



Inc. 400344

## AGM Meeting Minutes 2019

**Venue:** Barambah Bowhunters Nanango Queensland

**Date:** Saturday 12th October 2019

**Time:** 4.12pm

**Executives Present:** Steve Linaker (Acting President/Vice President), Peter Bell (Treasurer), Heather Pender (Score Recorder), Amy Heiman (Membership Officer), Perry Jackson (National Traditional Skills Officer), Dave Pender (Hunting Advisor/Shoot Director), Dave McGuire (National Coach), Keith Speight (Retiring President).

Leslie White (Volunteer minutes recorder).

**Member Attendees:** As per sign on sheet (please refer to attached list).

**Apologies:** Les Simpson, Wayne Hanley, Steve Wallace, Sue Wallace.

1. Steve Linaker welcomed all members and executives and called for all members to sign the book.  
Russell Carlson asked if all people present were in fact TAA members and could we check.  
A show of hands indicated only TAA members present at the meeting.
2. Steve Linaker thanked Barambah for allowing us to run our third National Shoot at their club at such short notice. He also sent our thoughts to Tenterfield Club for the difficult time they have experienced with the fires.
3. 2018 AGM minutes tabled. Steve Linaker and Leslie White read the minutes from the last AGM held at Tenterfield Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 where all executives were present.

**2018 Minutes Accepted:** David White **Seconded:** Howard O'Connell **Carried**

4. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Retiring President Report:** Keith Speight thanked all committee members that that have worked with him throughout his time as president of TAA. He expressed hope that the new committee would be supported. He stressed that he did not give up but retired. He thanked all members for their support. He outlined that TAA was kick started again with a base of no money. Any money raised was given to charity (1997). There were 300 members at the start. This has now grown to 1153 members and 15 TAA clubs.  
**Accepted:** Perry Jackson **Seconded:** David White **Members agree**
- b. **Vice President Report:** Steve Linaker Proud and happy at how TAA is going particularly in Western Australia where there are now 4 clubs and 120 members. He finds the TAA logo on clothing is a positive advertisement and

prompts people to enquire. He thanked Ian Ramsdale for also driving across from Western Australia to be part of the National Shoot and AGM.

**Accepted:** Jane Bell      **Seconded:** Jason Chapman      Members agree

- c. **Secretary Report:** Les Simpson sends his apologies for missing the AGM. First ever through work commitments. He asked that members limit comments and make them positive particularly when corresponding through the internet. We now have 15 clubs and are working on the 16<sup>th</sup> which will be the first in Victoria. There was a discussion on insurance regarding clubs going independent. \$1 000 per club per year was quoted deemed too expensive to pursue.

**Accepted:** Kay Prince      **Seconded:** Howard O'Connell      Members agree

- d. **Treasurer Report:** Peter Bell read report. The report tabled.

**Accepted:** Ian Ramsdale      **Seconded:** David White      Members agree

- e. **Membership Officer Report:** Amy Heiman informed members that at the commencement of the weekend there were 1153 members with more joining as the shoot progressed. Amy tabled a comprehensive breakdown of members with data presented as graphs showing age/ gender and numbers joining each year. A copy of this will be filed with the minutes.

**Accepted:** Venke Mannes      **Seconded:** Dave Pender      Members agree

- f. **Web Manager and PR Report:** Wayne Hanley – No Report

- g. **Traditional Skills Officer Report:** Perry Jackson. Mentioned that he had been flat out organising the display for Bathurst. It was a large display that went over an absolute treat. He was exceptionally happy with the way things went. He organised four Bowyers Workshops, two each at Barambah and Tenterfield. Expenses are up due to sourcing quality selfbow wood. He needs TAA clubs to support the workshops and talk to him about holding one. Perry wishes to expand Traditional Skills Workshops at clubs. At present he is just covering his expenses. There is to be a Beginners' Workshop at Tenterfield in November. He feels Traditional Based Skills need to spread and we need to share our knowledge. He thanked the Maydaan Club for their excellent display at Bathurst. The Trophy Taker display was phenomenal. Could the festival in Bathurst continue? It promotes Traditional Archery which is what TAA is about.

Question to Perry on sourcing timbers like osage orange. Perry said it was overwhelming to teach about woods. Kevin Smoothy commented that Perry's courses were worth it. There were many other positive comments for Perry and his passion for preserving history.

**Accepted:** Ian Ramsdale      **Seconded:** David White      Members agree

- h. **Hunting Advisor Report:** Dave Pender informed that the DPI has done away with the licence to hunt deer. State land requires R Licence.

- i. **Shoot Director Report:** Dave Pender is happy with the courses.

**Last two reports accepted:** Howard O'Connell      **Seconded:** Zanelle Williamson      Members agree

j. **Score Recorder Report:** Heather Pender said that this was the first year of separating the score recorder position therefore no report.

**Accepted:** Jane Bell    **Seconded:** Kay Prince    Members agree

5. **Nominations:** Steve Linaker asked committee members to stand down. Keith Speight took the chair. The following positions had one nomination each, these members agreed to accept their nomination.

**National President:** Steve Linaker

**National Treasurer:** Peter Bell

**National Membership Officer:** Amy Heiman

**National Web Manager and PR Officer:** Wayne Hanley

**National Traditional Skills Officer:** Perry Jackson

**National Coaching Officer:** Dave McGuire

**National Score Recorder:** Bonnie Cabrini

Dave Pender asked that the Hunting Advisor and Shoot Director be broken into two positions and nominated Jason Chapman for Shoot Director.

**Accepted:** Dave Pender    **Seconded:** Jane Bell    Members agree

**National Shoot Director:** Jason Chapman

**National Hunt Advisor:** Dave Pender

There were two nominations for Vice President, Wayne Hanley and Les Simpson. This went to a vote.

**National Vice President:** Les Simpson

Les Simpson therefore did not want to accept the nomination for secretary. Leslie White was the other nomination.

**National Secretary:** Leslie White

**Accepted:** Zanette Williamson    **Seconded:** Kay Prince    Members agree

**Club Communications Officer:** Can now be appointed by the committee. Appears we did not get to this position. Leslie White does not mind doing this until the position is sorted.

6. Steve Linaker thanked Keith Speight for all that he has done for TAA during his Presidency.

7. Les Simpson and Steve Linaker proposed changing State Reps to TAA Reps. TAA clubs are forming with their own committees, it therefore makes more sense to ask the following five long term members to be TAA Reps. They can continue to promote TAA and communicate with members as they all travel around.

**TAA Representatives:** James Murray, Glenn McMahon, Grant Cawthorne (Roadie), David White (Towball) and Howard O'Connell.

**Accepted prior to AGM:** Les Simpson    **Secunder:** Ian Ramsdale    Members agree

8. Motion put forward to nominate Score Recorder, Hunt Advisor, Shoot Director, National Coach and Club Communication Officer prior to AGM. Committee asked members permission to manage these positions.  
**Accepted prior to AGM:** Les Simpson    **Seconded:** Glen McMahon    Members agree
9. Peter Bell put forward a request for online banking. This would simplify the banking process and writing of cheques. A change from double signatures to a single signature for any cheques that may be required. With office bearers spread across Australia double signing of cheques is difficult. President and Vice President to receive monthly statements.  
**Accepted:** Venke Mannes    **Seconded:** Amy Heinman    Members agree
10. **Roadie/Para Division:** Division created for those with a disability. Separate division to enable these people to continue to compete in a sport they love.  
Some discussion regarding the name: Roadie Para Division or Roadie Disabled Division or simply Roadie Division. Roadie said he was just honoured to have his name there. The name Roadie Para Division being used for 2019.  
**Accepted:** Wayne Prince    **Seconded:** Peter Van de Molan    Members Agree
11. Steve Linaker asked Keith and Adriana Speight to leave the meeting for a while. Steve Linaker moved that TAA make Adriana and Keith life members.  
**Accepted:** Peter Sefanini    **Seconded:** Everyone present!!  
Steve Linaker presented certificates to Adriana and Keith and thanked them for all that they had done over the years for TAA. A teary Keith said they did it for the love.
12. Steve Linaker proposed raising fees to \$15 per year commencing 2021. This was due to rising costs.  
**Accepted:** David White    **Seconder:** Dave Pender    Members agree
13. Keith Speight to discuss Recurve divisions. Whilst reluctant to have too many divisions some discrepancies are occurring in the Recurve Division. A document defining the new divisions was handed out and explained. A robust discussion followed. The following outcome was reached, a new division.  
**Traditional Recurve Bow:** predominately wood, shooting off the shelf.  
**Modern Traditional Recurve Bow:** Contains a large percentage of man-made material.  
**This was put to the vote. Accepted with majority.**
14. Steve Linaker presented TAA Traditional Archery Award to Howard O'Connell.
15. **General Business**
  - a. Steve Linaker introduced Marian Whiting who spoke about her late husband's book "*The Australian Bowhunter*" by Kevin Whiting. It contains the history of ABA and Bowhunting.
  - b. David White proposed that we ask Manning District Bowhunters if they would like to host the NSW TAA State Titles. This club has excellent facilities. Their Trad Shoot numbers this year were disappointing. They may need a bit of TAA knowhow and help. It would be a shame to lose a Trad Shoot from the calendar.

- c. James Murray. Bega no longer holding Asian Shoots. They are going to join the Maydaan to put on these events. Will be advertised on calendar for 2020.
- d. Perry Jackson. Roadie's name was given to the Roadie Para Division in honour of all he has done for TAA and Traditional Archery. Peter Stefanini feels Disabled rather than Para. Roadie just happy with whatever we decide.
- e. Zanette Williamson excited to be going with dad Keith Mattson and mum Lorelle to America next year for archery. The Traditional Archery Society (TAS) Trad World Championships. If anyone would like details she would be happy to fill them in.

**Meeting Closed: 5.51pm**

**Minutes taken and recorded by Leslie White (TAA National Secretary)**