

## OPTA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 2, 2021

Attendance: Bert Blackburn, Emily Brown, Lori Cantelo, BJ Jackman, Bill Drikos, Peter Tsementzis, Richard Bootsveld, Ron Rowe, Verne Higgs, and Pam Muma

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm EDT by Bert Blackburn via Zoom conference call.

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ron made a motion to accepted January 5, 2021 minutes, seconded by Lori. All in favor, minutes accepted.

### 2. Business arising from minutes

1. Website/Facebook/Twitter – Continues to grow.
2. Ontario Council of Shooters – The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 via Zoom. Emily stated it could be a lengthy meeting as the last one was May 2019. Emily will report at our next meeting.
3. New Shooter/OPTA promotions – Emily held the Introduction to ATA/OPTA via Zoom on Feb 21 with approximately 12 in attendance including Bert and Lori. The session was well received with great feedback from the attendees. Emily will upload the session to you tube.
4. New Shooter Clinic – This is still basically on hold due to the pandemic but aiming for April. This will actually be for all shooters not just new shooters. When pandemic restrictions are lifted enough to have more gatherings outdoors, we will be able to host this event. It would be hosted at several different clubs rather than all at one place, we will spread the All-Star shooters throughout several clubs. This clinic will also be discussed at the upcoming Trap Chair meeting and find clubs that are willing to host the event.
5. Promoting High Level Trapshooting in Ontario – This agenda item was including in the above discussion.
6. Hall of Fame Building – Over the last week there has been email discussions to put this agenda item on hold for the time being as we as an organization need to work on getting shooting going back in the province first. Verne made a motion to put this item on hold and seconded by B J. All in favor by show of hands. Motion passed.

Emily stated she has been working on the biographies of the past Hall of Fame inductees but still missing some. She has asked for those on the Board that are in the Hall of Fame or if anyone has information of others if they could send her information so she can continue to complete all biographies.

She also brought forward that the Hall of Fame can be virtual for now so if anyone has pictures could they send them to her and she will upload them to our website. Emily has received a photo of the 1962 Canadian Championships held in Edmonton so she can add this to our historical collections so again she asked if anyone has any photos to send them to her.

7. Online Membership Payment – Pam has now finally completed all the paperwork for signing authority and is now able to discuss banking information with the bank. Because these are deposits, the TD bank representative said there would be no reason why we could not set up e-transfers for membership payments. Pam will work with Emily to get this all set up on our website.
  8. Handicap Purse – B J has worked out to details/criteria for this purse and sent a draft out to the Board. He asked everyone to look it over and let him know if he missed anything or if something needs to be changed, to let him know. One item B J thought of after the draft went out was “what happens if there is a 100 shoot as well as 50’s in the same day”. He felt that if this were to happen then the 100 would take the purse. The other item he thought of was to have criteria for registered target requirements. Richard felt that we should keep it as simple as possible or we may discourage shooters if it becomes too complicated. Bert asked B J to include everything and any further thoughts together and send it out to everyone and we can vote on it at the next Board meeting.
  9. Introduction to ATA/OPTA Shooting – This was discussed in agenda number 3.
3. Monthly finances
    1. YTD Financial Results – Financial reports as submitted by Pam were briefly reviewed. Pam is now able to sign cheques.
  4. New business
    1. Trap Chair Meeting – The meeting is set up for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pam has sent out one email to all those listed on the Club contact list Emily has on the website. We have another Board meeting prior to this meeting so we can, as a Board, develop and finalize an agenda. Pam stated she will send out another email to the clubs 2 weeks before the meeting with an agenda.
    2. Political Conversation on OPTA Facebook page – Verne felt that any political conversation on our Facebook group page should not be allowed as far as one political party or another. Emily stated that it is a public forum and the conversation around the gun bans should be continued. We should not be endorsing one party or another but the members have a right to discuss the political issues around

guns/shooting. Verne did state that the Board needs to keep our political views off the group page.

3. Shooting in Ontario – Due to the pandemic restrictions of gatherings of 5 people outdoors right now restricts any kind of shooting. Some clubs are currently shut right down to any shooting where others are still open following the restrictions. Bert asked if we should be looking at moving the Provincial dates or if we still have time to hold. All agreed it is still early so we can hold on any changes to the current set dates. Lori felt this year we have more options available to us with possible satellites and more comfortable with how to implement any restrictions. Pete asked if we want to explore some of the Public Health restrictions tonight to help moving forward with Ontario shooting.  
If restrictions on numbers of outdoor gatherings is low, we could explore hosting the Provincials as a satellite shoot with Hamilton and St Thomas and if need be, we could include Toronto. Emily also suggested we could go as far as Windsor, St Thomas, Hamilton, Toronto and then Quinte/Napanee for eastern shooters. Pete brought forward a suggestion to help clubs that may not be comfortable of even know how to handle COVID-19 restrictions so perhaps we could develop/support clubs with guidelines to maintain a safe shooting environment. Bert felt the plan that was developed last year is a very good basis to start. This can be an agenda item to discuss during the Trap Chair meeting.
5. Next meeting – Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 via Zoom.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm EDT.