

## OPTA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 5, 2020

Attendance: Bert Blackburn, Emily Brown, Lori Cantelo, BJ Jackman, Bill Drikos, Peter Tsementzis, Richard Bootsveld, Ron Rowe, Verne Higgs, and Pam Muma

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm EDT by Bert Blackburn via Zoom conference call.

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lori made a motion to accepted December 1, 2020 minutes, seconded by Bill. All in favor, minutes accepted.

### 2. Business arising from minutes

1. Website/Facebook/Twitter – Nothing to report this month.
2. Ontario Council of Shooters – Pam sent the Board all the documents that she sent to OCS regarding the grant application. The operational plan for 2020-2021, she included the New Shooter Clinics with the time frame of Spring 2021. Also included was the Annual Trap Chair meeting again with the time frame of Spring 2021. Bert asked for the thoughts from the Board on setting up another meeting with the Club Trap Chairs. B J stated it would be a good idea to keep these going and felt February, March or April would be good time. Lori felt that whether or not we are able to get shooting again, we should continue with these meetings and keeping the communication going with the clubs. All agreed that March would be a good time to set up a meeting. A date of March 23 at 7:30pm. Pam will send out this date to all clubs in Ontario.  
Bert stated that an email came from OCS that there was a possible funding grant available but he felt it was for young kids which he did not believe the OPTA needed to apply for. Pam agreed.
3. New Shooter/OPTA promotions – Nothing to report this month as everything on hold due to pandemic.
4. New Shooter Clinic – This will be brought forward to the Trap Chair meeting but again not much can be done until pandemic restrictions are lifted. Pete asked if we were going to go with the different regional clinics. Yes, this was the idea that would be best for all shooters in Ontario. Bert stated we could work out a roster that would ensure as many areas could be covered. We can aim for later April but again we need to see if pandemic restriction allows us to implement this type of Clinic. This

would include involving seasoned shooters that want advice from our All Stars as to how to improve.

5. Promoting High Level Trapshooting in Ontario – This agenda item was included in the above discussion.
6. Hall of Fame Building – Pete did have discussion with Hamilton, and interest was shown from Hamilton in pursuing a lease on a piece of land if we wanted to put a building up. Different options include, Hamilton puts up a building and they lease space to the OPTA, or Hamilton leases OPTA land and we put up a building. Bert stated that he heard Hamilton does not own the land so an investigation would need to be done to see if Hamilton can even lease the land they may not own. Verne and B J went to a meeting at Verschoyle to discuss the proposal of possible home grounds at their club. It would be a cost of approximately \$1.5 million to build the entire facility. Verne estimated it would be \$25,000 per trap field. It would cost at least \$45,000 annually just to pay the interest. Part of Verne's suggestion was to go to some of the clubs such as St Thomas and Hamilton to see if they would donate 4 or 5 traps and trap houses.

Emily brought forward that there are companies out there that could send sponsorship our way to help with construction such as sponsoring a trap field, helping pay for a building etc.

Ron asked if the OPTA or Verschoyle would finance this project. This is a good question as Verschoyle would have a huge win fall on this. Again, things that would need to be worked out. Would it be entirely OPTA funds or would Verschoyle need to help in the financing?

Bill asked if we were looking at a Hall of Fame "building" or home grounds now. If we are looking at home grounds we now need to think bigger at different funding and sponsorships for this type of funds. Emily stated that there are various types of funding we could access if this is the way we would like to go.

Verne brought forward; "do we need any of it?" For a hall of fame, we could do this virtually at no cost. We still need to bring this to the general membership to find out if they want this.

Pete brought forward the possibility of creating an animosity between east and west and we should just be conscious to this. Verne developed a chart with the location of all OPTA members (see attached). Verne also looked at the attendance at the last 2 Provincial shoots. In 2018 the Provincial were held at St Thomas with 86 shooters from the east/north and 112 from the west. In 2019 at Hamilton there were 103 from east/north and 100 from west. This indicates that the shooters will come from both directions for the Provincial Championships regardless of the shoot being held in the east or west part of the province.

Lori stated this is great but we need to set up a written plan to push forward. This is something that is a long-term plan that we can introduce slowly with the membership and start with bring it up the Trap Chair meeting.

Pete asked if he should be going back to Hamilton with a possible home grounds there like at Verschoyle. The issue of the land lease at Hamilton was still in question. Bert asked Pete to follow-up with Hamilton.

7. Ontario Registered Shoot Dates – Pam has heard back from a few more clubs but still not heard from Toronto, Kippen and Crumlin. Still waiting for the affiliate club dues from the other clubs before those dates can become official registered shoot dates.
8. Online Membership Payment – Pam stated she has still not been able to do anything with the bank on this regard. We are still waiting to have all the signing authority paperwork completed before she has the ability to discuss OPTA business with the bank.

### 3. Monthly finances

1. YTD Financial Results – Financial reports as submitted by Pam were briefly reviewed. There were no transactions over the month of December. No questions from the Board.
2. 2020-2021 Budget – Pam sent the Board the proposed budget for this financial year. The only changes made at this time was the \$6,000 Sponsorship money was removed and a new column for New Shooter Clinics was added with a budget of \$3,000. She also asked if the Trophy budget should be reduced since many of the Provincial trophies have been purchased. BJ and Lori will discuss if the amount of this budget can be reduced and get back to Pam.

### 4. New business

1. 2021 Provincial Program – Pam stated she will need to get started on the program and would like to know if the shoot should be changed to the 102<sup>nd</sup> or if it should again be the 101<sup>st</sup> since 2020 Provincials was cancelled. All agreed it should continue with being the 102<sup>nd</sup>. Pam brought forward the question of the plates on the Champions perpetuating trophy. She suggested that the 2020 plates could be “Cancelled due to COVID-19 19 Pandemic” All agreed, Pam will purchase them.
2. Introduction to ATA/OPTA Shooting – Emily asked if the Board had any changes to the presentation she sent out as she would like to set up a webinar for this and then upload it to the website and you tube. She asked Pam to set up a Zoom meeting for January 21, 2021 at 7pm.
3. Handicap Jackpot – B J asked what the Board thought about introducing a province wide Handicap Jackpot. Suggesting \$1.00 per handicap shooter to go towards the jackpot and the shooter hitting 75 or 100 straights would get this jackpot. It would

not include Big 50 shoots and it must be a registered ATA/OPTA handicap shoot. Bert asked B J to write up a plan and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

4. Shooting in Ontario – Pete brought up that we need to find a way to get shooting going in Ontario this year. We will bring this up with the Trap Chairs and get different suggestions how we can get trapshooting going. Verne also said we cannot wait we need to get these winter leagues going now.
5. Next meeting – Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 via Zoom.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm EDT.