

Branch B Meeting

Date: 14/03/2026

Meeting Opened: 5.15pm

Present:

Lindsay Yule, Damien Smith, Christopher Hartley, Lindsey Mackie, Bec Nelson, Bernie Smith, Wayne Salmon, Brett Hughs, Ian Lepinath, Ellis Brunner, Danny Honnery, Michael Beard and Debbie Lamb

Apologies:

Frank Hall & Jennifer Hall

Risk Management:

No Issue Present

Minutes of previous meeting send to Nationals - YES

Treasurer's Report – NIL

Score Recorder Report – NIL

General:

- Townsville club audit was sent via email
- Collinsville audit is still to come
- Brett Hughs brought along the medallions that the Townsville club have on hand

Motions

- A motion was moved by Christopher Hartley that Branch B buy the medallions from the Townsville Club for State and Safari shoots. To be used for Juniors & Cubs

Moved Christopher Hartley Seconded by Lindsey Yule. All Agreed. Carried.

- Brett Hughs also brought the letter for Nationals – Re Junior and Cub rebate for attending shoots, *Refer attached*

Moved that Branch accepts the letter and forwards it on to National for consideration,

Moved Brett Hughs Seconded Mick Beard All Agreed. Carried.

General Business

- 1) The certificates and plaques will be carried over to the next meeting. Debbie Lamb to remind Michael Siely to look into the pricing of this.
- 2) Mt Isa will be hosting their 50th Anniversary shoot in 2028. As we get closer to the date we will look into group transport for the clubs to their shoot. This will be an option available for all clubs and locations.
- 3) Collinsville Invitational will be held in August and will be a memorial shoot.

- 4) All clubs agreed that they would like to see a generic nomination form for all shoots that would be online. At present no one has put their hand up to create and or look into this.
- 5) Bec Neilson reported that the hunting awards will be given out at the Townsville interclub shoot as no recipients were present at the Safari.
- 6) Mt Isa would like to be added to the Safari rotation and be added behind the Full Boar Club.
- 7) Bernie Smith has let the Branch B know he has stepped down as the Charters Towers Branch B Rep and Steve McDonald is stepping into this position.
- 8) Brett Hughs sent an email to TBA and trophy takers asking them what hunters need to do to become a member with them. He is yet to get a reply.
 - Bec Nielson stated that you become a member when you have a recorded kill. Brett Hughs is still awaiting confirmation and information to circulate to all clubs.
- 9) Collinsvile and Hinchinbrook have no correspondence for the meeting.
- 10) Mackay Members were not all in agreeance for plaques for interclub shoots.
- 11) Lindsay Yule reminded all of the zoom on 9th of May for Branch Coach re-accreditation. He will contact individuals with more information.
- 12) Bec Neilsons measuring course is the 10th of June and will pass information onto the Branch afterwards

- Next meeting is at Townsivlle Club on 2nd of May

Meeting Closed at 6:11pm

To whom it may concern

Within the ABA AGM minutes we noted that ABA National is hoping to grow our sport and foster our junior shooters participation within our Branches. Would National consider the following request.

We are asking that ABA National consider covering the cost of Juniors and Cubs nomination fees for interclub shoots and branch safaris and rebate the nomination fees to the hosting clubs so they are not the ones to absorb the financial cost of implementing this change. Normal weekend and club shoots remain unchanged.

Using Branch B as an example we have an approximate 506 Members of which 103 are cubs/juniors. We would therefore be contributing at least 20K+ to ABA national per year in membership fees.

We believe the rebate would have a very minimal financial impact on National funds, however, be seen as a very positive move from ABA to encourage Families with competing juniors to attend these events. Working on current participation levels, I would think the maximum this would cost ABA would be no greater than \$1500 per year in total. This is working on working on a \$15 per junior /cub nom fee and having 20 of them attend per event and attending at least 5 events during the year.

We believe that whilst it will only cover a small portion of a family's overall cost in attending one of these events it will hopefully encourage and support family participation levels, additionally giving the juniors more exposure to competing outside of their home clubs and increase a healthy interclub competition amongst juniors and cubs.

Suggestion is that Juniors and Cubs nominate as per current rules for each shoot, however, are not charged a fee at the point of shoot.

The club holding the shoot collates the completed score cards post event and submits them to the Branch Score Recorder post competition as they do now.

These Junior and Cub score cards can be used by ABA to verify attendance and numbers of shooters and calculate the financial rebate back to hosting Club.