

Delegates Committee meeting of the Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association

Dates: 2022/07/31 - 8/23

Place: Virtual (e-mail)

Approved 2022/08/25

By e-mail confirmation

Minutes of the meeting

1. Welcome - FO

The chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation in the first Delegates Committee meeting with the new ExCo. The meeting was done by e-mail in which the agenda was discussed in phases and everyone had the opportunity to respond to contributions made by members of the committee. Voting was also done by e-mail.

2. Confirmation of delegates credentials and voting - FO

In attendance: Fanie Otto (Chairman & WSC)

Etienne Burger (Vice-chairman)

Marlo van Drünik (Treasurer)

Erik Smit (SAIRO&I Representative)

Chris van Tonder (VPSC)

Marvick J van Rensburg (KSK)

3. Items arising from the AGM:

a. Constitution - FO

The constitution was revised and accepted on 2022/06/13 by special vote using the VTPSA Whatsapp group. It will be placed on the VTPSA website as soon as possible. A special word of thanks to everyone that participated in the process.

b. Bank account - FO/MvD

FO and MvD had a meeting with the ABSA account manager to transfer the necessary authorisation to FO to approve payments from the account. During the meeting a more favourable bank fee structure was negotiated which should result in a saving of about R95/month. We are still of the opinion that the current R85/month + R22.50 Internet bank fee (excluding transactions) is a bit on the high side and we could consider to "shop around" for an alternative in future.

With the bank account fully functional the clubs paid over their member's affiliation fees. Payments were received from KSK; VPSC and WSC.

c. Website development - EB

The overdue account with the website hosting company was brought up to date (R658). EB started to update the site but it is still a work in progress. You are welcome to check out the current state at: <https://vtpracsa.co.za/>

d. Year end function

EB volunteered to arrange the year end function. He will be the master of ceremonies in the absence of FO. It is not anticipated that the event will be fully sponsored by the province and members would have to pay a portion. EB will consult with - and make use of resources available amongst our members to keep costs in check without sacrificing on quality. He will present a budget in due course.

e. Sponsors and fund raising to support World Shoot members - EB

EB proposed that VTPSA make a donation to the 3 members of the province that were selected for the national squad to participate in the World Championship. This proposal will be presented to the members of the association in more detail for a special vote using the VT Whatsapp group. The three members will be excluded from the group for the duration of the process.

KSK is sponsoring 2 shooting shirts for Herman Gildenhuis from their club.

4. Current membership status and new club affiliation application - FO

VTPSA currently have 66 members of which 4 are juniors.

Kameeldoring: 12 Vereeniging: 30 Wolwehoek: 24

5. Affiliation request of Vos Shooting Club to VTPSA - FO

We received an application for affiliation from Andre van Tonder (Chairman) for Vos Shooting Club that is situated at Vos Gunshop. They have about 18 regular shooters of which 2 are currently affiliated to SAPSA. Due to work and life they find it difficult to participate at the current clubs in VT. They propose to host club shoots at their indoor range to enable members to achieve points towards dedicated status. A club constitution and minutes of their inauguration meeting were received. It was decided to grant them affiliation to VTPSA for a two year trial period to accommodate our fellow shooters and to see how the situation develop.

Voting: Yes: FO (VT); MJvR; CvT; ES; FO (WSC)

Did not vote: EB; MvD

6. Arrangements regarding leagues

a. Building of stages:

The clubs all try to keep costs down for our members as far as possible. We do not hire help to build the stages so it is expected that all participating VTPSA members pitch in to assist within their physical ability.

From WSC side the decision was taken to allocate stages to each detail to build to distribute the labour as fairly as possible. It is not expected from our visitors to assist so they will have a later registration time so as not to distract VTPSA members helping with the building. This worked fairly well during the July league with some room for improvement as our members get used to both the idea and gaining experience in building ranges. Both MJvR (KSK) and CvT (VPSC) support this way of doing thing, we will evaluate as we go along.

b. Qualified RO's at leagues, some considerations:

The ExCo is of the opinion that we could develop the level of our shooters (and matches) if we use trained ROs during our league matches as far as possible. We want to encourage more members to become ROs to ensure we have knowledgeable people to instruct our members during leagues on the interpretation of the rules and to consistently RO the participants across the different squads.

We are developing a shortage of experienced ROs in VT. Only 2 RO-ed on national level the last few years.

As an incentive we should look at a way of rewarding our ROs for their service within what is financially feasible for the clubs and VTPSA. Currently leagues match registration is R100 of which R20 goes to VTPSA and R80 for the hosting club. It was proposed that VTPSA do not receive the R20 portion of the RO fee for league matches.

Voting: Yes: FO; CvT; MJvR; EB; ES

Did not vote: MvD

The remaining R80 club portion will have to be a decision made at club level as VTPSA cannot realistically dictate fee structures to the affiliated clubs.

c. Medals at leagues:

We will award medals at the leagues for qualifying categories and divisions as was done in May match at Vereeniging and again in July at Wolwehoek. G/S/B - minimum 5 competitors; G/S - minimum 4; G minimum 3; less than 3 in a category or division no medals. Medals for overall and VT will be merged to save on the number of medals to be used. Medals will be awarded for highest position only.

Example 1: 1 - Visitor (G), 2 VT member (G - 1st in VT), 3 VT member (S - 2nd in VT), 4 VT member (B - 3rd in VT)

Example 2: 1 VT member (G - 1st in VT), 2 - Visitor (S - 2nd overall), 3 VT member (S - 2nd in VT), 4 VT member (B - 3rd in VT)

We have at least enough medals to see out the year. FO will take stock early in 2023 to plan ahead. MJvR indicated that they have some old medals available from KSK that we could evaluate for reuse.

d. League dates for 2023

We need to start thinking about dates for 2023 leagues and who will host is when. We need to consider school holidays and dates for Nationals.

School holidays: 25 March - 11 April; 24 June - 17 July; 30 Sept - 9 Oct; 14 Dec

Nationals (handgun): 18/19 Feb (EG); 9/10 Sept (NW)

Potential options: Feb; March; April; May; July; Aug; Oct; Nov)

To be confirmed later the year.

7. General development and RO training - ES/FO

a. General development

In principle there are development funds available from SAPSA. FO had a brief discussions with the new SAPSA development officer (Navarre Muller). They propose that funding is given based on what the province did the year before to develop shooters. In addition a 3-5 year development plan with an accompanying budget is proposed to indicate future plans. It is proposed that provinces host their own training days where the participants pay a nominal fee which could be applied towards future development drives. From past experience the number of shooters in VT willing (or able?) to pay for courses seems to be limited.

In an attempt to kick off deliberate development of our members it is proposed that we identify members who aspire to shoot nationals and use some of our experienced shooters/ROs to coach/mentor them for focussed development. This could be done initially at a very low cost and the situation can be assessed as it develops.

In the past 50% of the registration fee for nationals was paid by VT, but this practice was abandoned some time ago to preserve funds. As an incentive for our members to aspire to greater achievement it is proposed that 50% of registration fee is sponsored by VT for a members 1st participation at nationals.

Vote: Yes: FO; CvT; MJvR; EB; ES

Did not vote: MvD

Action: FO to post invitation on VT Whatsapp group for interested shooters to contact him.

b. RO Training

It is not a requirement to do the RO seminars to become an RO even though it may be beneficial to do so. One needs to register as a TRO, accumulate points during the year and then at some point write an exam and do a practical evaluation. Erik to look into the possibility for persons in VT that are interested to become ROs to write the exam under his supervision.

Action: FO to post invitation on VT Whatsapp group for members interested to become RO's to contact Erik. Erik to compile a list and take further as needed.

8. General

MvD indicated that he is willing to assist as treasurer until the end of the year but that we would need to find a replacement from next year onwards. Clubs are requested to check with their members and nominate a willing and able person for the role. Since WSC already have the most people on the ExCo it would be preferred if the person is from KSK or VPSC to maintain a balance of club representation in the ExCo as well. If needed FO will post a request on the VT Whatsapp group as well.

Action: FO to post an invite on the VT Whatsapp group for a treasurer.

MJvR asked if VT is planning to host rifle and shotgun matches also.

FO: There is no reason why this cannot be done, but someone involved in these disciplines will have to take to lead to organise something.

Action: MJvR to check if someone in KSK is willing to do this.

9. Close - FO

FO thanked everyone for their participation, the minutes were distributed to the attendees for approval.