

## OPTA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 4, 2021

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

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm EDT by Bert Blackburn via Zoom conference call.

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

BJ made a motion to accept April 6, 2021 minutes, seconded by Bill. All in favor, minutes accepted.

Verne made a motion to accept the Trap Chair minutes of March 23, 2021, seconded by Lori. All in favor, minutes accepted.

### 2. Business arising from minutes

1. Website/Facebook/Twitter – Richard will be taking over the administration of the website over the next couple of weeks. Emily asked about the OPTA program, Bert explained it has not gone out yet as we are probably going to make some changes after tonight's meeting.

Emily will be posting an article in a magazine about Hamilton Gun Club. Emily contacted the editor to see if she could scan and post the article and was given the go ahead tonight.

2. Ontario Council of Shooters – Email circulating on a funding of approximately \$44,000. It was suggested to look at the club level instead of just the PSO's. Bert asked if there is an application form for the clubs to complete to show loss of revenue. Jennie from OCS has suggested taking 10% and then splitting the rest amongst the member clubs. Bert asked Pam to develop a list of clubs that would have lost revenue from cancelled registered shoots. Bert asked Emily if she would email OCS to let them know we are working on a club list.
3. New Shooter/OPTA promotions – Emily attended a virtual Canadian University Shooting Federation meeting this past Saturday. They are looking at events to hopefully be able to have this fall.
4. Online Membership Payment – Pam stated that the system went live as of April 23. Since then, there has been 12 membership renewals, 7 sold raffle tickets, donations of \$180 to the Handicap Purse, \$50 donations to the OPTA and Paul Shaw paid for advertisement in the Provincial program.

Emily asked if the ATA number requirement button could be taken off for those wanting to pay for OPTA but does not have an ATA membership number. Pam stated that this is needed but anyone without an ATA number could just put any number in this field. Pam will edit the membership form to add this note.

5. Shooting in Ontario – On hold for now due to Covid restrictions.
  6. Provincial Championships – Bert asked for thoughts from the Board if we should delay our Championships. Lori is concerned that when they do open the Province, people are still going to be restricted from moving outside the region. Lori was also concerned if we would be able to host a quality shoot as well as the safety of the shoot.  
Bert suggested a delay for a month to July 14-18 and see how things are progressing in June. The Board agreed. Pam will inform pre-squad and the ATA. Bert will write up a letter to be sent out by email and posted on Facebook.
  7. Canadian Championships – Emily stated there was a meeting last week with the host clubs and Provincial representatives. Discussion around whether a delay should be considered on the date and will be further discussed at the next meeting. Bert asked Emily to ensure that he gets an invitation to the next meeting as he was not included on this past one.
3. Monthly finances
    1. YTD Financial Results – Financial reports as submitted by Pam for Board review. The bank statement has not come in yet so the online deposits are not reflected as of yet. Once they come in Pam will update the books. No questions from the Board.
  4. New business
    1. Napanee and District Rod and Gun Club Donation – Ron stated that Napanee just donated \$5,000 to expand the Dialysis Clinic from 4 beds to 9. Bert asked Ron to pass the information on to post on Facebook.
    2. Ask the All-Star Clinic – B J asked Pete if the restrictions are lifted should we look at starting the clinics. Pete again was cautious with the regional travel but we can certainly keep the discussion going.
    3. Start shooting in Ontario – Lori asked if there was any way we can get some clubs throwing registered shoots such as Penny Pinchers or Big 50's. Pam stated all that needs to be done now is to let me know a couple days in advance and she can upload the dates on the ATA website now. Lori asked Pam if she could send her the information a club would need to host a Penny Pincher and Big 50, then she would make up an information document to send out to the clubs.
  5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm EDT.