



Victorian Clay Target Association.

Meeting held via video conferencing
Friday, 17th July, 2020

MINUTES

1. Meeting opened at 7.35pm. President welcomed all present.
2. Present: Lynne Curtis, Steve Trembath, Les Kadziela, Brooke Davis, Eddy Bidese, Gary Hayden, Garry Cassells, Mal Dyson, Jim Shepherd, Brendan Moroni, Andrew Smith.
Minute Secretary: Jeff Bell

3. Apologies: Russell Felmingham, Ray Peatling, Casey Fletcher (text message during meeting).

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Brendan Moroni Seconded: Andrew Smith CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

April 19

May 15 – Extraordinary meeting

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous meetings be received and confirmed

Moved: Mal Dyson Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED

5. Business arising from the Minutes

5.1 Raffle progress. Secretary reported to the meeting that 179 tickets out of 350 had been sold. Weekly reports are being sent to the Committee of Management. With this many tickets sold we have covered costs. There are still six weeks until the raffle is drawn in which to sell the remaining tickets.

5.2 Action list – most items have been covered with the exception of;

- Targets for the Carnival
- Meeting with Echuca Football Club re trappers (Casey Fletcher)
- Letter to Shoot Program advertisers. Actions have been taken to make sponsor's logos more prominent on VCTA media.

5.3 Targets for the Carnival.

After some discussion and limited feedback from Zones it was suggested that the Executive need to move on the concept of targets given the economy and current COVIC-19 implications. This idea was supported by the meeting. Lengthy discussion about the type and colour of targets, suppliers and availability.

It was the consensus of the meeting that tenders for the supply of targets should be sent so that this can be decided at the next meeting.

It was suggested that Lynne Curtis and Jeff Bell should speak with Winchester in regard to target availability.

ACTION: Tender letters to be sent to all suppliers. Letter to inquire as to availability of targets as well. Response required in time for consideration at meeting on August 24.

It was also brought to the attention of the meeting that there are still 39,000 fluoro White Flyer targets remaining at Echuca. This is down from the 53,000 targets that remained after the 2019 Carnival. It was reported to the meeting that the missing targets had been used at the North east Zone Carnival held in February. No communication had been received by VCTA in relation to this.

ACTION: A letter to be sent to the North East Zone inquiring after the missing targets and the payment or replacement of these targets.

6. Reports

i) Treasurer's report - as circulated.

Treasurer reported to the meeting on several matters. These included;

- The progress of the COVID-19 Support Funding – this will be known by the end of July
- There is an amount of \$3500 owing to VCTA from a Milestone payment for the SSFP3 Grant from last year. This is in the process of being paid.
- The successful Athlete's Pathway Grant application that can be used to send the team to the 2021 National DTL Carnival
- The Together More Active grant acquittal for 2019 was almost complete and that the 2020 grant payment of \$20,000 would soon be forthcoming. VCTA must ensure that it is used only for the purpose intended.
- The Treasurer suggested that when the Term Deposit of \$10,000 matures that this money should be moved to the Association's General Account to ensure sufficient money is available to pay bills.

MOTION: That the Term Deposit money should be moved to the General Account when it matures (18/8/20).

Moved: Brooke Davis Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Brooke Davis Seconded: Les Kadziela CARRIED

ii) ACTA Report – Mal Dyson

All National events have been cancelled for this year. This has been reasonably well received.

Discussion being held with My Club My Scores as well as ACTA team including Ross Shepherd researching a shoot program including electronic handicapping program.

Russell and Lauryn Mark have just completed a series of videos that will be available to all clubs and on Facebook.

Meeting with Marsh Insurance that was very fruitful. A monthly meeting **will** be held with insurers. Cost extra firearm insurance was astronomical and was not renewed.

ACTA Executive have approved that the ZZs discipline is not an ACTA discipline and should be staged under the Sporting Clays Australia banner.

Work has been happening on the 30-year membership issue. Currently a member must apply through their club, working on this category of membership being identified through the database.

Hope to have a Face to Face meeting of the Board at the end of August.

Further Constitutional meeting – a report was in last CTSN. Opportunity for clubs, members and Zones to provide feedback in the future.

Clarification was sought regarding ACTA clubs running UT activities when UT activities are under Sporting Clays banner. Mal Dyson to make inquiries with Marsh in relation to this.

iii) Firearm Users Group Report – Jeff Bell

Several matters had been raised at the last meeting. These included;

- Victoria Police is exploring the possibility of conducting Firearm Safety courses on-line
- National Firearms Amnesty in the latter half of 2020.
- There has been a delay in temporary dealer applications.
- LRD is moving to 311 Russell Street later this year.
- Current application processing time is 11 days

iv) Committee of Management (State Grounds) Report (Eddy Bidese)

Next step in the process is the ratifying of the Dispute Resolution process. This has been prepared with legal assistance. Now in the hands of both committees for approval.

The members of the sub-committee recommend that VCTA Executive accept the document.

ACTION: Dispute resolution document is to be sent to all Executive members with any questions to be sent to the Secretary to be passed on to Eddy.

v) Zone Reports

North West – held their first video meeting on June 29. Very good – greater attendance than expected. Discussion about Zone Carnival, the host club is not keen, the next meeting will decide on August 10.

South East – recently held a video meeting to discuss ‘teams’ series. Waiting until the start of September to review situation.

South West – there was a face-to-face meeting but there was little to report for the meeting.

North East – there is a North East Zone meeting (AGM) scheduled for Tuesday night but it is in doubt due to seating restrictions at the proposed venue.

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

Moved: Mal Dyson Seconded: James Shepherd CARRIED

7. Correspondence – as notified and tabled

Items listed for discussion

Inward

- (5) Helen Corry (DEDJTR) Progress report on SSFP3
This letter is a receipt of the progress report of the SSFP3 Disabled Access Grant and contains further information on payments still to be made and the requirements for the acquittal of this grant.
- (14) Paul Gilbert (ACTA) Response to request for loan deferment
ACTA have agreed to VCTA's request for a loan payment deferral for the June payment with a further decision on the November payment due once it is decided if a State Carnival will be held this year.
- (15) Ms Ros Spence (MP) Grassroots support grants
Notification that there are grants available to assist with running costs for clubs and associations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to assist with costs associated with wages, insurance premiums and affiliation costs. The secretary reported that a grant had been applied for requesting \$19,800.00 to assist with the costs of the Secretary's honorarium and the Ground person's costs. VCTA will be notified of the success of the application by the end of July.
- (16) Ben O'Brien (DEDJTR) Acquittal of 2019 TMA grant
This letter was to notify that the acquittal requirements of the 2019 Together More Active grant were due before the end of June. The acquittal was also a prerequisite for the Grassroots Support Grant. Secretary reported that this had been completed and that the 2020 TMA payment of \$20,000 was due to be paid soon.
- (28) Helen Corry (DEDJTR) Underpayment from SSFP3 grant
VCTA have been notified that a Milestone payment from the SSFP3 grant, due in June 2019, had been missed. The Secretary reported that all requirements had been completed on-time and the fault lay with DEDJTR. This will be paid in the near future.
- (36) Firearm Users Group Minutes (if not discussed at (5iii) – discussed.
- (38) Caitlin Hindle (Vic Sport) Successful Athlete's Pathway grant
Notification that an application for this grant to support the 2019 DTL team had been successful. With the 2019 National Carnival now cancelled – approval had been received for the grant to be carried over to 2020 ACTA Carnival.
- (42) Dean Woods (Douglas Partners) Water testing invoice
This is the invoice for the surface water testing as one part of the EMP for the State Grounds as part of the SSFP3 Disabled Access grant. The testing was a good result for VCTA and showed all positive results in relation to heavy metals and PAHs.

It is recommended that this invoice be paid.

It was the consensus of the meeting that this invoice be paid.

- (43) Helen Corry (DJPR) Delay in payments from EMP
There is a delay in payments associated with Further Funding Agreements
- (46) Helen Corry (DJPR) Updated EMP agreement
There has been a delay in milestone payments associated with SSFP3 caused by a change of Sports Minister.

Outward as circulated.

Nil discussion required

MOTION: That the correspondence, as presented and circulated, be received.

Moved: Les Kadziela Seconded: Garry Cassells CARRIED

8. General Business

a) Team selection for the 2021 National events.

There was lengthy discussion about the selection of the State DTL and Skeet Teams and who would represent Victoria at the 2021 Championships.

It was the consensus of the meeting that if the Carnival is held in 2020 then a team will be selected from that event. If the Carnival does not progress then the team that was named in 2019 to represent in 2020 will be used in 2021.

Further to this matter, the Secretary reported that he had received a phone call and text request from Paul Johnson with a request that the 2020 Skeet Team represent the VCTA at the 2021 National Event.

The consensus of the meeting was that there be one policy for team selection. This would mean that unless the 2021 State Skeet Carnival is cancelled, a new representative Skeet team is to be selected.

It was also decided that the representative teams from 2019 to have represented VCTA in 2020 should still receive their uniform and uniform reimbursements.

ACTION: The Secretary is to write to Paul Johnson to advise him of the decision.

b) State Ball Trap.

Discussion about the State Ball Trap event (and any other State event still be held).

NW Zone have not held a Ball Trap qualifying event and are not intending to at this stage.

NE Zone have held their qualifying event and have a representative team.

SW Zone have had their qualifying event, but their team do not want to travel to Morwell.

SE Zone have not completed their qualifying events.

MOTION: That the 2020 State Ball Trap event scheduled to be held at the Morwell Gun Club be cancelled.

Moved: Mal Dyson

Seconded: Brendan Moroni

CARRIED.

Noorat Gun Club will be hosting three State night events in September and October.

This led to further discussion regarding attendances of Zones at State Ball Trap events and the perceived reluctance of Zones to travel long distances. Further discussion revolved around holding the State Ball Trap at the State Grounds – Echuca.

MOTION: That from 2021, the State Ball Trap event be held at the State Grounds – Echuca.

Moved: Mal Dyson

Seconded: Gary Hayden

CARRIED

c) State Carnival Discussion Paper (as circulated)

Discussion revolved around the issues raised by the discussion paper including;

- The effect of the Melbourne COVID-19 lockdown
- Letter to sponsors to gauge their support and the very important contribution they make to the Carnival and what is happening in other States
- Which program are we using for scoring and squadding?
- There will be a more streamlined process for nominations for the Carnival.

ACTIONS:

- Letter to sponsors to gauge their response.
- Mal Dyson to talk with Martin Smith about the use of My Club My Scores as the scoring/squadding system for the Carnival

d) A request from Fred Heinz that the VCTA compile an up-to-date database of clubs that are holding practice/competition.

This action was deemed to be an inappropriate use of administrative time and that most clubs were using Facebook to advertise their activities. Prospective shooters should be following this information.

9. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution, in particular, Jim Shepherd for filling in for the North West Zone.

10. Next meeting – Friday, 21st August 2020. 7.30pm Video Conference.

11.Meeting closed.