

THE SPORTING SHOOTERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ACT INC.

Annual General Meeting

Jim McKinley Range

Sunday 23 October 2022 1:30pm

Minutes

ATTENDEES

A Kyburz, A Miris, Aaron Butt, Adele Perry, Adrian Olley, Alexander Clarke, Alistar Scott, Amanda Chadwick, Amanda Smith, Andrew Eichner, Andrew Mcindoe, Andrew Morrow, Andrew Rixon, Andrew Santa, Andries Van De Venter, Anthony Brennan, Arthur Beckingham, Ashley Hughes, Baden Ball-Guymer, Beatrix Forrest, Benjamin Hobbs, Bradley Heanes, Bradley Lake, Brendan McCormick, Brent Flohr, Brent Murphy, Brett Wilesmith, Callum Richens, Camerson Morris, Cheyne Fischer, Chithi Gunatilake, Chris Meakin, Christian Sutton, Christine Leung, Christopher Bowyer, Christopher Deacon, Christopher Mcgrath, Cody Herbert, Colin O'Mullane, Colin Smeal, Corey Hows, Craig Oakman, Craig Tregear, Cranston Wilson, Cynan Brace, Daniel Fowler, Daniel Power, Danijel Kovac, Darren Letcher, Darren Ould, David Blow, David Broderick, David Carter, David Chadwick, David Crook, David Duprez, David Eichner, David Groves, David Hammond, David Lewis, David Shadwell, David Thompson, David True, David Voss, David Whiteman, Dennis Coombs, Douglas O'Keeffe, Eddie Antoniak, Edmund Wunsch, Elizabeth Smith, Even Wythes, Felicity O'Flynn-Watson, Fgary Barron, Frank Calver, Gary Chalker, Gemma Brown, George Wason, Glenn Peisley, Graham Eather, Hanh Nguyen-Hoan, Heath Penwill, Heidmarie Bowring, Hollie Bell, Iain Henry, Iain True, Ian Jimmieson, Ian Simpson, Jack Nobbs, Jacqueline Smith, James Boyd, James Coghlan, James Mason, James Millea, James Slade, Jay Orange, Jeff Wesley, Jeorgia Roach, Jerome Gintzburger, Jerry Leyland, Jessica Meyboom, John Austin, John Bladen, John Coochey, John Palmer, Josef Thaler, Josephine King, Julian Young, Karl Petrovic, Kaye McIntyre, Keffrey Power, Keith Chavasse, Kelly Wu, Kim Kelo, Konstantine Faraos, Kym Adams, Lachlan Schubert, Lason Luck, Lawrence Smith, Lawrence Whiley, Lee Petrow, Liam Hourigan, Lincoln Dummett, Lindsay Janson, Luc Debaecker, Luke Hurst, Lynette O'Keeffe, Marian Mikola, Mark Bush, Mark O'Keeffe, Mark Smith, Mathew Saunders, Matthew Bennett, Matthew Bolton, Matthew Clark, Matthew Webster, Maxwell Blenkin, Merik KarmanBlair Wythes, Michael Boulton, Michael Forrest, Michael James, Michael Kelly, Michael Lawson, Michael Sullivan, Michael Wilding, Miles Marriott, Milton Maurice, Mitchell Bagot, Monty Bradley, Natalie Gosper, Neil Gillespie, Nicholas Kanizaj, Nicole Small, P Saunders, Pamela Mikola, Partick Brennan, Paul Bogue, Paul Mcnamara, Paul Simmons, Peter Churchill, Peter Moran, Peter Nardi, Peter Wythes, Phil Heggarty, Philip Black, Philip Silson, Rafal Lukasiewicz, Ray Atkin, Ray Gosper, Rebecca Ramires, Richard Barry, Richard Bushby, Richard Dittler, Richard Kuffer, Ricky Martin, Robert Mcquire, Rod Wark, Roger Barson, Roger Butcher, Roger Leach, Ronald Olicero, Ross Bills, Ross Stephens, Sam Vujic, Samuel Miller, Sarah Christian, Sarina Macklin, Scott Mckenzie, Scott Waltmann, Scott Warhurst, Scott Youngs, Sean Adams, Shamiso Rahman, Shance Withers, Shane Bennett, Shane Stroud, Simon Brewster, Simon Parbery, Simon Shepherd, Soo Peng Choo, Stacey Ould, Stephen Hows, Stephen Schmidt, Stephen Silby, Steven Blacker, Steven Hough, Stravos Marvelas, Stuart Thomson, Thomas Bevan, Thomas Darby, Thomas Dukic, Thomas Ward, Timothy Ivansson, Timothy Pearse, Timothy Shaw, Timothy Slattery, Tony Russell, Troy Mason, Wayne Brown, Wayne Christian, Wayne Kelly, Wayne Smith, William Brill, William Cameron, Zhaoxi Wang

PROXYS

Aaron Sterck, Adam Purtell, Adrian Southern, Aidan Wells, Alan Duong, Alexander Lewis, Alison Huber, Alison Sham, Allan Moore, Andrew Bennett, Andrew Cooper, Andrew Fisher, Andrew Holt, Andrew Howard, Andrew Lockley, Andrew Moloney, Andrew Paddison, Andrew Sarri, Andrew Wells, Anna Debaecker, Annhmaie Eastman-Ward, Anthony Cullen, Anthony Kenny, Anton Lewis, Antonelle Ovidi, Antonio Giampaolo, Ashley

Bryce, Aubrey Ribbons, Ben Tyrrell, Benjamin Field, Benjamin Luscombe, Bevan Brown, Brendon Pardy, Brett Andriolo, Brett Downing, Brett Le Cornu, Brigitta Melham, Bryce Bullman, Bryce Rodger, Byron Bond, Caitlín O'Brien, Callum Webb, Chanty Sengchanh, Charles Knight, Chris Ellem, Christian Hauberg, Christopher Mahar, Christopher McIntyre, Christopher Melham, Christopher O'Neil, Christopher Troth, Claire Cameron, Clint Goodwin, Colin Westerlaken, Connor Galea, Craig Furry, Dallas Thoroughgood, Damien Fing, Daniel Pastrello, Daniel Ward, Daniel Yin, Darius Krivanek, Darren Neville, David Daniel, David Gray, David Jenkins, David Meakin, David Phipps, David Pounds, David Wagg, David Webb, Dayle Brennan, Dean Ward, Debbie Hunter, Diana Melham, Dinesh Abbott, Don Findley, Dragan Markovic, Éclair Eastman-Ward, Eddy Pastrello, Edward Sellwood, Emil Bulum, Erick Fibich, Esther O'Day, Fayyuz Reham, Frank Kresse, G Bunnett, Gabriel Barnett, Gareth Hammond, Geoffrey Abbott, Geoffrey Miller, Glen Green, Glenn Black, Graham Aitchison, Grahame Howard, Greg Hutchison, Gregory Tarlinton, Gregory Taylor, Guiseppe Orefice, Harrison Baildham-Parr, Harry Katsanevas, Haydon Caelear, Howard Knight, Howard Wren, Hui Zhi Cheung, Ian Hood, Ian Latter, Ian Reid, Indira Wrigley, Ivan Losada Rodriguez, J Vogel, Jaiden Southwell, Jake Bullman, James Brown, James Burns, James Murphy, Jamie Garton, Jason Baldwin, Jason Warner, Jason Winters, Jay Whitcombe, Jeffrey Hinds, Jennifer Moore, Jeremy Cropper, Joel Patterson, John Farkas, John Huckel, John Mcgrath, John Rooney, John Steep, Joshua Pirotta, Joshua Smith, Joy Cameron, Julian Casey, Julian Talbot, Justin Alexander, Justin Seears, Katherine Tobler, Kathleen Ely, Keith Dowel, Kenneth Latter, Kevin Ginnane, Khai Duong, Khaled Wazir, Kym Chiaverini, Larissa Nealon, Larissa Webb, Leo Southwell, Leszek Mazur, Lewis Akesson, Lewis Maynard, Liam Morris, Luigi Forner, Luke Bayliss, Marcus Best, Mark Bauer, Mark Skinner, Mark Wilson, Matt Smith, Matthew Grech, Matthew Hingston, Matthew Oliveiro, Matthew Ramsland, Matthew Truscott, Michael Cassimatis, Michael Dzido, Michael Easton, Michael Etzel, Michael Huber, Michael Rensch, Michael Smallman, Michael Ward, Monica Morabito, Neal Miller, Neville Butler, Norelle Laucher, Norman Maclachlan, Norman O'Meara, Patrick D'Ambrosio, Paul Archer, Paul Bakos, Paul Davies, Paul Mackay, Paul Wheatley, Peter Fletcher, Peter Ibbott, Peter Kenneally, Peter Lyons, Peter Mc Donald, Peter Williamson, Philip Robson, Phillip Yialeloglou, Rajesh Abbott, Rhys Mathew, Richard Hughes, Richard Schneider, Rick Brown, Robert Higgisson, Robert Howell, Robert Salafia, Robert Summers, Robert Vidovic, Roderick Dela Cruz, Rodney Lansdown, Rodney Wilson, Rowan Boucher, Ruairi Taylor, Rudolf Rusan, Russell Cooper, Russell Le Maitre, Ryan Mcelroy, Samantha Moloney, Samara Sparks, Savo Regulic, Scott Mckenzie, Scott Rowell, Scott Southwell, Seames Mcurk, Sean Ferguson, Sean Littlejohn, Senthuran Senthilnathan, Shane Dowling, Shane Wilson, Sharon Dowling, Shauna O'Meara, Simon Standing, Simon Troeth, Stacey Borg, Stephen Sharp, Steven Bennett, Stewart Ross, Stuart Griffiths, Susan Dowel, Tadeusz Prencel, Tamara Rogers, Ted Kemp, Thomas Hick, Thomas Jones, Tim Dowling, Timothy Larsen, Timothy Wrigley, Todd Marchant, Trevor Abbott, Valeria Wilson, Vanni Sant, Walid Wazir, Warran Zirkler, Wendy Hutton, William Croker, William Ely, Wolf Von Holweg, Wynter Johnston, Yvette Webb

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME BY CHAIR

The meeting was opened by the President at 2:02pm.

MOTION FOR MINUTE TAKER

A motion was proposed to allow Ms Nicole Small to take minutes for the 23 October 2022 Annual General Meeting in lieu of the Secretary as he was absent and as Nicole had done for the previous Council meeting.

23102022 - Motion 1:

That Ms Nicole Small take the minutes for the 23 October 2022 Annual General Meeting and General Meeting.

Mover: Mr Steve Blacker

Seconded: Ms Jo King

Abstentions/ Against: Nil

Motion Carried

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received by Monty Fox and Derek Morris

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was asked for any amendments to the minutes as submitted on the SSAA ACT Inc. web site and available in hard copy at the entrance gate.

There were nil amendments to the meeting requested.

23102022 - Motion 2:

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 December 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Mover: Mr Roger Leach

Seconded: Mr David Thompson

Abstentions: Ms Jo King

Motion Carried

Against: Nil

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – DAVE TRUE

Ladies, Gentlemen and children I would like to thank you and welcome you today for our 2022 SSAA ACT Inc annual AGM.

First of all, I would like to take the time and opportunity to thank the SSAA ACT Executive Luc, Colin, Kym and Andrew for their tireless work that they have carried out over the past twelve months. I wish to thank all our nominated and elected Members Delegates Scott, Roger and Wayne, Chief Range Officer Jim, Safety Officer Ross, Range Officers, Club Armourers and all of our Discipline coordinators, Club Representatives and Instructors.

I would like to sincerely thank the RMIC for all the work's coordination the have overseen on the SSAA site, ranging from grounds keeping, maintenance, weed control and design and supervision of our new storage sheds that has taken many months to organise due to a re vamped footing designs.

Another big thank you to Cranston Wilson, Luc, Kym, Nicole for helping to get the AGM notes and notifications together for this year's AGM. Kym Adams has gone far and above as to collate and place all the reports together for the 2022 AGM well done Kym.

I have mentioned this every year and I cannot stress this enough; we are all volunteers for this club and without your selfless donation of time, skills and sometimes financial donation we would not be able to enjoy the facility that we currently attend.

We have always attended our club to do three things To Be Safe, Have Fun and Compete against ourselves and our piers, sometimes I wonder what is so hard about those three things.

Some of our SSAA Nationals and State Titles have been postponed/cancelled due to that nasty bug that starts with a C and ends with a 9. Members have now been travelling and competing in State and National Championships as the regulations around COVID 19 have been relaxed significantly.

Again, this year we have created an updated SSAA ACT Inc Constitution, my sincerest thank you to all the members on Council who put time and effort into this document. The work put in has improved a very old but functional document to what we believe is more up to date document and I am sure soon we will hopefully have this document in service as our new SSAA ACT Inc Constitution.

As some may be aware I will be stepping down as the SSAA ACT Inc President after just over 10 years in the position. It has been an honor to represent the National Association and especially SSAA ACT Inc. It has been extremely interesting supporting SSAA National at a National level as I have learnt how the SSAA functions weather dealing with policy/political changes, how to increase membership of the association (as membership is power) and especially Disciplines and Discipline funding.

In the past ten years we have made many gains and improvements upon our SSAA ACT Inc with new and improved structures that included new club house and toilets for the top pistol ranges, safety improvements including dividing walls on all pistol ranges which came at a significant cost to SSAA ACT Inc which has improved safety and allowed for greater room on range floors.

SSAA ACT provided large funding to the new Trench layout that the Majura Park Gun Club who applied for a grant with a fantastic submission that MPGC members had put together. With the submission submitted MPGC was able to secure a large grant from the Act Government Sporting bodies. and range improvements a big shout out to the RMIC again for all the time and work that they have put in.

One project that did take a lot of time as when I became the SSAA President was the Majura Parkway project when I attended meetings with the ACT Government for four years of regular meetings to gain better access and egress to our site as back then with 4000 members, they had forgotten us in the design process. Access and egress was not so pertinent for our South Side members, but initially very annoying for our Northside members. As David Groves could attest as he represented the Canberra Rifle Club at the same meetings it was quite a long process as to finally gain good access and egress to our SSAA ACT site.

Finally I would like to wish the new incoming SSAA ACT Inc Executive all the best for now and the future.

VICE-PRESIDENT – LUC DEBAECKER

2022 has been a challenging year for the vice president role. The challenges presented have provided an opportunity for learning and building and I'm looking forward to the future of the association as we move on.

Highlights for this year include further work on our constitution which is long overdue. I hope to call an SGM early in the new year to start making changes to the parts of our constitution that are out of date compared to the requirements of current legislation. I have also been able to represent SSAA ACT Inc at the SSAA Inc board meeting in Adelaide recently as well as attending the SSAA Inc AGM in Melbourne. It was great to build rapport with the other states and the SSAA Inc board.

I'm hoping to push for more communication between the association and our members as this has been difficult this year. I would like to have a more active voice with the registries and within ACT government on behalf the association as well. A big thanks to everyone on council and executive for all their work throughout the year.

The association would not run without your efforts.

DEPUTY VICE-PRESIDENT – COLIN O'MULLANE

Greetings one and all.

This is my end of elected year SSAA report. For me, since the last AGM, we have had some wins, and some loses. We continue to explore new and innovative ways to enable members to access ranges safely while ensuring their safety. We are bringing technology in to lighten the work of our volunteers and increasing the accuracy of our attendance recording – including giving members receipts for attendances! We are continuing to see our members grow, and members explore other disciplines. While progress is slow on the range remediation work, and we are yet to reach JMK for this, there are still important works progressing like upgrades to sheds and lockups, land maintenance and new infrastructure being built. Through further development projects the range complex and hard work by volunteers it will provide higher and higher levels of service to its members and guests.

But it hasn't all been roses. Since the last AGM I have seen the deterioration of processes in the association, increased discontent, and disruptive situations, which has slowed and even stopped the ability to move forward on many things. I myself haven't been able to accomplish a lot of things I set out to do or were part of, due to this. To me - this is just not good enough. I do want to thank all those people who have worked hard to grow the association and keep it moving through what I can only describe as a mess of a year. I implore all members to think before they vote. There are some quality candidates from all over the complex and from various disciplines. We are only as strong as our volunteers. I hope the next 12 months is a more positive one.

SECRETARY – ANDREW HOLT

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TREASURER – KYM ADAMS

Annual report time, and to be honest it's difficult to find the words. The past 10 months have been challenging. Whilst it would be easier to focus on the negatives, it seems far more productive to focus on the positives. Despite the challenges of the year, we have been able to introduce new policies and procedures that should make the future management of the association easier and clearer. Several projects have been initiated and commenced, and the council has continued to work on the constitution. We continue to critically review the service agreements that we have in place and have been able to achieve savings for the Association. Based on feedback throughout the year I have added processes and critically reviewed the operating procedure for better transparency, outcomes, and accuracy.

I don't feel like I have achieved as much as I have set out to this year and still believe that there are improvements to be made regarding documentation, transparency, communication, and policy. This is disappointing; however, I am hopeful that I will have the opportunity to address these in the coming year should I be re-elected.

The associations accounts have been audited by Mr Warren Turk, I offer my sincere thanks for his assistance and work, not only on the audit, but also in response to my requests for advice throughout the year. In preparation for the Audit, I identified that an end of year report for BAS was not consistent with the quarterly reports (on which BAS was settled with ATO). I raised this with the auditor, and he recommended that the 4th quarter report (and payment) be built from an end of year report as opposed to the standard quarterly BAS report. We identified that this was most likely the result of correction of information in the system and receiving data late and putting the correct dates on it. This has resulted in a small over payment of Tax. The auditor further identified some GST not claimed on an ACT Gov account, we identified this was due to coding in the system, and inattention on my part when entering the invoice - As a result we may have a credit with the ATO, and I am looking into recovering that. The auditor also queried the record of cash for honorariums

and petty cash, we discussed that all transactions related to cash were recorded through MYOB using the undeposited funds account, this was something I adopted shortly after taking over the position. It was agreed that this was suitable and appropriate. It was also identified that 3 invoices were missing from the electronic file - these were located and that has been corrected. This is the first year that we have used electronic filing for invoices, and it has been successful. Finally, I presented a file note about the handling/reporting of reimbursements. The auditor was comfortable with the handling of the transaction through MYOB and agreed that the person/business receiving the money was who should be recorded in MYOB. The audited report is available in hard copy this year. Unfortunately, last year and assumption on my part left the AGM attendees without hard copies of the audited report, and whilst I was able to supply an electronic copy on the day to anyone that enquired, this was a mistake on my part for which I apologise. A mistake I can assure everyone will not happen again.

Regarding the reports, there are a couple of points I would like to highlight for everyone. Despite COVID-19 and shutdowns, we have had a surplus of \$210,825. We have noticed a downturn in our key income areas, range hire, range fee and safety courses. Safety Course Income was heavily impacted with nearly a 41% downturn. Due to the downturn in interest rates, the rates offered on term deposits held by the association were less than what we were receiving from the association cheque account. So as the term deposits matured the funds were withdrawn and deposited into the cheque account as was surplus funds from the debit card accounts. As the situation has improved regarding the rates offered for term deposits, it has been recommended to council that funds be returned to term deposits. It is expected that this will be actioned following the AGM.

Purchases of note:

Firearm purchases for clubs/sections/disciplines - \$3200
Apple Laptop (Secretary) - \$2090
First Aid Equipment (Defibs and Kits) - \$12,000
Weed Control - \$34,000

As always, my role as treasurer has been made easier by the support and assistance of many individuals, and I offer my thanks to council delegates, the CRO and the range officers for all their assistance in the past year. I'd also like to thank the individuals who have gone above and beyond in their own roles (and those who don't have formal roles) to lessen the burden on all of us - your efforts have been deeply appreciated.

COURSES/RANGE MANAGEMENT:

SSAA ACT SAFETY COURSE – Josephine King

There have been twelve courses held since the end of March this year - Covid and colds/flu still affects numbers with many last-minute cancellations.

Total people attending 301 which includes 208 members, 93 non-members and 32 minors.

Total revenue collected \$16,259.

I would like to thank the small team of four SSAA ACT Instructors who have given their time to assist with the running of the courses.

R-LICENCE COURSES – Kay McIntyre

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RANGE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (RMIC) – Joe Thaller (Chairman)

It has been a tough year for range works with wet weather grinding several projects to a halt. There has been significant work achieved on the top pistol ranges in relation to water management which links into the larger works to resolve long standing water issues on the shotgun ranges. The facilities shed has finally started to move forward and should be going up by the time of the AGM this year. There has been a huge amount of work completed on weed management again due to the excessive rain sending the weed load for the complex into overdrive. The final costs of the new juniors shed and armoury have been received and are ready to be presented to council. Road works continue every 6 weeks to keep on top of the potholes which the rain made so much worse.

The Chair would like to thank: Geoff Miller, Mike Jones, Mario Mikola, Lawrie Whiley, Cranston Wilson, Lee Petrow, Sean Adams, Chris Deacon, Scott Warhurst, and David Broderick for all their work throughout the year.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER- Jim Coghlan

With Covid 19 continuing to cause disruption in the latter part of 2021, we worked within the parameters which were set outside our control. Overall, operating the general sessions on the Jim McKinley Range caused few issues. There were complaints regarding the conduct of the range officers, which were dealt with to the satisfaction of all parties. Similarly, there were two incidents of shooters forward of the line, when shooting began. This is a timely reminder that all persons on the range have a duty to maintain safety on any of the ranges.

The review of the current documents used for the training of Range Officers and Instructors is nearing completion. The actual training will begin in November 2022. We will be seeking people interested in being a range officer for the main range. This year we have lost a number of range officers and are looking to replace them.

I wish to thank the Range Officers for their assistance during the year.

CHEIF SAFETY OFFICER – Ross Bills

Safety Audit 2022 (omits Sunday, Range Hirers, Competitions).					
Discipline	Incident type	Managed By	Appropriate Action	Further Action	#
APSGC	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
BPCR	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
JDS	Amunition Malfunction	RO	Education about misfires	Nil	6
	Ejector Failure	RO	Serviced Rifle, repaired ejector	Nil	1
Benchrest	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
Air Pistol -SSPC	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
SSPC - General	Holster Violation	RO	DQ as per rules, education and remedial training	Nil	1
	Loading Violation	RO	Penalties as per rules		6
	Ammunition failure	Not Reported	Believed to be a reloaded 9mm. Minor injury to shooter,	Firearm sent to dealer for review	1
Air Rifle	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
Air Field and Game	NO INCIDENTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD				0
MPGC - SKEET	Stuck wad up spout	RO	Firearm cleared. (Comment; vigilance of RO prevented serious	Shooting resumed	1
MPGC - Field & Game, DTL, Trench, 5 Stand	Minor Handling issues behind the line	Willo Cameron	Managed with Education		
MFC	REPORTS DONE, NOT TO HAND				0
FIELD RIFLE	REPORTS NOT TO HAND				0
3P	REPORTS NOT TO HAND				0
SILHOUETTE	REPORTS NOT TO HAND				0
BIG GAME RIFLE	REPORTS NOT TO HAND				0
MAJURA PISTOL CLUB	REPORTS NOT TO HAND				0
UNKOWN	22LR ammunition in safety area of crater range	RO	Ammunition secured	Disposal Tins to be located on all ranges	1

While dealing with incomplete data, the three-month review has been very pleasing. (And I believe useful.) I believe it shows that our RO's, Safety Officers, Instructors and members generally are taking safety seriously. Most incidents are captured early by our well-trained staff. Vigilance is KING.

A hearty congratulation is due to all our volunteers, who are doing an excellent job.

Those more active shooting disciplines, (mainly pistol) have a higher incidence of minor infractions, but close supervision of these picks' things up quickly. Those more static events like air rifle and pistol have generally fewer risks anyway, educational areas such as Juniors have much closer supervision of shooters, and accordingly much lower risks.

As you look at these results, as CSO I would welcome your comments and observations. I will share one from a senior instructor. "The low reporting may not reflect low incidence of issues, but rather failure to observe." Again, vigilance is KING. If we don't look, we don't see.

We have a few gaps in our reporting. That said the review has been able to demonstrate overall trends.

I would endorse repeating this in the ensuing year, for a similar three-monthly period, but hopefully with everyone participating more actively. We aimed to capture even the minor events. This was not done as a punitive measure, but as an educational tool intended to:

- reassure ourselves that our training for staff is working:
- reassure staff that we support them:
- help staff (and us) identify the gaps:
- reassure that our staff are picking up and acting on issues, and:

- demonstrate to our insurers that we not only take safety seriously but are VERY proactive in pursuing it.

It was also designed as an exercise to assist disciplines to review their procedures, their training and generally management, in order that they may be better informed themselves about any needs they should address.

I can promise that no shooters were harmed during this exercise.

I have tried throughout this year to move the emphasis for our officials from PUNITIVE and "GOTCHA" to education and correction. The official's role is to identify, correct, prevent and educate. NOT PUNISH. The RO actually has very limited powers. About all he can do is tell you to pack and leave. However, if you listen and follow directions...

Missing from data is the main range, on "Punters Sundays". This becomes something of an education process, as it is the first contact point for many of our new shooters.

An initiative I strongly support is the RO on duty at these events taking the new shooter aside and giving them a briefing on the range safety rules and procedures. I have watched numbers of our RO's perform this sometimes-overlooked service.

To general members, don't be afraid to lend a hand, advise, communicate these simple things to the novice next to you. Our current firearms safety course DOES NOT prepare a novice shooter for life on the range. That's up to all of us.

As above, but also a thanks to you all for letting me try and get through my job.

AED's installed as needed

First Aid kits not yet fully deployed

Fire Extinguishers and Fire Plan not yet done

Eye wash kits not deployed

Safety Audit completed initially

Review of Range Incidents completed (above, with a few gaps)

No major safety incidents reported other than myself blowing up a rifle. (It was my first day...)

I have achieved some of the goals I set for the year. I made some progress in others. I'm happy to try and complete the projects next year if I'm wanted.

CLUBS/SECTIONS/DISCIPLINES

10m SCOPED AIR RIFLE – Jim Coghlan

This year has again been a difficult one for us, with low numbers. We have a regular group of attendees. We are putting together a plan which hopefully will see an increase in numbers.

This year the air cylinders for the Club air rifle are 10 years old, and either need to be recertified or replaced. At this stage the cost to replace each cylinder is approximately \$760 per cylinder, giving a total cost of \$7,600 to replace all the cylinders. We are currently looking at the possibility of having them checked locally or purchasing them overseas as SSAA Victoria have done. Further information to follow.

AIR RIFLE FIELD TARGER AND CANBERA AIR RIFLE CLUB – Darius Krivanek

ARFT held our State Championships & SSAA ARFT National Championships in June 2022. The numbers were low as the last remnants of COVID were still keeping travel options expensive and inconvenient combined with the chilly blast of winter in Canberra. Overall the event went smoothly with locals performing with distinction in both events with Darius Krivanek winning the State Champs and the PCP event at the Nationals & finishing 2nd overall. ARFT monthly club events have seen small numbers of local competitors with only the odd traveller making the journey. We will be holding our Summer Series once again over the Summer break in early January 2023.

CARC has seen another quiet year with only the local regulars and a few new members in attendance. Results at championships have been good with everyone progressing up the grades as their skill level improves with good results in postals. Naomi & Colin Waters & Wayne Kelly have all recorded grade upgrades due to their great performances in Postal, State and Australian Championship events. Other than that, things are ticking along nicely since we made the move to Wednesday night to join in with Jim Coghlan's SSAA Air rifle group.

CARC & ARFT are still awaiting instructor certification to be completed, as we have NO current instructors, including myself, able to attend our events. Erwin is currently unavailable, and both clubs are relying on the good will of both Jim Coghlan & Byron Bond to fill the gap. A resolution of this situation needs to be prioritised and resolved, as it has been years in the making for Wayne Kelly.

An important note to ALL air rifle & SCUBA/BA bottle & pressure vessel owners is to keep your storage cylinders testing requirements up to date. SCUBA & some BA cylinders can be filled and certified at the local dive shops. Air rifle cylinders, both fixed and removable have a used by date stamped or printed on them. This has been raised as 2 of the club Hammerli AR10 Air Rifles cylinders are now expired but are all in good condition. While it is risk, rifle cylinders need to be visually inspected every time they are used, and taken out of service if dropped or leak, as o'rings deteriorate over time, and scratches, if they are deep can cause rifle cylinder failures, even if the cylinder is still within date, and remember if damaged, to reduce the rifle cylinder air pressure down to just above atmospheric (15psi/100kPa Max!). I should know, I have 8 rifle cylinders that I no longer use...

APSGC – Lawrie Whiley

A good year for the APS Gun Club (As the Law Enforcement Activities Discipline of SSAA ACT)

The membership of the club continues to grow post COVID and the club continues to run club matches.

While COVID did impact on our participation in interstate events, some of us were able to participate in a Postal Match that was set up to replace the Australian Police & Service Pistol Championships and we hosted members from the NSW Police Pistol Club as part of that event

BENCHREST – David Groves

There are currently three groups in the Benchrest Discipline in the ACT which all use the Jim McKinley range, Short Range Benchrest (4th Saturday), the Fly Shoot (2nd Saturday in March and 4th Saturday in September) and the Bat shoot (3rd Wednesday night). Short Range Benchrest in 21-22 has recovered slowly, primarily because the pandemic affected our age profile significantly. The

calendar should return to normal schedule in 2023 starting with the Australia Day Benchrest matches.

The Batshoot is regularly getting 12-15 shooters each month, this last month was down as some of our Sydney competitors were coming down for the 500m Fly the following weekend and couldn't attend both competitions. The Batshoot remains popular, and the shooters enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

The Fly Shoot team has run the Federal Cup in March and the ACT Fly Championships in September this year, with slightly reduced numbers in September, which could be attributed to the Nationals being held nearby in Wagga in the month preceding. The attendance at our two matches was still the best to any Registered Matches for Fly in 2022 barring the Nationals. One of our members, Junior, Callum Groves won Heavy Gun at the Nationals in Wagga against a strong field of 75 competitors from across Australia which was an excellent outcome.

The discipline is looking forward to the range redevelopment being carried out speedily and with as little disruption as possible to our calendar and the general membership.

In September I took over the role of representing the Benchrest section at the SSAA ACT Council from Alex Chrissy who has been our representative since the mid 2000's, I take this opportunity to thank Alex for his leadership, advice and assistance over that time, he has been a voice of reason.

BIG GAME RIFLE – Russell Cooper

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BLACK POWDER FIREARMS CLUB – Kim Kelo

2021-2022 has been another topsy turvy year especially with COVID thrown into the mix for the ACT Blackpowder Firearms Club. No matter what the obstacle, members of the ACT Blackpowder Firearms Club have kept shooting and have added several new competitions into our competition repertoire over the year. The new competitions have been well received by our members stating that it is keeping our sport interesting and fun. I am also happy to report that we have not had any safety issues to report.

While we may be one of the smaller clubs of the Association, our matches are well attended and our membership has continued to grow.

Due to several of our members recovering from illness, our AGM had to be postponed until the end of August (a month later than usual). Changing our AGM date allowed all members to recover and resulted in a large turnout by members. All positions were filled which resulted in all executive positions remaining unchanged from the previous year.

One issue raised by our members at the AGM was to change our shooting competitions to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

BLACK POWDER SECTION – Cranston Wilson

Another year has passed us by, and the club continues to grow with members. Despite the lockdowns of late last year and the disruptions it caused; our weekend attendances have returned to almost pre-COVID levels. Fingers crossed with the warmer weather approaching that more members will attend matches and we hope to gain a few new members in the coming year.

Apart from our regular shoots, the section held a swap meet in September which proved to be very popular amongst our members and those from other clubs and disciplines that dropped by. Members were able to offload some of their many wares, collectables and treasures as well as show off some of the gear they had and trade stories with each other. Several comments from members revolved around them saying that had purchased more gear than they brought out to sell, but I guess that is the way with black powder, you can never have enough gear! The swap meet was such a success that we are planning on holding another one or two events next year and we will happily partner up with other clubs and sections with similar goods that they would like to sell, buy, trade, or swap.

Sadly, one of our long-time members, Kevin Hoy, passed away in June. Kevin was one of our key instructors, our club scorer, range officer and all-around good guy. He will be missed by those in our section and in the other disciplines around the range.

Our section looks forward to what the next 12 months may bring and we also look forward to seeing the planned range works on TOB (new shed) and any works on the JMK Range.

SSAA ACT COLLECTORS SECTION – Josephine King

The Collectors section has been quiet for the last year. Back in 2019 a small group of people met and planned a display, flyers, information sheets for the 2020 SSAA ACT Open Day but then Covid ruined all of that.

The ACTFR requested that SSAA ACT put in place a Collectors application process and form to ensure that people applying for a Collectors licence met all the requirements under the Legislation. I will be standing down as the delegate for Collectors. Luc Debaecker has offered to take on the position. As Luc is an active Collector, he is well suited to take up this role and I ask Council to support Luc in this role.

CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE – Kaye McIntyre

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FIELD RIFLE – Doug Robinson

Not available at the time of printing

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SECTION – Miles Kibel

Not available at the time of printing

SSAA ACT LEVER ACTION – Col Rees

The Lever Action section has had a quiet year due to the restrictions from the Covid pandemic, and our numbers have been slowly recovering. We have at last been able to travel to interstate and national matches, six of us attended the NSW state shoot, two attended the QLD state shoot and three attended the National championships. Hopefully 2023 will be a better year.

MAJURA PARK GUN CLUB – SHOTGUN – Willo Cameron

MPGC has like most organisations had a difficult year and hoping the next twelve months will improve. Attendances at monthly and weekly shoots have been reduced, however we are seeing an improvement in numbers with warmer and longer days. Many shoots have also been impacted by inclement weather. Covid has forced a reduction in the number of “target only” shooters we have

been catering for on Wednesday nights. This has now increased with the implementing of a computer booking system and some fresh instructors completing the instructors course protocols. The club ceased conducting corporate shoots for a time, we are however back doing them, and bookings are constant as usual in the run up to Christmas.

There has been a gradual increase in interest from people shooting Five Stand and Sporting and we have commenced a planned replacement of older traps. There is good demand for second hand sporting traps so the changeover pricing is pretty good. Early in the recent disease outbreak the club decided to cover the ISSF Trench layout to facilitate the ability to better shoot in inclement weather and to be able to conduct corporate shoots on wet days. This structure hopefully we be installed in the next few months and has been funded by MPGC.

Financially the club operated profitably again this last twelve months but at a very much reduced level. The books can be inspected if requested. Costs for targets have increased around 25% in the last year and we have passed some on to our shooters but are attempting to hold down passing it all on. Ammunition prices have gone up in some cases over 70% particularly out of the US, European prices a little better. The MPGC club house has for a long time been too small and is pretty much no longer fit for purpose and the club committee has commenced to look at what we require to replace the building with something that not only suits MPGC purposes but also is an asset that can be utilised by other disciplines and SSAA members. The club would welcome any suggestions, ideas or assistance in this planning process. MPGC would require funding from SSAA for this project.

MAJURA PISTOL CLUB (SSAA ACT) INC – Josephine King

Majura Pistol Club is ten years old this year having been ratified as a SSAA ACT Club at the 2012 SSAAACT AGM. Our membership continues to grow, and our probation program is always active. This year we have had some major work completed to improve our turning target system. We are also on preparation for hosting the Pistol Australia ACT Service pistol championships in December. I would like to acknowledge those members of the APSGC and ACT BPFC who along with members from MPC volunteer their time to assist with the ongoing Range works and general maintenance of the top three SSAA ACT Ranges.

MILITARY FIREARMS CLUB – Ian Jimmieson

It has been an interesting year for the MFC!

Despite some residual impact of COVID-19 we have managed to quickly get back to our full normal shooting calendar. Local competition highlights include completing our Territorials (ACT State competition) and competing in matches at neighbouring NSW clubs on a semi-regular basis. Attendances are starting to get back to normal, possibly more to do with the weather warming up than anything else!

MFC sent a team of eight to the 2022 Combined Services Discipline Nationals hosted by SSAA Gladstone - we were the only interstate team to attend this year. Our pistol team came second to Queensland by just 7 points out of an aggregate of 2100. The rifle team also achieved second, but the margin was significant. The clear standout shooter from MFC was Sean Adams, who took out the Pistol Top Gun, the trophy for most X's in the core match, and the Champion of Champions trophy for shooting the highest core match score of any grade. I'd also like to note the outstanding dedication of David Thompson, who has now competed in 19 consecutive CSD Nationals! Our membership numbers continue to grow, with interest in pistol licences remaining very high. We

have had very few members leave - the reasons for people leaving vary, but I think it's fair to say that no one has quit because they didn't like our sport. Membership growth is a double-edged sword however, as massive increases in the number of pistol shooters are making it difficult to get through H probationer course wait lists and normal Sunday matches, where we have had attendances of 70 at times.

Our local .22 Tactical matches are becoming increasingly popular. The matches are shot with Tactical style .22LR rifles using bipods, tripods, no support, or ad-hoc rests such as barricades using a variety of targets. Matches emphasise speed, precision, or a combination of both. Because the match can be shot using a hunting rifle, it is quick and affordable for new members to start shooting. We are hoping to soon implement a Collector's section that would allow members to own a wider variety of military and police firearms than that permitted for CSD matches. We are also looking to shoot a few other SSAA Discipline matches as some of our members are seeking more variety without the expense and attendance burden of joining another ACT club. Examples at this stage are practical type events and metallic silhouette, but MFC remains a staunchly CSD focussed club, with other matches only conducted infrequently (as we already do with shotgun).

Our other goals for 2022/23 include getting more Discipline Range Officers trained, looking at our rifle instructor numbers and delivering more coaching sessions for members seeking to improve their scores.

PRECISION RIFLE – Steve Blacker

Precision Rifle ACT (PRACT) has had a fantastic year with overwhelming support from the SSAA ACT Committee, other disciplines and clubs, SSAA Members and general shooters. The discipline has enjoyed regular interest from new shooters and also those are keen to come along and give something new a try. The regular and routine range booking and the introduction of our own discipline specific rifles is certainly assisting in removing the barriers to entry and we have seen demand increase as a result. We are seeing very strong interest for these rifles especially for our Rimfire matches. PRACT sincerely appreciates the support of SSAA ACT in bringing this initiative to fruition.

Whilst not affiliated with SSAA ACT, a number of our regular competitors have gone on to compete in the Precision Rifle Series Australia matches and shown themselves to be competitive with the skills gained at PRACT. One of our members also participated in the 'Inaugural World Championships of Precision Rifle' as run by the 'International Precision Rifle Federation' in France with 26 nations and 250 competitors in attendance. This was a truly rewarding experience for the member who has brought back a wealth of knowledge, information and personnel connections that are benefiting all PRACT members. Again, whilst not affiliated with SSAA ACT several of our members have aspirations for competing in these events in the future. Looking forward we will continue to foster our culture of safety first with a competitive but supportive spirit. We eagerly await the Range Remediation as it will create greater flexibility in the Courses of Fire that we can offer to members. We also have a number of members who are eager to become range officers and instructors and look forward to having these members appropriately trained to continue the growth of the discipline.

On behalf of PRACT I would like to thank the SSAA ACT President, Mr David True for his efforts as President and look forward to seeing him around the range.

RIFLE METALLIC SILHOUETTE – Mark Lovel/Dave True

Another great past year in the ACT RMS with quite a few new and keen shooters turning up on a regular basis from local and interstate to compete at our club and major events. However, in saying this we in the RMS community and many other disciplines have suffered from COVID 19, fuel prices and obviously the cost of commodities to compete in the events that we currently enjoy.

ACT RMS Section ran five major Rifle Metallic Silhouette Competitions this year within SSAA ACT which were The Early Australia Day RMS Matches in January 2022, Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Territory Titles in January 2022, we hosted the National Lever Action Silhouette titles in April 2022, Black Powder Cartridge Rifle National Silhouette Titles where numbers were a little down but a very enjoyable shoot with competitors attending from across all States within Australia and our SSAA ACT Territory RMS Matches (Snowball) held in June 2022. All five shoots were mostly well attended, but in some cases up and down on numbers.

I would like to thank the members of RMS ACT that have provided and at some times expense to their own pocket and family time, for the contribution that they have provided for us for the SSAA ACT Inc to host these events, and the fantastic help we receive.

Regarding the Cowboy RMS matches I would like to especially thank SSAA NSW for the loan of half size pistol cartridge silhouette targets and the Sporting Shooters Pistol Club for making available the Pistol Silhouette template that SSPC manage on behalf of SSAA ACT Inc for us to run our SSAA National Championships for the Lever Action Silhouette National Titles. This discipline is growing at a steady pace, and we have had many competitors in attendance.

Black Powder Cartridge rifle has taken off and running well with attendances at events. We still shoot on the first Saturday of each month starting our Air Rifle Match @ 11.00am ish to 11.30am ish followed by Rimfire @ 1.00pm ish and then our High-Power Rifle Match afternoon ish.

SINGLE ACTION – El Nacho Bandito (aka Craig Tregear)

Another year for the club is done and dusted. Despite losing some shooting time in 2021 due to the lockdown, it's still been a great year for Single Action.

Membership in the club has been slowly growing. We have new members coming from a variety of different clubs, sections and backgrounds. In the past 12 months we've had a number of new members complete their probie training and receive H category licenses. It's been great to see the skill and participation of our new members increasing as they embark on and continue their Single Action adventure. I'd like to thank our instructors for the work they have put in training these new members, and also to the rest of the club who have made our new members feel welcome.

Earlier in the year we hosted a Wild Bunch State Titles. This was a great shoot, enjoyed by everyone present. These larger Wild Bunch shoots have been quite popular and are becoming a staple of the Wild Bunch competition shoots in Australia. We are planning for the next big Wild Bunch shoot, which will be our biggest so far, with shooters already planning to attend from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia. Range time has already been booked for the 7 th - 9 th April 2023. We will also be looking to host our usual ACT Single Action State Titles again.

Other big shoots around the country have also started back up this year. These shoots have been a great way to reconnect with cowboys and cowgirls that we haven't seen over the past few years. I had a great time attending the Victorian State Titles at Little River. I also attended the NSW State Titles in Bathurst with some of our members, which was a great shoot. We also had members attending other shoots including the Last Posse (Nowra), NSW Wild Bunch State Titles, Women of

the West (Gunnedah) and Chisholm Trail (Millmerran, QLD). Hopefully these shoots continue with our members attendance increasing.

I'd like to thank all the members for their participation within the discipline over the last year. We look forward to another great year of shooting over the next 12 months.

SPORTING SHOOTERS PISTOL CLUB (ACT) INC – Shane Stroud

A lot has happened since the 2021 AGM and I will try to cover the main highlights in this report. As of this report, SSPC ACT has 471 members with a further 17 currently undergoing initial training and probation.

COVID Lockdown - We have navigated our way through the most restrictive pandemic lockdown in living memory, which fundamentally altered our capacity to conduct normal operations and to attract and train new members. The Lockdown also reminded us that we can't take things for granted, that we need to be flexible and adapt to changing circumstances. The worst of the pandemic seems to have passed, with almost the entire population vaccinated, boosted and conscious of the benefits of physical distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitising. Even today, participants are encouraged to wear masks and to avoid succumbing to complacency.

NSW Firearms Registry - The uncertainty relating to NSW recognising interstate clubs as the "Home Club" for NSW residents who live close to a border has been resolved. I am pleased to report that SSPC ACT remains an approved club for eligible NSW residents, and that we are on the list of approved clubs in the NSW Registry online licencing and firearms purchasing system.

Reloaded Ammunition - After much discussion and some research, SSAA ACT has confirmed that members who use reloaded ammunition for authorised club activities (including personal practice) are covered for insurance purposes. Those who supply ammunition to other club members are also covered for insurance purposes, although the case in the event of an incident is potentially less straightforward. Manufacturing reloaded ammunition for sale is not permitted and will not only invalidate any insurance coverage you may have but is also illegal unless you have a permit to manufacture ammunition for commercial sale. Unlicensed SSPC ACT members undergoing training are not permitted to reload ammunition because they are not licensed to obtain or possess the means to do so (primers and powder) but may use reloaded ammunition provided by the club as part of their training program, as long as the club doesn't sell them reloaded ammunition. Any activity involving non-members (such as Open Days, Corporate Events, Family Days) require the use of factory ammunition, as non-members are not covered for insurance purposes.

Governance - The SSPC ACT Committee has established a Governance Sub-Committee to review and update our governance framework. The remit is simple, that our policies and procedures are fit-for-purpose without being unnecessarily complex or bureaucratic. The Governance Subcommittee has done good work making their way through our existing governance framework to make recommendations to the Committee on progressively improving our various policies and procedures. This is an ongoing body of work that will eventually transition to a maintenance program, once all our policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated.

Safety - We continue to be a safe and well managed club, with a positive safety culture. The Safety Officer (Julian Talbot) maintains the club's safety and incident register, promoting a positive learning culture. We have had few incidents during the past year, and those few we have had were identified, reported and appropriately managed to improve safety instead of shaming and punishing

"offenders." New First Aid Kits have been installed on all ranges and new defibrillators within the SSPC complex, as part of a wider SSAA ACT distribution program.

Training - The new Chief Instructor (John Palmer) has overhauled the SSPC training program, making new member training more accessible, more flexible, more consistent, and with improved Instructor Student ratio's, all without compromising standards. Better trained and more confident new members can only be of benefit to the club, improving safety for everyone and feeding new members into the club who are more positive about their induction process and who start with a more positive culture towards safety and proficiency.

Metallic Silhouette Range Remediation - The SSAA ACT Council has approved a recommendation by the Range Management Improvement Committee (RMIC) that up to \$65,000 be committed for the remediation of the Metallic Silhouette (MS) Range, consistent with the remediation plan developed by the SSPC ACT range users. SSAA ACT has authorised SSPC ACT to project-manage the remediation works and a project management team has been formed to oversee the works, which are expected to commence in mid-October 2022. I look forward to the MS Range being returned to the standard it used to enjoy, of being one of the best ranges of its type in Australia.

23102022 - Motion 3:

That the accept all Executive and Discipline/Club/Section reports.

Mover: Ms Jo King

Seconded: Mr David Crook

Abstentions/ Against: Nil

Motion Carried

23102022 - Motion 4:

To ratify the co-ordinators for SSAA ACT Disciplines/Clubs/Sections for 2022/23.

Mover: Ms Jo King

Seconded: Mr Brad Lake

Abstentions/ Against: Nil

Motion Carried

ELECTIONS

All positions were declared vacant.

Mr David True nominated as the chair until the President election was finalised.

23102022 - Motion 5:

To appoint Mr David True as the chair until the President is elected.

Mover: Ms Jo King

Seconded: Mr Colin O'Mullane

Abstentions/ Against: Nil

Motion Carried

A motion was proposed for the ballot counters.

23102022 - Motion 6:

To appoint Lawrie Whiley, Wayne Brown, Roger Leach and Scott Warhurst as ballot counters.

Mover: Mr David Groves

Seconded: Mr Sean Adams

Abstentions: Mr Lawrie

Whiley, Mr Wayne Brown, Mr Roger Leach, Mr Scott Warhurst

Motion Carried

President:

The Chair introduced the two nominated President candidates to the meeting. They were: Mr Shane Stroud and Mr Luc Debaecker.

Both nominees were provided an opportunity to address the meeting and they decided that Mr Debaecker was to go first.

Mr Luc Debaecker gave a pre-written speech to the meeting.

"I've been told to jot down some points today so as to limit the possibility of me talking for so long that you have a leg fall off.

Why am I the best candidate for President?

What am I about?

I think I have a lot to offer in the presidents role. I have a thorough understanding of the association and its clubs and sections. The firearms legislation and regulation, as well as our complex as a whole.

I have built a rapport over the last few years with local government, the AFP ministers office, the firearms registries and our national body, SSAA inc.

There are a lot of things id like to see happen within our association as well as things I think we should be working towards in regards to firearms legislation and the registries to get the best outcomes for our members My highest focus is the longevity of our association. I have been a member for nearly 20 years and I hope I have another 50 in me (although the greys in my beard tell me that may be wishful thinking).

I plan to achieve that longevity by building up our infrastructure and addressing our status issues in relation to upcoming development within the ACT.

I feel that the change in process for this AGM that has been forced on us by legislation has been divisive, and I feel that I have been misrepresented in some circles. I'd like to offer the opportunity for questions from the floor of myself at the least, so I can address any of that.

Ultimately, I'm here to try and make the association and this complex as good as it can be, while growing our membership and growing the acceptance of our association and sport in the greater community."

Questions were invited from the floor.

The first question asked was about the progress of the JMK Range works. Mr Debaecker responded by saying that the timeline has been a long process and commenced in about 2017. It was mentioned that there are multiple stages to the development, including the remediation works which required the moving of approximately 1.6million cubic metres of dirt so far. The process, as mentioned, has required works on the other ranges to be completed first prior to work being undertaken on the JMK. Mr Debaecker mentioned the Development Application process that has been completed by unpaid volunteers and that it was hoped that the DA would be completed within the next 12 months to allow work to commence shortly after. It was also mentioned that re-certification is required once every 2 years and that we are currently being provided a remission by the registry because of the complexity of the process.

The second question asked from the floor about the issue surrounding the SSPC/ACTPA capitation and that it is not inline with the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Constitution, Policy or the SSAA/ACT PA MOU. Mr Debaecker responded by saying that this is a complex question and unfortunately deciding an outcome is not one that the SSAA (ACT) Inc. President is ultimately solely responsible for providing. Responsibility would lay with the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council as a whole, Mr Debaecker confirmed. Mr Debaecker confirmed that it was an issue that had been raised at the October SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council meeting and that it would continue to worked through by the Council to come to a resolution.

The third question asked by the floor was to confirm what was meant by increasing transparency around the reasons for decisions and what better communication would be. Mr Debaecker responded by saying that the last 12 months have been difficult for the Association, but that he saw social media being an option for improved communication with the membership. He believed that minutes of the Council meetings should be available for the membership to see via the SSAA (ACT) Inc. website if members wanted to view them but was unsure if that was a possibility. Mr Debaecker asserted that discipline coordinators have a role in better informing the membership and that he would like to work with the disciplines to have this happen.

The fourth questions asked from the floor was about .338 Lapua and why Police and Military are able to shoot this calibre but general members are not. It was mentioned that the member asking the question had correspondence from the responsible Minister that it was a club decision rather than a direction from the registrar and why Canberra Rifle Club are allowed. Mr Debaecker responded by saying that it was subject to the range work and range approvals which Canberra Rifle Club have attained. It was mentioned that he has advocated through the RMIC with a proposal for bullet traps to support up to .50 calibre rifles being shot of the JMK Range. The ban was imposed by the previous Firearms deputy registrar and it was not a Club decision. Mr Debaecker received correspondence just last week that would need to be worked through but a resolution was being worked on to get access back for members to be able to shoot those larger calibres again. Mr Debaecker mentioned that it was due to issues with the Registrar at the time and approval would not be received until range works and the implementation of the recommendations of the ATS report.

The fifth questions asked from the floor was around why there has been delays in the electricity and cabling being provided to the other ranges. It was mentioned that it was something that was discussed approximately 20 years, to the members recollection. It was also asked where we are going with the infrastructure improvements. Mr Debaecker raised that he is the secretary of the Range Management Improvement Committee and that there has been issues in working through the requirements for the necessary approvals, including the DA approval. It was also mentioned that there have been issue around tree removals and that there has been other larger projects which have had to take precedence due to scheduling. There are also limits placed on expenditure through the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Constitution. It was mentioned that new caravan area by the old club house is in the plan and there have been quotes requested for the power extension. Mr Debaecker also said that he would like to see power and lighting being installed on the JMK range right through to 500m.

The sixth question asked from the floor was about why Category C and D firearms are being used on the range and in major shoots. It was asked if members are able to use this category of firearm as the Police and Military have been. Mr David True confirmed that the general membership, as long as licensed, are able to use this category. It was mentioned that some members are provided licenses for this category due to injury and for the reduced recoil, particularly with shotgun.

Clarification was sort from a member about the line of questioning and that they should be addressed/raised during the General Meeting. Questions should also be asked of both candidates.

Questioning was paused and Mr Shane Stroud was asked to present to the meeting.

Mr Shane Stroud commenced his address by saying that it does not matter what section members belong to, we are all SSAA members. He mentioned that he has a direction that he wants to see the Association go and he welcomes the opportunity to work with the colleagues in his team. It was mentioned that the team has the best interests of the Association in mind first and foremost and that they are all committed to better management. He mentioned that he was concerned about the current serving members and the level of control. He wants to provide better management and protect what we have got. He mentioned that there is a lot to do but the management has meant we are in pretty good shape with cash and physical assets. He does not want to run the Association like a pub social club and wants to turn ideas into outcomes. He vowed to do his best and said that he does not believe we have achieved what had been undertaken. He wants to do better and has the long-term interest of the Association at heart and would be grateful for a vote to do just that.

The first question asked from the floor was about how long Mr Stroud had been a member of the Association. Mr Stroud confirmed that he became an ACT member in 2015, and had been a member in Queensland and New South Wales sometime before that. He re-joined SSAA after a break. He mentioned that he was a member of IPSC Australia holding an official position. It was mentioned that he has been the SSPC President for the past 14 months. Mr Stroud reiterated that he wants to ascertain where we are, where we want to go and how we were going to get there. He mentioned he has a shared interest in the future of the club.

The second question asked from the floor asked if Mr Stroud was going to continue with his other positions if he become President. Mr Stroud mentioned that something would likely have to give and said he thought that would be IPSC role. He mentioned that it was a new occurrence that an SSAA (ACT) Inc. President also held another position in other related organisations and pointed out that agreement would be required of the membership. He said that by voting for him to be President that would also confirm the membership was agreeing to him holding both positions. He mentioned that he would be developing a suitable replacement prior to abandoning the other positions.

Mr Stroud then moved onto addressing a question posed to Mr Debaecker on the capitation payable by SSPC members to ACTPA. Mr Stroud, addressing the member directly, said he had a hobby horse and was unable to let go of the issue. He said that the member did not have the support of the SSPC membership or the Committee, IPSC or ACTPA. Mr Stroud mentioned that he would have liked the opportunity to present the information to the Council for a resolution. The information included a document from the IPSC President, Gareth Graham.

Mr Stroud confirmed that SSPC is a SSAA Club governed by the rules of SSAA. He reiterated that the intention of the agreement was not to provide an option for the payment of the capitation. Mr Stroud mentioned that all SSPC members are required to be members of both SSAA and ACTPA.

Ballot papers were distributed, collected and counted.

Following the count, Mr Whiley provided the results to the Chair.

The Chair announced that Mr Shane Stroud was elected President.

23102022 – President Election:

Mr Shane Stroud was duly elected as SSAA (ACT) Inc. President until the 2023 AGM.

Mr Shane Stroud, as President, assumed the Chair.

A motion was moved for the destruction of the ballots.

23102022 - Motion 7:

That the ballot papers for the President election be destroyed.

Mover: Mr Geoff Power

Seconded: Mr Roger Barson

Abstentions: 2

Motion Carried

Against: Nil

Vice President:

The President introduced the two nominated Vice President candidates to the meeting. They were: Mr Christopher Bowyer and Mr Craig Tregear.

Both nominees were provided an opportunity to address the meeting and they decided that Mr Bowyer was to go first.

Mr Bowyer addressed the meeting saying he was a new shooter from shot gun. He said that he was passionate about the sport and was originally from Brisbane.

He noted that he was new to the Association but had other experience and supports that he could draw on. He is a member of the ACT Firearms Advisory Council. He concluded that he would support all shooters and the club.

Mr Tregear addressed the meeting saying he thanks members for their time and for the big attendance. He has shot at a State and National level with Single Action and Precision Rifle. He mentioned that he is committed to improving the way we do things into the future and committed to working with representatives and the existing Council.

Ballot papers were distributed, collected and counted.

Following the count, Mr Whiley provided the results to the President.

The President mentioned that the ballot required a re-count as the results were very close and subsequently announced that Mr Christopher Bowyer had been elected through the secret ballot.

23102022 – Vice President Election:

Mr Christopher Bowyer was duly elected as SSAA (ACT) Inc. Vice President until the 2023 AGM.

A motion was moved for the destruction of the ballots.

23102022 - Motion 8:

That the ballot papers for the Vice President election be destroyed.

Mover: Ms Jacqueline Smith

Seconded: Mr Ashley Hume

Abstentions/Against: Nil:

Motion Carried

Deputy Vice President:

The President introduced the two nominated Deputy Vice President candidates to the meeting. They were: Mr Glenn Peisley and Mr Lee Petrow.

Both nominees were provided an opportunity to address the meeting and they decided that Mr Peisley was to go first.

Mr Peisley addressed the meeting by saying he has been an SSAA ACT member since 2010. He said that he has been quiet in the club but has management experience to help organise the club. He said he felt the opportunity presented to him by Mr Stroud was a good opportunity for him to give back to the Association. He looks forward to being able to support Mr Stroud and Mr Bowyer.

Mr Petrow addressed the meeting by first saying that he nominated to give back to the Association. He mentioned that he currently sits on the Range Management Improvement Committee and that he recently went to the Gladstone Nationals with MFC. He wants to be able to help out around the range as much as possible.

Ballot papers were distributed, collected and counted.

Following the count, Mr Whiley provided the results to the President.

The President announced that Mr Glenn Peisley had been elected through the secret ballot.

23102022 – Deputy Vice President Election:

Mr Glenn Peisley was duly elected as SSAA (ACT) Inc. Deputy Vice President until the 2023 AGM.

A motion was moved for the destruction of the ballots.

23102022 - Motion 9:

That the ballot papers for the Deputy Vice President election be destroyed.

Mover: Mr Geoff Power

Seconded: Mr Brad Lake

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Treasurer:

The President announced that there was only one nomination for the position of Treasurer and that was Mrs Kym Adams, the Treasurer for the previous term.

Mrs Kym Adams was declared as the Treasurer for the next Committee term.

23102022 – Treasurer Election:

Mrs Kym Adams was duly declared as SSAA (ACT) Inc. Treasurer until the 2023 AGM.

Secretary:

The President introduced the two nominated Secretary candidates to the meeting. They were: Mr David Voss and Ms Nicole Small.

Both nominees were provided an opportunity to address the meeting and they decided that Mr Voss was to go first.

Mr Voss started by saying he has been a members since the early '90's. He had 2 terms on the DPI and was the National President for the Australian Deer Association. He also mentioned that he has been with the Shooting Industry Foundation of Australia for just over 2 years. He mentioned that he wants to be more involved with the shooting industry regulators. He said that the reason he is running is that it is a long way to drive if the ACT range is not available.

Ms Small addressed the meeting by first saying that Mr Voss would make a fantastic Secretary for the Association and acknowledged that her resume was not as impressive as his. She mentioned that

she has been involved in the Association for sometime and has demonstrated this most recently by her performing some of the Secretary duties already like minute taking for the October Council meeting and also for this AGM.

Ballot papers were distributed, collected and counted.

Following the count, Mr Whiley provided the results to the President.

The President announced that Mr David Voss had been elected through the secret ballot.

23102022 – Secretary Election:

Mr David Voss was duly elected as SSAA (ACT) Inc. Secretary until the 2023 AGM.

Members’ Delegates:

The President called for nominations for the Members’ Delegate positions. There was a nomination received prior to the meeting but it was withdrawn.

Nominations were received from: Mr Colin O’Mullane, Mr Thomas Darby, Mr Roger Leach, Mr Wayne Brown and Mr Daniel Fowler.

A motion was moved to accept the nominees.

There was mention of there being an issue with so many members delegates. The previous Vice President confirmed that there was no mention of members delegates or limits in the constitution so if the President wanted to accept 5 then he could do so.

23102022 - Motion 10:

That the Members’ Delegates of Mr Colin O’Mullane, Mr Thomas Darby, Mr Roger Leach, Mr Wayne Brown and Mr Daniel Fowler be appointed.

Mover: Mr Willo Cameron

Seconded: Mr Thomas Ward

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS

Auditor

The President raised that the meeting is to appoint an auditor for the Association. The President presented a motion to the meeting and asked for movers and seconders. It was raised that the motion would be required to be split in two. The motion became:

23102022 - Motion 11:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. appoint Warren Turk as the Auditor for 2022/23.

Mover: Mr David True

Seconded: Mr Roger Leach

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

23102022 - Motion 12:

That if Warren Turk is unavailable, the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council engage a suitably qualified auditor.

Mover: Mr Lawrie Whiley

Seconded: Mr Luc Debaecker

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Public Officer

The President was reminded that a Public Officer is required to be appointed. It was normal practice for this to be the Secretary. Mr David True mentioned that the Public Officer is required to be an ACT resident as per the Act. This meant that the Secretary, Vice President and Deputy Vice President were unable to fill the role.

Nominations were called for from the floor and Mr Roger Leach nominated himself.

23102022 – Public Officer Appointment:

Mr Roger Leach was duly appointed as SSAA (ACT) Inc. Public Officer until the 2023 AGM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Range Fees and Passes

The President raised the business of the meeting setting the ranges fees and passes for the next 12 months. It was mentioned that the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council had endorsed holding the fees at the current rates for the next year.

The fees and charges are:

- Daily Range Fee
- Annual Range Pass
- Five Year Range Pass
- Pensioner Fees
- Junior Fees
- Facility Fee

23102022 - Motion 13:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. range fees and passes remain unchanged for 2022/23.

Mover: Nil

Seconded: Nil

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Honorariums

Range Officers

The President introduced the next item of business being the honorariums for the Jim McKinley Range Officers, currently set at \$110.00 per full day and \$55.00 per half day, as endorsed by the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council.

A motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 14:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. JMK Range Officers are provided with an honorarium of \$110.00 per full day and \$55.00 per half day.

Mover: Nil

Seconded: Nil

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Range Officer Courses and Instructors

The President introduced to the meeting the next item of business being the Range Officer assistants for the RO, Instructor, R-License and Safety Officer courses. The honorarium is currently set at the

equivalent of the Range Officers half day honorarium of \$55.00 per course, as endorsed by the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council.

A motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 15:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. offers people assisting on Range Officer courses, Instructor courses, R-License courses and Safety courses the equivalent of a half day Range Officer honorarium.

Mover: Nil

Seconded: Nil

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Other – Endorsed by SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council

Recognition of Mr Cranston Wilson

A motion to provide Mr Cranston Wilson with a life membership to SSAA Inc, as endorsed by the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council, was introduced to the floor by the President.

The President mentioned that it had been brought to his attention that the Constitution provides that the motion will have to go to a silent ballot and requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

The motion was read as “That SSAA (ACT) Inc. present Mr Cranston Wilson with a life membership of SSAA Inc. for his sterling contribution in the fields of IT and web service”.

The ballot slips were provided to the meeting.

The ballot slips were counted and the result was provided to the President by Mr Lawrie Whiley.

23102022 - Motion 16:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. present Mr Cranston Wilson with a life membership of SSAA Inc. for his sterling contribution in the fields of IT and web service.

Motion Carried by a greater than 75% majority

Recognition of Mr David True

The President introduced a motion, endorsed by the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council, that Mr David True be presented with a \$5,000 Visa debit card for his contributions to the Association, in particular his service as President for the previous 10 years. The President also mentioned that he had been told that this was not unrepresented and there was no requirement for a secret ballot.

It was pointed out from the floor that the motion also included a perpetual range pass for the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Range and the motion presented to the meeting was amended to so reflect.

The motion was moved by Mr David Shadwell and seconded by Steve Blacker. Discussion ensued and an amendment to the motion was proposed by Mr David Shadwell that the value of the debit card be increased to \$10,000, as the previous value worked out to be less than \$10.00 per week. The amendment was agreed by the seconder of the motion.

The motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 17:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. present Mr David True with a perpetual range pass for the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Range and a \$10,000.00 Visa debit card for his contributions to the Association, in particular his service as President for the previous 10 years.

Mover: Mr David Shadwell

Seconded: Mr Steve Blacker

Abstentions: Mr David True

Motion Carried

Against: Nil

The President presented Mr David True with a framed certificate of appreciation for the Association.

Other

Junior Development Section

The President introduced a motion put by the Treasurer that the Range Officers and Instructors for the Junior Development Section be offered an honorarium for the assistance to the Juniors and the Section, consistent with that which is provided for Range Officers and Instructors for Range Officer and Instructor courses. That being, the half day honorarium of \$55.00. It is hoped that the honorarium will incentivise Range Officers and Instructors to be more involved with junior development, to deliver on the SSAA (ACT) Inc. aims and objective of “*To help in the education of young people in the skills of hunting and shooting and the proper and safe handling of firearms*” – stated in the SSAA (ACT) Inc. Constitution at 2. (b).

A motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 18:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. offers Junior Development Section endorsed Range Officers and Instructors the equivalent of the half day honorarium (\$55.00) when attending the JDS Sunday shoots.

Mover: Ms Jo King

Seconded: Mr Brad Lake

Abstentions: Mr Ross Bills

Motion Carried

Against: Nil

Range Passes for Other Volunteers

A motion was raised from the floor that SSAA (ACT) Inc. provide a complimentary annual range pass to those volunteers with official titles to recognise the considerable contribution they provide to the organising and running of the Association. It was proposed that a complimentary annual range pass be provided to the Executive, the Chief Safety Officer, the Chief Range Officers, Members’ Delegates, nominated Discipline council representatives and the RMIC members.

The motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 19:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. provides a complimentary Annual Range Pass to SSAA (ACT) Inc. Council executive, the nominated discipline council representatives, elected Members’ Delegates, Chief Range Officer (CRO), Chief Safety Officer (CRO) and RMIC members.

Mover: Mr David Shadwell

Seconded: Ms Gemma Brown

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Thanks to Range Officers and Safety Officers

A motion was raised from the floor that the SSAA (ACT) Inc. extend their thanks to the the Range Officers and Safety Officers for their contributions to the Association throughout the year.

The motion was put to the meeting.

23102022 - Motion 20:

That the SSAA (ACT) Inc. express thanks to the Range Officers and Safety Officers.

Mover: Mr Ross Bills

Seconded: Ms Jacqueline Smith

Abstentions/Against: Nil

Motion Carried

Meeting Close

The Annual General Meeting was closed at 5:27pm

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