

# MINUTES OF QCTA COUNCIL MEETING

Townsville

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Present:** G. Moore, B. Muirson, M. Collins, D. Back, M. Swale, M. Robertson, B. Beazley, B. Pile, G. Oats, P. Hill, W. Reeves, B. Bosworth.  
Proxy representatives: D. Crouch for B. Brown, T. Morony for R. Nugent, J. Mack for B. Gall.

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

**1. Meeting Opened:** 9.05 am

**2. Apologies:** R. Nugent, B. Brown, D. Richardson.

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

Moved: P. Hill

2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins

Carried

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:**

i) State Council Meeting – Condamine 26/7/18:

## **Business Arising:**

- M. Collins enquired about the change of program and cost of nominations for the ISSF carnival. These were read out.
- M. Collins asked if the \$10,000 venue grant is to be paid to clubs in advance and when this would be available. B. Bosworth is not in favour of making this payable in time for the Nationals in Roma as it is for use for State carnivals. P. Hill suggested it be paid one year in advance. W. Reeves stated that originally the clubs had to submit an explanation of what the grant money was to be used for. M. Collins clarified that when the Roma club asked for the funds to be paid in advance it was previously agreed upon. Pending documentation from both Roma and Gemfields on how the grant will be spent, the payment is to be made to each club. The grant is for infrastructure to host the State trap carnivals.
- B. Beazley thanked the QCTA for the grant on behalf of the Townsville club.
- J. Mack asked to have the name removed from the comments in item 7(1) of General Business, stating that even though we know this took place it is a sensitive issue. Discussion followed. Even if removed from the comments the name appears in a motion put forward by B. Muirson. B. Muirson was asked about re-wording this motion however the name is to remain.
- Correction to item 7(3) to state ‘R. Nugent does not use his power to vote as secretary...’
- Item 7(4) appointment of Secretary to be discussed in General Business.

- P. Hill advised that an invitation had been sent out to discuss the future of the new facility at Belmont.
- J. Mack asked where the issues of the Redcliffe club and 5-Stand expenditure were to be discussed. G. Moore said they were not agenda items but could be discussed in General Business.
- G. Moore stated that the term 'in camera' is not one that is generally used. J. Mack said he was only bringing it to Council's attention.

***"That pending the alterations the minutes of the State Council meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 represent a true and correct record."***

Moved: D. Back

2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins

Carried

ii) Management Meeting – 17/4/18:

#### **Business Arising:**

- Appointment of Secretary to be discussed in General Business.
- P. Hill enquired about the situation with B. Pavy. B. Muirson explained the comments and reason for the complaint. This will be further discussed as an agenda item in New Business.

***"That the minutes of the Management meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 represent a true and correct record."***

Moved: B. Muirson

2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins

Carried

#### **4. Financial Report:**

D. Young presented the financial report.

Since distributing the report an additional \$15,255 in pre-nominations has been received.

***"That the financial report be accepted and accounts presented be approved for payment."***

Moved: B. Muirson

2<sup>nd</sup>: B. Bosworth

Carried

#### **5. Correspondence:**

##### **Inward:**

- J. Mack asked about item 9742. Information re carnivals was requested from all states.

- G. Moore read item 9792, letter from Gladstone to the Central Zone.

Discussion followed with regard to insurance for corporate events and the limit of three visits to an ACTA club before having to join. The latter is an ACTA rule and not an insurance issue, therefore we should request the full policy.

J. Mack said the number of visits allowed to a club before joining is not specified in writing. He does not know why clubs cannot download the entire policy as presently only one page is available.

<b>ACTION:</b>	D. Young	To write to T. Turner asking for clarification of insurance cover for corporate events.
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	28/5/18	Email to T. Turner requesting clarification.

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

Moved: M. Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Crouch

Carried

W. Reeves addressed the meeting regarding the confusion surrounding the position of secretary. The change to allow only one delegate per club was one of the most notable changes during his time as councillor. When the ACTA adopted a new constitution a replacement delegate was elected from the state where the president was from. At State level this meant there was to be one president, four councillors (one from each Zone) and one employed secretary.

The secretary at the time was J. Burt and her title changed from secretary to administrator when she moved interstate. As Corporate Affairs required the association to appoint a secretary, this was W. Reeves. W. Reeves proposed D. Young’s title be changed back from administrator to secretary to solve the problems of having an appointed secretary.

Discussion followed regarding the role of secretary and it was established that the employed secretary and the association secretary were two different roles.

***“That D. Young’s title be changed from State Administrator to State Secretary.”***

Moved: W. Reeves

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Hill

Carried

The change relates to the title only with no change to the role or duties.

***“That the Association Secretary be elected from Management.”***

Moved: B. Bosworth

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Reeves

Carried (1 against)

M. Collins pointed out that the position of Association Secretary should be held by someone who is familiar with the running of our association.

*Break for morning tea 10.15 – 10.30am*

**6. New Business:**

a) State Carnival P&L Statement

G. Moore had advised W. Reeves that he would no longer be receiving profit & loss statements from state carnivals. W. Reeves asked if this was correct.

G. Moore had spoken about figures in the statement being circulated with regard to prize money. W. Reeves wants to keep receiving the statements.

D. Young asked if there was a problem with the current format and if they should be issued differently. W. Reeves said he was happy with them the way they are, he just wants to keep receiving them. D. Young is to continue preparing the P&L reports for each carnival as usual.

b) GST

Discussion took place with regard to bookkeeping now that the QCTA is registered for GST, and the need to improve our manual system.

***“That the QCTA order accounting software.”***

Moved: W. Reeves

2<sup>nd</sup>: B. Muirson

Carried

Xero has been recommended by our auditor who has also offered to provide training if D. Young can get to their offices in Rockhampton. D. Young will look at the system and advise if the trip is necessary.

c) Frank Robinson

W. Reeves asked about the incident involving Frank Robinson at the Nationals.

G. Moore and B. Muirson provided background information with regard to Frank, his failure to pre-nominate for the event and discussions that had taken place prior to the Nationals. The incident caused a very negative reaction on Facebook where a lot of misinformation was relayed however Frank had ignored advice to pre-nominate early. T. Morony explained why some squads were not filled during the competition, with competitors withdrawing and places left open for team members from Tasmania and South Australia.

Discussion followed regarding filling squads with walk-up competitors and the fact that shooters should not be turned away. There were also logistics in the running of the office that would make it difficult to have every squad full for every event. The event was run according to the rules and shooters were wait-listed fairly. Every shooter that arrived at the Nationals got to shoot.

G. Moore advised that Frank had been allocated filler positions before the Facebook issue started so many of the complaints were unnecessary.

d) State Sporting Teams

M. Swale pointed out that states submit postal teams for all disciplines except sporting. As sporting is a growing discipline we could request the ACTA to include it as part of the state postal teams competition. D. Crouch said that SSAA are discontinuing the postal teams competition as there is too much variation between the grounds in each state.

e) Number of Councillors

M. Swale suggested that as we often have trouble getting sufficient councillors to attend meetings Zones should consider having three delegates rather than four. Putting people in to attend meetings at the last minute just to make up numbers does not work. The ACTA only has two delegates per state while we have four per Zone and therefore have to find substitute delegates to make up a quorum. If the number of councillors was reduced it would also reduce the necessary quorum making it easier for all Zones to attend.

M. Collins said there was no point having Zone delegates if they continually did not attend meetings.

W. Reeves said the councillors are volunteers and attend meetings to contribute to the sport. Not everyone can attend meetings. It was M. Collin's suggestion forcing people to find proxy delegates that has created this situation.

J. Mack said that if the pool was reduced from four to three people per Zone fewer people would attend the meetings.

B. Bosworth stated that telelinks are the ideal way to conduct meetings as some may not be able to attend but will always be available on the phone. We have a bylaw in place that has reduced the number of face to face meetings to an acceptable number to provide for distance and travel.

J. Mack said using electronic means would allow the opportunity for more Zone representatives to be involved in meetings. People would not have to be present for the entire meeting and it would be preferable to reducing the number of delegates.

It was suggested that for some Zones changing the number of delegates would mean constitutional change. If a quorum is achieved we should not need the attendance of proxy representatives.

f) Trap Carnival

G. Moore suggested that the carnival guidelines need to be overhauled.

B. Beazley said that a review is probably necessary for all disciplines, not just trap.

G. Moore said that we should increase the ground fee to cover all the expenses involved with running the carnival and it will stop any add-ons or unplanned expenses. Items such as lights for the Zone shoot should also be addressed.

The guidelines were addressed point by point.

- The State is not involved in the collection of camping fees.
- The hire of lights for the Zone shoulder to shoulder team events should be added as point 22 as club responsibility.
- Ground fee – B. Muirson suggests we tally the receipts for this year's event and consider a reasonable sum for the ground fee, for example a per-shooter fee may apply.

B. Beazley also suggested costs such as road grading and trap parts should be considered.

Discussion followed regarding alternatives for increasing the ground fee.

***"That the State Trap Carnival ground fee of \$3000 remain and the host club receives an additional \$10 per head of all shooters nominated, to take effect from 2019."***

Moved: B. Muirson

2<sup>nd</sup>: B. Pile

Carried

The proposed change will undergo a one year trial period.

g) Junior Sportsmanship Award

Two nominations were received for the 2018 Junior Sportsmanship Award. This year's recipient will be Travis Streeter, nominated by Springsure Gun Club.

## 7. General Business:

1. D. Crouch suggested an online booking program to pre-nominate for the State 5-Stand Sporting Carnival. The program allows shooters to nominate their squad and to purchase merchandise online.  
The carnival will be limited to 120 shooters for Roma. Shooters nominating through the online program will know their squad and position before the event begins.
2. Targets have already been ordered for the State 5-Stand Carnival however this may have to be increased to cater for the expected number of shooters.
3. M. Collins raised the issue of regrading. His daughter had two 10T events swapped for two 50T events to put her in a higher grade. He would like to see a limit on the number of targets that can be transposed to be fair to shooters.  
B. Muirson advised that the State Handicapper has the ability to review and if necessary overrule this.

<b>ACTION:</b>	D. Young	Write to ACTA requesting that transposed scores be limited to within 5 or 10 targets per substitution.
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	2/8/18	Letter to T. Turner re transposed scores.

4. B. Muirson advised that with regard to the complaint concerning B. Pavy, he had submitted a complaint which is currently being investigated. The complaint centred on bad language used by B. Pavy on social media which could have been directed at any members of the ACTA Executive or staff.  
B. Pavy employed a solicitor and the QCTA has allowed him to compete at this carnival. We should be mindful of his state of mind and actions at this event.  
The second part of the action may have to be dealt with by the ACTA as a judiciary must be formed to address it. B. Muirson read the relevant clause.  
G. Moore would like to see an end to this issue as soon as possible.  
Discussion followed regarding the pending action.  
J. Mack said B. Muirson had used the same language on social media, which B. Muirson vehemently denied.

*Lunch was served at this point.*

J. Mack asked if B. Muirson was prepared to withdraw the complaint, which he was not.

*At this point B. Muirson excused himself from the proceedings.*

***“That we advise the ACTA that we seek a letter of apology to the full ACTA Executive from B. Pavy. He will receive a warning that any future occurrences could result in immediate suspension.”***

Moved: B. Bosworth

2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins

Carried

G. Moore considered the matter now closed.

5. We currently have \$20,000 loans and W. Reeves would like to suggest we also have \$30,000 and \$40,000 loans made available to clubs. These would be provided under the same 2% interest rate with the term of the loan to increase accordingly.

***“That QCTA loans are made available to the value of \$30,000 and \$40,000 at the same interest rate of 2% with an adjusted amount of time to repay.”***

Moved: W. Reeves

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Mack

Carried

6. W. Reeves enquired about the State ISSF Carnival program. This year it is not a Shooting Australia endorsed event.

<b>ACTION:</b>	D. Young	To send the ISSF State Carnival program to D. Reeves.
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	29/5/18	State ISSF Carnival program sent to D. Reeves.

7. W. Reeves requested that the State Trap Carnival accept pre-nominations only. We could use the nomination program as suggested by D. Crouch. If there are available places in squads walk up shooters can nominate and shoot.  
It was suggested we should also increase the fee for not pre-nominating.
8. W. Reeves questioned the role of the Zone Coaching Co-Ordinator. State coaches have attended clubs in the Northern Zone three or four times and the Zone Coaching Co-Ordinator has not been advised. The State Coaching Co-Ordinator is to work in conjunction with the Zone.

<b>ACTION:</b>	D. Young	To write to R. Morrison and advise that all State coaching clinics must be confirmed by the Zone Coaching Co-Ordinator.
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	29/5/18	Letter sent to R. Morrison.

9. D. Back asked for confirmation that Gemfields would still be receiving the \$10,000 venue grant payment. This was confirmed.
10. B. Pile asked if a representative from each Zone would be required to set the traps for the carnival. B. Beazley said that only trap mechanics would be allowed to touch the traps as some are on loan. Representatives from each Zone will be on the grounds at 7am. Central Zone – B. Muirson, Northern Zone – B. Beazley, South East Zone – P. Hill and Western Zone – G. Moore.
11. J. Mack has sent everyone an email regarding Redcliffe as the ACTA is trying to close them down. He is currently aware that 18 Queensland clubs are seeking SSAA joint affiliation and this will allow all licensed shooters to shoot on their grounds. He has received three legal opinions which state that the ACTA cannot enforce this action. The ACTA needs to deal with this issue and the membership and participation will grow. SSAA require only six members to become a branch.  
As legal opinion shows that this cannot be enforced it is only the insurance issue which must be put in place. He has been speaking to R. Nugent about this matter.

T. Morony stated that it is necessary to have a set of rules otherwise people will do as they please.

J. Mack said Redcliffe are not doing anything wrong and there are no non-ACTA members shooting their competitions. The State association should support them as this is an ACTA problem which cannot be enforced legally. There are over 1000 members that could be brought into the association when the ACTA membership classes are corrected.

The ACTA legal opinion is that Redcliffe cannot fight this problem legally and so are being bullied. The club has no case to answer. There was no complaint received, just an enquiry from L. Nichols from Brisbane.

D. Crouch said that Redcliffe have 62 members that are club members only, not ACTA nor SSAA members. When the reciprocal arrangements for sporting shooters did not go through the club could not support the cost of the sporting equipment. They pay \$60 for club membership.

J. Mack said they are not dual affiliated and they are shooting under their own banner and cannot be punished for this.

***“That Redcliffe have no case to answer and QCTA supports our member club. If the ACTA wish to impose the disaffiliation rule in the future they must include a by-law or improve their insurance.”***

Moved: J. Mack

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Hill

Carried (9 in favour / 2 against / 2 abstain)

M. Collins said this was a dangerous decision for both the QCTA and the ACTA. Also we cannot confirm the three legal opinions. He requested that these be tabled.

(No documentation was produced).

J. Mack said they had already been sent. One of the opinions is from the ACTA's own lawyer.

B. Bosworth recounted an ACTA meeting where legal opinion advised that Redcliffe were in the right as the word 'event' can be misinterpreted.

J. Mack said it is not 'our' opinion, it is legal opinion. K. Prescott read all the information and believes Redcliffe cannot be penalized. At this time Redcliffe have not breached the constitution.

12. M. Collins would like to see the ACTA update their social media policy.

13. The next meeting will be at the Gold Coast on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Meeting Closed: 2.15pm**