

**O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

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

Absent: Lori Cantelo

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

1. 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Beau made a motion to accept the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes. Pam seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Business arising from Minutes

1. **Facebook/Website/Twitter:** Emily asked to discuss email addresses on the website. There was a motion a couple years ago to send emails to [info@ontariotrap.com](mailto:info@ontariotrap.com) to avoid spamming personal accounts. She recently edited to include personal emails on the site, after a comment from a board member that we were accessible individually. Pam said she had an issue with linking our names to the generic account, and could cause confusion. Emily re-iterated that she would set it up however the Board would like. BJ admitted that he probably spoke out of turn in saying our personal accounts are there for member questions. Pam would like her email address removed in the short-term. All others were ok with their personal email addresses being on the site. Bill said he would send information for an upcoming memorial shoot to be posted on the website.
2. **Added Money Proposal** – Beau sent out a file outlining a proposal for about \$4700 in added money at the upcoming Provincials. Bert asked for clarification on various elements of the proposal. Discussion ensued about the OPTA Club Handicap Championship where shooters compete for some added money for their own clubs. Bert asked for some changes in the Handicap Championship event, so that category shooters are awarded the same as some of the place trophies. There were no issues with the proposal and we will proceed with it as outlined (or very similar).
3. **OPTA Trophy Update:** BJ provided an update on trophies for the provincials. Discussion ensued about what we could do with some of our old trophies, provided by the ATA, for our cancelled Provincial Shoot in 2020. Ron asked if they could be purchased for the Quinte trap league. He will approach the club board, and BJ will send some pictures of the trophies for Ron.
4. **Donated Prizes for OPTA:** Several companies (Perazzi Canada, Vortex Canada, Terry Jordan, Pilla Glasses) have donated goods to our Provincial Shoot. BJ suggested we do something like a “random number draw” and have shooters shoot-off for some of them. It gets people excited and involved in the shoot, as the majority of shooters will have not been in a shoot-off. Peter suggested that maybe the shooting glasses could be donated to a New/Youth shooter. We will continue to work with HGC to come up with a plan to have shoot-offs, competitions, or raffles at the shoot to award them.

3. **Monthly finances**

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results:** Several cheques sent out this month; Accountant paid for audit, OCS dues paid, our insurance premium paid. He said that the OCS has updated their policy to have our annual dues be a flat rate of \$1100, rather than \$10/member as in years past. One of our GICs came due and auto-renewed for another 14 months. Our current sponsorship of the Provincial shoot and program is over \$10,000. We also got a cheque for \$1132 from OCS. Emily asked if the OPTA had paid the CTA dues, and they have been paid in the amount of \$334. Bert asked about the potential funding coming from the Ontario government, but there is nothing substantial to report.

#### 4. New business/Open Discussion

**1. Provincial update from HGC:** Dan Gris has provided a lot of information about the upcoming Provincials. The Hamilton Gun Club will throw registered targets on Wednesday, and open up classification and squadding from 12-4pm to help with line-ups at the OPTA shoot. Target fees will be \$40/100, and practice rounds will be \$7/25 targets. BJ asked about classification for the shoot, and we've established to go back 4 years to classify people. This helps everyone. Emily asked about Junior sponsorship, and we will carry forward with that.

**2. AIM Provincials:** Beau said we have 8 or 9 AIM shooters signed up. If we run an AIM Provincial shoot, it runs concurrently with our Provincial shoot, and their scores are tabulated alongside our shoot. We simply need to send a form in to the ATA to request awards for the shoot. No issues. Beau will send the paperwork to the ATA shortly.

**3. Youth Shooter Clinic:** Peter is going to host a shooting clinic for our Youth/New shooters after the first day of shooting at the Provincials. It will be relatively informal and just a chance to encourage our younger shooters to participate. No issues and it will proceed under Peters' direction.

**4. Sydenham Sportsmans Club:** Adam Arpa from SSC wants to have the club approved to throw registered targets. Bert will go up relatively soon to do a range approval and help them with their ATA paperwork.

**5. Update from Peter:** Peter said that HGC is looking to sell their wireless voice controls. Emily asked for some pictures and she will post them on the OPTA Buy & Sell. Peter would also like to host the "Ask the All-Stars" event after the shooting on Wednesday at Hamilton. He will contact various All-Stars about their interest and do some of the legwork beforehand to organize. Emily said a good component of any workshop is discussing gun fit with shooters. Peter asked BJ and Emily if they would be willing to help with this event, and both of them committed to assist. Peter said that the HGC is spending a lot of money on the club improvements, including new voice controls, rebuilding several of their trap machines, and doing some landscaping work on the berm in front of the trap range.

**6. National Range Day:** This year it is on June 4, 2022. Emily asked for input on what we can do to promote it. Ron said that Napanee would be having an event at their club. Her suggestion was to post on social media, promote shooting, and really encourage our member clubs to participate in some fashion on National Range Day.

**7. Provincial Meal:** Emily asked if there would be a meal at the Provincials this year. Discussion ensued about various options. Bill will speak with people at HGC about the possibility of putting on a meal. BJ asked for clarification that it would be something the club would organize, not the OPTA.

**8. Shoot-offs/Lights:** BJ asked who is responsible for shoot-off & giveaway targets. Peter asked if HGC is responsible for those and Bert said that he did not think the HGC should pay for them. BJ stated that he thought all of these promotions will draw shooters to the club, which will increase revenue for HGC. A question was asked about the availability of lighting for shoot-offs. Peter said there are lights on the east side, but he is not sure if they are in working order. He will find out.

5. Next meeting date – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion –

- Strategic Plan
- Hall of Fame Building/Home Grounds