

TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LTD
SUMMARY OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2nd June 2022

HELD VIA WEB CONFERENCE

1. **Attendance:** All elected directors and executive officer present.

2. **Quarterly Capitation Fees Proposal:** The proposal was presented at the member's forum held after the 2022 AGM. General in principle support for the proposal was received from the majority of member organisations.

Member organisations were requested to provide formal feedback on the concept to the TRA Board no later than 30th June 2022 with the TRA Ltd Board of directors to consider endorsing the concept at the July TRA Ltd Board Meeting.

The matter was deferred to the July Board Meeting to ensure any formal feedback received from member organisations can be considered.

3. **Financial Reports:** A verbal report was received. In summary:

- A detailed financial report to 30th June 2022 will be presented at the next meeting.
- 2022 Capitation fees income has been received from NSW SARAI and TSARA to date.
- 2nd Instalment of TSPF funding has been received
- Additional expenditure (other than usual operational expenditure) since the April meeting has included ASIC annual fees, medals / badges for the National Championships.

4. **Capitation Fees 2024:**

Directors resolved that capitation fees for 2024 remain the same as for 2023 as follows:

Full year members

Full Member	\$ 64.00
Junior	\$ 46.00
Family	\$ 126.00
Concession	\$ 46.00
Non-Shooter	\$ 20.00
Sub-Junior	\$ 29.00
School Program Member	\$ 10.00

Half year members

Full Member	\$ 32.00
Junior	\$ 23.00
Family	\$ 63.00
Concession	\$ 23.00
Non-Shooter	\$ 10.00
Sub-Junior	\$ 15.00

5. **TRA Governance Structure – Reinstatement of Committees:**

It was noted that one of the suggestions arising from the Members Forum following the 2022 AGM was that the TRA Board should consider the reformation of committees or working groups to focus on specific issues.

Directors believed that it is essential for any committees or working groups to have representation from all member organisations.

Directors discussed the governance structure and resolved that the following committees be formed initially:

- Technical Committee
- Coaching Committee

Member organisations are to recommend their preferred representative delegate to each of the committees by 30th June 2022.

6. **External Director Appointments 2022 - 2023**

Following the resolution of Elected directors at the board meeting held on 14th May 2022, Mr Bill Collaros and Mr Alex Maranik were offered positions as external directors for the period 15th May 2022 until the conclusion of the 2023 AGM.

Mr Collaros accepted his reappointment on 15/05/2022, while Mr Maranik accepted his appointment on 26/05/2022. The TRA Ltd ASIC Register has been updated.

7. Regular Member Organisation Forums:

It was suggested that the TRA President and EO meet with member organisation Presidents / Secretaries via web conference every 2 months or quarter to improve TRA engagement with member organisations. The TRA Ltd President and EO will liaise with the member organisations to determine a regular meeting / forum schedule.

8. 2022 TRA National Championships Technical Delegate's Report:

A written report was received. In summary:

Weather sunny to overcast and light to moderate winds over the course of the event, no rain.

Equipment Control:

- No shooters were disqualified due to equipment control, however shooters were advised to correct minor issues.
- No major issues for rifles.
- Several side blinders needed to be trimmed to 30mm.
- 2 Air Rifles had issues with the position of weights too far to the rear, past deepest part of the butt plate.
- No rifles were overweight.
- Some benchrest rifles had an issue with the 30mm on the butt and rear bag.

Range Incidents:

- During 10m training a shooter passed out, did not request medical attention.
- During 50m 2 of the machines failed to work correctly, monitors swapped out.
- Finals range the athletes forward TV monitors failed to work day 1 of the Nationals, had been working for BISC Cup. Range staff carried out investigation and found a damaged power cable (rats?), cable repaired and monitors were used during the remainder of the Nationals.
- Sport Integrity Australia carried out 2 random post competition drug testing.
- 16 April 2022 10m Air Rifle Open Final, top 2 men and top 2 women.
- 17 April 2022 10m R3 Air Rifle Prone Final, top man and top woman.

All shooting events started on time and were run well by the CRO and RO's.

At times there were limited numbers of range staff, however due to the relative low numbers of competitors per detail there were no major issues due to staffing.

9. 2022 TRA Online Competition Series Update:

A verbal report was received. In summary:

- Round two has been completed
- To date the competitions have approximately 140 registered competitors with 110 submitting results for the second round.
- More publicity will be generated for round 3 via flyers and social media posts

10. National Grading System Review and Recommendations:

The review and recommendations were presented at the member's forum held after the 2022 AGM. Member Organisations were invited to provide feedback concerning the review. In summary:

- TRV indicated that the issue has been on the agenda for a long time and should be progressed so that it can be used at TRA competitions conducted at the National level.
- NSW SARAI indicated support for the National Grading System but advised that there are too many grades. If the system was simplified NSW SARAI would support the National Grading System
- QTS supports the concept of the national grading system, and the formula whereby scores divisible by 3 for integer results but shares NSW's opinion concerning the number of grades.
- TSARA supports the concept of a national grading system but shares NSW's opinion concerning the number of grades.

- TRSA supports the National Grading Scale with scores feeding through to the State level. TRSA also advocates the introduction of decimal equivalents in the National Grading System, which should be used for determining grades in 10m air rifle.
- WASRA supports the concept of the national grading system.

A final report and recommendations for the board next meeting

11. **F-Class Rimfire Discipline:**

The F-Class Rimfire discipline was presented at the member's forum held after the 2022 AGM. Member organisations were invited to provide feedback concerning the introduction of the discipline at the national level. In summary:

- WASRA has implemented the discipline at state level and has experienced a significant membership increase as a result. WASRA supports the introduction of the F-Class discipline however advised that the draft rules need to be reviewed.
- QTS: supports the introduction of F-Class as an additional discipline within TRA Ltd.
- NSW SARAI: supports the introduction of F-Class as an additional discipline within TRA Ltd. but noted there are specific issues in obtaining approvals for new disciplines and events from the NSW Firearms Authority.
- TSARA, TRSA and TRV: all support the introduction of F-Class as an additional discipline within TRA Ltd. but would like to receive more information concerning the discipline. (Secretarial Note: details were provided to all member organisations following the forum)

Directors resolved that the reformed technical committee review the draft F-Class Rimfire rules developed by WASRA and modify them where necessary to incorporate the discipline into the TRA Ltd Supplementary Rules.

12. **2023 National Championships Program (WASRA):**

WASRA submitted a draft program for the 2023 TRA National Championships to be considered by the board on 28/04/2022.

An initial review of the program noted that:

Proposed dates have not been stated: It was assumed that the event will be scheduled for the Easter holiday period as per "tradition." The 4-day Easter period in 2023 is from 7th – 10th April, therefore the proposed dates would be from the Tuesday prior, (i.e., 4th April 2023) until the following Tuesday (11th April 2023). Confirmation has been sought from WASRA.

Provision for Arrival / Practice Day: In the proposed program, there is no provision for an arrival / practice day as suggested in the Operating Manual has been customary in previous events. If this were to be included, it would need to be on the Monday.

Provision for 10m Air Rifle Mixed Teams Competition: In the proposed program there is no provision for a 10m Air Rifle Mixed Teams Competition. If this were to be included, it could be scheduled on day 2 (Wednesday)

It was noted that the full program should be finalised and approved by 31st August to allow members to make travel and accommodation arrangements.

It was noted that the TRA technical delegate needs to be recommended by the TRA Technical Committee and approved by the TRA Ltd Board of Directors.

The TRA board of directors will continue to liaise with WASRA to finalise the 2023 TRA Ltd National Championships Program.

13. **Rear stock and bag rule clarification (TRA Supplementary Rules):**

Clarification has been sought concerning the rear stock and bag clause as outlined in TRA Supplementary Rule A.24.6. The current rule states:

"Stock

Rifles may be fitted with a forend block not exceeding 76.2 mm (3 inch) in width as measured at 90 degrees to the line of the barrel.

The forend block must be a flat or convex. Any material may be used. (A hand stop rail is permitted).

The width of any part of the stock butt in contact with the rear rest bag shall not exceed 30mm.”

Two diagrams were presented to the Board of Directors for consideration (see attached documents)

The need for clarification had arisen due to incidents at the TRA Ltd National Championships during the practice day as a result of the new developments in bench rest bags and bench rest rifle stocks.

Directors discussed the rule and resolved that the Technical Committee review the applicable TRA Ltd supplementary rule and provide a recommendation to the Board as soon as practically possible.

14. Coaching Report: A verbal report was received. In summary:

- A coach education presentation was conducted at the member's forum.
- Flyers outlining coaching and officiating pathways (requested by member organisations at the forum) have been distributed.
- It was noted that TRA and member organisations need to encourage more younger members to become actively involved in coaching and coach education across the country.
- The TRA Ltd Coaching Committee will be reformed to address coaching matters.

15. RBA Bench Rest Committee 2022 - 2023:

Member organisations were notified of the recommendations on 16th May 2022 and requested to endorse the members or provide alternative members no later than 23rd May 2022. The deadline was extended to 31st May based on responses received from two member organisations.

All member organisations have endorsed the recommended committee members

The committee members for 2022 – 2023 are:

Bill Collaros (Chair) NSW
Brett Wilson NSW
Greg Schneider QLD
Neil Digweed QLD
Dave Keen SA
Barry Cowburn WA
Janey Preston VIC
Darren Morgan VIC

The committee will meet in the near future.

16. Magazine / Web / Marketing:

Directors discussed developing a TRA Marketing and Promotion Strategy and resolved a number of actions to assist, including:

TRA contact State Associations seeking expressions of interest from members within the organisation with the necessary marketing skill sets who may be able to assist with an appropriate marketing and promotion strategy.

TRA Ltd. to liaise with Shooting Australia to determine whether SA may be able to offer assistance in marketing and promotion.

TRA will investigate the possibility of contracting a part-time marketing coordinator to promote and market the sport. An appropriate service agreement / role description will be developed and presented to the board of directors for consideration in the first instance.

A review and redesign of the TRA website will be undertaken.

17. Shooting Australia Target Shooting Sports Partnership Project Update

- Invoice for 2nd instalment of funding allocation was sent to Shooting Australia on 13th May 2022 and funding was received on 25th May 2022.
- All equipment has arrived and has been tested.

- Tripods and carry cases are being sourced and will be added to the equipment kits.
- A test run using the new equipment was conducted at the Fraser Coast show resulting in 4 new members to one of the local clubs. The equipment handled most weather conditions well, though was subject to blowing over in the wind so some modifications will be needed to targets to enhance stability on tripods.
- The most up to date manuals will be included in the kits when shipped to South Australia / Western Australia (likely to be early to mid - June)
- QTS has contacted some individual QLD Scout groups to commence facilitation of the project.
- QTS is also developing a school-based program alongside the project which will be charged a fee in line with the sustainability plan.
- Multimedia Development: filming and photo shoot organisation is progressing slowly – waiting on equipment and return of international athletes from overseas. (Likely to be first week in July).
- Sustainability Plan: A multi – tier cost structure based on session charges has been developed. (See attached document) The cost structure is based on:
 - The amount of equipment needed to run sessions effectively (i.e., 4 x sets)
 - Depreciation / replacement costs (equipment, badges, merchandise, marketing, promotion and administration etc.)
 - Providing some profit to ensure ongoing sustainability

18. National Integrity Framework Update

Shooting Australia had engaged Ian Fullagar (Sports Lawyer) to draft both the NIF and NST policy documentation required by TRA Ltd. There is no cost to TRA Ltd. for this service.

Once the policy documents have been finalised, they will be sent to Sports Integrity Australia for review and approval.

Once approval is received from SIA, the documents will be forwarded to TRA Ltd. for directors to review and approval if no additional alterations are necessary.

Shooting Australia has offered to attend a TRA Ltd Board meeting after the policy documents have been finalised and distributed to directors for review. Additionally, Shooting Australia will liaise with Sports Integrity Australia to determine whether an SIA representative will also be available to attend the meeting to answer any questions directors may have.

19. Shooting Australia Member Organisation Forum Update:

The next Shooting Australia Member Organisation Forum has been scheduled for 25th – 26th June at the Park Royal Hotel, Melbourne Airport. The forum will also incorporate a special general meeting to approve changes to the Shooting Australia Constitution.

The TRA Ltd President, Mr David Wright and Director, Me Alex Maranik will attend the meeting as the TRA delegates.

20. Target Ammunition Report:

To date, 111.5 Cases (557,500) rounds of .22LR ammunition and 10.8 tins (5400 rounds) of .177 air rifle pellets have been sold in 2022.

Lapua, SK and ELEY ammunition shipments arrived in April and May respectively and the majority of backorders received from member organisations were filled. Orders that were not filled will remain on backorder until the next shipments arrive.

.22LR ammunition stocks of the majority products purchased by TRA member organisations have now been exhausted until new shipments arrive.

NIOA has advised that the next shipment of Lapua / SK products is due to arrive in the 2nd half of 2022, but could not advise when the next shipment of ELEY ammunition will arrive.

Given the current lack of supply continuity, member organisations are encouraged to consider pre-ordering enough ammunition to ensure continuity of supply to their members as soon as practically possible.

All such pre-orders will be forwarded to the importers as and when they are received and are placed on backorder.

It is understood that backorders are filled prior to any remaining stock being made available to the respective dealer networks.

Next Meeting – 7th July 2022 at 7pm AEST via Web Conference

Meeting Closed: 9:42pm (AEST)

Corporate Timeline for 2022 – 2023			
End of Year Financial Statements		Corporate Matters	
Event	Date	Event	Date
Stock Take	31 st December 2022	Preliminary Notice of AGM, Resolutions and director nominations to Member Organisations	27 th January 2023
Figures to MHW to prepare Statutory accounts	By 27 th January 2023	Last day for receipt of Elected Director nominations, Special and Ordinary Resolutions	3 rd March 2023
Final accounts prepared (by MHW)	23 rd February 2023	Despatch of final agenda for AGM and all related documents (including end of year financial statements)	10 th March 2023
Directors approve Accounts by circular resolution	3 rd March 2023		
AGM – 13th May 2023 (via Web Conference)			