

MINUTES

NSW Clay Target Association Inc Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Bathurst RSL Club, Bathurst
On Friday 23 October 2015

1) MEETING OPEN: 9.55am

The Chairman Fred Rapley welcomed everyone to the meeting including our new delegate for Central Zone David Player.

ATTENDANCE – Fred Rapley, Rex Murphy, Greg Rowe, Kim Nealon, John Sleightholme, Janene Schiller, David O'Brien, John Wason, David Player, Colin Kneebone, Don Johnson, Don Power, Anthony Ryder & Garth Hosking.

APPOLOGIES: Arty Del-Ben

2) CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS JULY 2015 MEETING

MOTION: That the minutes be accepted as a true account of the meeting.

MOVED BY: John Wason

SECONDED BY: Don Johnson

CARRIED

3) PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

- a) 9 x Rule Changes where submitted by Janene Schiller & Fred Rapley for the Rules Supervisors Meeting.
- b) Letter sent to Geoff Kidd regarding Schools Shooting Program.
- c) Letter sent to NSW Clubs regarding increase in Affiliation Fee's.
- d) Letter to ACTA regarding 2016 Championships (Commonwealth & State).
- e) Tyagarah CTC Contacted regarding Affiliation Fee's. All other club memberships paid.

4) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Boggabri Gunnedah GC – Termination of Membership

ACTION: Once the Membership lapses, Boggabri Gunnedah Gun Club will be required to pay out the remaining on their NSWCTA Loan. Set up paperwork for this payout.

- b) Daniel Power – ISSF Uniforms

Uniform will be adapted to accommodate the climate conditions.

ACTION: Draft Team letter to suit the new uniform guidelines.

- c) Scottie Brydon – National Grounds equipped for Disabled members

ACTA grounds shower could be adapted for a wheelchair usage.

ACTION: Letter of recommendation to ACTA for possible changes to grounds to accommodate disabled persons, camping spot.

- d) Frank Auditore – NSW State Trap Carnival

Overwhelming amount of late nominations on the day added to the congestion, the Champion of Champions being a nom on the day also added to the stress.

Many important points made in Franks letter and all will be taken on board

- e) Jarrod Fletcher – NSW State Trap Carnival

MOTION: That the Correspondence be accepted as read.

MOVED BY: John Wason

SECONDED BY: David O'Brien

CARRIED

5) FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer presented the Accountants Financial Report.

Bank Account Balances as at 23.10.2015:

Cheque Account:	\$43985.84
Capital Loans Account:	\$14944.45
Maxi Account:	\$30798.21

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Office Debit Account: \$2083.35

MOTION: That the Financial Report be accepted.

MOVED BY: Kim Nealon

SECONDED BY: John Wason

CARRIED

6) ACTA DELIGATES REPORT

At the moment the ACTA executive is split into 2 sub committees, online membership (My Page), grounds have had a survey completed (levels) this includes drainage, shade covers for grand stands are in planning mode, junior development camp held end of September at national grounds. Referee shade covers need to be addressed – a complete new design is being investigated.

Fred Rapley thanked Don Power & Don Johnson for their efforts at National Level.

7) SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Financial Committee Report**

- 2016 Blue Book

Orders for 1253 Books already received from clubs

Will be ordering 2000 books unless orders increase

2000 books = \$8756.00

- **Championship & Rules Committee Report**

It has, no doubt, been a busy couple of months.

Since our last meeting, the State Skeet, ISSF & Trap Carnivals have all been held.

The Skeet Carnival saw similar numbers to last year. Wagga provided pretty good weather, although a little chilly. The Wagga media provided great coverage. Strong performances by NSW shooters - notably Shane Bennett winning the High Gun. Suggest that we no longer continue to utilize Alison Harwood as Handicapper. Thank you to those that contributed to the Carnival. The Skeet Carnival is a walk in the park by comparison to the Trap Carnival.

NLMCTC hosted the State ISSF Carnival. Numbers were good & I believe the shoot went off without issue & was enjoyed by attendees. We do need to clarify our policy in relation to junior nomination subsidy for this & other disciplines.

In relation to next year's ISSF Carnival, Vince Gatt has had difficulty in communicating with Shooting Australia in relation to establishing our 2016 Carnival as an 'approved' event. I have no doubt that Vince will continue in his efforts & will communicate any major issues to us.

The State Trap Carnival saw a record in numbers - many of these were nominations over the weekend, which created issues of their own. There were quite a few issues at this Carnival & there is discussion tabled for later in this meeting. The media were out in force, with the Daily Advertiser & both WIN & Prime providing coverage both prior & post the event - the only difficulty is getting shooters to step up & talk to them. The weather was perfect, if not a little warm - this helped establish some fantastic record scores. Although we may feel that this Carnival was less than successful from an organizational point of view (other than numbers & financially - pending report), many competitors saw it as a good event. Once again, the High Gun was taken by a NSW competitor-Matty Patmore.

Importantly we need to express our gratitude to Jannene Kidd & Therese Nealon for their outstanding contributions to the Carnival - suggest thank you letters. The days of relying on volunteers are gone - we can not expect people to put in huge hours without return. Kathleen was also required to work excessive hours - a situation that needs to be rectified into the future.

Frank Audiore has expressed his concern that we do not have a back up plan should he not be able to attend. We need to take steps in relation to this eventuality. Personally, I am going to be spending time throughout the Victorian State Carnival running a dummy shoot under Frank's supervision. Jannene Kidd is scheduled to

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assist in their office- this will also hopefully be to our benefit. Kathleen will be spending time with Frank in the ACTA events office at the Trap Nationals. The hours that Frank put in at our Trap Carnival was ridiculous. The important thing to remember at these Carnivals is that the competitors are our customers.....we have a duty to them -they are why we are here & who we represent. Looking forward to hearing information back from the Rules Supervisors in relation to the National meeting held in September. There were a number of submissions & hopefully there will be some positive outcomes.

Thank you

Janene Schiller

ACTION: Thank you letters to Janene Kidd & Therese Nealon for their help in the office at the State Trap Carnival.

Fred Rapley thanked all the executives for their time allocated at the Trap Carnival.

- **Coaching Directors Report**

Bourke was meant to have a coaching clinic, however the clinic had to be postponed due to unforeseen reasons.

Tamworth has their coaching clinic in November with invites being sent out alongside the schools carnival. Competition coaches course being held in Sydney, has been widely advertised.

Someone needed in southern end of the state so it can be divided between the state more evenly. Northern end is covered by John Sleightholme.

SUGGESTION: Perhaps 2 x State Coaching Co-coordinators should be appointed to cover the distance.

ACTION: when the ACTA Coaches list is emailed to the state, forward to the executives to spread the word of who needs to be renewed.

MOTION: That all the above reports be accepted.

MOVED BY: Greg Rowe

SECONDED BY: Garth Hosking
CARRIED

8) BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Junior Development Grant – Coaching Sub-Committee – Carry over to February Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting dates for 2016 -

(Possibly push back the date of the October 2016 Meeting 1 week due to time restraints caused by the Trap Carnival falling on the end of the financial quarter – 28th October 2016)

Change dates to 19th February 2016 & 28th October 2016.

Change of dates accepted.

NSWCTA EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES 2016

Friday	19th February	Executive Meeting at Bathurst RSL Club
Friday	6th May	Executive Meeting at Bathurst RSL Club
Friday	29th July	Executive Meeting at Bathurst RSL Club
Friday	30th September	AGM at National Shooting Grounds Wagga
Friday	28th October	Executive Meeting at Bathurst RSL Club

All meetings commence at 10:00am except the AGM which is 6.30pm

9) SPECIFIC BUSINESS

A. Tournament Directors Report – Skeet & Trap 2015

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SKEET CARNIVAL REPORT 2015

Thursday: Practice 11.00am / Setup Office & Ground

Office sold practice tokens / shooters cards / License checks / late nominations.

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Presentations done end of day

Day 2: Saturday: 50tgts Skeet Doubles Championship / 50tgts Skeet Handicap, event starting at 8.30am. Office opened 7.30am. 2 windows open, practice tokens, license checks, and late nominations. Score checking begins as squad sheets are returning 2 person job, handicap shoot off takes a bit of work & time, shoot off completed 5.45pm. Score books completed.

Presentations done end of day.

Day 3: Sunday: 100tgts Skeet Championship / Teams Event, event starting at 8.30am.

Office opened 7.30am. 2 windows open for any enquirers, practice tokens collection of score cards.

Event 6: completed by 1.30pm with only teams to shoot. Handicappers had all score books completed.

Teams selected and finalized by 3.30pm.

Presentation completed by 4.30pm.

NSWCTA Skeet carnival for 2015 had 103 entries over 3 days of shooting. All areas of the shoot performed well.

Office: Kathleen & Frank, Janene Kidd, Janene Schiller & David O'Brien

Handicapper: Alison Haywood assisted by Janene Schiller & David O'Brien

Shoot Marshal: Sue Pim

Trap Mechanic: Fred Rapley

Tournament Director: Don Power assisted by Scott Wright.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TRAP CARNIVAL REPORT 2015

Day 1: Friday practice & C of C event to start at 12.30pm

Events Office opens with no staff, no float, and still getting organized, 10.00am start for practice. Large numbers of nominations at window, only one window operating to take nominations, sight licenses, practice tokens being sold at another window. Trade Area fencing being erected some traders starting to set up. Champion of Champions under way about 12.45pm with 120 nominations for event. Practice and shooters registering until 5.30pm. Security arrived at 6.00pm. AGM to start at 6.30pm in club rooms. Very poor attendance at NSWCTA AGM meeting with 10 executives and 6 others in attendance.

Day 2: Saturday Double Rise / Zone team's event, Opening Ceremony / HCP. Event to start at 8.30am (9.00am)

Events Office window open at 7.00am with no staff, Frank had got in early and shooters were trying to buy practice tokens nominate etc. Traps were being set for DR and also practice traps needed targets. 8.00am the office was functioning 2 windows open only one doing nominations, sighting licenses, with the other window selling practice tokens and answering any questions. DR event took some time to start first wave all traps, due to no referees, 30 minutes lost. Office took nominations for DR until about 10.45am. All shooters names were put on score board outside by Therese who also assisted Kathleen doing nominations at the window.

Handicappers busy checking score books, ruling off numerous score books which had not been done for more than 200 targets, correcting errors, getting shooters into their correct grades. Trade area up and running with Colin having all traders sign the arms fare agreement and making sure all were happy with their allocated area. DR event has been completed. The traps are reset for Zone Teams to shoot, Photos bagpiper special guest.

We have gone an hour or so overtime special guest had other appointments to attend, no photos of teams before the march, our camera girl was snowed under at events window taking nominations and sighting licenses. Handicap event began, extra wave of shooters on top of pre nominations (70) and over 1.5hrs behind schedule. Time for secretary not to be at window, other jobs are required to be done (shoot results, presentation book, prize pools, take photos etc.) Shooters still registering to shoot late on Saturday for Sunday morning Single barrel event, numerous people sat at the window for short periods, Handicap shoot off goes

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under lights, 15 shooters, 3 sets lights, with 1 set having a blown glob, so 2 sets to complete event, finished at 8.45pm. All traps were filled with targets Saturday night. Results for DR&HCP were put on score board.

Security arrived 6.00pm

Day 3: Sunday Single Barrel / Double Barrel event to start at 8.30am.

Office opens at 7.30am same as previous day 2 windows nominations /practice tokens. Our secretary and Frank still attending windows. No scores placed on score board. JK call in and offered to lend a hand which was welcomed. Single barrel completed about 1.00pm. Double barrel underway and qualifying finished at about 5.30pm 132 shooters left (333) by dark we still had 25 shooters ranging from 175 targets to 130 targets, Presentations were held for those events that had been completed while darkness set in. FR JS CK did presentations. Security had arrived, trade area locked and vacated by 6.00pm. By 7.50pm all had shot 175 tgts / 16 shooter left. By 10.30pm 300 tgts 11 shooters, Double Barrel to continue 8.00am, Monday morning. 10.45pm police arrived, they had a noise complaint, DP spoke on behalf NSWCTA.

Day 4: Monday Point Score / Teams Events event to start at 8.30am.

Office opened 7.00am. Traps needed topping up from night shooting. Double Barrel continued 8.00am 2 squads each shot 50tgts over 2 traps. Shoot off continued on trap in front of clubrooms until completed 1003/1003 targets. Sue started PS by 8.35am. By 1.00pm PS shoot off had commenced, shoot off for placings in teams were prepared, a high gun shoot off done, teams high gun shoot offs done, LVJ teams all done, Open team selection had to wait until a shooter still in DB could shoot off for the last 3 spots in open team. Once that was sorted the open team could shoot off. Then the 15 man open team could shoot 50 targets, and then a team High Gun shoot off took place with 4 shooters. By this time the DB was still going. Mid-morning FR had spoken to the person that had complained to police, and later in week I was informed a complaint had also been made to WWCC as well for noise. Presentations took place at about 6.00pm.

Nominations for carnival 351. Trade area a success (the ice-cream man had arrived).

Areas of concern:

Office needs 2 extra full day window attendees (Fri, Sat & Sun)

Nominations on day to many (80) maybe because C of C nominations on day 2015 (Pre nom 2016)

Nominations on day close 10.30am. But not DR 9.30am.

With numbers increasing 15 traps for DB & HCP

2 large garbage bins, ground clean up

Bar staff to clean up stubby bottles & cans before presentations.

Chairs from club rooms left outside one end of ground to other

Toilet paper in amenity blocks (more suitable holders)

Score board attendees disappeared after Saturday.

All executives to referee first wave DR Saturday morning to get shoot started on time.

Need to improve general ground lighting

If night shooting to continue needs 2 more sets equal lighting. (3 sets)

Should AGM be at carnival with such small numbers showing interest?

Sponsors need to be present at presentations. (Unfortunately shoot finished later than normal on Sunday)

B. Skeet Carnival – Report

a. Financials

White Flyer Targets were used, this added to expenses.

Prize pool increased, all 6 events included in High Gun.

103 shooters over the weekend.

Sponsorship from Eley was on top of the cash prizes.

C. Trap Carnival

a. Recommendations from Garth Hosking

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Toilets – mens were terrible, need cleaning twice a day. Loading the traps of a night time is an issue, we need someone to come in and load traps each evening.

Extra office attendees required. Utilise all traps for the carnival to lessen the pressure on events, less waves.

More hands on decks for handicapping, perhaps zones volunteer a handicapper each.

SUGGESTION: Recommendations to come from the Championship Committee for improvements. Look at it further on before next year's carnivals.

ACTION: Letter to NSW Clubs outlining each discipline and what Junior nominations would be covered.

ACTION: Update the Blue Book Junior Development Guidelines to reflect.

MOTION: That the NSWCTA subsidise 1 event for NSW Juniors at the ISSF State Carnival 2016.

Eg; ISSF Trap Championship only

ISSF – Juniors 1 event subsidised only for 2016

MOVED BY: Colin Kneebone

SECONDED BY: John Sleightholme

CARRIED

b. Recommendations from Kim Nealon

c. Timing of events (Greg Rowe)

The need for more traps is essential for 2016.

Opening Ceremony to remain on Saturday morning after the DR.

Thank you to Janene Schiller for writing the CTSN report and organising the publicity for the Carnival.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at: 12.30pm

Meeting resumed at: 1.07pm

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10) ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

The Chairman declared all positions vacant and requested Greg Rowe to take the chair for the elections.

President:

Fred Rapley was nominated by Kim Nealon as **President**, Fred Rapley accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: John Wason

No other Nominations were received.

*Fred Rapley was duly elected as the **President** of the NSWCTA.*

Vice President:

John Wason was nominated by Garth Hosking as **Vice President**, John Wason accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: David O'Brien

Don Johnson was nominated by Fred Rapley as **Vice President**, Don Johnson accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: David Player

Kim Nealon was nominated by Colin Kneebone as **Vice President**, Kim Nealon accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Tony Ryder

A secret ballot was held for the Vice Presidents Positions.

(The ballot was redone due to a few discrepancies in the ballot papers)

MOTION: That all ballot papers be destroyed.

MOVED BY: Kim Nealon

SECONDED BY: Janene Schiller

CARRIED

*Kim Nealon & John Wason was duly elected as the **Vice Presidents** of the NSWCTA*

Treasurer:

Don Power was nominated by John Sleightholme as **Treasurer**, Don Power accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Colin Kneebone

No other nominations were received.

*Don Power was duly elected as the **Treasurer** of the NSWCTA*

ACTA Delegate: (Don Johnson position = 2 years):

Colin Kneebone was nominated by John Wason as **ACTA Delegate**, Colin Kneebone accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Garth Hosking

Don Johnson was nominated by Kim Nealon as **ACTA Delegate**, Don Johnson accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Janene Schiller

A secret ballot was held for the ACTA Delegates Position.

*Colin Kneebone was duly elected as **ACTA Delegate** for the next 2 years*

State Handicapper:

Janene Schiller was nominated by John Sleightholme as **State Handicapper**, John Sleightholme, Janene Schiller accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: David O'Brien

*Janene Schiller was duly elected as the **State Handicapper** of the NSWCTA.*

Signatories: to remain the same as 2015 - Fred Rapley, Don Power & Colin Kneebone

Rules Supervisors: Don Power & Fred Rapley

Public Officer:

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Don Johnson was nominated by Fred Rapley as the **Public Officer**, Don Johnson declined the nomination.
Greg Rowe was nominated by John Wason as the **Public Officer**, Greg Rowe accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Colin Kneebone

Greg Rowe was duly elected as the Public Officer of the NSWCTA.

State Coaching Coordinator:

John Sleightholme was nominated by Garth Hosking as the State Coaching Co-Coordinator, John Sleightholme accepted the nomination.

SECONDED BY: Janene Schiller

John Sleightholme was duly elected as the State Coaching Coordinator of the NSWCTA.

Championship & Rules Committee:

Janene Schiller was nominated as Chairperson of the Championship & Rules Committee by John Sleightholme.

SECONDED BY: John Wason

Janene Schiller elected John Sleightholme, David Player, Don Power & Fred Rapley to be on this committee.
(Chairperson – Janene Schiller)

Finance Committee:

Don Power was nominated as Chairperson of the Finance Committee by Janene Schiller.

SECONDED BY: John Sleightholme

Don Power elected Kim Nealon & David O'Brien to be on this committee.

(Chairperson – Don Power)

Promotion, Development & Sponsorship Committee:

Colin Kneebone was nominated as Chairperson of the Promotional, Development & Sponsorship Committee by Fred Rapley.

SECONDED BY: Kim Nealon

Colin Kneebone has decided to have a think about who he would like on this committee.

(Chairperson – Colin Kneebone)

Legal & Governance Committee: Colin Kneebone, Don Johnson, Kim Nealon.

Colin Kneebone was nominated as Chairperson of the Legal & Governance Committee by Janene Schiller.

SECONDED BY: Kim Nealon

Colin Kneebone elected Don Johnson & Kim Nealon to be on this committee.

(Chairperson – Colin Kneebone)

10) Specific Business

Garth Hosking – Garth would like to see the issue of Dog owners being more responsible on the national grounds and also the ACTA addressing the issue of Grey Water drainage.

Rex Murphy – Rex would like to know if the Australian Clay Target Association could possibly remove the bench seat in front of the score board. This would make writing scores up on the board a lot simpler.

Greg Rowe – Greg would like to see the NSWCTA Committee would harmoniously together over the next 12 months and co-operate with each other.

John Sleightholme – John would like to congratulate Colin Kneebone on his organisation skills with the trade area as it was a huge success. The Executive were in agreeance with this – Well Done Col!

John Sleightholme offered a half slab shells as a raffle for all the first day referee's and score's as reward for them showing up to help out.

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Janene Schiller – Janene addressed some issues of clashes in the shoot program of the draft Blue Book, zones need to pay attention to clashes and work towards a friendly program. Championships committee to help with looking at these clashes and help with alternative dates.

John Wason – John would like to see the State Executive tidy up our major shoots for 2016.

Colin Kneebone – Colin would like to see the National Body have more input with State Shoots ISSF. Currently AISL isn't acknowledging individual club requests

Tony Ryder – Tony would like to see the NSWCTA look into My Club My Scores.

11) MEETING CLOSED 2.05pm

Time: 2.05pm

12) NEXT MEETING

General Meeting Friday 19th February 2016 at Bathurst RSL Club, BATHURST