

TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LIMITED

SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS MEETING 17 October 2015

1. Attendance:

Mr Rod Sampson (RS)
Mr Jim Brown (JB)
Mr Nick Sullivan (NS)
Mr Anton Wurfel (AW)
Mr Richard Toye Executive Officer (EO)
Ms Linda Muir (Guest – Australian Sports Commission)

2. Apologies: Mr Glenn Braybon (GB)

3. Matters Arising and Action Items from 27th-28th June 2015:

1. Class 2 Bench Rest Rules – ongoing – EO to check with GB and circulate to member bodies when finalized
2. TRA Pull-Up Banners to Member Bodies– Ongoing – still waiting on designs from some member bodies - JB will continue with this project
3. Discussion Paper on TRA Postal Competitions – ongoing NS and Competitions Committee
4. Approved Bench Rest Targets – details for approved 20m and 90m Bench rest targets to be included in TRA Supplementary Rules and circulated to Member Bodies when finalized.
5. National Database Software Acquisition: Ongoing - NS to arrange face to face meeting with Neil Davis / Mike Jarrad from TRV to progress this matter.

4. General Business:

TRV Request for Sponsorship 2016 National Championships

Following discussion, directors resolved to send a request for sponsorship of the 2016 Nationals to Eley UK to determine if Eley might consider sponsoring the event with Tenex or Match ammunition as in previous years.

If there was no positive response from Eley in relation to sponsorship, directors resolved that Target Ammunition would provide some ammunition to sponsor the 2016 National Championships. EO was directed to communicate this to TRV.

Ammunition Testing:

Directors discussed sourcing a locally produced portable ammunition test rig for use in test ranges around Australia. AW advised that one of his club members, Alan Collins had produced just such a test rig. Directors resolved that AW complete an evaluation of this rig and compile a report for the next Board Meeting.

JB advised that he had recently completed some testing with Edge and would be contributing an article to the TRA E-magazine about the results achieved.

Request for Sponsorship / Support – 2015 Youth Nationals (Shooting Aust.):

After discussion AW moved that Target Ammunition allocate 1 x case of Eley Club and 1 x case of Eley Sport for sponsorship of the 2015 Shooting Australia Junior Nationals, seconded by NS. **Carried 4-0** EO was directed to notify Shooting Australia of this decision.

TRA Bench Rest Committee:

Directors discussed the need for a specific committee to liaise with other TRA committees and make recommendations to the Board concerning issues related to the discipline of Small

Bore and Air Rifle Bench Rest shooting. EO was directed to draft a committee charter based on the Technical Committee Charter.

Once ratified, then expressions of interest are to be sought from members of the organization to form the committee with one director to chair the committee. EO was directed to draft the expression of interest documentation and circulate to member bodies / website and e-magazine editor for distribution to the membership.

TRA Futures Workshop:

Directors discussed the success of the Futures workshop and allocated the following tasks to various committees / individuals to ensure that they are completed.

1. Development and distribution of the Starter Pack for new members (*Development Committee*)
2. Seek expressions of interest from members in each state to take on the role of State Development Coordinator to form the nucleus of the TRA Development Committee. (*Development Committee*)
3. Proceed with updating the TRA website and implementation of the statistical package as presented by Neil Davis on a national basis. (*NS*)
4. Initiate further development on the TRA E-magazine and / or printed magazine. (*NS*)
5. Proceed with the implementation of the National Championships Operation Manual for all future National Championships from 2017 onwards. (*EO*)
6. Publicise the schedule for National Championships as finalised at the workshop:
2017 – TRSA
2018 – NSW SARAI
2019 – WASRA
2020 – QTS (*EO*)
7. Clarify the relationship between TRA Ltd, RBA and the affiliation with the WRABF to ensure that there is a clear statement of intent and that compliance with TRA rules and regulations is maintained. (*Bench Rest Committee*)
8. Ensure that a clear policy statement is prepared that maintains the separation of the TRA Ltd Bench Rest discipline and the RBA bench Rest Discipline concerning National Championships and that this is distributed to all member bodies. (*Bench Rest Committee*)
9. Continue with the implementation of the National Development Team Program. (*NS*)

Items for TRA Board to action in the intermediate and longer term:

1. Revise the TRA Mission Statement, develop a 3-5 year vision or strategy statement. (*TRA Board*)
2. Assess and develop an updated Strategic Plan for the future with yearly business plans for all TRA activities. (*TRA Board*)
3. Lobby for uniform licensing and permit legislation on a national basis— particularly in reference to junior shooters. (*TRA Board*)
4. Review the Potent and Lawler Postal Match Rules. (*Competition Committee*)
5. Investigate additional insurance options for members (e.g. specific items insurance for equipment similar to that offered by SSAA.) (*EO*)
6. Hold a Women in Sport Shooting Workshop. (*TRA Board*)

TRA Ltd Funding Program – Update

To date four of the 10 clubs that received funding under the Development Grants program have sent in their final acquittal documentation and of those, three have been approved and have been sent their 2nd instalment funding. These are: TSARA, ACT Small Bore Rifle Club and Lake Gilliear Small Bore Rifle Club.

Charleville Small Bore Rifle Club will receive their 2nd instalment funding once we receive photographic evidence of the project works being completed.

Acquittal documents for Springwood, Eltham, Gympie, Morgan, Wangaratta and Numurkah Small Bore Rifle Clubs have not yet been received.

The deadline for submission of these documents is 30th November 2015.

Directors discussed offering extensions for completion of projects if clubs cannot meet 30th November Deadline and directed EO to write to clubs who have not finalised their acquittal documentation to remind them of the deadline and to request extension if necessary.

EO suggested a review of the program later in the year in particular a review of the criteria so that it is directed more at developing and increasing membership in the future. EO suggested that the grants program be redefined as either a Participation Grants Program or Membership Growth and Development Program.

2016 National Championships TRV Request for Sponsorship:

Directors discussed the TRV written request for sponsorship / support of the 2016 National Championships and resolved to advise TRV to forward a fully costed proposal to be put to the board no later than 30th November. EO was directed to write to TRV concerning this matter.

Nationals 2017 and 2018:

It was noted that resulting from the TRA Futures workshop the rotational schedule for hosting of the National Championships has now been altered at the TRA Futures Workshop as previously mentioned.

This should re-address any concerns raised by WASRA in previous correspondence. EO was directed to write back to WASRA specifically and all other member bodies generally outlining the revised rotational schedule.

Notification has been received from Shooting Australia concerning the possible scheduling of a Junior World Cup event at the time that NSW SARAI were considering conducting the 2018 National Championships (i.e. just prior to Easter) RS reported that NSW SARAI have been informed of this and the implications for the 2018 National Championships. TRA will continue to liaise with Shooting Australia and NSW SARAI concerning the event, once dates for the Junior World Cup have been finalised. EO was directed to write to NSW SARAI to formalise this.

Directors also resolved that the EO should write to the member bodies concerned outlining the approvals and to invite these member bodies to nominate a technical delegate who is not a member of the respective member body possessing an I.S.S.F. licence to officiate at these events. The nominations need to be sent to TRA Ltd for approval.

Review of National Development Team Project / Aiming for Gold Funding Initiative

NS Reported that the Original National Development Team program has officially ceased with participants notified. The new program was outlined at TRA Futures Workshop and nominations have been called for coaches to participate in the program.

To date 4 coaches have applied for positions and information concerning the new program has been circulated to former members, applicants and member bodies.

NS has written to the ISSF regarding the proposed coaching workshop and is still awaiting a response.

TRA Ltd Interest Free Loans Scheme (Proposal by Mike Jarrad / TRV)

Directors discussed in greater detail the correspondence received from Mike Jarrad in relation to the development of an interest-free Loans Scheme for TRA Ltd member bodies and /or affiliated clubs.

Discussions centred on feasibility of developing such a scheme and directors resolved to treat any future requests for assistance on a case by case basis, noting that TRA Ltd was strongly in favour of supporting projects designed to grow, improve and develop the sport.

SSAA Shot Expo – Brisbane - Evaluation

Directors commented on the success of attending the SSAA Shot Show in Brisbane, noting that there was significant interest in the TRA / QTS stand during the course of the show with in excess of 10000 visitors passing through the exhibition during the weekend.

Attendance at the show resulted in some sales of Eley ammunition to new dealers together with a number of people participating in follow up come and try activities hosted by QTS clubs. Additional networking opportunities with members of SSAA hierarchies were also beneficial.

TRV Brochures Request

JB reported that TRV has requested funding to assist in manning a booth at the Ultimate Sports Expo in Melbourne from the 21st-23rd November through the provision of TRA tri-fold brochures. After discussion, directors resolved to support the request by sending unused brochures from SSAA shot show in Brisbane to TRV for use. GB was also advised to print more brochures (up to 3000) if required.

Avis Deal for TRA Ltd Members

GB provided a written report advising that the Avis deal had been finalised and has been advertised in the TRA E-magazine. Links still need to be uploaded to the TRA website. GB will follow up on this matter.

TRA Merchandising

Directors discussed the possibility of TRA providing a range of TRA Branded clothing and merchandise for purchase by members and the general public – in much the same way as the SSAA Shop. EO was directed to investigate costs and potential pricing for a range of clothing and merchandise and report findings at the next Board Meeting.

Next Meeting: 16th / 17th January 2016.