



Victorian Clay Target Association.

A0013046L

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held online

7 pm Tuesday 16 December 2025

1. Chairperson to open the meeting and welcome all in attendance.

Meeting opened at 19:04

2. Present: Kim Thompson [Chairperson], Chris Langridge, Brooke McMillan, James Patterson, Scott Mackenzie, Travis Williams, Daniel Cleary, Zak Biggins, Fiona Dobbins [late arrival ~10 mins], Stuart Allen

[Mark Zielezna – Minutes]

Apologies: Allan Kidd, Rhys Hirth

3. Minutes Of Previous Meeting -
Tuesday, 14 October 2025

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 14 October 2025 have been received and accepted.

Moved: Z Biggins

Seconded: C Langridge

CARRIED

4. President's Address.

The president addressed the meeting and discussed the following matters:

- Does the VCTA need to make a statement re. Bondi shooting?
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- Noted that ECTC had moved their January shoot in order to not interrupt the ISSF Nationals
 - A letter of thanks to be sent

5. Business arising from the Minutes.

- a) Echuca Cottage tenancy

- i. The secretary noted that N Dean stated they are investigating insurance options
- ii. TW noted we had discussed this previously, and the committee had decided to remove the tenant. Both due to leasing and work safety.
 - i. I. It was noted that there is no motion regarding this issue.
- iii. Is there a Cert of Occupancy?
 - i. CL noted that P Sing and N Dean are investigating this

- ii. Will confirm at next CoM meeting – expected during the ISSF Nationals

- 1. Who is in the CoM – CL, JP and now KT

b) ISSF Contract

- i. Simone Tannous is prepared for food
- ii. Invite ammunition vendors to attend or have stock on hand
- iii. Order bins, same as required at the UT
- iv. Hire golf buggy – CL to do
- v. How much to charge?
 - i. A discussion was held, resulting in the following motion:

MOTION: That the VCTA charge the ACTA \$500 per day ground hire and \$0.50/target throw rate.

Moved: C Langridge Seconded: S Mackenzie CARRIED

MOTION: ISSF National Carnival VCTA workers to receive 50% subsidised nominations

Moved: T Williams Seconded: B McMillan CARRIED

c) Container Sound wall

- i. Installed and painted
- ii. Ted Weeks is drafting a letter informing EPA
- iii. Ted also noted Dobson had told P Sing that the fight is not yet over
 - a. Ted noted that Dobson has interfered with our wad collection boom
 - i. Photographic evidence has already been provided to the EPA
 - b. Do we include this note in the VCTA – EPA letter?
 - i. It was suggested that P Sing be approached for further comment
 - c. It was agreed to include this information

d) Fighting Fund

- i. Held over – subcommittee created
 - a. Sub committee members D Cleary, S Mackenzie, B McMillan

MOTION: That a subcommittee be formed to create guidelines for the VCTA EPA fund & open a new bank account

Moved: K Thompson Seconded: C Langridge CARRIED

6. Reports

a. Treasurer's report

- i. Cash at bank ~\$59k
 - 1. Best result YTD for a few years.
- ii. All bills are paid
- iii. GST will be substantial when due, this is because of the DTL carnival
- iv. ACTA loan is now extinguished
 - a. A new ACTA loan for ~\$25-\$30k for EPA issue will arrive mid-2026.
- v. Little current activity
- vi. Carnival Junior refunds were about \$2.8k. When compared to old style first time junior refund – difference is ~\$800
 - 1. DRC imports will supply targets to this cost
- vii. YTD profit ~\$32k, vs 2024 YTD ~\$14k loss
- viii. DTL Carnival profit ~\$40k

1. Good result
- ix. Several balance sheet assets exist that are no longer in our possession.
 1. These are either old or have been disposed of
 - a. All have negligible value and need to be removed/written off
 - b. Treasurer to discuss the write down or 'book sale' with B McMillan
- x. F Dobbins – how are ISSF traps accounted for?
 1. Not listed on the balance sheet
 - a. BM suggested they are incorporated in the general land value, etc. BM will look for old documents
- xi. J Patterson has conducted an audit of all VCTA/ECTC assets
- xii. TW asked who owns the buggy?
 1. Still under conjecture

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

Moved: K Thompson

Seconded: T Williams

CARRIED

b. ACTA & Presidents' Meeting Report

- i. Attended by most of the ACTA board and NSW, WA, SA, QLD, TAS, and VIC
- ii. ACTA is redeveloping its policies, such as member protection, etc.
 1. These are under legal review
 2. One ready, will be sent to the states for ratification
- iii. Juniors: ACTA wants to make membership free and would like all states and clubs on board.
 1. Should it be for 1 or 3 years?
 2. Do we agree with it from a state perspective?
 3. It was noted that the VCTA does not charge a fee for junior members.
 - a. ACTA should write to all clubs and ask for their involvement/approval
- iv. MCMS/rules - ACTA have said that this can be reviewed at any time
 1. Suggestions should be evidence-based, giving specific examples of where the current rules have failed. Not general statements
 2. ACTA notes that after studying shoot off scores, no significant change to grades resulted.
 3. Protect C Grade from seasoned shooters
 4. Shoot off scores to count
 5. Minimum Handicap per grade
- v. Compak Nationals were a success.
 1. In March 2026, Beretta will host a major Compak event at Wagga.
- vi. ACTA Membership ~14,800
- vii. ACTA Management software is being updated
 1. This will eventually allow for date of joining renewals
- viii. Grants in NSW - NSWCTA mentioned receiving grants for the constitution update (used for legal fees), and for their coaching.
 1. How do we want to source grants for ourselves?
- ix. ACTA suggest Zones take a smaller role and that state committee sizes be reduced
- x. Shooting Australia has a new President – Deserie Baynes.
- xi. QCTA is now experiencing EPA issues
 1. QLD allowable noise is higher than Vic
- xii. Coaching – NSW
 1. NSW gets coaching & constitution grants
 2. NSW pays people to run coaching courses

- c. Committee of Management
 - i. No meeting held
- d. Zone Reports
 - i. NEZ – TW
 - 1. Little to report
 - 2. Might increase the number of zone selection shoots
 - 3. Cosgrove has EPA noise issues
 - 4. Christmas shoots underway
 - ii. SEZ – BM
 - 1. AGM in Feb
 - 2. BM is the next VCTA delegate to face re-election
 - iii. SWZ – FD
 - 1. Nil to report
 - iv. NWZ – KT
 - 1. Horsham – shooter using a mobility scooter
 - a. Must be safe and inclusive
 - 2. ‘Tottery’ shooters should be SB only
 - 3. Do we need a register of these types of members so they are restricted to scooter/SB, etc., wherever they shoot? Not just their local club
 - a. Maybe same as release trigger notation
 - 4. 5 a lane style to assist less mobile shooters
 - 5. The danger is these people may have their license revoked

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

	Date	Sender	Summary
8	15/10/2025	M Easton – Bendigo	Request for VCTA to support Compak state team, uniforms etc
	<p><i>Ongoing issue regarding uniforms for the VCTA Compak team. After a robust discussion, the following motion was put forward.</i></p> <p>MOTION: That the VCTA reimburse the Compak team shooting vests Moved: J Patterson Seconded: F Dobbins CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That the VCTA invite M Dyson and G Woodhatch to attend the VCTA meeting in order to explain how the Comapk title was awarded Moved: T Williams Seconded: S Mackenzie CARRIED</p>		
11	16/10/2025	S Holt – Colac	Complaint re VCTA fee rise
	<p><i>An FYI to the executive, demonstrating the poor tone of the letter. Reply has already been sent.</i></p>		
20	22/21/10/2025	L Kadziela – ACTA	Update Re EPA loan
	<p><i>LK noted that although the ACTA would pay the bills for container painting and earthworks, these costs would not be borne by the ACTA. VCTA and ECTC will have to split them 50:50</i></p>		
34	23/10/2025	T Connell	Compak uniform
	Covered above		
39	06/11/2025	J Patterson	Rates notice

	<i>JP supplied Echuca rates notice – CIV = \$1.1m</i>		
55	19/11/2025	T Connell	Compak uniform
	Covered above		
61	26/11/2025	M Easton – Bendigo	Request for a meeting with the president re Compak uniforms
	<i>KT was unable to meet him at a suitable time, but did discuss on the telephone – settled as earlier</i>		
67	11/12/2025	A Brady	Suggested a 2-person team event at the carnival
	<i>It was noted that these requests should come from the zone. Action to inform Andrew of this</i>		
68	13/12/2025	Brisbane GC	Their previous ISSF contract
	<i>Discussed earlier</i>		
late		Australian Award Secretariat	L Curtis has been recommended for a posthumous Award
	<i>KT asked whether she should respond affirmatively with a letter of support.</i> MOTION: That the President research the issue and complete the recommendation. Moved: C Langridge Seconded: S Allen CARRIED		

Outward

No.	Date	Sender	Summary
As tabled – no discussion required			

8. General Business

- a) Compak 2026 - not yet allocated, no date set
 - i. Should we host this ourselves?
 - a) TW suggests forming a subcommittee to see whether it's viable to run ourselves
 1. Members - TW, SM, AK, DC
 - b) ACTA says we can borrow their traps – we must pay shipping to and from Wagga
 1. Freight is probably prohibitive
 - c) Maybe run as a two-day shoot
 1. May – August?
 - d) Maybe run at an F&G club
 - e) When would we run it
 - b) Compak 2025 uniform complaint
 - i. Dealt
 - c) Fighting fund - need to develop eligibility criteria.
 - i. Covered earlier
 - d) EPA directive for Cosgrove
 - i. Cosgrove is expecting an EPA improvement notice
 - e) FYI - Echuca have decided at their committee meeting to move their Jan date to the last weekend of December—letter of thanks to be sent.
 - i. Covered
 - f) We ask Mal Dyson and Glen Woodhatch to attend a meeting and answer questions about the Bendigo sporting event and jackets
 - i. Dealt

9. General Business without notice

- a) Do we make an SM statement regarding the Bondi massacre?
 - i. This was felt to be more of a national matter
- b) CoM has no defined framework
 - i. The understanding is that we have 3 members
 - ii. It was suggested that the President should be a member of the CoM and a motion was moved:

MOTION: That the President be a permanent member of the CoM

Moved: B McMillan

Seconded: C Langridge

CARRIED

- c) Earlier delivery of pre-meeting documents
 - i. To enable this, the following action will be undertaken:
 - 1. Close all correspondence and agenda items, etc., 7 days prior to the meeting
 - 2. All documents delivered 2 days prior to meeting
 - 3. Publish minutes earlier – 14 days
 - 4. An error in the previous meeting was noted, S Allen was left out of attendance. This will be rectified.

10. Next meeting: Monday 16/02/2026 @ 7.00 pm

11. Meeting closed 21.21