

ASSA AGM
Saturday 20 May 2017, 4.30pm
The Clubhouse
Wagga Wagga Shooting Ground

2016 Committee:

Paul Johnston (President)
Leonie Johnston (Treasurer/Secretary)
Shane Bennett (Vice President)
Lorraine Hughes (QLD)
Wayne Petersen (NSW)
Michael Buttigieg (VIC)
Bruce Baker (SA)
Amberley Emmett (NT)
Jacqueline Durham (VIC) - Apologies received
Shane O'Brien (WA) - Absent

Members Present:

Nigel Hughes
Laurie Durham
Bob Thorne
Sam Acruri
Nadine Katarski
Ben Harris
Mathew D'Pauli
Sarah Bennett
Tracey Ashton
Sim Neoh

Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the 2017 ASSA AGM

Apologies: Jacqueline Durham

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The 2016 minutes were read out. Approved as correct by Laurie Durham, seconded by Leonie Johnston

Bruce Baker commented that he will speak to ????? to request that sub gauge events be added to the SA State Titles event and then hopefully get them included at state title events.

Inward Correspondence:

- (1) Craig O'Neill suggested for a set/(s) of side kick tubes be purchased by the ASSA for loan to shooters to increase the sub gauge participation. Committee agreed in principle although there are logistics to be considered. Michael Buttigieg has spoken to Mialles Gun Shop and suggested an advert on the ASSA website in return for a set of side kicks/discounted multiple sets.
ACTION: ASSA to discuss with state/territory associations to see if they can contribute to purchasing.

Presidents Report. Paul Johnston said it was his last year as President after 7 mostly enjoyable years and is looking forward to handing over to Shane Bennett. Paul said he will support Shane by staying as Vice President for the next year. The ASSA, in its current form, has been in place for 7 years. For the first time for many years the ASSA are now being consulted on a range of issues by the ACTA and we are seeing items discussed with us before skeet related items go to other committee meeting. The ACTA committee is comprised purely of DTL shooters and therefore the presence of the ASSA is important. Our state carnivals are growing in attendance. Our nationals 2017 have record pre nominations of 164. Travelling criteria for the USA and NZ is clearly identified and continues to grow in. I have always tried to make decisions based on the good of skeet shooting and participation.

5 years ago at the Nationals there was an empty vendors area as (no sponsors). Now there are a number of sponsors and others who are now interested in contributing. Now almost every National event has sponsorship and this has been achieved by work of the ASSA.

Financially the ASSA is in a good position.

Financials

Financial reports consisting of Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2016 were presented. Financial reports were approved as correct by Laurie Durham and seconded by Bob Thorne.

Election of Office Bearers

The outgoing president vacated the chair.

One nomination as President – Shane Bennett.

One nomination as Vice President – Paul Johnston

One nomination as Treasurer/Secretary – Leonie Johnston

Committee QLD - Lorraine Hughes

Committee NSW - Wayne Petersen NSW

Committee VIC - Michael Buttigieg (VIC)

Committee WA – Matt D’Paoli

Committee NT – Nadine Katarski

Questions/Suggestions From the Floor:

(1) Nigel Hughes asked questions about current membership numbers and plans to grow the membership.

Shane replied that there are currently 78 members from 50 in 2016.

Paul Johnston advised that there have been 170 people, at one stage or another, who have been members of the ASSA.

(2) Questions raised about the benefits of membership.

Wayne Petersen advised that the benefits of membership are:

- (a) A great skeet website with a member only access area
- (b) State high gun cash prize sponsorship.
- (c) Access to the ACTA is better than it has ever been before
- (d) Opportunity to communicate with ASSA with skeet related criticisms and suggestions which are be fed back to the ACTA

(3) Michael Buttigieg questioned if the AGM date of the Saturday is the best date as a number of people travel on this day so a number of people missing. Maybe change to a different date and advertise more. Sim Neoh requested that meeting reminders be sent out a week before the next AGM meeting. ACTION – agreed that this will happen.

- (4) Suggestion from Sam Acuri about attracting back lapsed members possibly with a discount and consider being able to offer member benefits at the Nationals.
Tracey Ashton said we should not be putting an additional burden on the sponsors but should look at other areas to benefit shooters. Maybe an ASSA related discount programme for spending with vendors and/or local accommodation venues.
- (5) Ben Harris suggested a quarterly newsletter to communicate the actions and results of the ASSA. Also advertising on ASSA website.
- (6) Suggestion from Paul Johnston re ASSA Junior Scholarship \$1000 per year - \$500 ACTA and \$500 from ASSA. Criteria on events to be attended and the highest junior score over those events is awarded the \$1000. Michael Buttigieg suggested a clinic for junior shooters, funded in each state by the ASSA.
- (7) Tracey Ashton suggested a small increase in membership and in return get an ASSA toe rest, an ASSA cap, an ASSA shooting towel. These would be good advertising for the ASSA (instead of the stickers).

A few months ago Paul Johnston/Shane Bennett questioned the ACTA on the \$20 increase per event in the originally advertised nominations for the skeet nationals. This resulted in the error being fixed and every attending shooter benefitted from the error being rectified. A number of people suggested that this benefit be communicated as an effective action taken by ASSA.

Closing by President

Shane Bennett gave thanks to Paul Johnston for a great job for the last 7 years. Thank you to all who attended.

Meeting Closed at 5:30pm