

O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Pam Muma, Lori Cantelo, Beau Douglas, BJ Jackman, Emily Brown, Mathew Tyhurst, Ron Rowe.

Absent: Verne Higgs, Peter Tsementzis, Bill Drikos

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

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ron made a motion to accept the February 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Beau seconded.
All in favour. Carried.

- 2. Business arising from Minutes**

Facebook/Website: Emily provided an update on the website. She asked Pam to write a “President’s message” for the website. The website is up to date, aside from some missing information from Paul. Beau asked if there was a way to modify the layout of the website. Emily suggested contacting the webmaster, Will Partridge about doing so. Lori asked if newer layouts or software were available for our OPTA webpage. Discussion ensued, including a suggestion from BJ to reach out to web designers. Emily said that the Buy & Sell is very active, and others agreed that it does draw a lot of users to our website. She asked if St Thomas has created a current website, and Pam said she would speak to Bob & Darlene Morphy about making this. Pam asked Beau & Emily to work together to look at updating the website in the short-term.

Mathew asked for clarity on his recent reporting of inappropriate content on the OPTA Facebook page. He provided a couple examples of posts he had reported and asked why they had not been addressed or taken down. He expressed a concern that the posts and content at times do not reflect the values of the OPTA, in terms of promoting trapshooting in Ontario. BJ asked if administrators and moderators have different access on Facebook, and Beau stated that they do. Emily said that she had not seen the notifications for these posts. Discussion followed, and Pam directed Emily to have her, Mathew, and Lori added as full administrators on the OPTA Facebook page.

Provincials Updates

Targets: Pam hasn’t heard from St Thomas Gun Club about target pricing for the upcoming Provincial Championships. They need to submit their info for the shoot program before the end of the month. Pam will follow-up with St Thomas and get that info as soon as possible.

Trophies: Lori and BJ provided a trophy update for the upcoming Provincials. The trophies as outlined fall within our budget of \$13,000 for trophies.

Sponsorship: Beau provided an update on sponsorships. Scott Huenemoerder has committed \$750 on behalf of his business. Fiocchi Ammunition will donate \$600USD, which we will use to sponsor our Friday Night Shoot-out. He asked if we should modify our added money table. The board agreed, and Beau will send out an updated added money proposal in the coming days. Sponsorship dollars total \$22,310 so far.

Schedule of Events: Peter Tsementzis would like to run his Youth & New Shooter clinic on Thursday night. The Fiocchi Shoot-out would make sense on Friday, as a buffer between the end of shooting and the start of the awards/HOF presentation. Lori asked if we could order something for the kids who participate in the clinic with Peter, and Beau will look into some options for the youth shooters.

3. Monthly finances

Review of current year-to-date financial results:

Two \$20,000 GICs purchased, 5-year terms. Current bank balance \$54,764.39. Lottery: \$6,432.46. GIC balance \$232,614.00. A few people have paid via e-transfer, with no issues.

4. New business/Open Discussion

Follow-up on Trap Chair Meeting: Pam asked how we would post shoot results as they come in on the website. Beau said he will work with clubs to get the results posted online, regardless of how they submit them to the OPTA. Ron asked for clarity on submitting fees, and Beau said he would be making a checklist for clubs to submit accurate information to the ATA, OPTA, and Trap & Field.

Open Discussion: BJ asked for information about the HOF ceremony at the Provincials. Pam said that Verne will take the lead on it and he will provide an update at our next meeting. BJ said he was glad to see that Dresden had a penny pincher shoot last week. Mathew asked if we could contact Dave Leunissen and thank him for his contributions to our Trap Chair meeting. Pam said that we should email or send a letter to him, outlining our action steps for the future. Beau said he will write something to Dave and get it to him shortly.

Lori outlined a proposal for the OPTA to provide added money to some of our smaller shoots. We would work with clubs to match their proposals for funding (with a maximum \$ per club per year). Beau said it would make sense to look at proposals over the winter after our year-end, so we know as an Association where we are at financially. Lori said she would write up a motion and proposal for our next meeting. Emily reminded everyone to remind clubs to apply for the ATA Gun Club fund. Lori thanked Ron for working with Smith Falls to get them ATA certified, addressing one of our Strategic goals as an Association.

Emily said that Stittsville had a CUSF shoot recently, with approximately 40 shooters. Susan Nattrass will be doing shooting clinics in Toronto in the summer. BJ asked if there was an OPTA or ATA literature at these events, and Emily said that they do make it to our Facebook page.

5. Next meeting date – Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

6. Adjournment: Mathew made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded. All in favour. Pam adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion –

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