

O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM

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

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

1. 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Pam made a motion to accept the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Bill seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. Business arising from Minutes
 1. **Facebook/Website/Twitter:** Buy and Sell page has been active. Emily provided updates from the Canadian Championships on our Facebook page.
 2. **Provincials/HGC Update:** Beau spoke with Shamrock and it is unlikely that the leather order will be here in time for the Provincials. Shamrock will ship the bags directly to the winners, and put their names on them, which will be a nice compromise for most winners. There are over 110 shooters pre-squadded for the Provincials. He said the target presentation at HGC at their most recent shoot was great. All other trophies and promo materials are here. Bert asked if there was going to be any ammo, and Beau said that Hummasons had told him there were 80 flats and counting on hold for the Provincials. Bert said that he had been asked about running a “Special Event” at the dinner. BJ reminded everyone that the club can do what they want, but we as a board are to distance ourselves from said event.
 3. **OPTA Tasks at Provincials** – Bert said the he, Beau, and Ron will be there to classify people on Wednesday. We need to be aware of our shooting times so that we can ensure there is always someone around to classify shooters. Peter will bring a covered trailer on Wednesday to the grounds. Beau will generate lists for shoot-offs and Lori and BJ will help out there. Verne and others will make sure they are outside to referee shoot-offs.
 4. **Shooter clinics at Provincials** – Peter has said there hasn’t been much interest for his “Mingle with the Masters” event and is concerned about the viability of the event. He suggested deferring to a later event or date. Emily and Bert suggested we post it on Facebook and see if that generates any interest. Peter asked how many Youth/New shooters would be at the Thursday night clinic, and there should be between 5-10. Peter will take the lead on it and plan it out accordingly.
 5. **Nominations for Board positions** (Pam)
Pam has not received any nominations for the OPTA board opening, nor have any other board members.

3. Monthly finances

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results:** Beau reported that there is nothing of consequence to report on our finances. Shoot reports have been rolling in on time, although some are late getting to the ATA. Ron suggested that more clubs submit their reports to the ATA electronically, as it saves a lot of time and money.

4. New business/Open Discussion

1. By-law edit – Ontario Council of Shooters – Bert asked about the bylaw edit for our upcoming AGM. We are simply going to change the wording of how we pay our membership cost to the Ontario Council of Shooters, as it is now a flat rate (\$1100 this year), rather than \$10/member. It will be relayed to the members with appropriate notice before our AGM.

2. AGM Agenda: The board went through the upcoming AGM agenda. Emily asked for something written on our upcoming Hall of Fame inductees, and Peter and Verne said they would submit something to her.

3. HGC Lighting – Peter relayed a message from the Hamilton Gun Club that they are requesting that the OPTA pay for the lighting for the shoot-off fields at the club. The cost would be \$16,000. The board denied this request. Emily suggested that the HGC focus on running an efficient shoot so that things are done on time, and Peter supported this point. Bert re-iterated the point that the contract between the OPTA and the host club of the Provincials states that lighted fields are to be available for shoot-offs. The club will look at renting lights for the upcoming shoot. Emily stated that there is nothing in the CTA contract about lights, but Beau reminded everyone that it is in the OPTA contract. Bert suggested that we change our timing of the Friday Night Shoot-out to be held before the Event 5 shoot-offs and not afterwards. We will post a notice to members of the timing change on the grounds. The random numbers will be drawn shortly after the completion of the handicap event, and people will have to check-in before the end of the doubles to be eligible to shoot-off.

4. OPTA Handicap Purse – Beau said that he had spoken with HGC again about running the OPTA Handicap Purse at their events. At their last shoot, a shooter broke 50 straight, but the club did not offer the chance to play the option. Bert asked to play the option and was told they don't offer it at their club. Several shooters have asked about it with no progress. The Board of the HGC will be discussing it at their next Board meeting. Beau asked if there was any merit to topping up the fund to \$1000 out of the money generated from the sale of our Shamrock goods. BJ said it is probably best to wait until after the Provincials to do so, and perhaps we start the next target year with it at \$1000. Pam supported this point.

5. Dinner at Provincials – Emily asked about the dinner being offered on Saturday of the Provincials. The club will be having a steak dinner, and tickets will be sold at the club. Peter was unsure of the ticket cost, but it would probably be \$15-20.

5. Next meeting date – Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:30 pm. (To establish upcoming Executive)

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion –