

MINUTES OF QCTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Springsure

Friday 12th February 2021

Present: G. Moore, B. Muirson, M. Collins, D. Back, B. Cowley, D. Harwood,
B. Pile, K. Jarick, G. Noffke.
Via technology: B. Lansdown, B. Beazley, G. Battiato.
Proxy representatives: L. Brandt for G. Oats, V. Moore for M. Robertson.

Chairman: G. Moore **Minutes:** D. Young

1. Meeting Opened: 9.05 am

G. Moore requested all present turn off phones and that meeting was not to be recorded.

2. Apologies: M. Robertson, G. Oats.

“That leave of absence be granted to those who have lodged an apology or appointed a proxy representative.”

Moved: D. Back 2nd: B. Muirson Carried

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

i) State Council Meeting – Condamine 24/1/20:

“That the minutes of the State Council meeting of 24th January 2020 represent a true and correct record.”

Moved: D. Back 2nd: B. Pile Carried

Business Arising:

- Presidential medal nomination for 2021 is to be discussed.
- The State Council meeting at the DTL carnival at Roma will be held off the grounds.
- State DTL carnival office, to be discussed at this meeting.
- Policy manual documents, to be discussed at this meeting.

ii) Management Meeting – 15/12/20:

“That the minutes of the Management meeting of 15th December 2020 represent a true and correct record.”

Moved: K. Jarick 2nd: B. Muirson Carried

Business Arising:

- A quote is being obtained for silver state badges.
- The Cooktown complaint has been resolved and complainant satisfied.
B. Muirson will confirm this in writing.

4. Financial Report:

D. Young presented the statement for the 2020 financial year.

- D. Harwood questioned the 2019 financial report, that the Blackwater club did not receive the correct payment. B. Muirson corrected this as it had been resolved with the club and figures were verified as being correct. The Blackwater club had thanked B. Muirson for clarification.

“That the financial report be accepted and accounts presented be approved for payment.”

Moved: B. Pile

2nd: M. Collins

Carried

5. Correspondence:

Inward:

- D. Back noted nominations for junior awards, to be discussed at Hall of Fame meeting.
- 10605 – Query re closing of The Barn, this did not occur.
- 10548 – Query re coaching cards for accredited coaches. M. Collins to follow up with National office.

Blue Cards to be followed up for Maryborough members. G. Noffke said they had paid money but not received their cards. D. Young explained that no money changes hands at accreditation courses. G. Noffke to confirm this.

G. Noffke also reported that Maryborough did not receive their program books.

B. Beazley suggested that for 12 months of correspondence it could have been broken down, however G. Moore said it was an unusual situation due to Covid-19.

Correspondence could be sent out with ratified Management minutes in future.

“That Inward Correspondence be accepted and Outward Correspondence adopted.”

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd: V. Moore

Carried

6. Report from ACTA Delegates:

- i. M. Collins reported that the ACTA confidentiality agreement does not allow delegates to discuss matters at state level. It was determined that in-camera items cannot be discussed but other items can. Once ratified minutes will be posted on the website.
- ii. MCMS has been introduced with the intention that handicap cards will become obsolete. All clubs should be using MCMS from now on so that history can be logged on this system.

- iii. The new constitution has been released and it is recommended that all interested parties be involved in having input.
- iv. G. Moore would like to see all states included in ACTA meeting notices and relevant information.

“That we ask ACTA to include all states in notices, agenda items, etc. to allow them to have input into relevant matters.”

Moved: G. Moore 2nd: D. Harwood Carried

- v. The rule book has been revised and reformatted and will be released after the Rules Supervisors meeting in June.
- vi. The online magazine is not being read or utilized. Consideration is being given to the best way forward for the magazine.
- vii. There has been an issue with advertising on the MCMS system, which is currently being negotiated.

B. Muirson advised that the next meeting of the executive is scheduled for 25th February 2021.

7. New Business:

- a) Election of ACTA Delegates
Nominations were called for as a 2-year delegate is now required.

“That B. Muirson be nominated as the 2-year ACTA delegate.”

Moved: B. Pile 2nd: M. Collins Carried

B. Muirson accepted the position.

- b) Safety Concerns

There have been a number of safety concerns at clubs in recent months.

B. Muirson suggested clubs may be getting complacent with safety issues and that a letter be sent to clubs reminding them of specific issues, eg. Locking firearms in cars when not in use, supervision for novice shooters, etc.

It was also discussed that reporting responsibilities need to include the Zone, State, ACTA and where necessary the police. M. Collins suggested all clubs be included.

The matter of using reloads was raised as K. Jarick and D. Harwood said this caused the incident that occurred at the Warwick club.

The matter of discharging a firearm without warning at a corporate event at Gympie was also raised. This was used to demonstrate a safety procedure. There is a difference between demonstrating this at a corporate day and a coaching accreditation clinic. The SE Zone will write to the State Coaching Co-Ordinator to request his opinion about this practice.

c) State DTL Program

G. Moore stated that not all shooters are happy with the removal of handicap cards due to the introduction of MCMS. As the carnival is at Roma this year it is the Western Zone's responsibility to run the office.

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of using MCMS.

D. Young asked about the format of pre-nominations as these are being requested by shooters. Pre-nominations are to be released in the same format as previous years, processed manually, and not through the MCMS program.

d) Electronic Participation at Face-to-Face Meetings

G. Moore agrees with the use of electronic or digital participation at Management meetings as numbers are limited to six people, however he is concerned that if the majority of Councillors use this medium there will be very few people physically attending face to face meetings.

B. Muirson pointed out clause 16.2 of the new ACTA constitution which is very specific about the use of electronic participation.

B. Beazley advised that technology was acceptable under the Incorporations Act provided all attendees can participate in the meeting.

Discussion followed outlining the negative impact of meeting participation by electronic means as opposed to the convenience. All agreed that even with three people attending via Zoom at the current meeting, it was not working successfully, however the connection was improved once switched to phone hotspot.

It was agreed that it will be necessary to achieve a quorum of 9 attending in person with other joining via technology once a quorum is achieved.

Break for morning tea 10.30am – Resume meeting at 11.15am

e) Handicapping

D. Back asked if Zones should be required to refer back to clubs to make it necessary to record shooter's scores.

Discussion followed regarding major increases in scores that are not recorded in handicap cards and how best to address this at club shoots.

At this time the preferred solution is to send a copy of handicap cards to the State Handicapper B. Muirson to assess their correct grade and handicap.

f) New ACTA Constitution

B. Muirson informed Council that the main reasons for the new constitution are a) a company limited by guarantee is considered to offer more scope than an incorporated association, and b) the association is currently registered in Victoria and subject to their regulations rather than NSW where it operates and conducts business. It is proposed that the ACTA will be run by a board of directors and not necessarily through positions held by the states.

Discussion followed with regard to the major considerations of the new constitution.

Disadvantages identified are that Queensland may not have representation, and that all representatives may come from one state.

It is recommended that all club members read it and become involved as it is to be presented at the ACTA AGM in May 2021 and it is important to have input. B. Muirson offered to address any enquiries.

“That the QCTA send a communication to Zones requesting that clubs read the constitution and provide feedback so the state can have input.”

Moved: K. Jarick

2nd: D. Harwood

Carried

Re matter of legal issue, refer to relevant minutes. D. Young left the meeting for this item. Meeting resumed after lunch 1.25pm

g) State Trap Carnival

The Western Zone is responsible for the running of the office.

Targets have been provided and paid for.

M. Collins will confirm 2020 sponsor agreements for the 2021 event.

The Central Zone will conduct the Saturday night team event.

Representation by sponsors will depend on arrangements made for the Roma shoot.

M. Collins will organise raffle.

h) Tower Safety Rule

B. Beazley advised that a rule relating to shooting tower has been removed causing a safety concern, in particular that shooters on lanes 1 and 5 are pointing directly towards the tower platform. This needs to be addressed and the rule implemented.

It was agreed that this issue is to be included as an item for the Rules Supervisors meeting in June.

i) Discussion Paper

B. Beazley suggested the use of a discussion paper to allow meetings to run more smoothly. This was implemented prior to the last Management meeting.

j) Carnival Guidelines

B. Beazley suggested that guidelines for all carnivals need to be reviewed. This will avoid any hidden costs from venues, such as increased costs of trappers. Management to review guidelines and raise at the State Council meeting in May.

k) State Carnival Rotation

Toowoomba may be considered as a state DTL venue in the future. The roster was discussed and clubs will be locked into the roster.

l) Constitution

B. Beazley believes the QCTA constitution needs to be updated so there is less reliance on the policy manual. Some Councillors disagreed, that the policies should reflect updates with minimal changes to the constitution.

B. Beazley to lead proposed changes to the constitution and report following adoption of new ACTA constitution.

m) Hall of Fame

The presentation dinner will take place on the Sunday night of the carnival.

As previously decided Bruce Powell is the only inductee for 2021.

Nominations were requested for DSA and junior awards, with junior nominations to be followed up.

The sub-committee will meet as soon as possible to further discuss and confirm arrangements, and make recommendations to Council.

n) Venue for State Council Meeting and AGM

Enquiries have been made for a venue for the 2021 meetings.

o) State DTL Teams for the Nationals

Teams already selected at the 2019 carnival will compete at the 2021 Nationals.

Teams selected at the 2021 carnival will compete at the 2022 Nationals.

p) State Sporting Ground Fee

The State Sporting Carnival has not been conducted under usual state conditions, ie. It was a govt funded event 2017 to 2019, previous to that it was a club-run event.

During the years it was funded the venue ground fee was \$2000. When the original guidelines were drafted it was proposed the ground fee would be \$1000.

G. Moore would like to consider ground fees based on per head participation.

B. Beazley suggested a minimum ground fee be set then a per head price added.

B. Beazley will consider figures which he wants implemented for the 2022 event, and report to Management for a decision. The ground fee will be reviewed for all disciplines. For the 2021 carnival at Toowoomba the ground fee will be \$500 to be reviewed after the event.

q) Complaints Handling Procedure

M. Collins wants a dot point procedure to follow for complaints. He will complete a briefing paper for Management & Council to consider.

r) Confidentiality

M. Collins will address this in the complaints procedure.

s) Legal Representation

The QCTA needs an ongoing relationship with a legal firm to ask advice as issues may arise. A firm should be sourced that will best serve the needs of the QCTA.

Discussion followed. M. Collins will prepare a briefing paper to present to Management.

8. General Business:

1. B. Beazley thanked Council for making technology available for the meeting.

2. D. Back commended the Central Zone for their success in getting clubs up and running following Covid-19 restrictions. Every Central Zone club has reported record attendances at their annual shoots.
He also thanked those involved for a very successful coaching clinic for women and junior shooters hosted by the Ilfracombe club with 29 female and junior shooters attending.

3. K. Jarick presented a letter from the Bundaberg club regarding vets and super-vets categories. The current system is felt to be unrealistic with 65 years + being the only category for veterans. It was proposed that shooters 70 years + be catered for in a super-vets category.

“For state carnival high guns the QCTA will introduce a Super-Vets sash for shooters 75 years + for all state disciplines.”

Moved: D. Harwood

2nd: K. Jarick

Carried

4. D. Harwood enquired about nomination reductions for juniors. They are currently 75% of open nominations.
He also proposed a team event for 3 family members to submit teams at state carnivals. This suggestion was not supported at this time.

5. G. Noffke and some Maryborough members have identified technical errors in the rule book. He will send these to the Zone to be addressed.

6. G. Moore reported some general state matters of a positive nature:

- The policy manual is being updated with updates being posted to the website.
- Queensland finished 2020 with 3391 financial members, 178 increase on the previous year despite Covid-19.
- Queensland welcomes two new clubs both in the Western Zone, Quilpie Sporting Clays and Maranoa Sporting Clays.
- The P&L for 2020 shows approximately \$8000 profit on the previous year despite no state carnivals being conducted.
- The QCTA Facebook group has 605 members in less than 12 months.
- Queensland welcomes 13 new accredited coaches to the state register.
- Thank you to the Ilfracombe club for hosting and co-ordinating a very successful ladies and junior coaching clinic.
- The Charleville club has been given 2000 acres on which to establish their new club and facilities.

7. B. Lansdown has had an enquiry about a club at Julia Creek coming online. They had 50 people recently attend a safety course there and have shown interest.

Meeting Closed: 3.05pm