



Victorian Clay Target Association.

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Online
Wednesday, 06th August, 2025

1. Chairperson to open meeting and welcome all in attendance.
Meeting opened at 19:05
2. Present: Chris Langridge, Allan Kidd, Brooke Davis, James Patterson, Scott Mackenzie, Travis Williams, Kim Thompson, Rhys Hirth, Zak Biggins, Fiona Dobbins [Mark Zielezna – Minutes]

Apologies: None [Note: Stephen Trembath and Mark Coleman resigned after both ACTA and legal opinion found Mark's motion at the previous was deemed to be inconsistent with the rules and was declared null and void]

3. Minutes Of Previous Meeting
a) Tuesday, 08 July, 2025

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of 8th July, 2025 have been received and accepted.
Moved: K Thompson Seconded: J Patterson CARRIED

4. President's Address.

The president addressed the meeting and reminded the Executive that due to the noncompliant motion of the previous meeting, motions subsequent to the non-compliant motions must be revisited.

The president also congratulated Allan Kidd upon his election as NEW President.

5. Re confirm the following motions (due to errors in previous meeting):

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of 27th May, 2025 have been received and accepted.
Moved: B Davis Seconded: K Thompson CARRIED

MOTION: for the 2026 year onward, excluding juniors, VCTA annual memberships to be \$40 inc GST. \$5 of each subscription will be allocated to an EPA fund.

Moved: J Patterson Seconded: F Dobbins CARRIED

Secretary to update ACTA and Clubs

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report of 27th May, 2025 has been received and accepted.
Moved: B Davis Seconded: K Thompson CARRIED

6. Business arising from the Minutes. Business arising from the Minutes.
 - a. Commonwealth carnival – to be covered later
 - b. ECTC – A Kidd
 - i. Letter sent back to ECTC – VCTA no jurisdiction. ECTA to take further action if they wish
 - ii. SAPA investigation – all complaints, emails etc., re bullying and harassment to be sent through to the ACTA
 - c. Survey results
 - i. J Patterson has provided the winner's bank details [Darcy Mans]
 - d. Schools – Terms of entry/guidelines
 - i. M Coleman has sent through proposed guidelines – will be for 2026
 - ii. B Davis noted they had run the SEZ School Shoot, only 87 attendees. Lower than expected Ammunition
 - iii. General discussion about school shoots ensued, dates etc.
 - iv. It was noted the NEZ school shoot will coincide with the commonwealth carnival practice.
 - v. It was further noted that ECTC I shaving a corporate/school shoot on the same day.
 - e. Echuca Cottage
 - i. Waiting for next CoM meeting during Commonwealth Carnival
 - ii. Rubbish, cleaning etc to be discussed at the next CoM meeting
 - iii. Are there any CoM meeting minutes? JP stated yes, and he will forward to the secretary
 - iv. TW noted the CoM should have a firm framework, number of members etc.
 - v. Who will replace M Coleman on the CoM? Currently only JP and CL are on it.
 - vi. It was noted that the VCTA representatives on the CoM are a sub-committee of the VCTA and thus cannot act without the approval of the entire VCTA Executive – no arbitrary decisions
 - vii. ECTC are yet to reply with their list of solely owned chattels
 - f. Constitution review
 - i. Ongoing – proposed legal costs from CPR ~\$3,000 for constitution review + \$2,500 for advice on a new constitution
 - ii. Look for grant re constitution development – Vicsport?
 - iii. It was noted the new constitution must comply with CAV requirements
 - iv. A Kidd requested a draft be circulated at the soonest
 - v. K Thompson noted the task is large and would welcome input from ACTA and others, J Patterson noted that he had sought advice from the ACTA and other states
 - vi. B Davis asked how far along the draft was. K Thompson noted she had not been consulted, that M Coleman had already drafted it. However, KT noted the current zone election system was retained and this was probably not the best way forward.
 - vii. A short discussion was held regarding the method of electing Executive Members – a direct election by the clubs, not zones, was canvassed: as per ACTA method and had support. JP noted he was developing a direct election style board.
 - viii. Ultimately, it was conceded the constitutional review would not be ready for the 2025 AGM and more work to be done.
 - g. State Coaching Director

- i. The previous ad was amended and approved for advertising in the CTSN
- h. T Williams Complaint – nothing to add, being sent to SAPA
- i. CoM Removal of alarm codes
 - i. It was resolved the lockers should be VCTA only, no ECTC access required
 - 1. We store computers – tokens – cash – ammo – trench sequencer etc.
 - ii. Key both lockers alike
 - iii. VCTA committee alarm codes
 - iv. Access to VCTA lockers
- j. Carnival BBQ
 - i. Scott Mackenzie will sponsor the meat again
 - 1. Thank you,
 - ii. Book Jessica to sing again if available, ~\$500-600
 - 1. K Thompson to follow up
 - iii. No increase of Carnival nom's to cover BBQ
- k. VCTA member cards
 - i. A short discussion resolved to cancel the issue of VCTA member cards. As the cards do not have an expiry date, they cannot be used for licencing renewal and thus have no real value.
 - 1. Secretary to write to clubs and inform
 - ii. Write to ACTA and ask them to issue an annual membership card- perhaps even electronic and printable.

7. Reports

- i) Treasurer's report
 - a. Cash at bank is approximately \$41k
 - i. Loss for July 2025 ~\$10k
 - 1. Due to insurance and ECTC bills
 - b. Some notes on financials:
 - i. Quiet as little membership or competition activity
 - ii. Annual insurance due ~ \$5k
 - 1. Noted it is getting harder to insure gun clubs
 - iii. Need to calculate depreciation for 2024-2025
 - iv. Beretta School kids
 - 1. Currently year 2 of 3
 - 2. Supply free ammo for state school final
 - 3. Covers sashes
 - 4. Winner training
 - v. Should we get an updated land valuation
 - 1. Is the land value in the VCTA Balance Sheet to total value or our share?
 - 2. Talk to ECTC – get rates notice
 - 3. B Davis to follow up historical records
 - vi. Commonwealth Carnival will boost sales & profit
 - 1. Government grant for \$10k to come
 - 2. Has advertising video had an effect
 - a. 100% increase in traffic – 15k new interaction
 - b. 3,000 views in one day
 - c. Shared ownership of assets. CoM to follow up
 - d. Calculate shared costs with ECTC
 - e. Settle issue of President's discretionary spending

MOTION: The VCTA President has a VCTA business discretionary spending limit of \$1,000 per month.

Moved: A Kidd

Seconded: Scott Mackenzie

CARRIED (unanimous)

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

Moved: B Davis

Seconded: J Patterson

CARRIED

- ii) ACTA report
 - a. Nothing to report
- iii) Committee of Management
 - a. Next meeting at Commonwealth Carnival
- iv) Zone Reports
 - a. NEZ – President Ian Cooksey resigned. Allan Kidd elected as President
 - i. School shoot coming soon – Mathoura cannot attend
 - ii. NEZ all calm
 - b. NWZ –
 - i. Little to report
 - ii. School shoot to be in Horsham
 - iii. Zone shoot in Cohuna, 1st weekend in September
 - c. SWZ –
 - i. Little action
 - ii. SW Academy of Sport lost coaching funding, thus no clay target coach
 - iii. SWZ will form its own academy
 - iv. JNR flyer – how to join/start shooting. Great initiative. Make available for other zones
 - d. SEZ –
 - i. No alternate VCTA Executives yet identified

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

| | Date | Sender | Summary |
|----|---|------------------------|---|
| 04 | 07/07/2025 | ECTC | Latest bill |
| | <i>Discussed earlier. Nothing out of the ordinary</i> | | |
| 05 | 08/07/2025 | NWZ Secretary | Displeasure with School shoot eligibility rules |
| | <i>Decision had already been made, no cross-border competitor to be eligible. Can be reviewed for 2026</i> | | |
| 09 | 09/05/2025 | K Thompson | Complaint – Abuse of power |
| | <i>A short discussion ensued and it was noted that, with the help of the ACTA, the troubles with non-compliant motions, unilateral CoM decisions, unauthorised distribution of meeting links etc. should now be resolved.</i> | | |
| 12 | 12/07/2025 | Kyneton Gun Club | Kyneton complaint re zone bullying |
| | <i>Referred to SAPA</i> | | |
| 13 | 14/07/2025 | T Fothergill – NEZ Sec | Complaint re zone/VCTA behaviours |
| | <i>Referred to SAPA</i> | | |
| 18 | 16/07/2025 | L Kadziela – ACTA EO | VCTA non-compliance with rules |

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| | <i>Discussed earlier – previous meeting motions declared void</i> | | |
| 20 | 18/07/2025 | J Foster – Mansfield – Sec | Confirmed Allan Kidd was still club delegate to NEZ |
| | <i>Referred to SAPA</i> | | |
| 21 | 18/07/2025 | J Winters – Mansfield – Pres | Denied Allan Kidd was still club delegate to NEZ |
| | <i>Referred to SAPA</i> | | |
| 25 | 19/07/2025 | L Kadziela – ACTA EO | Ladies HoF |
| | <i>A short discussion was held re: VCTA HoF. It was determined that Stephen Atkins is the only repository of HoF information.</i> <i>One idea was to include HoF recipient achievements on the VCTA web page</i> <i>Should the VCTA play a more active roll in HoF activities?</i> <i>What criteria for Ladies HoF?</i> <i>Discussion with Steve required to understand HoF better and to get more information.</i> | | |
| 28 | 04/08/2025 | T Fothergill – NEZ Sec | Misuse of proxy votes - NEZ |
| | <i>Referred to SAPA</i> | | |

Outward

| No. | Date | Sender | Summary |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|---------|
| As tabled – no discussion required | | | |

9. General Business

- i. Confidentiality clause - Executive Statement of Purpose/Duties
 - i. To be developed
 - ii. Info pack for new executive members to be developed
 - iii. Wrap in with code of conduct
- ii. Each zone to perhaps write something for the CTSN school shoots

10. General Business without notice

- a) Compak – VCTA uniforms, vests etc. what should the VCTA supply?
 - i. To be followed up
- b) MCMS pre nomination publication of entrants
 - i. Potential security risk – people know when someone might be away from home.
- c) EPA-CTSN article being written
- d) General discussion regarding validity of apportioning costs. Deed to be investigated.

11. Commonwealth Carnival notes

- a) Shoot Marshall – CL
- b) Approved to pay Katie Dobbins \$100/day or free nom's to help in office
- c) Pre event Target testing to take place Wednesday – Gr 12 has distance marker
- d) Trap setter – JP – T Dehne
- e) Change start time to 9am – 9.30am
- f) Try to shoot events in three waves
- g) No fee for late nom's
- h) Raffle –
 - i. Ensure raffle books on hand

- i) Secretary to enter nom's and pre squad
- j) Ask ACTA to transport Commonwealth Trophies
- k) Employ 2-3 trappers – VCTA Executive to help
- l) Break even approx. 40 people (without Gov't grant)
- m) Invite dignitary?
 - i. Minister invited – unlikely to attend
 - ii. TW to invite P Walsh, if available
- n)

12. Next meeting: Online, Wednesday 10/09/2025

13. Meeting closed 21:25.