



## **Victorian Clay Target Association Inc.**

Meeting held at the  
Sebastopol Bowling Club

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019

### **MINUTES**

Meeting opened at 10.00am

1. Chair Open Meeting and Welcomed all in attendance
  - special mention made of Eddy Bidese and Len Cook attending for members absent
  - further mention of Les Kadziela and Garry Cassells attending first full meeting
  - particular mention made of the resignations of Marcus Cassells, Mark Vistarini and Neil Haydon. The President thanked these people for their work and contribution to the VTCA.
2. Present: Malcolm Dyson, Russell Felmingham, Les Kadziela, Brendan Moroni, Ray Peatling, Garry Cassells, Lynne Curtis, Gary Hayden, Brooke Davis, Len Cook, Eddy Bidese.  
Jeff Bell (Minutes)
3. Apologies: Peter Beaman, Andrew Smith, Steve Trembath
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting January 20 – Confirmation (motion to receive).  
Moved: Gary Hayden      Seconded: Ray Peatling      CARRIED
5. Business Arising from the Minutes.
  - a) Item 5d (b) – has Colac been contacted regarding repayment of the \$750? Secretary reported that a letter was sent to the Colac President on 6/2/19 but no response had been received. It was reported by the SW Zone representatives that this matter had been discussed at the last Zone meeting and payment would be made.
  - b) Item 5d (c) – was Maryborough notified of need to move State Trap date from September? Secretary reported that a letter was sent on 6/2/19 notifying the club of the need to change the date. A verbal response had been received but no written notification. Executive members of the NW Zone also acknowledged this.
  - c) Item 5d (d) – the allocation of membership stickers for the inside cover of the handicap book, when would this be happening? It was reported back that this is a difficult task and may not be forthcoming.
  - d) Item 5d (f) – Requirements for less than clubs with less than 5 members. The Secretary reported back to the meeting that he had investigated the requirements of clubs less than 5 members. There were only 5 clubs on the ACTA list with less than 5 members, four of these were not affiliated any longer. The remaining club, Macarthur, had been contacted in relation to this matter. On further investigation Macarthur now has 5 members and complies with the Consumer Affairs requirements. Further discussion queried why these clubs were listed on the ACTA data base.  
MOTION: It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to ask ACTA to remove unaffiliated clubs from the data base.  
Moved: Eddy Bidese      Seconded: Gary Hayden      CARRIED

- e) It was noted that Item 6 (vii) Zone Reports had two reports listed from North West Zone and none from North East Zone – this was an editing error by the Secretary.
- f) Item 6 (vi) – questions were asked about the current situation with practice at the Echuca CTC and the position in relation to the Grounds Committee/Committee of Management.  
 Practice: A letter was sent to the Echuca CTC informing them of the VCTA’s intent of holding practice every second week and that token machines had been purchased to facilitate this. It had been verbally responded by Echuca CTC (via Ian Gebhardt) that Echuca was interested in being part of the process and that practice could occur on a weekly basis.  
 Committee of Management: The secretary responded that a letter was sent to Echuca CTC on January 29 outlining the VCTA’s position and appointed representatives for the new committee. There has been minimal verbal response from Echuca CTC but no formal response. There has been no meeting of Echuca CTC and VCTA since the Grounds Committee meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.  
 It was discussed at length that a meeting should be organised as a matter of urgency.
- g) Item 8 (i) – The secretary was asked whether the letters to Steve Kalaj and BEST had been completed. The secretary responded that the letters had not been written as he had been informed that Steve Kalaj was not going to continue making vests. Some members of the committee informed the Secretary that this was not the case. The Secretary informed the meeting that the letters would be sent for a response from both .
- h) Item 8 (v) – Investigation of getting scores on-line with further investigation of “My Club-My Scores”. The question was asked as to the progress of this investigation and where progress was with a National system. The pros and cons of known systems were discussed without any resolution at this stage.
- i) Item 8 (iv) – Data projector. The Secretary was asked whether Chris Carroll had been contacted in relation to this and the Secretary responded that he had done so, and the answer was a positive one. Chris does have the ACTA data projector and it is used for running educational courses such as handicapping and refereeing. The projector was available at any time.

MOTION: That the minutes of the Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> January be confirmed.  
 Moved: Brooke Davis                      Seconded: Len Cook                      CARRIED

REVIEW of ACTION LIST

All items completed except;

WHO	Action required	Completed
Carried over from August meeting		
Secretary	Prepare and distribute a list of State events to Zones and clubs	
Gary Hayden	Teams event manual	
January meeting		
Secretary	Investigate SSFP1 post meeting costs and distribute to Executive	
Secretary	Correspondence – send out definition of eligibility for School Student’s event	
Secretary	Write to Steve Kalaj and BEST re State Team vest	
Secretary	Distribute State event form	
Executive	Organise lights for DTL Carnival	
Executive	Investigate scores online and “My Club My Score”	Yes

6. Reports

(a) Treasurer

Treasurers Report (as tabled)

MOTION: that the Treasurer’s report be received.

Moved: Len Cook                      Seconded: Russell Felmingham                      CARRIED

- The Treasurer presented a letter to the meeting finalizing all accounts held with the Commonwealth Bank for signature by the President and Vice President.  
The meeting confirmed that the Secretary was to finalise all accounts with the Commonwealth Bank before the end of the financial year.
- There was some discussion on the 'set up; of reporting filters and the incorrect classification of some accounts. Brooke Davis took this 'on notice' to ensure that these were reassessed and clarified.
- Echuca invoices for payment – it was raised by the Treasurer that there are now three invoices due for 50% payment to Echuca CTC. The report outlined incorrect calculations and provided the Executive with a copy of invoices provided and a recommendation on the first invoice. It was the opinion of the meeting that a meeting with Echuca CTC be arranged by the President at the earliest opportunity and that the issue of the invoices be an urgent matter for discussion.  
Eddy Bidese is to be invited to attend this meeting.
- ISSF Report. The Treasurer presented a report to the meeting outlining the Income and Expenditure of the ISSF Carnival. It was recorded that there are still 2 to 3 pallets of clay targets in reserve above and beyond those used at the event.
- It was reported by the Treasurer that he had submitted two grant applications on VCTA's behalf as a result of the meeting with Dr Bridie O'Donnell on 22/5/19.  
The first grant is for \$20,000 a year for two years with a possible extension to four years. The project is to review, update and publish VCTA's key documentation and publish in a professional form.  
The second grant is for \$20,000 for four years to continue the work on our "Come & Try", increased female participation and increase of females in administrative roles, training, coaching and other roles.

(b) ACTA Report

The agenda items sent through by VCTA for consideration by the ACTA Executive

- Motion 1 – That the Rules Committee decisions should stand alone without referral – defeated as it was deemed unconstitutional
- Motion 2 – that the Rules Supervisors should meet every twelve months was referred to August as 12 months was deemed too short a time frame
- Motion 3 – the Rule Supervisor should be elected from within the Rules Supervisors group is to be adopted at the end of the current incumbent's term

VCTA suggested that nominations at National events should stay open until last possible time. It may be possible in the future to nominate for National events on the day but have an increased fee. National events should not be capped. These issues will be discussed at the next meeting.

The sub-committee for the revised ACTA Constitution has met and significant progress has been made.

Michael Diamond has 'put up' an Olympic gold medal for sale - \$75,000.

Mal Dyson was appointed Tournament Director for the National Skeet Championships. Mal thanked Paul Johnston and Shane Bennett for all of their help. Mal reported that there were 170 shooters in attendance and the event was very successful.

The cost of advertising in the CTSN has been reduced by 25% for Clubs and Zones.

There was a request to alter the Commonwealth Carnival to be held at Gympie later this year – this was approved.

There was also a request to alter the date of the National 5 Stand Sporting Clays event in Western Australia – this was rejected.

There was a question asked about the subject of the sub-committee looking at the Commonwealth Titles ... there was no further information at this stage.

(c) VFCC Report – it was suggested that this group no longer exists.

- (d) FUG Report – the Secretary reported that he had missed the last two meetings due to unforeseen circumstances. He had yet to receive the minutes from the last meeting. The most significant outcomes from previous meetings had related to;
- Online licence applications for firearms licenses had commenced
  - Newsletters for the Licensing Department will now only appear on the Licensing web site.

- (e) Meeting with Dr Bridie O'Donnell re 40% quota – the Secretary reported that this had been a very successful meeting with Vic Sport happy with the planning and progress that VCTA was adopting and implementing around the 40% female participation on Boards. VCTA was given the go ahead to apply for State Grants (Treasurer's Report) and minutes of the meeting were sent.

- (f) Echuca Grounds Committee at the last meeting of the Grounds Committee the committee was disbanded in favour of a Committee of Management. A meeting between VCTA and Echuca CTC is seen as being of the highest priority.

- (g) Zone Reports

South East Zone: There have been two preliminary rounds of the Zone Teams Event – there have been approx. 170 shooters in attendance. A commitment was made that there will be no further calendar clashes this year.

South West Zone: The Zone AGM was held recently. Elected positions have remained the same.

North West Zone: The Zone AGM was held recently. No change to elected positions. Zone is reviewing their Constitution with the intention of coming into line with ACTA and VCTA when completed.

Boort Clay Target Club will be a steel shot club from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

North East Zone: AGM was held in early May. Peter Beaman was re-elected as a Zone representative. Allocation of events is in progress. Fred Heinz has donated team vests for use by future Zone teams.

MOTION: That the reports, as presented, be received.

Moved: Brooke Davis

Seconded: Ray Peatling

CARRIED

## 7. Correspondence – as notified and tabled.

Items for discussion

- 24 Korumburra Gun Club – Come and Try payment. The Executive agreed to stand by their decision at the last meeting. No further reimbursement will be provided.
- 25 Colin Finn – sponsorship by Shooters & Fishers party. Meeting consensus that the VCTA should not get involved in politics or show political bias as it could have implications for future funding and relationships with government departments.
- 31 Leo Bateman – small clubs. Secretary to respond to this letter with the outcomes of the EPA plan, grant possibilities, the need to approach the Zone for support and assistance with these concerns and acknowledgement of the issues.
- 32 Les Kadziela – School Students shoot. The Secretary has already responded to this letter. The parent's always have the ability to override school decisions. Les was happy with the response.
- 34 SW Zone – CTSN. This issue will certainly be on the agenda at the next meeting of the ACTA. The Secretary is to respond to the Zones to inform them of this.
- 36 SW Zone – School Students invoice – no action required
- 37 Craig Henwood – Universal Trench. Secretary to respond to this letter in a positive manner but to indicate that on rotation the ACTA inform States when it is their turn to hold National Titles and the State Executive discuss and allocates the date and venues. There is also a need to ensure that Echuca facilities are being utilised to their full potential. It is encouraging to have Melbourne as a 'back up' venue.

- 39 Gleniss Lawrence – inspection of ranges. No action required. Gary Hayden will deal with the issues raised.
- 40 NW Zone – defibrillators. No funds available. Upkeep of defibrillators is the responsibility of the club.
- 41 NW Zone – handicappers. Reply to Zone. Only National and State Handicappers and members of the National Executive has right to access books. Handicappers from other Zones have no jurisdiction.
- 50 NW Zone – rule changes. NW Zone raised three issues;
- A grade for Double Rise – not endorsed by VCTA as there would be issues with High Gun awards and grading.
  - Reinstate Sighter targets – already on the meeting agenda
  - Shoot-Offs conducted on other than the common mark (15m) to be recorded in the “Cont” column
- Secretary to write to Jim Shepherd, Peter Beaman, Chris Brown and Ray Peatling.
- 58 David Jackson – information for EMP. Draft EMP has already been submitted. The possibility of changes to the draft EMP have been raised. Await further information from Vic Sport.
- 66 Paul O’Loughlin – Rule Supervisors meeting. All okay. Contact VCTA’s representatives and ensure they understand VCTA/ACTA’s support.
- 68 Karen Tsebelis – information re Morwell GC. Morwell GC will answer this information. Secretary indicated that he is happy to liaise with both groups if required.
- 69 Russell Felmingham – changes to State program. The issue of the Champion of Champions event to be part of the State program in the future has implications for Zone program allocation.

**MOTION:** The State Champion of Champion’s event will be added to the State DTL Carnival, extending the Carnival to a four day event. The Champion of Champion’s event will be shot on the first day (Thursday) from 2020 onwards. The event will be shot off 15m. The Champion of Champions event will not be part of the High Gun in 2020. This event will be reviewed for 2021.

Moved: Lynne Curtis      Seconded: Gary Hayden      CARRIED

- 72 Chris Brown - Rule Supervisors meeting. The Secretary was directed to contact ACTA regarding dates and accommodation. Extra night’s accommodation if required acceptable. Communicate with VCTA representatives.
- 73 SW Zone – cartridge cutter and scales. Secretary was asked to respond to this letter. Secretary to investigate the ability to borrow these items from Shooting Australia and to inquire as to the cost of these items.
- 74 Swan Hill CTC – clarification of School Students event. Discussed at length. Secretary to write to club to advise them that clarification should now be sought from NW Zone.

**MOTION:** That the Correspondence, both Inward and Outward be received and endorsed as ‘acted upon.

Moved: Brooke Davis      Seconded: Brendan Maroni      CARRIED

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (i) Review of tenders for DTL Carnival  
**MOTION:** That Winchester Australia supplying White Flyer, fluoro orange, pitch targets be given the 2019 State DTL clay target supply tender.  
 Moved: Ray Peatling      Seconded: Brendan Maroni      CARRIED

It was the consensus of the meeting the we will need to try Eco targets in the future. Meeting was informed that there is a quantity of these in the store shed at Echuca.

- (ii) Review of tenders for School Student’s competition  
**MOTION:** That Winchester Australia be awarded the School Student’s tender for the next three years.  
 Moved: Gary Hayden      Seconded: Len Cook      LOST

MOTION: That Spartan Global be awarded the School Student's tender for the next three years on the proviso of suitable answers to;

- Confirmation of delivery arrangements
- Company representative at each event
- The ability to return unused ammunition.

Moved: Eddy Bidese                      Seconded: Russell Felmingham      CARRIED

(iii) Preparation and planning for the State DTL Carnival. Numerous items in preparation for the November State Carnival were discussed.

- Which computer program will we use?  
My Club My Scores was discussed in relation to its use at the National Skeet event.
- issues with Internet
- issues with reports
- issues with DOB from ACTA database
- all shooting must be finished before 'shoot-offs' can begin
- phone support from Martin
- from experience at Skeets, 'My Club My Score' was not appropriate

MOTION: That Frank Auditore's program will be used at the 2019 Carnival.

Moved: Lynne Curtis      Seconded: Brendan Maroni                      CARRIED

Further discussions included;

- Targets are organised.
- Need to approach companies for sponsorship. Secretary to send letters to appropriate sponsors.
- Lynne Curtis to be Shoot Marshall – with assistance from Gary Hayden, Garry Cassells and Brett Davis
- Office – Brooke Davis, Helen Dyson, Frank Auditore, Sonya Carter, Brendan Maroni, Jeff Bell
- Handicappers – Russell Felmingham, Peter Beaman, Ray Peatling
- Practice – to be run by tokens, practice to be run by VCTA
- Trap mechanics – Mark Vistarini and Trevor Deane
- Tournament Director – Malcolm Dyson
- Light Towers – 6 sets of lights - Malcolm to organise, purchase and install light bars (Gary Hayden to organise)
- Nominations through the website.  
Tick a box for a first time user  
\$50 Open    \$35 Junior    \$40 second family member  
No mention of cash on nomination form  
There needs to be spaces on the form to nominate four others

(iv) VCTA Member Protection Policy – change of Information Officer  
This item 'held over' until next VCTA meeting

(v) Social Media – opening a 'Facebook' page for information only. The Secretary suggested to the meeting that, contrary to previous opinion, a Facebook page that doesn't allow for comments would be an excellent medium for advertising VCTA events and activities.

MOTION: That the Secretary and Webmaster construct a Facebook page without comments for advertising VCTA activities.

Moved: Brooke Davis                      Seconded: Len Cook                      CARRIED

(vi) Teams event at the State Carnival – Teams events on Saturday morning at 7.30am – 8.00am sharp (as per last minutes)

- (vii) Recognition of the work done by PCM Enviro. 'Held over' until next meeting.
- (viii) Break badges – how long after an event? Lengthy discussion in relation to this item. Secretary pointed out the amount of work required, especially for a long break, required to prove to ACTA that the 'break' occurred.  
It was the consensus of the meeting that there was no time limit on break badge applications.
- (ix) South West Zone request to purchase scales and cutter. Dealt with in Correspondence.
- (x) Constitutional changes required for AGM in relation to 40% quota. The Secretary reported that he has not had a chance to construct the 'motion' at this stage. He assured the meeting it would be prepared in time for the August meeting.
- (xi) Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Echuca CTC.  
Eddy Bidese's report on the current MoA was read out and tabled for discussion. Meeting agreed that a Dispute Resolution mechanism was a very important first step.
- (xii) Letter to Echuca seeking a response to the letter of January and Echuca CTC's view on VCTA's proposal.

MOTION: Resolution of the MoA and the current invoices are reliant upon a Echuca's willingness to meet to discuss these issues with representatives of VCTA. Essential that a dispute resolution procedure be adopted and that reps from Echuca have the power to make decisions.

Moved: Lynne Curtis      Seconded: Ray Peatling      CARRIED

Eddy Bidese to be co-opted into assisting with this process.

- (xiii) Discussion of Rules Supervisors changes. Lynne Curtis read through the items that are proposed for the Rule Supervisors meeting. Some discussion was held as to a number of items with no firm decisions or directions on individual items made.
- (xv) Len Cook noted for the meeting the passing of long time Colac Gun Club member Rodney Brain.
- (xvi) The due date of Memberships was raised by Lynne Curtis. Currently the due date is December. It is proposed that the due date should be the date that you joined, i.e. that means that everyone will have a different renewal date depending on the date they join that ACTA (new memberships only). It is expected that a plastic membership card will be issued and, eventually, this will contain all of your membership data including scores, handicaps etc.
- (xvii) Steve Traill (Echuca CTC) has advised Malcolm Dyson of a bid for the 2034 Regional Commonwealth Games bid. Echuca Grounds to be made available for clay target events.
- (xviii) Shooting Australia are currently discussing the hosting of a pre-Olympic games selection shoot at the Echuca Grounds in February 2020. FYI only at this stage.

- (xix) Werribee Victoria requested to shoot 2020 night state titles outside of regular months listed for Group 4 for state events.  
Would like to shoot three of these state night events in winter, first Friday of the month June, July & August. Other event is already ok and will be shot 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May.  
MOTION: That Werribee have permission to host these events.  
Moved: Gary Hayden      Seconded: Len Cook      CARRIED
- (xx) Discussion was raised in relation to handed back events and State Event allocations. The Secretary was asked to contact the Zone Secretaries to ascertain which events for 2020 are being handed back and to ensure that the State allocation table had been distributed.
- (xxi) Ray Peatling asked a question about the “Three times rule” – that is, a person is only entitled to shoot at a club three times before they must become a member of that club.  
It was felt that this may be a legal requirement. It was also felt that it may be a constitutional, rules or insurance requirement.  
Secretary was asked to write a letter to ACTA requesting clarification.
- (xxii) The question was asked if VCTA was ever going to receive the \$2000 from the error made by ACTA.  
It was responded that this issue is past its “used by date” and unlikely to be resolved.
- (xxiii) Question was asked when, from a constitutional perspective, can VCTA take disciplinary action against an individual member.  
Disciplinary action against an individual member is an ACTA issue. VCTA’s members are the clubs.  
Disciplinary action will undergo a review from all aspects when the ACTA and VCTA’s constitutions are reviewed in the future.
- (xxiv) The issue was raised of the situation where both a referee and a scorer for a squad are juniors. Especially if there is an issue.  
The meeting resolved that VCTA would pay particular attention to this item at State events and try and ensure that one of these roles was carried out by an adult in each squad.
- (xxv) There was a limited discussion about the money raised by Echuca CTC by the placing advertising signs on the back of the judges stands at Echuca. This will be a matter raised at a future Committee of Management meeting.
- (xxvi) It was brought to the meetings attention that the use of same coloured folders for waves of squads had a significant impact on the administration of events at Roma. This was deemed to be good idea.  
The Secretary was asked to investigate the cost effectiveness of doing this for the Carnival.
- (xxvii) It was discussed that at the upcoming ICTF (International Clay Target Federation) that New Zealand will be suggesting the age of Veterans be changed to 60 and Super Veteran to 70 plus.

Meeting closed at 4.20 pm

Next meeting: August 18 at Sebastopol.