



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General Meeting

August 3, 2015 at the Hamilton Gun Club

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by President Neville Henderson. Approximately 96 members plus the Board of Directors (9) in attendance.
2. Neville introduced the 2015-2016 Board members.
3. Meeting minutes for 2015 had been posted; therefore they were not read during the meeting which is consistent with prior AGM's. Jim Wood motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Steve Hajoglou. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to accept minutes. Neville asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the 2015 AGM meeting minutes. None were raised and the members voted for acceptance with no objections and no abstentions.
4. Copies of the 2015 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. Pam made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented, seconded by Ray Cockburn.
 - ii. In accordance with the OPTA bylaws a motion needs to be passed to the appointment of the financial review for 2015-2016. Steve Hajoglou made a motion to stay with the current company of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, seconded by Steve Stiby. 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 2015-2016.
5. Reports from ATA Delegate – Paul Shaw thanked all those shooters that traveled from out of province, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Quebec and Atlantic Provinces.

The Eastern Zone will be held the weekend before the Provincial shoot in 2017.

Paul stated in the recent years there have only been 10-15 Ontario shooters attend the Grand in Sparta, Illinois as compared to 200-225 when it was held in Vandalia, Ohio.

Paul congratulated Billy Zager on his 200 straight to win the Ontario Singles Championships this year. Billy is eligible to represent Ontario in the Champion of Champions event at the Grand this year. If Billy cannot attend this would fall to Verne Higgs as the runner up in the event. All category winners and runner up shooters are eligible to shoot in the Champion event at the Grand this year and has asked that all Ontario shooters who are attending the Grand and in contention for specific races, to let Paul know they are going so he can ensure they are entered into these trophy events.

Paul stated that two Ontario clubs have completed the paperwork required to start shooting registered shoots. These clubs are Uxbridge and Napanee.

Paul introduced the 2015 Delegate Team members.



Paul introduced Peter Grant from Quebec. Peter stated that the Quebec Provincial shoot will be held August 19-21 and invited all Ontario shooters.

Peter then announced that Paul Shaw was up for election for Vice President of the Eastern Zone with the elections being held at the Grand American shoot.

6. Report from Officers – Neville thanked the St Thomas Gun Club for a great job hosting this year's Provincial Championships. Attendance is down this year and hoping it is a lot to do with the weather.

Neville then thanked the Board for all the hard work over the last year. He introduced Bert as the chair of the Nominating committee and anyone wishing to be nominated to the Board in future needs to contact Bert. Warren was introduced as the chair of the Auditing committee.

Neville spoke about the regulations for Not for Profit organizations which were used to develop our By-Laws.

Neville also spoke on the programs over the past year to introduce new and youth shooters to trapshooting with the goal of gaining some of these people into registered shooting. The sponsorships to clubs has also been increased effective next year with the goal to have more shooters attend area clubs.

7. Reports from Committees

- i. CTA Delegate Report – Jim Wood provided a report on behalf of the CTA. The Canadian Championships were held in Hamilton this year. The Canadian's will be held in Edmonton next year. Jim did not read off the Ontario trophy winners as there were too many considering the Championships were held in Ontario.

Jim thanked Warren McLay and the Hamilton Gun Club for hosting the shoot this year.

The CTA website is up and running now and Jim thanked Emily for her help with the site.

Jim stated this was his last year as Ontario's CTA Delegate, after 17 years he felt it was time to retire and give someone else the opportunity. At this time he nominated Josh Faubert to become the CTA representative, seconded by Dominic Gitto. Josh accepted the nomination. No other names were brought forward and by show of hands the nomination was accepted.

- ii. New and Youth Shooter Program – Emily Brown stated that the OPTA did not host any New and Youth programs this past year but many Ontario clubs have started the program at their respected clubs.

Emily spoke of the government funding the OPTA currently submits but we could possibly increase the funding by counting and reporting all people who shoot trap in Ontario, not just OPTA members. The Board will work out the details and send out to the clubs.



8. Neville Henderson presented the 2015 All Star Team for Ontario

1st Men's Team

Lloyd Beecraft	94.20
John Costa	93.79
Paulo Sampaio	93.17
Billy Zager	92.59
Frank Bonaiuto Jr	92.56

Senior Veteran Team

Keith Saunders	91.05
Warren McLay	88.62
Lorenzo D Ospina	88.44
Charlie Boggis	88.23

Lady's Team

Dianne Wood	86.13
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2nd Men's Team

Mike Pickering	91.26
Ralph Zadro	91.02
BJ Jackman	90.66
Dominic Gitto	90.40
Ed Chamberlain	89.53

Veteran Team

Terry Jordan	92.49
Vince Ruberto	92.09
Ed Wilmott	91.87
Neville Henderson	90.30
Peter Tresp	90.01

Junior Team

Matthew Van Haaren	90.89
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Sub Junior Team

No eligible entries

Hi Singles Average

Vince Ruberto	97.87
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Hi Handicap Average

Lloyd Beecraft	92.27
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Hi Doubles Average

John Costa	94.35
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Hi Composite Average

Lloyd Beecraft	94.2
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Mike Fulop Award – presented to George Iliopoulos

Mark Edmondson Award – presented to Elio Evangelista-With an improved average of 5.63% over 2014

Rookie of the Year Award – presented to Bentley Ehgoetz-83.17% (500 Singles/400 Handicap/300 Doubles)

Have Gun Will Travel Award – presented to Bob Mountjoy

Hall of Fame – presented to Dave Storrington

9. Unfinished Business

- i. Legal Case Updated – Neville stated that the civil suit by the OPTA is still ongoing. The legal fees are continuing to add up and the Board has submitted a summary judgement settlement. We are still waiting to hear if it was accepted therefore cannot disclose any further information at this time.



Neville asked if there were any questions from the floor at this time and there was not.

10. New Business

- i. Pal Kinson – Neville informed the members that Paul would be resigning from the Board. Since this comes in the middle of Paul's term the Board can appoint an interim member to complete Paul's term. Bill Drikos has accepted the position and will remain on the Board until next year's AGM.
- ii. Motion to increase HOA for the Ontario Provincial Championships to 1000 targets – A motion was brought forward and sent out to all OPTA members prior to the AGM regarding this proposed change. This would increase the shoot from 3 days to a 4 day shoot with the additional day being 100 targets each of singles, handicap and doubles. Neville asked for a show of hand for all those in favor of this change. Of those in attendance there were over 60 hands in acceptance. Motion carried.
- iii. Dry Fire system purchase – Neville informed the general membership that the association would be purchasing a Dry Fire system at a cost of approximately \$2,000 US. This past spring the OPTA had a booth at the Toronto Sportsman show and Bert Blackburn let his Dry Fire system to be use at the show. There was overwhelming response from the attendees and further inquiries that the Board determined that the purchase of the system would benefit shooting as a whole. Any Ontario club that is hosting a new shooter program could borrow the system for the event. It would also be used for other venues such as sportsmen shows, Cabela's when hosting Ladies events etc.

11. Election of BPTA Board Directors

The current Directors up for election are:

Bert Blackburn
Warren McLay
Emily Brown
Pam Muma

All indicated they would stand.

Bert Blackburn did not receive any nominations for directors in accordance to our by-laws therefore the above members are elected by acclamation.

ATA Delegate and Alternate for Ontario

Paul Shaw as Delegate.
Verne Higgs as Alternate.

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

CTA Delegate for Ontario – See section 7(i)



Brad Kenny thanked the OPTA Board and St Thomas Gun Club for sponsoring the junior and sub junior targets throughout this shoot.

12. Neville called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Hajoglou made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Verne Higgs.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm