

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024, at 7:30PM

Attendance: BJ Jackman, Lori Cantelo, Beau Douglas, Ron Rowe, Mathew Tyhurst, Peter Tsementzis, Derek Scrimshaw. Absent: Emily Brown.

BJ called the meeting to order at 7:33pm via Zoom conference call.

1. Lori made a motion to accept minutes of the January 16, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Peter seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

1. OPTA Buy & Sell:

Lori stated that she felt that with recent fraudulent activity on the Buy & Sell page, we should not continue to take on this endeavour. She felt that there is too much risk, and it is not something we want the OPTA attached to, especially in terms of fraud or identity theft of our members. Ron stated that he felt it was a valuable resource for people to use. A lengthy discussion followed about the risks involved and the viability of the Buy & Sell. Peter agreed that we need to distance the OPTA from the Buy & Sell in terms of risk management. BJ reminded everyone that there are several other resources available for shooters that serve this purpose. Lori suggested that we provide a link to the CTA Buy & Sell that people can access. Lori made a motion to remove the Buy & Sell from the OPTA website and remove all current ads as of February 29, 2024. Peter seconded. *All in favour. Carried.* Beau asked Lori to send a written announcement to him and he will post it on the website on February 29th.

2. OPTA Hall of Fame & Award Winners

Nomination forms and/or biographical information had been submitted, and then sent out to the Board for several nominees of our annual awards and Hall of Fame inductees. After discussion and voting, the Board is excited to announce that Bert Blackburn (Contributor) and John Costa (Shooter) will be inducted into the OPTA Hall of Fame this year. The Board also selected Adam Arpa as the recipient of the Mike Fulop Award.

3. Website Update

Beau has been in touch with Will about the updated website. He suggested that we continue to have a straightforward website so that it can be updated easily by current and future boards. Mathew suggested that we have a countdown timer to the upcoming Provincials. Will continues to work on our site template and will have something for us to look at soon. Lori has sent him many pictures that we can use for the website.

4. Hamilton Gun Club/OPTA Provincials Contract

The Hamilton Gun Club (HGC) has signed the contract for the upcoming Provincials. The target cost for the shoot will be \$46/100. The HGC does not have permanent shoot-off lights. Derek Scrimshaw has worked to obtain a set of lights for shoot-offs for the duration of the shoot and will continue working on a second set. The OPTA and HGC are thankful for this donation. While one set will light up a field, two sets would serve us well to run an efficient shoot. Derek will look after the logistics of getting them delivered.

Monthly Finances

1. Review of current year-to-date financial results:

Bank: \$47,598. Lottery: \$6,468. We have a GIC coming due March 10. Beau has an appointment to renew it next week. He confirmed with our accountant that we are able to continue to invest in GICs and earn interest as a not-for-profit.

New Business/Discussion

1. Provincial Tasks/Sign-Up/Assignments

Mathew started the discussion by saying he will likely only be able to attend the weekend of the Provincials. Peter volunteered to take the lead for the Hall of Fame Soiree. The budget last year was \$1,000 and we will continue with this as a ballpark figure for the event. BJ and Lori will remain in charge of trophies at the shoot, but everyone is encouraged to take a shift distributing and organizing trophies. Lori will have a camera available and set-up as well. BJ asked Beau to continue to organize the shoot-offs and tallying results after the shooting. BJ and Peter will organize the shooting line at the end of the shooting day, and all Board members are to be ready to referee shoot-offs. The HGC is willing to open the office on Wednesday from 2-5pm to allow people to sign up and cashier. Beau volunteered to be there at that time to classify shooters and help. As usual, the OPTA will look after classification throughout the entire shoot. We will also continue to pre-classify shooters who pre-squad, saving them time in line, especially on the first day. BJ reminded everyone that we are all to be available to help during the shoot as needed, and to work together to have a well-run shoot. BJ asked for suggestions as to how we as a board can improve the Provincials. Lori asked about target-setting. Peter said that he had been in contact with the HGC and that he will help the club get things in order before the shoot, in terms of setting stakes and having crossbars available. The HGC will take the lead during the shoot in terms of setting the targets each day, and the OPTA will oversee the process throughout. We need to continue to work with the host club to ensure that targets are set only by Shoot Management or the OPTA, and not by shooters at their preference. Ron volunteered to help work with BJ & Beau to calculate shoot-offs and trophies during the shoot, which is very much appreciated. Peter will bring a secure trailer for the duration of the shoot so that trophies can be distributed during the day and locked up at night.

2. Posting of OPTA Minutes on OPTA Website

BJ said that he felt we should post our OPTA minutes online. This would align with the ATA, and other state/provincial associations, as well increase transparency to our members. He said that it may also spark interest in some of our members to become involved with the OPTA. Lori asked if we would only post approved minutes, and all agreed that would be the practice moving forward. BJ made a motion to have the OPTA meeting minutes posted once they are approved. Lori seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

3. OCS Update

The OCS has been getting posters and other audio/video resources ready for the upcoming Sportsmen's Show. Lori showed the board some of the resources that have been created thus far, and the board was appreciative of Lori's efforts on this.

4. Sponsorship Update

White Flyer will be donating 14 flats of AA shells for our shoot. We will award these to our major award winners, as well as some through a draw in our Doubles events. All other major sponsors are seemingly on board for this year. Stanmore Golf Carts in Stoney Creek has offered the OPTA 6 carts for their use during the Provincials at a \$700 discount, in exchange for an ad in our shoot program. The Board agreed to go ahead with this, at a cost of about \$600. Earlier in the meeting, Derek said that the Peterborough Trap & Skeet club is going to donate \$250 to our shoot, which is greatly appreciated by the Board.

5. Next meeting date – March 19, 2024, at 7:30pm.

6. Adjournment. BJ adjourned meeting at 9:05pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion