

O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Pam Muma, Beau Douglas, BJ Jackman, Mathew Tyhurst, Ron Rowe, Verne Higgs, Emily Brown, Bill Drikos, Peter Tsementzis

Absent: Lori Cantelo

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Peter made a motion to accept the December 13, 2022, meeting minutes. Ron seconded. 8 in favour, 1 abstention. **Carried.**

2. Business arising from Minutes

Provincials Update

Targets: Verne said he had spoken to St Thomas, and they were only able to purchase Lawry targets. They would speak with them to get a better paint job on the targets. Pam said that we need to work with St. Thomas about target prices.

Trophies: BJ had reached out to Storm Shooting coats about potentially having coats awarded in the HOA this year. He is hoping that they can come down on price. Beau had no update from the ATA about trophies, in terms of what trophies would be offered this year.

Sponsorship: Perazzi Canada has committed to \$500 this year. Pilla will also be offering about \$1000 in products for shooters this year. Blair Mott has committed to donating \$5,000 each year for the next 5 years to the Provincials. He wanted to increase the “Champion of Champions” payouts by \$1500, and \$3500 to be used in a HOA Lewis Option, with an entry fee to participate. The board was in support of this endeavour and hopes it will increase participation at the Provincials. The Napanee & District Rod & Gun Club has donated \$500 to the shoot as well.

Hall of Fame & Fulop Award Nominees: Beau Douglas has been nominated for the Mike Fulop. BJ made a motion to award the Mike Fulop Award to Beau Douglas. Bill seconded. *All in favour.* **Carried.** Pam asked Beau if any HOF forms had been filled out, and he had not received any. BJ asked to defer his name for consideration for the time being. Discussion ensued about several nominees, as both shooters and contributors. Beau spoke about Ed Wilmott, and his long shooting career across North America. Emily spoke in support of Doug Kurt, who was the first Canadian shooter to break 100 straight in handicap, as well as his role in helping the Bridgeport Club shooting ATA targets in the past. Verne spoke about Len Jones, and his various wins and accomplishments. Beau agreed that he is the best shooter on our list of nominees. Peter voiced his support for Len as well. Emily also voiced her support for Lottie Erber, and her lengthy shooting career. Pam asked for nominators to fill out the HOF Nomination form as best they could before our next meeting, and the board would decide.

3. Monthly finances

Review of current year-to-date financial results:

Current bank balance is \$85,873. Paid invoice to Millards of \$3,955. \$9,945.57 has been deposited from the OCS. The OPTA debit card has finally come through to allow online “view only” access to our banking records. A GIC of \$25,204 came due, and was set-up to auto-renew, and it is in a 1-year GIC at 4.65%.

4. New business/Open Discussion

Smith Falls Gun Club: Ron has been working with Chris Lally about having ATA shoots at his Smith Falls club. The process needs to be approved by the club board, but the plan is to shoot ATA targets this target year. Emily said that it would be good to get Galt back shooting. She asked if St. Thomas had a working website, and Pam said she thought they did, and would get the information.

Targets at Provincials: Peter asked for clarification on the targets being used at the Provincials. A lengthy discussion ensued about targets, and our role in the process of clubs ordering targets from manufacturers. The quality of both Lawry and White Flyer targets was discussed at length, as well as the paint applied on the targets, etc. Mathew had a picture comparing White Flyer and Lawry targets, and discussion ensued. Peter said that we don't need to mandate one manufacturer over another, but we should focus on shooting the best possible target at the Provincials. BJ asked what we could do as an association to work with target companies to ensure a quality product. Verne said the target presentation is critical to running a premier shoot. Bill suggested that we reach out to St Thomas, who would then work with Lawry to ensure the paint is applied correctly. None of the board members were in support of pushing one manufacturer on St Thomas, as they are their own decisions to make as a club. Mathew suggested we create a priority list to make sure the Provincials run smoothly and asked if paint was our top priority as a board, or if target setting was a more important issue. Pam said that target setting was in the contract, and we will work with St. Thomas on that. Verne asked Pam to write a letter to St. Thomas asking them to address some of our concerns, and she agreed to do so.

HGC Update: Peter said that Dan Gris has taken on the role of Trap Coach at HGC, and he will work with new shooters and recruiting for the trap side of the club. Emily said having coaches available to shooters has been a concern at CUSF meetings and is happy to see Dan take on this role.

Open Discussion: Ron provided some prices for ammunition and components and questioned how shooting will continue to be sustainable for shooters. He said he is concerned at keeping shooting going, especially at his club. BJ questioned what we as a board could do, and Ron agreed that there is not much that can be done, but that we should be aware.

5. Next meeting date – Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

6. Adjournment: Bill made a motion to adjourn. Verne seconded. Pam adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion –

- Trap Chair Meeting February 28, 2023