



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General Meeting

July 23, 2017 at the Hamilton Gun Club

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Neville Henderson.
Approximately 60 members, plus the Board of Directors (9) were in attendance.
2. Meeting minutes for 2016 had been posted; therefore they were not read during the meeting which is consistent with prior AGM's. Additional meeting minute copies are available on the table or from Pam Muma. Jim Wood motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Josh Faubert. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to accept minutes. Neville asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the 2016 AGM meeting minutes. None were raised and the members voted for acceptance with no objections and no abstentions.
3. Copies of the 2016 financial report had been posted prior to the meeting, consistent with prior AGMs. Pam stated this year there was a review of the financials and copies are available for all members who wish to have a hard copy.
 - i. Steve Stiby made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented, seconded by Charlie Cadman.
 - ii. In accordance with the OPTA bylaws a motion needs to be passed to the appointment of the financial review for 2016-2017. Joe Woods made a motion to stay with the current company of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, seconded by Smokey Smith. Show of hands revealed all in acceptance, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed that Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh will review the financial books for 2016-2017.
4. Reports from ATA Delegate – Paul Shaw thanked all those shooters that traveled from out of province, Pennsylvania (1), Ohio (3), New York (3), Atlantic Provinces (2) and Quebec (9). This year's Provincial shoot reached the 3 point All Star requirements.

The Eastern Zone will be held the weekend before the Provincial shoot in 2018. Paul stated the Grand American Shoot changed dates due to kids going back to school mid-August making it difficult to find trap help. With the Grand date changing it changes dates for Eastern zone and Provincial Championships.

Paul asked all shooters that are attending the Grand this year to let him know so he can make sure you are signed up for the Champion of Champion race.

Paul informed the members of a shoot he held 3 weeks ago to introduce business people to the sport of trapshooting. There were 15 people who had never shot a gun before come out to give it a try. In all there were 20 volunteers from Olympic association, Toronto International club and OPTA members that came out to help with this event. Paul thanked all those that helped and then presented the OPTA with \$1,000 in thanks for the volunteers.

Paul introduced the 2016 Delegate Team members.



Paul brought forward that Bill Wyle ran 400 straight in singles targets and believes this is a Canadian record. Congratulations Bill.

5. Report from Officers – Neville thanked the Board for all the hard work over the last year. He informed the members that Dave Storing will be stepping down as Board member this year and thanked Dave for all the hard work he did over the past years.

Neville spoke of the Boards work and discussions regarding a Hall of Fame building. In talking with Lloyd Beecraft regarding the use of a current building at Hamilton Gun Club the options were not in favor of the OPTA taking over the building as there would be a lot of work and finances required.

After 6 years it is looking as if the Kerr case may be coming to a close. The original lawyer on our case is an acquaintance of Bert Blackburn's and gave the OPTA a very low costs for his services. Shortly after being removed as Secretary/Treasurer of the OPTA, Kerr went to Ministry of Labor asking for the association to pay loss of wages, termination pay and back vacation pay. This case was thrown out.

Next Kerr started shooting at Galt without paying non-member rates for his shooting. Both Kerr and his son were banned from Galt for this reason. Kerr then went to HRTTO claiming that Neville sexually assaulted Kerr. This case went on for 2 years before it too was thrown out.

The Board feels all this is Kerr's way of stalling everything in hopes the Board drops the case. Last September a summary judgement of \$75,000.00 was accepted but again Kerr is stalling in paying. There is another court date set for August 14th with hopes this issue will be resolved by September.

Neville spoke about the Ontario Council of Shooting which is where the OPTA has been receiving annual government grant money. There is a lot of changes in this organization with the government requiring much more information and documentation. There will be a lot of work required to continue in the organization including providing a membership fee of \$10.00 per OPTA member back to OCS. The Board will continue to discuss the affiliation with this organization to ensure it is worth the effort and costs.

6. Reports from Committees

- i. CTA Delegate Report – Josh Faubert provided a report of the 2017 Canadian Championships were held in Edmonton, AB. There were 194 shooters classified of which 18 were from Ontario.

Junior shooter Kristian Houle had 5 separate category wins as his last year as a junior.

Charlie Boggis, 78, won the Canadian Handicap Championship with a model 12 that broke 97 targets.

Other shooters who placed or won category in the championship events are:

Brandyn Ferguson-junior

Emily Brown-lady 2

Lloyd Beecraft-subvet

Kristian Houle-open junior

Josh Faubert-open handicap champion

2018 Canadian will be held in Brandon, MB
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Dianne Wood thanked Josh for all the work he did at the Canadian Championships.

Report from Emily Brown –

i. Promotion

- The OPTA website is up to date
- Lots of emails are sent to info@ontariotrap.com inquiring about trapshooting
- Plenty of action on the buy/sell page
- In March, the OPTA had a booth at the Toronto Sportsman's Show. Thank you to all volunteers.
 - Dry fire system purchased by the OPTA prior to the event was very popular
 - Women of the Outdoors panel talking about sport shooting, and newspaper/magazine articles in advance of the panel
- OPTA Facebook group page now has 430 members and is very active in promotion of upcoming events, member discussions, and shoot photos and results.
- Excel spreadsheet was created in the past year, to collect information about shooting clubs in the province. Over 60 are represented, with contact information, website, shooting disciplines. This is important information to have as many new shooters indicate they have troubles finding clubs to join. There is a gap in clubs in the Ottawa area with the recent closure of both the Capital and Connaught clubs.
- Keynote speaker at upcoming Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Annual General Meeting on the state of shooting sports in the province, on August 20th at Uxbridge club.
- Request for newspaper article with the Kitchener Newspaper on Charlie Boggis' recent win at the Canadian Championships
- Twitter account used recently to keep Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport aware of Ontario shooter accomplishments, and to promote trapshooting as a sport for all demographics

ii. New and Youth Shooter events

- I would like to acknowledge another contributor on our OPTA Board, Autumn Bergeron, who has been providing the voice of the junior shooter to the board proceedings
- New protocol for applying for OPTA sponsorship for new shooter events. The OPTA will offer \$1000 per year, where member clubs can apply for sponsorship up to \$200 per event.
- There have been many new shooter events around the province.
 - Crumlin; new shooter events twice a month from May to Sept run by Eric Johnson
 - Dunnville; Billy Zager's home club has seen many new ATA shooters emerge this season, some with competitive success right away
 - Kent-Cloverleaf; support of youth shooters led by Brad Kenny
 - Nappanee; Ladies Day shoots have been a great success organized by Ron Rowe. They are also a new ATA club
 - Peterborough; offered several new shooter events this year, with more scheduled
 - St Thomas; Todd Millard and other volunteers have held several new shooter events including the most recent Hunters' Classic where the winner was offered a paid place in the Provincial handicap event
 - Waterford; youth shoots take place organized by Janice Moerman and Ross Morgan

iii. Ontario Council of Shooters (OCS)



- Provincial Sporting Organization, which includes six sporting disciplines; skeet, trap, rifle, handgun, international trap, black powder, formally recognized by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and eligible as such for base funding and other government funding. This is the group that applies for recognition and funding on behalf of the OPTA and the five other disciplines
 - There have been many changes to the application requirements which has challenged the OCS in the application process and required a lot of support from the Ministry’s sport consultant who is responsible for the OCS
 - Ten dollars of the OPTA membership fee of \$20 has been requested by the OCS, who in turn will send \$4 to the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC), our national sporting organization
- iv. Shooting Federation of Canada
- New shotgun coach’s manual completed so coaching courses can be scheduled. Greater coaching capacity provincially and nationally is very important, specifically because Ministry grant money is potentially higher with more coaching capacity. Coach clinic dates are not yet confirmed as costs and location still need to be determined.

7. Neville Henderson presented the 2016 All Star Team for Ontario

1st Men’s Team

Lloyd Beecraft	93.47
Billy Zager	93.37
John Costa	92.76
Joe Di Francesco	92.63
Dave Storrington	91.96

Senior Veteran Team

Keith Saunders	92.20
Ian Malcolm	88.35
Charlie Boggis	87.64
Lorenzo D Ospina	86.96
Warren McLay	85.70

Lady’s Team

Erin Hannah	85.93
Emily Brown	81.15
Dianne Wood	81.01

2nd Men’s Team

Jake Rosmaninho	91.86
Frank Bonaiuto Jr	91.62
Tom Batsos	91.45
BJ Jackman	91.36
Josh Faubert	91.00

Veteran Team

Terry Jordan	92.90
Ed Wilmott	91.22
George Iliopoulos	90.45
Ray Cockburn	89.77
Myles Jackman	88.94

Junior Team

Autumn Bergeron	84.55
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Sub Junior Team

No eligible entries

Hi Singles Average

Keith Saunders	97.77
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Hi Doubles Average

Dan Gris	94.70
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Hi Handicap Average

Jake Caldwell	90.50
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Hi Composite Average

Lloyd Beecraft	93.47
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Mike Fulop Award – presented to Brad Kenny

Mark Edmondson Award – presented to Jamie Leblanc - With an improved average of 9.78% over 2015

Rookie of the Year Award – (46 new shooters in 2016)

Narduzzo Marco 89.11% (1800 singles, 1400 handicap & 1000 doubles)



Have Gun Will Travel Award – presented to Ed Chamberlain and Warren McLay

Hall of Fame – presented to Joe Woods

8. Unfinished Business

- i. Legal Case Updated – See section 5 paragraph 3, 4 and 5.

9. New Business

- i. Ontario Council of Shooting Grant requirements – see section 5 paragraph 5 and Section 6 (Report from Emily) section iii and iv.

10. Election of BPTA Board Directors

The current Directors up for election are:

Neville Henderson – will stand
Dominic Gitto – will stand
Bill Drikos – will stand
Dave Storrington – does not wish to stand

Beau Douglas was suggested to Nominating Committee to fill the open position and has been accepted.

ATA Delegate and Alternate for Ontario

Paul Shaw as Delegate – will stand
Verne Higgs as Alternate – will stand

Neville called for nominations from the floor and none were received. Paul and Verne are elected by acclamation.

CTA Delegate for Ontario – Josh Faubert will stand and all in favor.

- 11. Neville called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Wood made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Faubert.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm