

# MINUTES OF QCTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Ilfracombe

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

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

## 1. Meeting Opened: 7.14 am

The President thanked all for coming and declared a quorum.

## 2. Apologies: M. Robertson, G. Battiato.

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

Moved: B. Allan

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

Carried

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting:

a) State Council Meeting – 20/11/21:

***“That the minutes of the State Council meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 represent a true and correct record.”***

Moved: B. Allan

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

Carried

## Business Arising:

- C. Witt enquired about walk-through sporting. M. Collins has raised this at an ACTA meeting and suggests it be presented by QCTA. B. Beazley is to write a letter and with Council’s approval, to be forwarded to ACTA.
- G. Moore enquired about the schools program. C. Witt wrote a document to B. Cowley but at present there has been no success or interest. B. Cowley suggested open days may be a better option, but to date has made a verbal approach only. G. Moore has implemented this successfully at Surat and suggested the approach be made to teachers.  
During the meeting C. Witt sent the document to D. Back and D. Young.
- G. Moore raised the issue of MCMS and believes another 12 months is required before implementing this system.
- G. Moore enquired about the status of the insurance claim for G. Mifsud. D. Young provided an update, G. Mifsud is liaising directly with Marsh to claim under Personal Accident.

A general discussion ensued regarding insurance and concerns that members are not adequately covered. An enquiry is to be made to the ACTA requesting clarification.

- M. Collins raised the issue of Management meetings and requested that a Management meeting take place at the conclusion of the current meeting.
- M. Swale queried the suggestion (7.5) that a minimum number of competitors contest a championship event before Hall of Fame points were awarded. This matter will be addressed by the Hall of Fame sub-committee.
- D. Young requested a procedure for submitting items raised at Council meetings for consideration by the ACTA. G. Noffke has already submitted items for the Executive agenda. Submissions are to be written by Councillors raising issues, approved by Council and forwarded to the ACTA by the state office, with ACTA delegates copied into correspondence.

#### 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

2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Moore

Carried

#### 5. Correspondence:

##### i) Inward

11543 – G. Moore asked about Winchester not sponsoring this year. To be addressed in the agenda items.

11597 – D. Young read ACTA letter re 32g loads asking for Queensland’s input.

***“That 32g loads continue to be permitted for use by shooters.”***

Moved: M. Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Witt

Carried

11603 – The ISSF program as suggested by Shooting Australia was approved as presented.

11622 – That \$400 be approved to support novice Sporting coaching at Toowoomba.

11609 – SE Zone Sporting Carnival. G. Noffke spoke on this, that in future non-ACTA members will not be permitted to attend. Zone representatives will need to assist at these events. Discussion followed, clubs and Zones are to be made aware of the rules.

A reply will be sent to P. Gilbert in response to the complaints received.

***“That a letter be sent to all Zones for circulation to clubs regarding the rules of ACTA events, and that additional events cannot be shot in conjunction.”***

Moved: G. Noffke

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

Carried

11623 – Letter from D. Johnson was read and background discussed. To be addressed in agenda items.

11528 – ISSF teams and MQS policy were discussed. B. Collins requested that the MQS to qualify be removed to allow teams to be submitted as MQS does not apply in other states.

B. Allan explained the history of this policy and the expense of submitting teams that were not competitive due to providing uniforms to all team members. Discussion followed with the suggestion to tie the MQS policy to state support for uniforms and shooting jackets.

***“That State ISSF teams are selected at the State Carnival under the current system, with a third team member to be invited if two members shoot the MQS. If insufficient members shoot the MQS and we do not have a qualifying team, a team consisting of the top three scores will be submitted however members will not receive uniform items.”***

Moved: B. Allan

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

Carried

## 6. ACTA Delegates Report

M. Collins reported as follows:

- The National opening ceremony march and best dressed state team competition have been scrapped as at the 2022 DTL Nationals. There will be an opening ceremony of some format and team photographs will continue.
- The ACTA is trying to arrange for property insurance for clubs. A survey will be sent for all member clubs to participate.
- A membership refund policy is to be drawn up following some confusion re refunds.
- Communication is to be improved due to poor communication regarding some recent decisions and the way in which the membership is advised.

M. Swale asked about the decision to change the percentages and how these were arrived at. B. Muirson advised that percentages are to be continually monitored and discussed at executive meetings, with no further changes until July 2022.

G. Noffke asked what the ACTA considered to be broken in their decision to ‘fix’ the existing scoring system.

Discussion followed regarding MCMS and some concerns being experienced at competitions.

G. Moore suggested a task force could be appointed to help people who are clearly in incorrect grades until the system becomes more workable.

*Break for morning tea 9.30 – 9.50am.*

## 7. New Business:

### a) Election of ACTA Delegates

M. Collins is up for re-election as the ACTA delegate this year.

C. Witt nominated M. Collins, seconded by G. Noffke.

B. Cowley nominated G. Moore, seconded by G. Oats.

M. Collins accepted the nomination and addressed the meeting. He has been in the position for a few years and has never missed a meeting, and is also on the ACTA Management committee. He submits discussion papers and challenges decisions where necessary, having spoken against rule changes due to the introduction of MCMS. He believes he works hard and does a good job on behalf of Queensland shooters.

G. Moore also accepted the nomination and addressed the meeting. He held this position prior to M. Collins so is aware of what to expect. He did not attend two meetings, one a 6-minute AGM and one that clashed with work, but did not miss a meeting for 3 years previous to that, and has not missed a QCTA meeting in 10 years. He has been the QCTA president for a 4-year term and a State Councillor for 10 years, and looks forward to returning to this position on behalf of Queensland members.

Ballots were distributed and collected with S. Gunn and S. Back acting as scrutineers. G. Moore was elected as the 2-year delegate.

M. Collins congratulated G. Moore and thanked Council for the privilege of representing QCTA at National level.

B. Muirson thanked M. Collins for his efforts representing Queensland. He requested ballot papers be destroyed.

i) State Trap Carnival, to be addressed as priority.

D. Back has addressed the roster and communicated previously with B. Beazley. Duties listed were discussed, the majority of items will be addressed at the next State Council meeting the day prior to the event.

- Shoot Marshals will be appointed by the Northern Zone and approved by Council.
- The current copy of the Guidelines is to be sent to the club, as major changes that have not been thoroughly considered or ratified will not be introduced this close to the carnival.
- The ground fee will be as per the current guidelines. This will be the first carnival where Townsville has received the \$10 per shooter fee and completes the rotation as last of the three venues under this system.
- Camping and collection of camping fees will be the club's responsibility.
- Sponsorship – G. Moore explained the Winchester sponsorship agreement based on the purchase of Vivaz targets. The value of sponsorship under this arrangement was approximately \$6500 in goods. QCTA had to purchase the targets direct this year as Vivaz were not available through Winchester for the carnival. G. Moore suggested this occur for the 2022 carnival only, so that QCTA can continue to benefit from the sponsorship agreement. In future it should be the State that determines which targets are used at State carnivals. Targets are to be purchased through the QCTA account.
- Nominations are to remain the same with pre-nomination forms available only as per previous years, not through MCMS. Forms will be available through the website, social media and the State office. Reduced noms will remain, however there will be no reduction in the pre-nomination price.

***“That no reduction in nomination fees will apply or be advertised for pre-nominations for the 2022 State DTL Carnival.”***

Moved: M. Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Moore

Carried

Nominations, ground fees and prize payouts may need to be revisited for future carnivals. M. Collins will approach Spika with regard to raffle prizes.

b) ACTA Report

D. Back asked about the best process to employ to get answers from the ACTA.

It is advisable to include the ACTA delegates in all communications so they are aware of outstanding items.

D. Back also requested to know the dates of forthcoming meetings with notice so that issues could be raised by Council.

The next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

c) Rules Supervisors Document

M. Collins will circulate a sample of this document as it will provide a brief to come to State Council for comment. There is not always time to prepare documentation for a meeting, therefore a policy may need to be put in place moving forward.

G. Noffke asked if, at the proposal stage, information could be distributed for discussion with members. At present there is no consultation or information distributed to states for discussion.

d) SE Zone Sporting Carnival

Addressed in correspondence.

e) Management Member Invitation

M. Collins asked if G. Battiato should be invited onto Management as he is the correct person. D. Back disagrees that this is a decision for anyone other than the appropriate Zone.

B. Allan interprets that the SE Zone constitution does not specify that the Management member is necessarily the president.

This is to be discussed at a meeting of the SE Zone delegates who should then advise the QCTA of their elected Management member.

f) Sporting Grades

At present there is no system for sporting shooters to have scores recorded at competitions of other associations. Therefore, they can compete at sporting events on a regular basis but attend an ACTA event or state carnival without scores or grades.

B. Muirson believes Rule 1.15(c) should resolve this problem. It should be announced on the program and nomination form that shooters must produce their score card from other associations. Otherwise, the alternative is to grade them on the first 50 targets.

g) Break Badges

The Silkwood club would like to purchase break badges in bulk. It will save postage and avoid errors with clubs holding up orders from their members.

G. Moore expressed concern that there will be no record of member breaks. It has been raised previously and was not passed. B. Lansdown said the club was prepared to keep records if necessary, and would purchase limited quantities of each badge.

***“That clubs be permitted to purchase break badges in bulk.”***

Moved: B. Lansdown

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

Motion Defeated

h) Dual Signatories for Payments

M. Collins suggested introducing a system where two signatures are required for approving payments, which would protect the administrator and inform other Management members.

Discussion followed re the processes and timing of this system. Currently, approval from Management is already required prior to making account payments with all Management members included. Councillors suggested it would be a beneficial system for a new administrator rather than a change to the existing system.

G. Noffke agreed that it would provide protection for the person paying accounts.

C. Witt said that all four Management members should have the authority.

D. Back read the motion from M. Collins' discussion paper:

*Minimum of two persons required to make a payment for the QCTA. The administrator, President and Treasurer to have the authority to be a part of the sign off.*

M. Collins said that what he is asking for is dual signatories, that it should be a couple of people.

***"That a minimum of two people be required as dual signatories for account payments."***

Moved: M. Collins

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

Motion Defeated

i) State Trap Carnival, previously addressed.

j) Sponsorship Spreadsheet

M. Collins requested that a spreadsheet be provided for sponsorship to include every carnival, every event, and the status of each sponsor. This would allow Councillors to view the status of sponsored events.

D. Young has previously provided all the information necessary to produce such a spreadsheet to M. Collins in a series of emails, as requested. It was confirmed all Councillors received this information. She would allocate the time to duplicate this information if others were appointed to deal with the sponsors and it would assist them, however the information has not been used and still no sponsors have been approached. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of the spreadsheet and the need to actually contact the sponsors.

***"That D. Young produce a spreadsheet for sponsorship for Councillors."***

Moved: M. Collins

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

Motion Defeated

k) Code of Conduct

D. Back questioned if we need to form a policy where a code of behaviour is addressed with policy guidelines for the conduct of members.

Some of these are referred to in the ACTA rule book, such as unsportsmanlike behaviour at competitions. B. Muirson suggested leaving this in abeyance while a new policy is being discussed at National level.

Complaints need to be handled with more efficiency with prompt decisions made.

D. Back called for a volunteer to act in the role of Integrity Officer at state level, not necessarily a State Councillor.

B. Collins expressed an interest in taking on this role. She will require some assistance as to what will be expected of the position.

D. Young will provide some general information to B. Collins with regard to the appointment of Integrity Officer.

#### **8. General Business:**

1. C. Witt had been looking through the inward correspondence to determine some items that could be included on the website.
2. B. Lansdown provided background information on a noise complaint currently being addressed by the Silkwood club. They are currently negotiating with the local council and are unsure of the best way to resolve the issue, or why environmental aspects are now being directed at the club.  
G. Noffke assisted with advice as his club has had to deal with a similar issue. He will discuss this directly with the Silkwood club.
3. G. Moore raised the issue of double rise gradings. It was confirmed that under rule 1.5(d), shooters are graded on the majority of targets contested at an event and not on their highest grade achieved in any one discipline.

**Meeting Closed: 12.35pm**

Councillors were invited to stay for lunch.

The next State Council meeting will be held prior to the State Trap Carnival, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Townsville, and is a face to face meeting.