



Victorian Clay Target Association Inc.

Meeting held at the Sebastopol
Bowling Club

On Sunday 18th August, 2019.

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 10.00am

1. Chair (Brooke Davis – Vice President) opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.
2. Present: Brooke Davis, Russell Felmingham, Les Kadziela, Brendan Moroni, Ray Peatling, Len Cook, Lynne Curtis, Gary Hayden, Andrew Smith, Steve Trembath, Colin Dunn. Jeff Bell (Minutes)
3. Apologies: Malcolm Dyson, Garry Cassels.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting June 2nd – Confirmation (motion to receive).
Moved: Ray Peatling Seconded: Gary Hayden CARRIED
5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes
 - a) (Item 5d) Contacting of ACTA to remove unaffiliated clubs from the database. Secretary reported to the meeting that this had not been done as when he went to action from the last meeting the Foster Gun Club has reaffiliated. Meeting resolved that the Secretary should still communicate with ACTA on this matter.
 - b) (Item 5g) The Secretary to write a letter to BEST and Steve Kalaj in relation to VCTA Team Vests. Secretary apologised that this had not been completed and would do so as soon as possible.
 - c) (Item 7 Correspondence 69) The Motion from the meeting quotes that the Champion of Champion event is to be shot off 15m. This is an error – the correct distance is 18m.
 - d) (Item 8 General Business (iv)) – held over from previous meeting. The Secretary informed the meeting that he is happy to continue as an Information Officer for the distribution of information only.
 - e) (Item 8 General Business (vii)) – held over from previous meeting. Recognition of the work done by PCM Enviro – this matter has been dropped.

- f) (Item 8 General Business (ix)) – purchase of a cutter and scales. The Secretary reported back that he had been in communication with Shooting Australia and was awaiting a response from them.
- g) (Item 5 b – Business Arising – movement of the State Ball Trap date.) It was noted that the previous minutes states “State Trap” and not State Ball Trap. It was further asked if the date had been changed. The Secretary noted that the date had been changed to September 28.

REVIEW of ACTION LIST

Incomplete items:

WHO	Action required
Secretary	Prepare and distribute a list of State events to Zones and clubs
Gary Hayden	Teams event manual
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	Contact ACTA to remove unaffiliated clubs from the data base
Secretary	Write to Craig Henwood re Universal Trench
Secretary	Create ‘no comments’ Facebook page
Secretary	Write to SE Zone and Werribee CTC re state night events

6. Reports

(a) Treasurer’s Report – as tabled

The Treasurer reported to the meeting that the Bendigo Bank Term Deposit is due to mature and recommended that the money be reinvested for three months at 1.85%

Moved: Ray Peatling Seconded: Brendan Moroni CARRIED
That the Treasurer’s recommendations be completed.

Motion to adjust Secretary honorarium

Moved: Les Kadziela Seconded: Andrew Smith CARRIED
That the Secretary’s honorarium be increased to \$2000 per month and that VCTA provide a mobile phone for conducting VCTA business.

(b) ACTA Report

A new Executive Officer – Paul Gilbert – has been appointed.

The next meeting of the ACTA Executive is next Thursday (August 22nd).

The current President has stepped down (Robert Nugent).

The appointment of a new President will have a significant impact on ACTA. A new President and Vice President are likely to have to be appointed.

(Secretary noted that a VCTA Annual Report to ACTA had been sent to ACTA. It was requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to all VCTA Executive officers.)

(c) FUG Report

No report. Next meeting of the FUG is Tuesday 27th August.

(d) Echuca Committee of Management

A letter has been received from Echuca advising that their Committee of Management has been selected and dates have been proposed for a Committee of Management meeting (Aug 22 & 29 Sept 19 & 26 – all at 4.30).

The proposed dates were not suitable for most members of the VCTA Executive and a counter proposal of Sept 2, after the School Student's event, was suggested.

The Secretary was advised to contact Echuca and make suitable arrangements.

(e) Zone Reports

South East

135 students attended the School Students event. It started at 10.00am and was finished by 2.30pm.

There are two 'rounds' remaining of the Zone Teams Event.

There was discussion about Skeet Teams and their selection and Inter-zone teams to compete at the State Skeet event.

South West

The next meeting of the Zone Executive is next Saturday (Aug 24).

The SW Zone School Student's event is next Thursday (Aug 22) with in excess of 350 students expected.

Sebastopol CTC will be shooting two events in 2020 at the Beaufort club.

North East

The last meeting of the Zone was held on August 6th with 10 clubs in attendance (this is more than usual). The main item on the agenda was a letter from Wangaratta.

There were 257 students at the School Student's event, 20% more than last year.

There were concerns about some students lack of knowledge of clay target shooting.

Mansfield hosted a skeet event.

Euroa has built a shed with grant money.

Colbinabbin is getting good attendances at events.

Loddon District PTC are hosting the clay target events for the National Police & Fireman's Games.

Bendigo has made some alterations to its 2020 program.

The Zone will be attempting to host several DTL night events.

Mr Peter Beaman resigned as N E Zone delegate.

The Zone will be hosting a coaching activity in conjunction with Gary Hayden.

North West

There were 41 competitors at the Zone School Student's event.

The Zone Carnival is on the 1st of September at the Central Wimmera club.

Boort Clay Target Club is in recession.

The Zone is currently holding a raffle to raise funds.

The Zone is looking for ways that they can get a better response from schools for the School Student event.

(f) Rules Supervisor's meeting

The meeting has recommended that;

- Double Rise be graded
- Sighter targets are still lost – No 1 shooter to call for a sighter target
- All targets will go in the handicap book
- Events shot off 18m will go in the Continental column.

Minutes from the meeting were tabled.

There was discussion about the legality of the meeting as there were seven people who voted that were not entitled to vote.

There was disappointment with the conduct of the meeting.

The meeting directed that Lynne Curtis, as the VCTA's representative should bring these

issues to the attention of ACTA.

(g) Coaches

The State Coach, Gary Hayden, is trying to organise a coaching day in each of the Zones.

N.E. & N.W. Zones seem reluctant. N.E. Zone feel there has been insufficient time to organise.

Glenn Woodhatch and Chris Carroll have committed to the activity.

There will be a State weekend on the 19 & 20 October at Echuca.

Gary to resend emails. There will be 5 or 6 participants from each Zone.

South East – 1st of September

South West – 22nd of September

North East – 6th of October

North West - TBA

(h) Correspondence – as notified and tabled.

Items for discussion

- (i) 7 & 9 *Sue Vesperman request for inductees and criteria used*
Victorian system is based on the 100 point system.

Further discussion included;

- Should not the VCTA be told who the inductees are to be
- Total review of the Hall of Fame process
- Okay for the Secretary to know who it is to be
- There is no record of who has won what.

It was agreed that there should be further discussion at the next meeting.

- (ii) 12 *Motion required for Secretary's honorarium*

See treasurer's report.

- (iii) 16 *Ian Phillips – letter from Echuca AGM & complaint*

See Committee of Management report (6d)

- (iv) 18 etc... *Graham Reed (Korumburra GC) Ladies Day invoice*

It was resolved that;

Motion: VCTA will pay a total of \$1500, \$500 of which has already been paid. Payment of \$1000 still to be made. Upon receipt of payment and the associated letter/email VCTA will consider the matter closed.

Moved: Gary Hayden Seconded: Andrew Smith CARRIED

It was further resolved that:

Motion: Any future financial support for Ladies Day/Coma and Try Days must be in the form of a pre-event proposal/application that requires approval of the Executive. An Executive member of either the VCTA or Zone Executive must be in attendance. Set prices of 20 cents per target thrown and a maximum reimbursement of \$2000.

Moved: Gary Hayden Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED

- (v) 41 *Eddy Bidese – need for an Echuca evacuation plan*

The Executive concluded that the concept of an Emergency Management/Evacuation Plan was a good one and that Eddy be given approval to facilitate this. The Secretary indicated that he would be happy to assist.

Motion: That Eddy Bidese be given permission to develop an Emergency Management Plan for the State Grounds – Echuca at his earliest convenience.

Moved: Gary Hayden Seconded: Steve Trembath CARRIED

- (vi) 57 & 71 *Jane Vella – interest in hosting High Performance event at Echuca*
VCTA is interested in providing its facilities for Shooting Australia to host a High Performance event at Echuca.
Shooting Australia will administer the event and VCTA will provide the facilities, targets and some technical support.
Hire for the use of the grounds will be at the rate of \$750 per day (does not include practice day).
Targets will be supplied and charged at the rate of
- 30 cents per standard target thrown
 - \$1.60 per flash target thrown
- Also, to be considered;
- Any clashes with the Echuca CTC calendar
 - The availability of catering for the event.

Motion: That the aforementioned 'guidelines' be communicated to Shooting Australia in relation to the proposed High Performance event.

Moved: Gary Hayden Seconded: Steve Trembath CARRIED

- (vii) 59 etc... *Wangaratta CTC issues re 100th anniversary shoot*
Lengthy discussion considered the correspondence that was sent to VCTA in relation to this matter including letters from Wangaratta CTC and NE Zone committee.
It was resolved that;
Motion: A letter be sent to the NE Zone stating that all relevant documentation and correspondence is being referred to ACTA for their recommended action.
Furthermore, VCTA endorses that Mr Ray Peatling has taken appropriate action in relation to this matter.
Moved: Lynne Curtis Seconded: Colin Dunn CARRIED

- (viii) 60 etc... *Dylan Gook – issues with EMP reporting*
The Secretary reported to the meeting the email and phone conversations that had been held between himself and representatives of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)- Sport and Recreation in relation to the Round 3 SSFP3 program and the Environmental Management Plan. The Plan includes a matrix of Risk Management. DEDJTR are expecting;
1. A Project Management Plan
 2. A Budget Tracker, and,
 3. An EMP Progress report.
- It was resolved that;
1. The Secretary is to complete all necessary reporting processes as required by DEDJTR as time permits
 2. Discussions to be held with the adjoining landowner
 3. Quotes to be sought for the suggested water and soil testing as per the EMP
- Motion: That the actions, as outlined, be completed subject to acceptable quotes re testing.
Moved: Russell Felmingham Seconded: Gary Hayden CARRIED

- (ix) 70 *Fil Petriella and Miall's advertising issues*
Discussion related to Perazzi's intention not to advertise on the inside cover of the program book and Miall's desire to advertise on the back cover.
Steve Trembath indicated that his company (SH Shooting) was keen to advertise on the inside front cover in Perazzi's place.

The Executive concluded that Beretta, as an ongoing sponsor and supporter of VCTA would continue to advertise on the back cover. Miall's are to be informed that the inside of the back cover is still available.

- (x) 72 *Peter Beaman's resignation*
NE Zone's letter informing the Executive of Peter Beaman's resignation was acknowledged.
The Secretary was requested to send a letter to Peter thanking him for his contribution to the State Executive.
- (xi) 74 *NE Zone – Wangaratta letter*
See actions in Correspondence item (vii)
- (xii) 75 *Echuca CTC – suggested dates for meeting*
See actions in 6. Reports (d) Echuca Committee of Management
- (xiii) 76 *Russell Mark's report on ISSF layout*
The meeting acknowledged the receipt of Russell Mark's review of, and report on, the State Ground – Echuca CTC ISSF facilities on 15/8/19.
It was recommended that
- A letter of thanks be sent to Russell for his report
 - Gary Hayden would investigate the pump recommendation and action as appropriate
 - Gary Hayden would investigate and action the concrete pad requirement
- (xiv) 77 *VCTA's position on Duck Hunting*
After some discussion it was recommended that the Secretary reply to Dannielle Chandler's letter ensuring that the following points are highlighted;
- Clay Target shooting is a sport
 - Duck hunting is an individualised activity that we have no control over
 - VCTA are happy to communicate with Mr Meddick in relation to increasing participation in the sport

7. General Business.

- a) Confidentiality letters for all Executive members
No action required as these letters had been rescinded as a requirement by a previous meeting's motion.
- b) Motion to increase Executive motion – endorsement for AGM
Item 7 Executive Council (2) currently reads;
"Each Zone shall from its own Council and three delegates from each zone, including the Executive Member from that zone, shall make up the Association Executive Council."

This shall have an additional paragraph that will read;

"Furthermore, each zone must elect, or appoint, a fourth female delegate, elected or appointed as per the arrangements of the zone they represent. This fourth female delegate has full voting rights at all Council meetings. The fourth female delegate must be elected, or appointed, on an annual basis.

Appointed delegates cannot hold elected positions on the Executive Council"

Motion: That the proposal be taken to the AGM for approval.
Moved: Ray Peatling Seconded: Lynne Curtis CARRIED

- c) Endorsement of Fair Play Code.
Motion: That the VCTA Executive endorse the Fair Play Code as adapted from Sport & Recreation.
Moved: Andrew Smith Seconded: Steve Trembath CARRIED
- d) Representation at the SAHOF awards in October
The meeting endorsed that the State Secretary and his wife will represent VCTA at the Sport Australia Hall of Fame Gala Dinner in October. All reasonable costs will be reimbursed including entry fee and accommodation.
- e) Victorian Uniform - is it time for a change?
Current uniform policy is to remain as it is with more stringent application in future
- f) Examples of folders for Carnival
Secretary showed samples of different clipboard folders for use at the carnival. "Fold over" clipboards were chosen.
- g) Absence from Executive meetings – must resign?
It was discussed at length whether there is a constitutional requirement that an Executive member must stand down if they miss two meetings. The Secretary informed the meeting that on careful reading of the Constitution no such direction was found.
- h) Wangaratta Gun Club issues.
See Correspondence Item (vii)
- i) VCTA to look after practice at the Carnival
With the installation of token machines at Echuca it was decided that the VCTA would be responsible for practice rounds at the Carnival. The price was set at \$8.00 per 26 targets. Tokens to be sold from the office.
- j) Executive members to send their entry to Carnival directly to Malcolm – noted.
- k) Disposal of waste, especially cardboard, from Carnival.
Considering recent waste disposal price rises it was agreed that cardboard at the Carnival VCTA will look after the disposal of cardboard from the event.
- l) Organisation of Trappers for the Carnival
More than 20 people are required for 'trappers' duties at the Carnival. Some groups that were available in 2018 may not be available this year. The meeting endorsed Mal Dyson to co-ordinate the organisation of the trappers.
- m) Three visits question – per year or for life (refer Correspondence Item 65)
It was noted that there had been a number of items of correspondence in relation to the three visits ACTA ruling.
The meeting was not convinced of the legality of this ruling. Further clarification is to be sought.
- n) Financial support for Victorian team members when travelling more than 1000kms and there is no grant support.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that travel assistance funding would only be available if there had been successful grants to support such assistance.

Motion: That Financial assistance to support travelling VCTA team members would only be available if there was grant money available to support this travel.

Moved: Lynne Curtis

Seconded: Ray Peatling

CARRIED

- o) Acceptance of Peter Beaman's request to maintain his position as Rules Supervisor.

A request was received by Peter Beaman that he would like to maintain his position as a Rules Supervisor even though he had relinquished his position on the VCTA Executive.

It was the feeling of the meeting that they would like more time to consider this request. To be held over until the next Executive meeting.

- p) Organisation of weekly practice at Echuca – approach Nick Dean?

With the resignation of Peter Beaman there were concerns raised as to the viability of the VCTA running regular practice sessions at Echuca. The meeting believed a regular practice regimen was very important.

This issue is to be discussed with Echuca CTC representatives at the next meeting of the Committee of Management.

- q) Organisation of Carnival roles and responsibilities

The meeting reviewed the roles and responsibilities from the previous meeting in relation to the upcoming DTL Carnival.

Andrew Smith was added to the list as a Shoot Marshall.

Len Cook and Steve Trembath were added to the Handicappers list.

- r) Organisation of personnel to conduct School Students' Final on September 2nd

Discussion was held as to the organisation for the School Student's Final, further details and timetabling.

Les Kadziela, Colin Dunn, Jeff Bell, Ray Peatling, Lynne Curtis and Gary Hayden all volunteered to assist.

Practice will be available at \$8 per 26 targets from 2.00pm on the Sunday. Competition to begin at 10.00pm on the Monday.

Echuca CTC to be contacted to provide catering facilities.

- s) Procedures manuals for State events.

It was noted that Jim Shepherd has been in contact in relation to Procedures Manuals for the running of VCTA events – in particular, Teams Events.

Jim was able to obtain from NSWCTC a copy of the DTL and Skeet Procedures Manuals for VCTA to adapt to its own use.

Gary Hayden and Jeff Bell offered to review these documents and report back to the next meeting.

- t) Melbourne Gun Club – letter via South East Zone looking for endorsement of the upgraded MGC facilities and a request to be included in the rotation of ISSF State and National events.

This led to a discussion of the hiring arrangements for the Universal Trench event in November.

Motion: That VCTA provide MGC with a counter proposal for the ISSF State events. This would include;

- A State Title every fourth year
- In return a State Universal Trench event every year
- The arrangements to be reviewed every four years

Moved: Steve Trembath

Seconded: Andrew Smith

CARRIED

Before further action is taken, the Executive want to know what Universal Trench Australia's offer is regarding the event at State Grounds – Echuca CTC in November 2019.

The executive requests confirmation of Malcolm Dyson's organisation of this event.

If the event is to proceed – then it will be run and organised by UT Australia.

Motion: It was moved that the following hire fee be applied to the November UT event.

- \$500 per day hire (not including practice)
- 30 cents per target thrown
- \$8.00 for practice

Moved: Lynne Curtis

Seconded: Ray Peatling

CARRIED

- u) It was raised by Steve Trembath that the nomination form for 2019 would include a survey in relation to the make of gun and brand of ammunition used at the event.
The Secretary informed the meeting that a separate survey form was being designed to seek further information than this including accommodation, meals, travel distances etc with a raffle type prize for those that completed the form and returned it. Forms would be distributed when Handicap Books were presented at the beginning of the Carnival.
- v) The meeting raised the question/suggestion that the Backmarker event in the Handicap should be 25m and not 23-25m.
Discussion resolved that there is no specific rule about this, a club can make the Backmarker whatever distance it chooses.
- w) Carnival nomination form.
There was some discussion as to the information that was being given to competitors.
It was resolved that;
 - Nomination forms must say that Junior Competition is Under 18 on the day of the competition, not at the start of the event.
 - Nomination forms should not have a 'cash' component. The Secretary explained further about the "online" nomination process.
- x) Frank Auditore has suggested changes of grades should happen on the day. That competitors should be upgraded after one competition.
The counter argument to this is that the rules state that grades are reviewed after 200 targets.
A change of grading would require a significant rule change. The status quo to be kept at this time.
- y) School Students events.
Several different issues were raised in relation to the administration of the School Student events. These included;
 - A number of schools in SE Zone (particularly Catholic Schools) requested a significant number of administrative changes to running the event such as all Volunteers having Working With Children Checks, Emergency Management plans etc. Had any other Zones experienced this? No.
 - Do Zones ask to see Student's licences? It was discussed that only Police can ask for this information.
(Secretary to take this question to the next FUG meeting)
 - Sharing guns – do other Zones allow this? It was generally accepted

that students shared the use of firearms.

- Should there be a special grade/division for ACTA registered student competitors? There was no resolution to this question.

8. Close of Meeting – 3.20pm

Next Meeting: January 19, 2020