

## TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LIMITED

### SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS MEETING 16-17 January 2016

#### Sydney International Shooting Centre

Meeting Opened at 2:20pm (16/1/2016)

**1. Attendance:**

Mr Rod Sampson (RS)  
Mr Jim Brown (JB)  
Mr Nick Sullivan (NS)  
Mr Anton Wurfel (AW)  
Mr Glenn Braybon (GB)  
Mr Richard Toye Executive Officer (EO)

**2. Apologies:** Nil

**3. Matters Arising from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015:**

- a. Auflage Rules were distributed to Member Bodies 30/09/2015. These rules are to be read in conjunction with existing TRA Supplementary Rules and take effect as of 1/1/2016.
- b. TRA Funded Pull-Up Banners for Member Bodies – QTS and WASRA have completed banners. WASRA had completed a banner, while TRSA and TSARA were still finalizing their banners. TRV and NSW SARAI have still to organize banners.
- c. Directors Approved the National Championships Operating Manual and directed EO to distribute document to Member Bodies (to take effect from 1/1/2017). The updated manual was distributed to Member Bodies via email 19/01/2016.
- d. Directors approved the purchase of 100 x TRA Branded caps for promotion and marketing purposes. Some of these caps were given to the teams competing in the Sydney High Schools Competition. Approximately 50 caps remain for marketing purposes. EO was directed to write to TRV to offer remaining caps to TRV to be used either as prizes or for sale at 2016 National Championships. TRV was contacted via email 20/01/2016.
- e. Directors requested that the Technical Committee consider conducting more officials courses in 2016 and 2017 in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in 2018 including consideration on what incentives could be offered to encourage more members to participate.
- f. EO contacted Eley Uk with a request for sponsorship of the 2016 National Championships. Eley agreed to provide 1 x case of Tenex and 1 x case of Match to be used as prizes / awards for the 2016 Nationals. The ammunition will be provided from existing stock from Target Ammunition Pty Ltd with this stock being replaced by Eley with next order. TRV has been contacted and advised of the sponsorship allocation.
- g. Anton Wurfel completed an initial evaluation of Alan Collins' portable rig that could be used to test ammunition on ranges around Australia and found that it would be suitable for TRA Ltd.'s purposes. AW indicated that Alan Collins would be happy to construct more test rigs as required. This project is ongoing with further refinements being made to the rig and further testing to be completed.
- h. Directors approved that Target Ammunition Pty Ltd sponsor the Shooting Australia Junior National Championships with up to 1 x case of Eley Club and 1 x case of Eley Sport ammunition. The ammunition was used as prizes for Rifle Shooting Competitors during the Junior National Championships.
- i. EO presented a draft Bench Rest Committee Charter and Expression of Interest Documentation for approval and circulation to Member Bodies. Directors approved the formation of a TRA Bench Rest Committee, the charter and documentation. This documentation was circulated to Member Bodies 21/01/2016.
- j. Development Grants Program: EO advised that to date 8 of the 10 clubs that received funding under the Development Grants program have sent in their final acquittal documentation and of those, 7 have been approved and have been sent their 2nd instalment funding. Acquittal documents for two of the three remaining clubs have not yet been received as both were granted extensions in order to complete their projects. The third club will receive the 2nd instalment of funding once photographic evidence of the project works being completed has been received.
- k. WASRA advised via email that it would host the 2019 National Championships in accordance with the revised rotational schedule determined at the TRA Futures Workshop.
- l. NSW SARAI advised via email that it would host the 2018 National Championship in accordance with the revised schedule determined at the TRA Futures Workshop.

## **General Business:**

### **TRA Competition Committee – Review of TRA Postal Competitions Rules**

NS advised that the Competition committee had conducted an initial review of TRA Postal Matches (i.e. Graham Lawler and Warren Potent) which has generated great discussion among the competition committee. Correspondence has been received requesting the Competition Committee consider changing air matches in the Graham Lawler postal to reflect ISSF (i.e. 60 shots for men and 40 shots for women) instead of current 60 shot matches.

NS suggested that the competition committee draft 2 x surveys to be used at 2016 National Championships to determine what members want to shoot for these postal matches before finalizing any changes to the rules. After general discussion directors agreed that NS should proceed.

There was also general agreement that the rules of the postal matches be changed to allow competitors from the same state to participate in the competition at different venues rather than in shoulder to shoulder competition as is currently the case.

NS has also written to the creator of the Target Scan Application to check the viability of having the TRA 20m Bench rest target added to the application to assist in scoring.

### **TRA Development Committee: Sydney High Schools Competition**

The Sydney High School invitation shoot was held recently at SISC and it was agreed by all parties to be a great success. Scots and Newington Colleges competed in a 30 shot match after an extended period of range orientation and sighting. The format was a team's match with up to 8 members and the competition was close with a count back being required to separate a boy from SHS and Newington for the top score of the day which was 282.

The hope of Sam Kremer (SHS) and the organizers is to build this event to be a full GPS sport that would encourage all 9 GPS schools to nominate teams which could open areas for funding. Jim Brown spoke at the presentation ceremony about TRA and how we provide a pathway to international shooting for junior shooters. Alex Maranik represented the NSW SARAI with Gordon De Groen and Sue Carlyon there as State Coaches.

Each competitor and staff member received a TRA cap which they all seemed very pleased with, along with a TRA brochure. Extra brochures were also given to the schools. Eley merchandise was also given to each school.

### **State Development Officers**

The Development Committee discussed this matter along with a starter pack for new members. A draft role description has been circulated to the Development Committee for their input and feedback. The draft will then need to be approved by the TRA board and the Member Bodies.

As funding will need to be provided to support each State Development Officer on the basis of reimbursement of expenses incurred in undertaking the role, the Board will need to draft a budget for development.

It is proposed that the current Development Committee be restructured to include a Development Officer from each state so some meaningful progress on goals can be made and individual officers can work on projects that are supported by TRA and their state body.

This project is ongoing and needs further work before finalization.

### **Shooting Australia Governance Review:**

RS gave a verbal report concerning the Shooting Australia Governance Review. He indicated that following an initial request for documentation (provided by the EO) the consultants will organize face-to-face meetings with representatives of Shooting Australia Member Organizations (RS and EO) to discuss governance issues further. In addition there will be other surveys and consultation processes prior to presentation of the final report and recommendations to both Shooting Australia, and its member bodies.

## **National Championships 2016**

Directors discussed the need for TRV to provide a progress report on the planning and organization of the 2016 National Championships. It was also noted that on the current program flyer, the written program of events does not correlate with page 18 and that page 18 may need to be updated to reflect this. EO was directed to contact TRV to advise them of this matter.

## **National Championships 2017 and 2018**

EO advised that while no formal response has been received by TRSA, the TRSA Inc. Secretary gave a verbal indication at the TRA Futures Workshop that TRSA would be able to hold the 2017 National Championships

*N.B.- Subsequent to this meeting NSW SARAI has advised by email correspondence (18/01/2016) that it will host the 2018 Nationals but cannot give a date as yet as management are waiting to hear what the dates are scheduled for the ISSF junior world cup event proposed for 2018. NSW SARAI has indicated that the 2018 National Championships will be run as a 5 day program to fit it in given other competition commitments in that year.*

## **New ISSF competition program impact**

NS indicated a number of potential changes to the ISSF rules at the ISSF General Assembly in June-July 2016 scheduled to take effect from 2017 and that this may impact on future national championships. Directors discussed potential changes and resolved that it was highly unlikely that TRA would make any significant changes until after 2017. There was general agreement that a review would need to take place once any changes are ratified by the ISSF, announced and the updated ISSF rules are released.

## **Shooting Australia / Aiming for Gold Funding Initiative / National Development Program**

NS gave a verbal report outlining that the program has for various reasons taken some time to move forward. To date the following has happened:

Timeline has been rescheduled and the TRA National Development Squad has been selected from nominations received (28 + 4 to be followed up on) with letters sent to individuals.

Squad coaches have been sent an email seeking availability for meeting time and venue with the purpose to establish guidelines surrounding the role of the NDS coach, setting of guidelines for review of the program and members, training camps etc. This meeting will most likely be a full day or 1.5 days.

The intent is to develop the ISSF disciplines area prior to adding IPC disciplines and Bench rest disciplines in the future. Policies on funding support including a detailed finance plan and budget need to be finalized for acceptance by the Board.

## **Quotation for the provision of Merchandising for TRA by ALE Clothing Company**

Following discussion, directors resolved to proceed with the marketing of the current stock of TRA Ltd caps and to ascertain from members what merchandise they would be interested in buying should TRA develop a range of merchandise.

## **Oceania Funding:**

RS reported that TRA provided approximately \$7000 to assist TRA members of the Rifle Teams selected by Shooting Australia to attend and compete at the 2015 Oceania Championships. This sum was within the budget allocated for the event.

## **Commonwealth Games Test Event:**

NS advised that he has approached the Commonwealth Shooting Federation with a proposal to hold the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships as a possible test event in Brisbane in 2017 prior to the Commonwealth Games. Failing this, there may be an opportunity to conduct the 2017 Oceania Championships as a test event or combine both for a test event in 2017. Directors resolved to wait until responses are received from the respective administrative bodies involved.

### Proposed Corporate Timeline for 2016 – 2017

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Stock take	31 December 2016
Draft accounts prepared	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Notice of AGM, Special Resolutions and Director nominations to Members	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Last day for receipt of Director nominations and Special Resolutions	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Directors approve Draft Accounts by circular resolution	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Figures to MHW to prepare Statutory accounts	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Final accounts to be received by	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Board Meeting to approve accounts	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Last day for receipt of Ordinary Resolutions	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
Despatch of final agenda for AGM and all related documents	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
AGM	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at SISC.**