noted that the VCTA does not operate under 'Model Rules', we have 'Own rules'
 - b. The VCTA has adhered to its Rules
 - c. Minutes are already available on the VCTA website
 - d. Bylaws are under construction
 - 3. The President noted that the funds were dispersed through due process. If all reimbursements are to be first referred to the whole Executive, then reimbursements will take extra time.
 - 4. The Secretary noted there are currently no bylaws
 - a. As discussed, many times, bylaws are under review
 - 5. M Coleman stated that the question is not misappropriation, only process. No one has done anything wrong, just need to document the process better
- c) 60 & 69 ECTC has accused A Kidd of removing a trap without permission. Allan refutes this assertion
 - 1. After discussion, it was resolved that the VCTA is not an investigative body and has no powers over individuals, only clubs. The matter is not shooting-

related and therefore outside of the jurisdiction of the Association. Hence, the matter can only be referred back to ECTC and for them to take action as they see appropriate.

2. JP noted Allan's alarm code had already been removed and should his keys be removed?
 - a. K Thompson noted that it is only a complaint, not a fact. How can we then remove A Kidd's keys based upon speculation?
 - b. Mark Coleman then noted the alarm codes had been removed from all VCTA Executive members, not just A Kidd. He also stated that any VCTA Executive member wishing access had to confirm they understood the Deed of Agreement.
 - i. I. When questioned on whose authority this had been done, MC said the MoC is in charge and has the authority to do anything. MC believed this was the best course of action and that he had the authority to do so.
 - ii. TW noted all decisions are meant to come back to the VCTA Executive.
3. It was noted by TW that there is no ledger of ownership as sighted by the VCTA. It was pointed out that, according to the rules, a ledger should be provided each year detailing any assets purchased that are the sole property of either party. Secretary to write to ECTC requesting a copy of the ledger.
4. It was further noted the CoM has no defined structure, no formal format.
 - a. No size of committee, etc.
 - b. This needs to be addressed
5. After this lengthy discussion, it was resolved that the secretary will write to the ECTC and inform them we cannot investigate the matter as we have no jurisdiction in this matter.
 - a. The same letter to also request for a copy of Echuca's asset ledger.
 - b. No motion required
 - c.

10. General Business without notice - None

11. Next meeting, Online – Tuesday 5th August 2025 @ 7pm [later revised to Wednesday 6th August 2025]

12. Meeting closed 22s:36