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## Board meeting

**Venue:** Ciloms Hotel  
Tullamaine VIC  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2016

**Minutes:** Previously circularized and approved

### Attendance:

Robert Nugent, President  
Robert Fox, Vice President  
Mal Dyson, Vice President  
Alan Styles, Treasurer  
Bronte Evans  
Glenn Kable

In attendance: Tony Turner, Executive Officer

The president welcomed Board members to the meeting and stated how important the agenda items were to the future of the ACTA.

### 1. Finance report:

The Executive officer provided the report and advised the Board the ACTA could pay its accounts as they fall due. The budget is in line with expectation.

### 2. The ACTA has convened a meeting with Sporting Clays Australia at 3.00pm today in Melbourne, the agenda items include, Gun Insurance, memberships, International competition, coaching and Firearms issues.

The board discussed the agenda and the position we would take in discussions at the afternoon meeting.

- a. The Board agreed to make our domestic ACTA coaching accreditation program available to members of SCA.
- b. Advise SCA the ACTA supports the Universal Trench series and National selection process that is currently being conducted on ACTA grounds.
- c. We would seek SCA support at the Shooting Australian meeting in Brisbane on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- d. We would seek a compromise to the current situation in relation to SCA members shooting on ACTA grounds.
- e. Ask is SCA contributing to SA Media officer position?
- f. Seek to continue to meet with SCA on a regular basis and work with them for the betterment of the sport through co-operation.

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Robert Nugent

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3. **World DTL:** The EO will meet with sponsors before the 2017 Trap championships to discuss the sponsorship opportunities for the ICTSF World DTL event. All current ACTA sponsors will be offered the opportunity to be involved at the World event.

The New Zealand CTA requested they be given the opportunity to have their National Championships included in the advertising for the ACTA and ICTSF events in 2018.

Following discussion it was resolved to invite the NZCTA to provide details of their Championships for advertising in the CTSN, ICTSF website and member affiliated countries alongside the ACTA Nationals and ICTSF organisations.

4. **Lead management: Report VCTA & National ground**

VCTA President Mal Dyson provided an update on discussion the VCTA has had with the Victorian EPA. The EPA made it clear they were trying to establish controls for the safe use of shooting grounds and were here to work with the sport to ensure the sport was viable and sustainable. The VCTA was assisted in the meeting and presentation by Paul and Craig Mitchell from PCM enviro and Ben Lodge from Groundcorp (testing and development of management plans). The EPA Victoria advised all shooting grounds would be tested in the future whilst a request was made for the VCTA to provide the location of shooting grounds that may have operated and are now closed. They advised the VCTA that this testing would be expanded through individual EPA State organisations.

**The board recommend the following procedures be adopted:**

- a. Glasses, masks and gloves are to be used when dealing with mowing in affected areas. Glasses and gloves to be used when loading traps, and general work involving handling clay targets.
  - b. Each club develops or adopts a plan for the management of their range
  - c. The ACTA engage PCM Enviro to provide a management plan for the National ground, to be used as a basis for clubs best management practice.
5. **Shooting Australia - selection of Coach – Premier series.**

The ACTA High performance representative has, along with the High performance manager SA and a VIS representative completed interviews with a new Shotgun Coach selected. At the time of the meeting we are unaware of the successful candidate although we were advised “facebook” has identified the coach. Although ACTA sought input to this position the SA confidentiality agreement stopped our HPMC representative from advising applicants so an ACTA position could not be established. It is again another case of the ACTA being the last to know of developments within shooting Australia that concern the ACTA.

The ACTA are also aware of a “Premier series” of events being conducted by Shooting Australia through ACTA affiliates. At a previous Board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2016 the ACTA Board were informed by the President of Shooting Australia that no recommendations from the Suiko Report would be implemented without consultation. This is clearly not the case, as this series is referred to in the report.

The Suiko report was discussed at length with a statement to be drafted Executive support sought. This is to be sent to all Clubs, Zones and State outlining the ACTA stance on the recommendations of that report. This recommendation will be provided at the Shooting Australia forum on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The ACTA Board discussed the process for nominations in regard to board positions on the Shooting Australia Board. The ACTA was given less than four



weeks notice to have recommendations to SA, and notice did not include the names of Directors retiring. Previously the ACTA were advised well in advance so we could advertise for expressions of interest in the position through the CTSN and also the website.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Board we vote against the election of Directors Cath Fettell and Kelvin Prescott. Glenn Kable is to urgently advise whether Directors are automatically appointed in the absence of other nominations or whether they still need the support of the meeting.

#### **6. Representative to the Shooting Australia High performance committee**

The ACTA are normally requested by Shooting Australia to provide key contacts and also representatives to the High performance committee and the Technical committee. This request was not received in 2016. The Board recommend the EO ask for expressions of interest for the positions of High performance representative and Technical Committee representative through the Executive and Board. There is no requirement the same person holds both positions.

#### **7. Letter from NSWCTA**

Following discussion on the letter and the statements made in the letter it was resolved to write to NSWCTA a reply in relation to items 1-6. The letter be made available to all NSW Clubs and States as per the CC recipients on the letter.

#### **8. Meeting with the sports Minister**

The President and Executive Officer met with the Sports Minister Sussan Ley at the Ministers office on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October in Canberra. The meeting was arranged by Senator Bridget McKenzie as a result of discussions with the Senator about the systematic undermining of the ACTA as a National body. The Suiko report was also presented to the Sports minister as an example of the ASC being involved with matters outside of their jurisdiction. The issues raised with the minister included:

- a. The autonomy of the Association
- b. The ACTA moving to a company limited by guarantee,  
SA and the ASC refusing to acknowledge or support a coaching program specifically for shotgun shooting
- c. The lack of a sport recognized selection process of SA
- d. The ACTA are not a one dimensional organization as Shooting Australia are, we cater for six different disciplines, SA have a responsibility at international level for one discipline that involves less than 5% of the membership of the ACTA
- e. The ACTA have competed in World Championships in three disciplines in the past twelve months, we have World Champion teams and individuals at these disciplines. The ACTA is a very successful organization in its own right.

#### **9. Camouflage clothing**

The VCTA requested clarification of camouflage clothing, the rule is not clearly defined as to what is camouflage and they sought a refining of the rule.

Following discussion it was recommended the rule be placed on the agenda for the Rules Supervisors meeting in 7

The issue of guns with camouflage colours was also raised. The answer to the question is that a Gun is not clothing so does not fall under the clothing rule. The gun would be determined under the rule 4.08 (d) the use and carriage of military style guns is prohibited on ACTA grounds at all times. If is military style then it is not permitted, if it is not military style then it is permitted.



**10. Rules supervisors meeting**

Preliminary notice is given of the Rules Supervisors meeting to be conducted in May between the 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> preferably Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

11. **Land Security:** As requested the EO has been researching available land around the Wagga Wagga area in case regulations change in the future regarding the National ground. Whilst there is no immediate threat to the National ground these conditions could change in the future. The EO will be looking at a property in the coming weeks to evaluate its suitability. As a component of ACTA risk management it is important we ensure the viability of the National ground long term.

**12. Update on application for a special grant for the proposed Building**

The EO provided a verbal report on discussions with Local member Daryl Maguire in relation to a grant application submitted to the NSW Government. The submission was minuted with the support of “Sport” NSW and continues progressing through process of approval. The Ministers Chief of Staff advised Mr. Maguire he would contact the EO if there was any further information required. As at Friday the 4th of November there had been no contact. If the grant is provided the EO advised a “building committee” was in place and would meet immediately to move to the design and Development application phase. Much of the services infrastructure required for the building is on the ground.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm to enable the Board to attend a meeting with Board of Sporting Clays Australia

