

O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Bert Blackburn, Emily Brown, Beau Douglas, Verne Higgs, BJ Jackman, Pam Muma, Ron Rowe, Bill Drikos, Lori Cantelo, Peter Tsementzis. *All present.*

Bert called the meeting to order at 7:35pm via Zoom conference call.

1. 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Bill made a motion to accept the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Lori seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. Business arising from Minutes
 1. **Facebook/Website/Twitter:** Emily removed a couple inappropriate posts from the Facebook page. She caught them early so there was no real issue. Also banned the user responsible. Buy & Sell has been active as always.
 2. **Provincials/HGC Update:** Spoke with Dan and Sabina. Lights for shoot-offs are going up at the Club. They agreed to paying for a radio transmitter to broadcast PA to campers. Sabina has placed an order for the shoot with Hummasons, but are unsure of when they will come in. Beau has also spoken with Shamrock Leather, and they are almost done our order, which is being shipped July 1 at the latest. They are now 10-12 weeks behind, so thanks to BJ for getting our order in early. We have 345 positions pre-squadded so far and have sold 72 raffle tickets. Thanks to Walt Lindgren who has sold more than 40. Peter asked if HGC has committed to having a dinner at the shoot. Bill confirmed that the HGC will be organizing a dinner on Saturday night. Ron asked a question about added money and Beau confirmed that the added money is awarded with the trophies as outlined in the program. Beau also said that the HGC has asked about changing shoot software in the future, but recognizes that the Provincial shoot is probably not the best time to do so. Emily said that the CTA created scoreboard software for the satellite Canadians. Bill re-iterated that the club needs to have the appropriate help available in case there are any technical issues. Lori said that OPTA trophies are ready for the shoot
 3. **OPTA Trophy Distribution** – Bert has taken a couple questions from shooters about trophies won at the Provincial shoot last year. Lori has a list of unclaimed trophies from last year and will distribute at the shoot this year.

3. Monthly finances

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results:** \$13,237 has been raised for our Provincial shoot, between program ads and sponsorships. All sponsorship money has been collected. Money outgoing: \$4048 paid to Lori for trophies, labels, cases. We are still waiting on our invoice from Shamrock for our leather order. We received a cheque from presquad.com for \$314USD for May. Registered Shoot reports are rolling in. Some clubs are doing the OPTA Handicap, some are not. Emily asked earlier about OPTA membership amounts in the ledger. They are not rounded to \$20, as the website fees round down to uneven numbers. No other questions or issues.

4. New business/Open Discussion

1. Board Members up for Re-election: Peter stated that he intends to seek re-election, meaning we have potentially one opening on the Board with Bert Blackburn stepping down.

2. Nominations for Board Positions: Pam reminded everyone that we are not required to have 10 on the board, simply that it is a maximum. There will be a call for nominees in the upcoming newsletter.

3. Board tasks at Provincials - Classification, shoot-offs, trophy distribution, Friday night

Lori and BJ will look after trophy distribution at the shoot, including dropping them off to shooters at the shoot, which was a fun way to hand them out last year. Peter volunteered to provide a covered trailer for trophy storage at the shoot. It will be lockable and accessible by shoot management. Bert, Beau, Emily, and Peter said they would be there Wednesday to help with classifying and getting the shoot organized. As a board, we will have to work together to make sure we 2 or 3 at the classification table at all times throughout the shoot. Ron stated he would be there Wednesday and is willing to jump in wherever he is needed. Bert asked Beau to help with figuring out shoot-off participants at the end of the day. Verne and many other board members said they would be willing to referee shoot-offs at night. BJ reminded everyone that it takes us all to make sure shoot-offs run smoothly. Beau will help Bert and Pam with the shoot-off and score organization at the end of the day. Bert asked Beau if he would make sure the Friday Night Shoot-out is organized, and he will do so. Peter asked if Board members would be allowed to participate, and it was decided that we would be eligible, just like all other participants. Bert reminded Beau that he needs to make a master list for trophy winners, and he will make sure it is done.

4. “Meet the Masters” event – Peter detailed his plan for the event he is planning on July 27, 2022 at the HGC at the end of the Marathon Day. He has approached a few select shooters to act as leaders. He is hoping it is an opportunity for shooters to ask for help and continue to develop a better sense of camaraderie in our Association. Discussion ensued about a potential fee to participants, and it was decided that we would use some of our OPTA funds to cover the cost of the event. We decided that the OPTA would fund 50 targets per participant. Peter is willing to cover any shortfall through a donation, as he is passionate about taking steps to promote and encourage our shooters. Peter said he will also bring his patterning board as a teaching tool for the event as well. Lori will be looking into finding some promotional materials for the event, for both the leaders and the participants. She will report back with some ideas.

5. AIM/Youth Clinic – Peter said he had spoken with Emily about developing an agenda/plan for the AIM event on Thursday night. They will get together shortly to develop something. Lori reminded the Board that the Lottery account could be used to fund any AIM/Youth initiatives in the future. There is about \$7000 in the account.

6. By-law edit – There are a couple housekeeping items in the By-laws that need to be edited, so we will have to notify the members as such. The manner in which we pay the OCS has to be updated, as well as names of the relevant government ministries.

7. AGM Agenda – Bert said the agenda for the upcoming AGM is pretty standard. We will post the 2021 minutes and financials around the club for people to read beforehand. Bert went through several agenda items for the AGM and edits were suggested and an agenda was developed that will be sent to all members. Bert and Pam stated that we have to make sure we do our due diligence in notifying all members of the upcoming AGM. We will have to work to make sure we notify as many members as possible of the meeting. Peter asked for clarification on the process/time constraints of any of the Hall of Fame speeches. Bert offered some suggestions.

8. Old OPTA trophies - Beau told the board that he sent an email to our affiliate clubs about claiming some of our leftover trophies from our cancelled 2020 Provincial shoot. He will work with them to get them distributed. We will try to sell the leather goods from Shamrock to our members, and use the money to offset our Provincial shoot.

9. National Range Day – Emily said that several OPTA clubs participated in National Range Day. She was at Silverdale all day, which welcomed over 800 participants throughout the day. It was a successful day that is going to be held on an annual basis moving forward.

10. Report from Ron – Ron asked for input about the rising cost of targets and other costs associated with trapshooting. He asked for insight on how clubs will continue to be sustainable in the future based on the target prices they are charging. The price of targets, ammo, gas, and travel is going to push some people out of the sport in his opinion. He said that Napanee can run a shoot for \$23/100 and is wondering what expenses other clubs are incurring to drive their target prices up. Bert and Peter suggested that a large part of the expenses is whether or not clubs pay their shoot staff. Verne made a point that clubs need to more conscious of their pricing moving forward, to make sure that a big jump in pricing is not shocking to shooters. For the most part, our pricing is still way less than target costs in the US. Bill commented that gas, ammo, and other travel expenses are the things that are going to make a huge difference in participation numbers. A pleasant discussion ensued and everyone was thankful to Ron for bringing up these issues. The Board congratulated BJ Jackman for his excellent shooting this past weekend in Ohio at the Cardinal Center.

5. Next meeting date – Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion –

- Strategic Plan
- Hall of Fame Building/Home Grounds