

## OPTA Board Meeting Minutes – Election of Secretary/Treasurer

Tuesday July 20, 2021

Attendance: Bert Blackburn, Lori Cantelo, BJ Jackman, Peter Tsementzis, Bill Drikos, Verne Higgs, and Pam Muma

Absent: Emily Brown, Richard Bootsveld and Ron Rowe

Meeting called to order at 7:41 pm EDT by Bert Blackburn via Zoom conference call.

1. Election of Board Officers – Bert stated that the Secretary/Treasurer was the first position to be elected. Pam stated that she would like to step down from this position. She stated she would stay on until August 31 as this would be the end of the fiscal year. This way the new person to take over the position would be starting a new fiscal year and all the past year's books would be sent into the accountant for an audit. Lori stated that she would not have time to take on this position as she works full time and would not be able to dedicate the time needed to fulfill this duty. Pete thanked Pam for all she has done over the years and said these will be hard shoes to fill. He nominated BJ for the position but BJ declined. Lori stated that with the \$750 per month stipend could we outsource the position. Bert read from the By-laws where it can be interpreted to outsource the position. The Secretary/Treasurer would be a member of the Board but the duties could be assigned to another person. Pam stated that she would not be willing to keep the title but outsource these duties, she was just not comfortable to do this. Lori stated that we have 10 people on the Board right now so we do not have any open positions at this time. Discussion around outsourcing this position as an eleventh person but having no voting rights. Pete is opposed to having this position outsourced, he felt they should be a Board member and have voting rights. He felt we should canvas the current Board as some are missing to find out if any are willing to take the position and if not, we should start asking for a voluntary resignation and find someone to fill the position that would take on the Secretary/Treasurer position. BJ brought forward Beau Douglas as a possible candidate. Bert asked BJ to find out if Beau is still interested on joining the Board as well as take on the Secretary/Treasurer position. It was decided to first canvas the Board members that are not present at this meeting to find out if any of them are interested and if not, we will then look outside the Board for candidates.

Pete nominated Bert as President seconded by Bill. All in favor, Bert accepted the position. BJ nominated Pam for Vice President seconded by Lori. All in favor, Pam accepted. Bert asked Lori and BJ if they wanted to continue with the Trophy Committee. Board in favor, Lori and BJ accepted.

Pete asked about the perpetual Ray Bruce High Over All trophy and wondered if there was such a trophy. Bert believes there is an actual trophy but no one knows where it is. We will need to look at past recipients of this trophy and send word out to them to see if they have it. Bert suggested the Trophy Committee try to find this trophy.

2. Shootscoreboard.com – This is a volunteer position that someone does to help clubs post scores on the website. BJ help to get our Provincial shoot set up to post all the scores on a daily basis and this worked out great. Many of the Board members heard wonderful comments from shooters about having the scores posted. Bert suggested that we as an organization should send this person a donation. A suggestion of \$500.00 was brought forward by Lori and BJ.  
Lori made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Shootscoreboard.com, seconded by BJ, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Post Mortem for Provincial Shoot – Bert felt that the shoot went exceptionally well this year even amongst the Covid-19 pandemic. Lori also stated she heard nothing but complements from shooters. BJ also heard great comments but the only thing he felt should not have been changed was the bank system for the Singles Championships. Bert made this proposal due to the fact that we already had 160+ shooters registered and he felt we could have been pushing our timeline to get all shooting and shoot-offs complete in the day. By making this change we actually caught some shooters off guard and almost missing the shooting because of the change in the starting timeline for each squad. Verne felt the one mistake that was made is that not all Board members were involved in the decision and that we as a Board we need to learn and improve on this in the future, and make sure these types of decisions are done with the entire Board or at least with a quorum of the Board.  
Bert did receive one complaint via email from a shooter about classification and the way things showed up on shootscoreboard.com for HOA. The problem happened when scores were posted to shootscoreboard.com, the class move-ups had already been completed before the data was uploaded. This placed one shooter in a higher class then the manner in which HOA is figured, that being shooters are determined for HOA with the classification of Event 1.  
Lori stated that the Handicap Champion trophy from the ATA was inadequate, especially for being such an elite trophy win. BJ asked since we have leftover HOA trophy would we consider having this re-branding to give to the Handicap Winner. All agreed this would be a great idea since the ATA trophy was not suitable. Pam will pull out the 2020 trophy package from the ATA to see what was being offered and perhaps we could re-engrave the year.  
BJ brought forward that political stuff needs to stay out of our Provincial shoots. The speech at the end of the AGM should not have happened. We were all blindsided by the request to have a Board member speak on regards to their political riding should not happen as well as the campaigning done during the shoot. This member did nothing to help with the running of the Championships but walked around campaigning. On top of this we had a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting and this was ignored to make this political speech.

An issue with the lack of help from some Board members was also brought forward by all Board members present at this meeting. As a Board member, it is our responsibility to help work the Provincial shoot to ensure the shooters have a well-run event.

The present Board members had a discussion regarding the lack of support we were getting from another Board member and if this person should remain on the Board. There were several issues indicated during the discussion but it was felt we need to ensure all Board members are present to further this discussion.

Bert will reach out to those Board members not present at this meeting to let them know of the results of the Officer positions with the open Secretary/Treasurer position. This issue may be resolved if one of them volunteers to resign so we can appoint another person to the Board that would be willing to take on the Secretary/Treasurer position.

4. Ontario Council of Shooters Report – This report is due by July 26<sup>th</sup> and needs to be passed by the Board before being submitted. Bert asked Pam to complete the report and send out for approval.
5. Do we need an August Meeting? – It was decided that with the Secretary/Treasurer position vacant and possibly needed one Board member to step down, we will need to have another meeting. The date will be determined after Bert speaks to one Board member. Our regular Board items can wait until September but we will need to address the other issues.
6. Classification for the Canadian Championships – Bert asked if we could offer Josh and Hamilton Gun Club our classification results to use for the Canadian Championships. Pam will send out to them. We also need to send out our trophy list, class move-ups and earned yardage report. BJ asked if the OPTA Board would have any responsibility at the Canadian Championships. Bert felt we would this year due to the Satellite shoot and Josh and Emily would be alone at this shoot. Bert will reach out to Josh and then let the rest of the OPTA Board know.
7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm EDT.