

MINUTES OF QCTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Emerald

Friday 19th August 2022

Present: D. Back, B. Muirson, B. Cowley, L. Brandt, G. Oats, B. Allan, G. Moore, M. Collins, G. Noffke, G. Battiato, D. Lehmann.
B. Lansdown, C. Witt via technology.
Proxy representatives: S. Gunn for B. Brown.

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

1. Meeting Opened: 9.10 am

2. Apologies: B. Brown

The President thanked all for coming and declared a quorum.
Welcome D. Lehmann as new Councillor and thank you to M. Robertson as outgoing Councillor.

Technical issue with B. Lansdown, no audio and delayed video. B. Lansdown left the meeting.

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

Moved: B. Muirson 2nd: G. Moore Carried

G. Moore – Since the new administration Council has experienced a coup by certain Zones to boycott meetings. The continued absence of responses or apologies to meeting notices indicates a lack of interest with no intention to participate in meetings.

“A letter is to be written to the Northern Zone advising that, in accordance with the constitution, B. Beazley is to be removed from State Council.”

Moved: G. Moore 2nd: G. Oats Carried

Gender Equity should be considered in the appointment of club delegates and Council representatives.

M. Collins considered it unacceptable that minutes were distributed 11 weeks following the meeting.
D. Young had advised Management of multiple clashing or urgent deadlines, and that the pressing items from the minutes had been completed. Management permitted D. Young to prioritise tasks.

Technical issue with C. Witt. G. Battiato offered to put forward items on C. Witt's behalf. C. Witt left the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

D. Back read a general statement outlining the process of distributing and approving minutes, including content and timing. Queries directed to M. Collins regarding frequency and significance of requested alterations every time draft minutes are circulated. Minutes are generally approved by all other Councillors. Time spent transcribing minutes from the recording is considerable.

Discussion followed regarding reasons for requesting changes, intent of wording and content, etc.
D. Young pointed out time spent on discussion of minutes at this and every meeting. To avoid further dissatisfaction and progress the meeting, suggested M. Collins take the recording equipment and produce the minutes. M. Collins agreed, all Councillors agreed.

a) State Council Meeting – 29/4/22:

- Letter of support for Toowoomba CTC was not sent in time for the club's meeting with Toowoomba Regional Council. A letter has since been provided.
- Notification to be sent to clubs regarding Junior Firearms Licenses which can be delayed by up to 6 months, with a 6 month wait time also for PTA's.

- G. Moore – Follow up with Zone presidents may be an advantage as the Western Zone president is not on State Council. State president meeting with Zone presidents may be an option.

“That the minutes of the State Council meeting of 29th April 2022 represent a true and correct record.”

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd: L. Brandt

Carried

b) Management Meeting – 22/4/22:

- G. Moore noted the provision of radar guns, previously proposed to be provided to each Zone. To be raised in general business.

“That the minutes of the Management meeting of 22nd April 2022 be ratified by Council.”

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd: M. Collins

Carried

4. Financial Report:

D. Young presented the financial report and accounts for payment.

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

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd G. Moore

Carried

5. Correspondence:

Inwards:

- D. Young advised changes to the Sport & Rec financial year and its impact on QCTA reporting requirements. Some admin changes will be required to accommodate reporting deadlines.
- 11835 – P. Keller re 3-point deduction at ISSF carnival.
- 11884 – GCCTC request to conduct PanPac Masters Games, now approved.
- 11909 – Beretta confirmation of Single Barrel sponsorship 2023.

Outwards:

- 6630 – Request for Beretta sponsorship (See 11909 above).

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

Moved: G. Moore

2nd: B. Muirson

Carried

6. ACTA Delegates Report

G. Moore reported as follows:

- An ACTA Executive meeting is scheduled for the following week.
- Insurance information sent to clubs is self-explanatory.
- Re stock makers: required insurance to operate at National competitions is a current agenda item. G. Moore provided background information.
- Re display area: G. Moore reported that traders were unhappy with their enclosures at this year’s Nationals with the intention to move them closer to the clubhouse for 2023.

Break for morning tea 10.25am, resume meeting 10.50am.

State Carnivals & Costings:

Sporting - L. Brandt reported on behalf of the Sporting Sub-Committee:

Generous contribution from new sponsor Extreme Excavators, Rohan Warwick.

Record attendances with 95 nominations.

Newly introduced Zone Team competition was very successful with all Zones representing.

Townsville club and Northern Zone did an excellent job, with other clubs in the Zone offering assistance and support for the carnival.

Trap

G. Moore would like to see genuine gold and silver Qld badges remain as they represent prestige. The value (\$730) and fact that they are solid gold should be advertised. Current stock to the end of 2023. Equipment hire invoice to be paid by QCTA. Sponsorship much appreciated, including popular raffle prize which increased income significantly. Sponsor plaques are still to be provided.

ISSF

No sponsorship for this carnival, however shooters appreciated generous cash prize payouts. Commonwealth Games traps to be installed at BGC pending contract negotiations.

D. Young presented profit & loss statements for all 2022 carnivals completed to date.

Trap	\$24,023 Profit, 320 shooters	2021 - \$21,436 Profit, 349 shooters
Sporting	\$3,567 Profit, 95 shooters	2021 - \$1106 Loss, 63 shooters
ISSF	\$300 Loss, 96 Trap/23 Skeet	2021 - \$944 Loss, 83 Trap/19 Skeet

Discussion followed re target supply.

G. Moore spoke on benefits of using QCTA account for purchases from sponsors and ability to utilise their products, including bulk orders of ammunition.

Guidelines for all carnivals are still to be addressed. G. Moore to re-draft agreements and circulate to Councillors for comment.

“2022 State Skeet Carnival ground fee to be \$1500 plus per head fee of \$10 per shooter.”

Moved: G. Moore

2nd: G. Oats

Carried

7. New Business:

a) Gender Equity Plan

S. Gunn presented the Gender Equity Plan and explained the mandatory Federal Government requirements. Achievement of gender equality is linked to funding, with plan current to 2025. Effort is required to both create roles for women in governance and increase participation in the sport. Emphasis on constitutional change to achieve goals and the importance of selecting club delegates to advance women in council positions. Complete document to be forwarded to clubs.

b) ISSF Coaching Camps

Townville GC has been approached to provide suitable dates to host a junior coaching clinic in 2022. J. Smaniotto has agreed to coach clinics in the Northern Zone, D. Johnson is a possible option for the SE Zone. Bundaberg to be approached to provide suitable dates as a host venue. Plan and budget to be drafted to conduct junior camp.

c) State ISSF Carnival Date

G. Battiato believes the first rather than second weekend of July would be a preferable date for the ISSF Carnival for the Brisbane Gun Club. This is also subject to Shooting Australia as BGC is the only Tier 1 venue.

“That the current date for the State ISSF Carnival remain unchanged.”

Moved: G. Moore

2nd: M. Collins

Carried

Break for lunch 12.25pm, resume meeting 1pm.

d) ISSF Carnival Organisational Process

G. Battiato enquired about the Zone involvement for conduct of the ISSF carnival and should there be a process. Advised the process and responsibilities have always been detailed in the guidelines, also very detailed emails prior to the carnival have been provided to the SE Zone in recent years. The club provides volunteers, however the Zone has always had responsibility for conducting State carnivals when the venue is in their Zone.

e) State 5-Stand Carnival
G. Battiato queried the State 5-Stand Carnival date clashing with shoots of other disciplines. An explanation was provided regarding the scheduling of carnivals, particularly in consideration of shoots of different disciplines and in different Zones.

f) State Skeet Carnival Date
B. Muirson explained that the Qld Skeet Carnival and the World Skeet Championships in the USA every alternate year, are held within close proximity of each other, reducing attendances at our event due to shooters travelling. It has been suggested it would be beneficial to move our carnival forward two weeks.

“That the State Skeet Carnival be moved to the 1st weekend in September from 2023.”

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd: D. Back

Carried

Venues to be advised in writing.

g) Trap Carnival Targets
B. Allan suggested that targets for the 2023 State Trap Carnival be supplied through the QCTA account, and will be the same targets as used previously. G. Moore to organise ordering of targets.

h) Constitution
B. Muirson distributed and discussed information regarding the new constitution proposed for the ACTA. He recommends support for the constitution and to advise clubs accordingly. Brief discussion followed.

i) Hall of Fame
B. Muirson advised that Laurie Sceresini was the next qualifying Hall of Fame recipient and would be inducted at the State Skeet Carnival at Roma. Plans for his induction ceremony were currently progressing.

“That maroon jackets be re-introduced for Hall of Fame inductees from September 2022.”

Moved: B. Muirson

2nd: M. Collins

Carried

Awarding of maroon jackets would not be retrospective but would commence from 2022.

8. General Business:

1. G. Moore – Requested that radar guns be once again considered for equity of target setting across club grounds. This is particularly important for venues that have difficulty setting targets.

“That the QCTA purchase one speed gun to be provided to each Zone, plus one retained by the State, their use at State carnivals to be included in the guidelines.”

Moved: G. Moore

2nd: G. Noffke

Carried

G. Moore to source radar guns through current sponsor/supplier and advise.

2. S. Gunn – Club requirements through their delegate should be a standing agenda item so State Council can be made aware of what clubs require from the QCTA at grassroots level.

3. G. Noffke – Trap compliance should be checked at host venue clubs prior to State carnivals. Correct heights, angles and distances to ensure targets are thrown within accepted tolerances will avoid complaints following events, and contribute to the professionalism of our carnivals.

4. G. Moore – Requested Councillors consider ideas re supporting sponsors and using goods that can be purchased through the QCTA account, eg. Prizes and trophies, ammunition, raffles, etc. Clubs could also purchase ammunition and targets through the State account provided it did not jeopardise existing club sponsorship agreements.

5. G. Moore – Proposed that consideration should be given to an increase in administration wages under the recent National Minimum Wage increase of 5%. D. Young appreciated this being raised but declined any increase in wages. M. Collins suggested this be discussed by Management.

6. G. Oats – Supported G. Moore’s suggestion re an increase in administration wages.
7. L. Brandt – A letter should be written to the ACTA regarding the effects of MCMS on grassroots shooting. Shoot statistics need to be assessed to support this as attendance numbers are down across the board in the Central Zone, with B & C grade particularly affected. It was suggested that other Zones compare 2022 with previous years to confirm this reduction with the intention of reviewing the algorithm. Re-assessment is required where participation is adversely affected.
8. D. Lehmann – Quilpie Sporting Clays is doing very well and have recently conducted a great annual shoot with 40 competitors, so please support them where possible.
Scrubby Creek was successful with their grant application and are doing well under female president Susie Picone. The Western Zone will need to address MCMS not being used at Scrubby Creek monthly shoots, affecting member grades.
The Charleville club are currently relocating and have approval for 5 layouts.
9. B. Allan – Julie Allan would be happy to assist getting the Hall of Fame trophy room and photos up to date. Charleville achieved a good result having funds returned through their court case.
10. D. Back – Clubs should take the trouble, as at the Townsville carnival, to ensure traps are set to correct specifications so that shooters are presented with the best possible targets.
11. M. Collins asked who would be attending the State Skeet Carnival. B. Muirson and B. Allan confirmed they would be attending.
12. G. Moore – A letter was submitted from V. Scrooby relating to funding for a trial to benefit individuals with regard to suitable tinted shooting lenses. This may be considered within the coaching budget.

9. Meeting Closed: 2.33pm