

**O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 7:30 PM**

Attendance: Pam Muma, Beau Douglas, BJ Jackman, Derek Scrimshaw, Emily Brown, Lori Cantelo, Mathew Tyhurst, Ron Rowe, Peter Tsementzis. *All present.*

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:36pm via Zoom conference call.

- 1. Election of OPTA Executive:** Lori nominated Beau for Secretary Treasurer. Seconded by Peter. No other nominations. Peter nominated BJ Jackman for OPTA President. Seconded by Beau. Pam asked for more nominations. There were none. Ron nominated Lori for Vice-President. Seconded by Peter. All carried by acclamation.

Congratulations to our Executive for our upcoming year:

President: BJ Jackman

Vice-President: Lori Cantelo

Secretary/Treasurer: Beau Douglas

Pam left the meeting, and BJ took over as Chair. Peter welcomed Derek Scrimshaw to the Board.

- 2. Business arising from Minutes**

**Provincials Post-Mortem:**

BJ asked the Board for their feedback/insight on the Provincial Championships that took place last week.

Lori asked about the HOF & Awards Soiree. Beau said it was well attended, with approximately 80-90 people. One improvement would be to make people more aware of the food being available. It also made the AGM go a lot quicker on Sunday, which was part of the reason for doing so.

Peter said that him and BJ took on a lot of the responsibility of the St Thomas Gun Club in setting targets, and that we should put the onus on STGC to set targets and have the OPTA be a second opinion in any disputes. As the week went on, more and more of the work of setting targets became that of the OPTA, while it should have been done by the club.

Peter vocalized his disappointment in two board members, and their lack of involvement in the Provincial shoot. He said that he was disappointed in the turnout of the Youth & New Shooter Clinic, although it was great to see the same kids as last year and how they have improved. Lori suggested that we perhaps market it as more of a “new shooter clinic”, and Pete said that he had communicated with several people that anyone was welcome, and that they in turn, did not attend. Pete suggested that we move forward and help clubs and capable coaches be put at the forefront of any sort of coaching of new shooters. Emily said that perhaps a more effective model would be to offer coaching at the start of the season at a variety of clubs across the province, having a “point person” at all OPTA clubs to set-up clinics. Beau agreed with Peter that the clinic did seem like another added responsibility during the shoot, making long days even longer.

Peter also said that the Lawry targets had a lot of over-spray and, in terms of paint, they were not what we asked for in terms of target presentation. Peter said that he was very impressed with the trophy selection, and commended Lori and BJ for their work in having an excellent trophy package. BJ said that a lot of shooters echoed this sentiment and that they were very happy with them. Ron said that the engraving on the silver bars looked great as well.

BJ said that he was pleased with how the shoot went, although it was non-stop for 5 days straight. He said that everyone is expected to help with tasks during the week, especially shoot-offs. At our premier event, we need to all be on board to make sure things go smoothly for our shooters. Beau said that STGC needs to keep scorekeepers available for shoot-offs, but in general, they did not, which made us short-staffed in the evenings. Thankfully some volunteers stepped up to help when we needed them. Shooters thought the shoot

was well-run, which is a good reminder to keep the shooters out of the chaos of running a shoot as much as possible. Beau commended the people on the board who did step up to keep the shoot moving efficiently.

Ron stated that he felt he was under-used at times, and that some of the board tried to do too much and should delegate things more efficiently. BJ appreciated his insight and said next year it would be a focus to spread things out and allocate tasks beforehand. Derek commended the board for their efforts, in that the feedback from shooters was that the shoot was very well run from the outside looking in. He asked why clubs don't have a better grasp of their responsibilities when they know a year ahead that they are hosting. BJ said there is a contract, but there are always a couple surprises that throw things off. Emily asked if there would be a meeting with the club afterwards, and BJ said that is something to consider.

Emily brought up the lack of water/cleanliness in the washrooms in the clubhouse. She also said that the lack of a community meal at the shoot was disappointing. She detailed the two meals at Brandon. Peter asked if Emily would plan the meal next year, and she would not commit at this time to doing so. Lori said she had planned them in the past, and that they are a lot of work. Discussion ensued about previous meals, including the meal put on by Hamilton last year at the Provincials. BJ asked everyone to think of what they want moving forward, and commended Mathew for his efforts in organizing the HOF and Awards Soiree, and he suggested perhaps we set up a Banquet Committee. Peter questioned whether anyone on the board felt like having a meal was important and asked for a show of hands. No one supported the idea, and Lori said her preference would be that the host club should oversee doing things like this. Mathew, and others, said he didn't feel like it is something we should take on as a board as well.

BJ commended our board on the extra tasks and initiatives they put on, including the Youth Clinic. Mathew suggested that we make better use our list of assigned tasks, in terms of our planning for next year. BJ revisited target setting, and Peter said it was disappointing to be asked to reset targets that were nowhere near where they had been set earlier in the day.

BJ suggested that we use August to take a breather after the Provincials and meet in September. The board agreed.

3. Next meeting date – Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm.
4. Adjournment: Peter made a motion to adjourn. Mathew seconded. All in favour. BJ adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.
  - Items on hold for future discussion –

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