

# MINUTES OF QCTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Townsville

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Present:** D. Back, B. Muirson, B. Cowley, L. Brandt, G. Oats, B. Allan, M. Collins, G. Noffke,  
B. Brown, B. Lansdown, G. Battiato.  
Proxy representatives: M. Swale for G. Moore, J. Allan for M. Robertson, B. Collins for C. Witt.  
Observer: P. Keller

**Chairman:** D. Back                    **Minutes:** D. Young

## 1. Meeting Opened: 9.02 am

The President thanked all for coming and declared a quorum.

## 2. Apologies: G. Moore, M. Robertson, C. Witt.

***“That Councillors who have arranged for a substitute delegate be granted leave of absence.”***

Moved: B. Brown                    2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins                    Carried

P. Keller addressed the meeting regarding the history and intended updated venue for the Toowoomba club, at the Toowoomba Regional Council’s proposed sporting complex. The QCTA has previously provided a letter of support to TRC. P. Keller wants the QCTA to support his request for sufficient room for 12 DTL layouts.

***“That the QCTA write a letter to support Toowoomba CTC’s proposal to Council.”***

Moved: G. Noffke                    2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins                    Carried

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting:

***“That the minutes of the State Council meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 represent a true and correct record.”***

Moved: L. Brandt                    2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Oats                    Carried

### Business Arising:

- B. Lansdown provided update on the Silkwood club matter, with Council insisting the noise abatement issue be assessed. Paperwork is currently being reviewed by a QC but they should be fine for a further 5 years.
- M. Collins appreciated changes to the minutes. The Rules Supervisor document is to be raised in General Business.

## 4. Financial Report:

D. Young presented the financial report and accounts for payment.  
The invoices from Kenna’s for \$3931.28 is to be added to accounts for payment.

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

Moved: B. Muirson                    2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Collins                    Carried

## 5. Correspondence:

### i) Inward

11657 – J. Rossato has requested a new replacement team vest.  
Discussion followed with regard to the QCTA providing replacements vests for team members.

***“That a letter be sent to J. Rossato explaining State Council’s decision not to provide replacement vests for team members.”***

Moved: M. Collins

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

Carried

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

Moved: B. Muirson

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

Carried

## **6. ACTA Delegates Report**

B. Muirson reported as follows:

- The ACTA recently held their AGM. The DTL Nationals were considered very successful.
- The State, officials and ACTA executive were put in an awkward position with regard to Queensland juniors arriving to compete without firearms licenses. To be discussed as agenda item in New Business.

## **7. New Business:**

### a) State Trap Carnival

Raffle – The Central Zone will sell tickets.

Scoreboard – The Western Zone will tend the manual scoreboard.

Nominations – The Central Zone will take noms on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Trap Setting – One representative from each Zone to assist; M. Collins, G. Noffke, B. Muirson, B. Beazley or B. Lansdown. Unauthorised people are not permitted to enter trap houses.

Range Register – The Townsville club will check licenses and ensure everyone signs the range register.

Trophies – M. Collins, C. Witt and G. Battiato will organise cleaning of the trophies.

Team Shoot – 2 layouts are under lights, so there will be 5 waves. B. Allan will be Shoot Marshal for the team events, to begin at 6pm. Order: Juniors, Ladies & Vets, Open.

### b) Councillor Review

Discussion paper was read by D. Back regarding lack of response from some Councillors, absence at meetings, and intention to replace Councillors with interested parties.

Discussion followed regarding flawed selection process for Councillors, and those who do not intend or wish to attend meetings, or be involved with Zone or State Council.

*Atherton representative P. Luppi arrived and discussion followed with regard to his remaining as an observer. Councillors agreed that the Constitution must be followed and observed by all Zones.*

Northern Zone member E. Collins was not aware he was elected to Zone or State Council.

***“That S. Olver be removed from State Council.”***

Moved: B. Muirson

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

Carried

B. Beazley to be approached regarding his commitment to State Council. B. Allan stated that he has expressed interest in remaining.

### c) Goals

D. Back asked for suggestions regarding setting and achieving goals.

- M. Collins would like to see Management on track and run in accordance with the Constitution.
- D. Back stated some examples for aspirations or achievements for the sport included junior camps, ISSF coaching, and sub-committees for other disciplines.
- G. Battiato believes it should start with a business plan, which he is working on for the SE Zone.
- G. Noffke would like to see improvements at club level and more professionalism at events, including target presentation. More focus on shooting as a sport as opposed to politics.
- B. Lansdown wants communication within the hierarchy to be addressed, which is currently non-existent in his Zone.

- B. Muirson would like Councillors to be included in all communications to club secretaries so they are aware of directives from higher up.
- G. Oats thinks we should look after the juniors we have before promoting to new ones. Also, Zones could contribute to travel and competitions for their juniors.
- J. Allan would like to see sub-committees re-visited to be included in decision making for other disciplines. She also agrees the newsletter is a good idea.

*Break for morning tea 10.40 – 11am. P. Luppi left the meeting.*

d) Zone Management Report

D. Back believes State Council is interested in what happens at Zone level and it would be beneficial to receive a Zone report from Zone presidents or delegates, even for the newsletter. Zone reports, eg. Each June or December could be posted on the website or be circulated to clubs.

e) Junior Licenses

Two Queensland junior shooters attended the Nationals without required firearms licenses. The Tournament Director allowed them to compete.

All juniors must have minor's firearms licenses if they have an ACTA membership number, and must lodge an application with the WLB within three months of joining. Form 33 has been misused as it has allowed juniors to attend club shoots without signing in, putting clubs, the State and members at risk.

***“On registering with the ACTA as a Junior, all shooters are required to obtain a Minor's License in accordance with the Weapons Act within three months of registration.”***

Moved: B. Muirson

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

Carried

f) Legal Insurance Cover

The SE Zone seek clarification from the ACTA regarding insurance cover for legal advice regarding disputes between individuals and clubs. The ACTA should provide an advice pathway for guidance, so that if addressed early, disputes may not develop into issues with serious ramifications. The SE Zone request is to be forwarded to the ACTA.

g) Dual Signatories for Payments

M. Collins has made an enquiry through Fair Trading and wants to revisit the issue of dual signatories, as he believes this is a smart decision.

The motion was not continued or discussed. D. Back made enquiries regarding protocol to revisit a motion, and a motion to reconsider must be made by a person who voted on the prevailing side of the original motion.

h) State Carnival Personnel

It was requested that Councillors attend, or delegate people to attend, State Carnivals of all disciplines to assist with their operation in each Zone. An example was put forward of the QCTA being short-staffed at the 2021 ISSF Carnival at Brisbane.

G. Battiato will request helpers for the 2022 event but cannot commit to providing anyone. G. Noffke, B. Brown, B. Collins and M. Collins offered to assist.

Discussion followed regarding applying State rules to carnivals of other disciplines, but having them run by the Zones. State events will continue for the remainder of 2022.

i) Constitution

B. Lansdown pointed out areas where the current Constitution is outdated or vague on many points. It was agreed that there was little point updating our Constitution while the ACTA Constitution is currently being reviewed, as both will align on many issues.

He would like to continue with a business or management plan, however much of the information to be included is already in the National and State secretary handbook.

j) Sponsorship

D. Back suggested that if everyone present could contact a sponsor for eg. \$500 value to contribute to our carnivals, it would go a long way to assist our bottom line. D. Young will continue to update the existing sponsorship booklet.

k) Meeting Dates

Planned meeting dates to the State DTL Carnival at Roma 2023 were discussed as follows:

1. Gemfields 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022
2. Atherton 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022
3. Warwick 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
4. Roma 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dates may be subject to change.

*Break for lunch 12.45 – 1.15pm. G. Battiato left the meeting.*

Audited Financials

The financials and auditor's report were presented to the meeting.

***"That the 2021 audited financial report be adopted."***

Moved: B. Muirson

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

Carried

**8. General Business:**

1. State ISSF Carnival nominations – Open noms \$100 with no reduction for women.
2. M. Collins spoke to R. Nugent re sponsorship and asked if D. Young received a percentage payment from sponsors. D. Young has never received any payment, goods, or benefit in any form from sponsors, and has never been involved in any agreement involving sponsorship.
3. L. Brandt received a letter from B. Powell enquiring if National Hall of Fame points are awarded on team highguns. State points are awarded on Open team highguns, however an enquiry will be made to the ACTA. The enquiry should include Hall of Fame points when the field of competitors is restricted.

The AGM is to commence at 6pm.

**Meeting Closed: 2.00pm**