

**ASSA AGM**  
**Sunday 19 May 2019, 5.30pm**  
**The Clubhouse**  
**Wagga Wagga Shooting Ground**

**2018 Committee:**

Shane Bennett (President)  
Michael Buttigieg (Vice President)  
Leonie Johnston (Treasurer)  
Paul Johnston (Secretary)  
Nigel Hughes (QLD)  
Wayne Petersen (NSW)  
Bruce Baker (SA)  
Nadine Katarski (NT)  
Matt DePoli

**Welcome**

Paul Johnston welcomed everyone to the 2019 ASSA AGM.

**Apologies:** Steve Makris, Rob Wiley, Mark Corbett, Michael Buttigieg, Glenn Clarke, Nigel Hughes, Lorraine Hughes, Doug Alcocke, Shane O'Brien, Nancy Batawitz.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The 2018 minutes were read out. Approved as correct by Laurie Durham, seconded by Matt DePoli.

**Presidents Report.** Shane Bennett gave the President's report on activities of the ASSA during the past 12 months:

1. Mialls Gun Shop of Frankston Victoria kindly donated sub gauge side kick tubes for the use by shooters at State and National shoots to help grow the number of gauge participants. This was only received a week before the 2019 Skeet Nationals, committee needs to draw up some guidelines for the use of the sidekicks and needs to be promoted on how shooters can obtain use. Open to all shooters not just members of the ASSA, but members have first dibs.
2. Discussion with ACTA regarding the Skeet Hall of Fame criteria for ladies, is still in progress, we have put in a new criteria as the one they use for DTL is too easy. This needs to be voted on by the Hall of Fame Executive Committee which will be in August sometime, this has been an ongoing discussion with the ACTA since 2017. It was originally submitted to Tony Turner and Robert Nuggent, other members hadn't seen this proposal until about 3 weeks before the 2019 Skeet Nationals.
3. Discussing with ACTA regarding blue sashes for all sections for national title events (in line with DTL). Need to have a meeting with Colin Kneebone as he is on the executive for the championships, our numbers need to increase before they will come to party.
4. QCTA Hall of Fame presentations for skeet are currently being held at the state trap shoots. Discussions currently underway with QCTA for this to change to the skeet carnival, still in

progress, recently spoke with Colin Whit, he is the historian for QLD, information has been passed on for records etc. Mick McGill is being inducted this year at the Skeet State Shoot in Townsville. I gave him a list of other Queenslanders that need to be inducted which will be one per year.

5. QCTA negotiations for the 28g and .410 to become ratified state title events, have had no comments back about this. Still in the works.
6. ASSA Junior Scholarship Award was passed and has currently been resulted, we have about 27 juniors with scores submitted and scores to follow from this year's Nationals.
7. Blind team shoot at the Skeet Nationals was a success, so we are running it again this year, we are having a few issues as we will be using My Club My Scores. Teams of 3 or 5 (depending on member entries). Prize pool divided for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. Allowance per grade. Free entry.
8. We have, with the help from Lorraine Hughes have been able to keep the National Two Lady team trophy stay in circulation by making the teams a blind team, so every woman has a chance, this has been a success 2 years running now.

Shane Bennett went on to report that there are currently 99 members of the ASSA, numbers are down slightly from 2018. The pre-nominations for the skeet nationals were 160 plus there will be some entries on the day. 2019 was a record number of attendees.

### **Financials**

Financial reports consisting of Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018 were presented. Financial reports were approved as correct by Jacqueline Durham and seconded by Linda Watson

### **Election of Office Bearers**

The outgoing president vacated the chair.

One nomination as President – Shane Bennett.

One nomination as Vice President – Michael Buttigieg

One nomination as Treasurer – Leonie Johnston

One nomination as Secretary – Paul Johnston

Committee QLD - Nigel Hughes

Committee NSW - Wayne Petersen

Committee WA – Matt DePoli

Committee NT – Nadine Katarski

Committee SA – Bruce Baker

### **Questions/Suggestions from the Floor:**

- (A) Jackie suggested that when borrowing the tubes that we could potentially get them to join as a way for non-members to use the tubes, using the tubes as promotional tool to gain more members and also more people to shoot the gauges. By making them join it's an incentive to use the tubes. Shane has put membership forms within the tubes case, in hope that if a non-member uses them that they might take up membership. Others join in on the conversation on how we can get more members.

- (B) Tracey Ashton is concerned that the ASSA are not being heard by the ACTA, Paul Johnston assured her that isn't the case and that things have a process of being dealt with, the executive is made up of trap shooters so to get our point across it really needs to be explained. Tracey wants the members to be able to assist to take the load off the Committee. Leonie went on to say if we don't leave it to the committee and we have everyone ringing the ACTA things won't get passed through. Tracey wants to utilise all the members but is not sure how to do it, she feels it's a good feeling if you can help. Tracey is also concerned that the members don't hear about the things we ask for through the ACTA until she attends the AGM.
- (C) Comments from various members regarding Tracey's concerns are maybe a Newsletter from the ASSA quarterly talking about the things we are asking for from the ACTA and just general updates etc. Concerns keep rising about what do members get out of being a member? The ASSA needs to toot their horns more to show the members what we fight for with their sport. Members feel we can achieve this by sending out newsletters. Facebook was brought up that this could be a way of connecting with the members rather than a newsletter, promote our page on other pages through Facebook and post why we are a great organisation so that we might get more members.
- (D) Sam Agostino suggested ASSA sponsorship through other events, maybe at State events to promote the ASSA more, in conjunction with another sponsor. Look at Co-Sponsoring an event in each State. Paulette had some suggestions maybe in conjunction with the Commonwealth event at the Nationals.
- (E) Michael Buttigieg suggested running a coaching clinic as Australia have enough great shooters that are ASSA members and they could possibly volunteer their time, maybe one session in every State, to try and promote the ASSA and hopefully gain more members.
- (F) Paulette suggested we could save money by not sending out stickers and a promotional gift. Paul Johnston said it's not costing the ASSA much money to do this, it's a small token for saying thank you for being a member. From the meeting majority of the members like the little gift, suggestions for ASSA badges and maybe shirts, shirts probably not possible.
- (G) Sarah Bennett brought up that we need to start thinking about a website host as Ivan is getting pretty old, so we need to start looking into a new web master. Tracey Ashton suggested that Michael Rixon's step father Conrad does websites, so this might be something the ASSA needs to research in the next 12 months. At the moment Ivan gets paid in Ammo about 6 slabs for the year. This will change dramatically once Ivan stops!

### **Closing by President**

Shane Bennett thanked everyone for attending and for the contribution to ideas.

**Meeting Closed at 8:00pm**