



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General Meeting

August 4, 2014 at the Hamilton Gun Club

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by President Neville Henderson.
Approximately 155 members plus the Board of Directors (9) in attendance.

Neville announced the sudden passing of long time ATA/OPTA member Clyde Mason on August 2nd 2014. Neville also stated that ATA/OPTA member and trap chair of the Waterford Gun Club, Gary Seitz, was in the hospital and hoped for a fast recovery. Neville expressed a special thanks to Hamilton Gun Club and volunteers for hosting this year's Provincial Championships and for a well run facility.

Neville also expressed thanks to last year's Board of Directors. It was a busy year with the Legal case against Gord Kerr, the redevelopment of the Constitution and Bylaws, Emily Brown's hard work with the Youth/New Shooter program and the Trophy Committee for putting together another good trophy package for the Provincial Championships.

Meeting minutes for 2013 had been posted; therefore they were not read during the meeting which is consistent with prior AGM's. W. L. Smith motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Steve Stiby. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to accept minutes. Neville asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the 2013 AGM meeting minutes. None were raised and the members voted for acceptance with no objections and no abstentions.

Copies of the 2013 financial report had been posted prior to the meeting, consistent with prior AGM's. Pam asked if there were any questions regarding the posted financial statement, none were raised.

Steve Stiby made a motion to accept the financial statement and seconded by Keith Saunders. All members in favor with no abstentions.

Paul Shaw presented a report from the ATA Delegate.

The Eastern Zone will be held in Elysburg PA next year.

Paul thanked all the non resident shooters that came to the Provincial shoot this year.

Paul stated that the 2 yard reduction that was introduced a couple of years ago to promote trapshooting received some negative feedback but for the most part has been received well. The ATA will continue with the 2 yard reduction looking at a point count starting September 1st 2013 for a one time 2 yard reduction. The review of yardage will also be looked at after 1000 registered handicap targets.

Paul discussed the issue regarding the ATA Oversight Financial Committee again this year. This committee was set up to oversee the expenditures of the Central Handicap Committee and the Executive Committee for the ATA. Paul discussed with our members the mandate of the committee and who the committee members were and other issues.

Paul asked that all Ontario shooters who are attending the Grand this year and are in contention for specific races, make sure they look up Paul so he can ensure they entered into these trophy events. This year only



the Champion or runner up and the Champion or runner up of each category will be in contention to shoot. He stated that there was a change in the program, that the Champion of Champion race was now being held on the Wednesday.

Paul stated that the Pan American games will be held at Toronto International and they will need many volunteers to host this event. If anyone wishes to volunteer please let Paul know by July 2015.

Paul introduced the 2013 Delegate Team members:

Men's Delegate Team

Captain	Billy Zager	7 pins
2nd Place	Lloyd Beecraft	6 pins
3rd Place (ties)	Ken Allan	5 pins each
	Gary Benko	
	Bill Garret	
	Paolo Sampaio	
	Gary Seitz	
8th Place (ties)	Bert Blackburn	4 pins each
	John Costa	
	Dave Storring	
Honorable Mention	Joe Di Francesco	4 pins

Category Delegate Team

Co-Captains	George Iliopoulos	10 pins each
	Gemain Spriet	
3rd Place	Ed Wilmott	9 pins
4th Place	George Jonckheere	8 pins each
	Warren McLay	

Jim Wood provided a report on behalf of the CTA. The Canadian Championships were held in Montreal this year with about 93 Ontario shooters competing. Jim read off the names of all the Ontario shooters that won awards. Jim thanked Paul Shaw for helping with classification during the competition. There were 12 or 13 Junior and Sub Juniors that competed this year.

The Canadian's will be held Brandon Manitoba next year which is the first time since 1975. In 2015 they will be held in Brandon Manitoba and in 2016 in Ontario.

Emily Brown reported on the Youth/New Shooter program. There were 2 successful events held this past year, May 14th and April 12th. Bridgeport Rod and Gun hosted both events with the help of many volunteers as well as donations of flats of shells from Hummason's.

Emily also reported that a Facebook group page has been developed and to date there are over 100 members.



Emily is working on getting an article for trapshooting in the Outdoors magazine as well she has worked with the Canadian Shotgun Sports magazine to place links from their website to the OPTA website and OPTA's to the CSSA.

Emily stated that the Board is looking into updating the OPTA website as well would like to work with the CTA as well in the developing/revising of both websites.

Neville Henderson presented the 2013 All Star Team for Ontario

Men's 1st Team

John Costa	93.89
Dave Storning	93.15
Lloyd Beecraft	92.15
Mike Pickering	91.44
Paulo Sampaio	91.78

Lady's Team

Dianne Wood	88.4
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Veteran Team

George Iliopoulos	93.77
Bill Wylie	90.77
Wayne Higgs	89.18
Peter Tresp	85.51

High Averages

Singles – Keith Saunders	98.38
Handicap – John Costa	92.64
Doubles – Paulo Sampaio	94.25

High All Around

John Costa	93.89
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Mike Fulop Award – presented to Steve Hajoglou
Mark Edmondson Award – presented to Ed Chamberlain
Rookie of the Year Award – presented to Cody Wilson
Have Gun Will Travel Award – presented to Bert Blackburn
Hall of Fame – presented to Keith Saunders

100,000 Registered Singles Target Recognitions

Don Dolbear – 2013

Men's 2nd Team

Gary Seitz	91.06
Dominic Gitto	90.80
Frank Bonaiuto Jr	90.74
Neville Henderson	90.725
Josh Faubert	90.722

Junior Team

No eligible winners

Sub Junior Team

Matthew Van Haaren	85.98
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Senior Veteran Team

Keith Saunders	92.07
Warren McLay	88.90
George Jonckheere	88.44
Don Dolbear	88.32
Charlie Boggis	87.97



The following 2 shooters have also just completed their milestone in 2014; Keith Saunders and Dave Storrington.

A special presentation was given to Emily Brown by Warren McLay for all her hard work over the past year with the Youth/New Shooter program.

Unfinished Business

1. Legal Case Updated – Neville stated that Gord Kerr has pled guilty to Breach of Trust and received a conditional sentence. Gord Kerr has paid the OPTA \$15,000 as part of the conditions of sentence. The Civil suit by the OPTA is still ongoing asking for a Summary Judgement by the court.
2. Hamilton Gun Club has repaid the loan in full.

New Business

1. Constitution and Bylaws – All OPTA members were mailed a copy of the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws. Neville spoke on the new requirements for a Not For Profit organization that was used to develop the OPTA's Bylaws. Jim Wood made a motion to approve the Constitution and Bylaws as written and Barbara Sheldon 2nd the motion. Neville asked to amend the motion to change the number of Board members from 10 to 9. Andy Murdock asked how changes to the Bylaws could be made if not able to do it during the AGM. Neville stated that in order to change the Bylaws all members would have to be made aware of the proposed change prior to a vote. All motions must be made in advance of the AGM, sent to members to consider and then can be voted on at the AGM. By show of hands 1 member opposed the document, 2 abstained all others in favor. Motion was passed.
2. In accordance of the Bylaws members must vote on the location of next year's Provincial Championship. This will be a closed vote that will take place on the west side of the grounds in the classification/squading building. The vote will run until the end of the Handicap event. There were 2 clubs who requested to host the shoot, that being Hamilton Gun Club and St Thomas Gun Club.
3. From the Floor – Nothing was brought forward from the floor.

The election of Directors and ATA Delegates was raised by the President. Board members up for re-election are Neville Henderson, Pam Muma, Warren McLay and Phil MacDonald. Phil is the only current board member that does not want to stand for re-election.

The Board of Directors nominated Emily Brown to the Board. Neville asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. None came forward.

Keith Saunders motioned to close nominations which were seconded by Bert Blackburn. All members voted in favor hence all positions were confirmed by acclamation.

Paul Shaw is the current ATA Delegate and Verne Higgs the Alternate. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Jim Wood motioned to close nominations which were seconded by Emily Brown. All members were in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Warren McLay and seconded by Myles Jackman.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm