



Victorian Clay Target Association.

Extraordinary meeting of the VCTA Executive.

Meeting held via video conferencing

Friday 15th May, 2020.

MINUTES

1. The President (Lynne Curtis) welcomed all present and open the meeting at 7.37pm.
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Brooke Davis, Malcolm Dyson, Casey Fletcher, Brendan Moroni, Ray Peatling, Russell Felmingham, Garry Cassells, Gary Hayden, Les Kadziela, Eddy Bidese, Andrew Smith, Steve Trembath.
Minute taker: Jeff Bell

3. Apologies nil.

Moved: Ray Peatling

Seconded: Brendan Moroni

CARRIED

4. SPECIFIC GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Covid-19 regulations and impact on VCTA and clubs

There has been significant guidelines, directives and advice related to the COVID-19 pandemic, resumption of activities and compliance. This information has come from ACTA, DHHS and other statutory bodies. Some of this information was found to be conflicting.

This issue was discussed at length.

It was the consensus of the meeting that the Secretary write to all VCTA clubs and inform them of VCTA's guidelines and expectations. These are;

- Clubs must follow State Government guidelines
- Clubs must inform ACTA of when they are restarting activities at their club and that they are compliant. The club will then receive approval to recommence. This approval is essential for club activities to restart. Insurance cover will not be provided if approval is not received from ACTA.
- A maximum of 10 participants is allowed at one time on the whole of the club facility. Further to this a coach/instructor and the minimum number required to facilitate the activity are also allowed. (10 participants + 1 coach + 2 or 3 administrators)
- Five shooters are permitted to be on a trap at one time, one per laneway. At the 15-metre mark this would provide a distance of 2.8 metres between participants.
(It should be noted that there was significant discussion regarding shooting five per lane, as per handicap events, before moving on. There was no definitive decision on this point)
- All DHHS regulations regarding hygiene and social distancing must be followed.

The proposed letter is to be forwarded to Mal Dyson and Gary Hayden for consideration before distribution.

MOTION: That the Secretary write to all clubs to inform them of the VCTA's guidelines and advice.

Moved: Mal Dyson

Seconded: Ray Peatling

CARRIED

b) A progress report on the SSFP3 grant and recommendations/permissions required

The Secretary provided advice on the progress of the SSFP3 grant and associated Environmental Management Plan.

It was proposed that the \$14,500 remaining in the EMP grant be dispersed as follows;

- That \$7000 be spent on the testing of contaminants in the surface water at the State Grounds
- That the remaining \$7,500 be used to partially purchase a wad collector (approx. cost \$10,000) with Echuca CTC being asked to contribute to the balance.

MOTION: That the VCTA Executive endorse the proposed actions for the expenditure of the EMP grants funds remaining.

Moved: Mal Dyson

Seconded: Casey Fletcher

CARRIED

c) A proposal to run raffles in conjunction with Echuca CTC to assist with the maintenance of the State Grounds.

It was discussed at the meeting an email regarding a joint raffle between VCTA and Echuca CTC. The email is as follows:

At the last meeting of the Committee of Management it was suggested that VCTA and Echuca could run two raffles, one after the other, in an effort to raise funds for the maintenance of the State Grounds. A lot of research has gone into this, including a successful application for the VCTA to be recognised as a “not-for-profit” organisation. Plans are well in hand with final details being worked out including raffle permits. The two raffles would be run on the internet and would be overseen by Mark Zielesna on our behalf (Mark has significant experience with running this type of raffle). The first raffle would be for ammunition – 100 slabs, possibly divided into 1st, 2nd and 3rd, cost of \$8000 (retail is \$10k). We would sell 350 tickets @ \$50 each. Assuming all tickets sold would have income of \$17,500 less prize cost (\$8000) and overheads (\$1000 permits etc.) would mean a shared income of \$8500.

A second proposed raffle run after the first would be for a shotgun run along similar lines.

MOTION: That the VCTA endorse the concept of a joint raffle and that the VCTA representatives be endorsed to act on VCTA’s behalf as outlined.

Moved: Malcolm Dyson

Seconded: Les Kadziela

CARRIED

d) A proposal to submit a ‘solar power’ grant application with the Federal Government

The Secretary reported to the meeting that members of the Committee of Management had been exploring solar power grant options for the State Grounds. Due to very short time constraints there was currently an application and quotation process being actioned.

VCTA’s endorsement of this action was being sought.

Opinion was divided as to whether to endorse the proposal.

A number of possible issues and the long-term benefits of a limited system such as that proposed were raised.

It was the consensus of the meeting that the benefits of the proposed system were questionable and that further research for a suitable system and appropriate funding be explored.

e) Email received from Chris Brown regarding State Title events.

An email was received from Chris Brown expressing concerns at to VCTA State Titles run at clubs and the planning for upcoming and future events to the end of the year.

The Secretary was asked to respond to this letter with the following points;

- The April 19 Executive minutes state that it had been decided that all events dated during the time of the COVID-19 shutdown are cancelled, not postponed, and will not have alternative dates arranged.
- Future State events will be decided as regulations permit and, until further information is received, no further action can be taken at this time.

5. Next Executive meeting – suggested July 19 at Sebastopol (if feasible)

6. Meeting closed 8.45pm.