



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General Meeting

July 29, 2018 at the St Thomas Gun Club

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:55 am by President Neville Henderson.
Approximately 120 members, plus the Board of Directors (9) were in attendance.

Neville introduced our guests Jeff Yurek – Minister of Natural Resources and Dave Marr – Mayor of Central Elgin.

2. Meeting minutes for 2017 had been posted; therefore, they were not read during the meeting which is consistent with prior AGM's. Additional meeting minute copies are available on the table or from Pam Muma. Jim Wood motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Dan Gris. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to accept minutes. Neville asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the 2017 AGM meeting minutes. None were raised and the members voted for acceptance with no objections and no abstentions.
3. Copies of the 2017 financial report had been posted prior to the meeting, consistent with prior AGMs. Pam stated that this year there was a review of the financials and copies are available for all members who wish to have a hard copy.
 - i. Steve Stiby made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented, seconded by Keith Saunders.
 - ii. In accordance with the OPTA bylaws a motion needs to be passed to the appointment of the financial review for 2017-2018. Warren made a motion to stay with the current company of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, seconded by Jim Wood. Show of hands revealed all in acceptance, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed that Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh will review the financial books for 2017-2018.
4. Reports from ATA Delegate – Paul Shaw thanked all shooters who have that traveled from out of province, Ohio (2), Atlantic Provinces (1) and Quebec (8).

Paul Shaw explained that the Eastern Zone consists of a total of 14 States and Provinces and the date for the Eastern Zone in 2019 has been tentatively set for July 18-21, 2019. The Ontario Provincial Championships will be held the week after from July 25-28, 2019 in Hamilton. The Grand American will begin July 31, 2019.

Paul asked all shooters who attending the Grand this year to let him know so he sign them up for the Champion of Champion race.

Paul recognized all the youth shooters out for this shoot and thanked the parents/guardians for introducing them to the sport and providing the youths the opportunity and support needed to participate.

There have been some significant accomplishments by shooters this past year that Paul recognized.



Lloyd Beecraft, John Costa and Peter Tsementzis have had several Champion trophies throughout the States and province.

Dan Gris shot his first 200 straight in Singles in New York then followed it up with his 1st 100 straight in Doubles today.

Paul stated that the OPTA has a defibrillator which was donated by Seamus Tynan through his company, Ward and Burke Microtunnelling. This defibrillator is available for clubs to use during registered shoots but there must be a trained person available before it can be loaned out. He suggested that each club in Ontario should try to have one of their own with trained personnel as our shooting population is aging and it would be good idea to have one on hand.

Paul explained the ATA Gun Club fund which is available to all clubs that host ATA registered shoots. There are 5 zones which share in the available funds with the the money divided amongst clubs in each zone which submits a successful application. He stated that St Thomas made a good application last year and received \$2,500.00 which was used to update the computers.

Paul introduced the 2017 Delegate Team members.

5. Report from Officers –

- Neville thanked the Board for all the hard work over the last year. He also thanked St Thomas Gun Club for hosting this shoot and running a good shoot despite the weather.
- The legal case against Gord Kerr is now complete. Neville explained to the membership each step taken by members of the Board in order to close this case. In the end there was \$97,137.50 collected from Gord with expenses of \$38,590.67 for a net to the OPTA of \$58,546.83. Neville thanked the Board members for all the work on this case.
- Neville spoke about the Ontario Council of Shooting (OCS) through which the OPTA has been receiving annual government grant money. There is a lot of changes in this organization with the government requiring much more information and documentation. There will be a lot of work required to continue in the organization including providing a membership fee of \$10.00 per OPTA member back to OCS. The Board will continue to discuss the affiliation with this organization to ensure it is worth the effort and costs.
- There have been changes to our By-laws with regards to incorporating the OCS requirements. These changes were mailed out to all members with the Provincial program. These revisions include;
 - i. Section 4.05(b) – **Ontario Council of Shooters** - The OPTA is a member of the Ontario Council of Shooters (OSC). The OCS is an association of volunteers dedicated to providing leadership in the growth and development of target shooting sports across various target shooting disciplines for all Ontarians. The OPTA pays the OCS an annual amount of \$10.00 per shooter to fund its activities. As a member of the OCS, the OPTA supports the OCS's values of accountability, excellence, accessibility, innovation, fairness, respect and integrity, and implements the policies necessary to support those values. These policies are included in Schedule F and may change from time to time as determined by the Board of directors of both organizations. The OCS in turn generates revenue by seeking opportunities in funding, grants and sponsorships which is allocated to the member organizations by a specified formula. The OPTA is accountable for the funds provided by the OSC in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.



ii. Section 8.03 – **Membership Fees** – Membership dues are payable annually with the amount being fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The OPTA submits ten dollars (\$10) per member to the OCS. The fee is reviewed periodically and adjusted by the OCS’s Board of Directors.

iii. Schedule F – **New OPTA Policies.**

Neville Henderson made a motion to accept the changes to the By-laws and seconded by Dave Storrington. Voting was carried out by show of hands. All members were in agreement to accept the changes as written. Motion passed.

- The Ontario Provincial Championships will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary next year and we would like to make it a special and memorable event. We will need to set up committees to work on this event and are looking for volunteers. Neville asked the members to contact any Board member if you are interested in helping out on a committee.
- We are looking to build a list of members who are interested in becoming a Board member, so we can have a list of potential recruits. In accordance with our By-laws, there is a nomination committee process to go through so Neville asked that any interested members please contact Bert Blackburn.
- Greg Carr asked if Gord Kerr is still a member of the ATA and OPTA. Neville stated that a letter was sent to the ATA but does not know if Kerr was removed but there is a lifetime ban from the OPTA.

6. Reports from Committees

- i. CTA Delegate Report – Josh Faubert provided a report of the 2018 Canadian Championships were held in Brandon, MB. There were 134 shooters of which 26 from Ontario and 8 from outside Canada. In Event 2 – Charlie Boggis Handicap, Lori Cantello was the champion with a 98. In Event 7 – Singles Championship, Paulo Sampaio was the open champion with a 197. There were a total of 19 trophies awarded to Ontario shooters in the 400 championship targets.
The 2019 Canadian Trapshooting Association Championships will be held at St Thomas Gun Club. Dates will be announced at a later date.

Report from Emily Brown –

- i. Promotion
 - The OPTA website has had a few changes since last year’s meeting. There are additions to the Hall of Fame page with about a dozen biographies from prior Hall of Fame inductees. Emily has requested biographies from Hall of Fame inductees who she does not have biographies for, and will continue to update as she has time. Historical averages for men and women was compiled by Beau Douglas and can also be found on the Hall of Fame page. Paul Shaw, our ATA rep’s monthly Trap & Field articles are posted on the OPTA website for the benefit of Ontario shooters.
 - There are a lot of inquiries sent to the info@ontariotrap.com email address which Emily monitors, some inquiring about trapshooting, and recently an email from an



individual concerned about the noise from St Thomas gun club. Every email is responded to and if necessary forwarded on to the appropriate person.

- In the past six months, there have been 50 buy/sell ads put up, with 48 ads currently on the page. Most ads result in a successful outcome and some sales have occurred across the country, demonstrating that people across Canada are monitoring the page.
- In March, the OPTA had a booth at the Toronto Sportsman's Show. Thank you to all volunteers who helped with manning the booth. It has resulted in further interest in trapshooting, including OPTA memberships up by over 30 new members as a result of the Sportsman's show and the New Shoot programs held at various clubs throughout Ontario.
- The OPTA Facebook group page now has 578 members, which is up 148 members from this time last year. It continues to be a place for shooters to go to get and share information about upcoming shoots, shoot results, photos, and current events of importance to shooters.
- Outreach continues to the Ministry Tourism, Culture and Sport informing them about Ontario shooters' accomplishments, in Ontario, across Canada and south of the border. The OPTA Twitter account is used as a great way to get news of shooters' accomplishments out as well.
- Emily applied for grant funding from the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport & Physical Activity. The application was not successful and she followed up by email with the contact person at the organization for feedback, and received none. Emily later saw the contact person at a Ministry Sport Symposium in April and asked about her email, and she said she was busy and would respond. To date, there has been no response.
- There are many opportunities for grant money, including the Trillium Grow Grant, and Trillium Capital Grants, awarded based on community need. There are also specific grants available to gun clubs from the Amateur Trapshooting Association for any clubs that register targets. These can be applied for every year, and grants are given at a variety of levels. Emily has posted the application on the facebook page and has emailed it to all OPTA clubs.

ii. New and Youth Shooter events

- New protocol for applying for OPTA sponsorship for new shooter events. The OPTA will offer \$1000 per year, where member clubs can apply for sponsorship up to \$200 per event.
- There have been many new shooter events around the province, most the same as last year.
 - Crumlin; new shooter events twice a month from May to Sept run by Eric Johnson
 - Dunnville; Billy Zager's home club has seen many new ATA shooters emerge this season, some with competitive success right away
 - Kent-Cloverleaf; support of youth shooters led by Brad Kenny



- Napanee; Ladies Day shoots have been a great success organized by Ron Rowe. They are also a new ATA club
- Peterborough; offered several new shooter events this year, with more scheduled
- St Thomas; Todd Millard and other volunteers have held several new shooter including one recently which has seen several new youth shooters participate in the Provincials this weekend.

iii. Ontario Council of Shooters (OCS)

- As an addendum to what Neville said about the Ontario Council of Shooters, the organization was created in 1972, and we are mandated by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and eligible as such for base funding and other government funding. This is the group that applies for sport recognition and funding on behalf of the OPTA and the five other disciplines. It is also mandated that each Provincial Sporting Organization, exist under the umbrella of a National Sporting Organization, in the OCS's case, that is the Shooting Federation of Canada.
- There have been many changes to the application requirements which has challenged the OCS in the application process and required a lot of support from the Ministry's sport consultant who is responsible for the OCS. Emily attend two Sport Symposia each year on behalf of the OCS, in order to learn more about the Ministry, funding opportunities, other programs and to be visible as an organization. The last one she attended was on April 11.
- Of the \$10 dollars of the OPTA membership fee sent to the OCS, \$4 is sent to the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC). For our membership in the OCS, the OPTA receives its base funding of around \$10,000, and the opportunity to apply for exceptional grant funding for events such as the Canadian championships, which should help St Thomas club for next year.
- After several years of pressing the issue of offering coach certification clinics, once the shotgun coach's manual was completed, the Shooting Federation of Canada scheduled the clinics over two weekends in the spring and summer, specifically the May 26-27, and June 23-24. There is a multi-discipline part, and a sport specific part. Due to the short notice and the dates that the course was offered, participation was poor, with only 2 participants for shotgun sports. One was a skeet shooter and the other was Todd Millard, member at St Thomas who offers new shooter clinics with other club volunteers. Now, these certified coach facilitators, have other online coursework to complete, but then will be able to host coach clinics. Having more certified coaches could result in being eligible for more Ministry base funding

7. Neville Henderson presented the 2017 All Star Team for Ontario with the assistance of Jeff Yurek and Dave Marr.



1st Men's Team

Dan Gris	95.02
Lloyd Beecraft	94.50
Joe Di Francesco	93.61
BJ Jackman	93.51
Tom Batsos	93.04

Senior Veteran Team

Terry Jordan	93.73
Keith Saunders	92.88
George Iliopoulos	91.44
Charlie Boggis	86.76
Wayne Higgs	86.66

Lady's Team

Dianne Wood	83.56
Emily Brown	82.94

Sub Junior Team

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Hi Singles Average

Dan Gris	98.24
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Hi Doubles Average

Peter Tsementzis	96.93
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2nd Men's Team

Billy Zager	92.93
Mike Otte	92.31
Paulo Sampaio	91.96
Dave Storrington	91.91
Frank Bonaiuto Jr	91.24

Veteran Team

John Costa	94.22
Ed Wilmott	91.56
Myles Jackman	90.25
Bert Blackburn	89.94
Neville Henderson	88.14

Junior Team

Autumn Bergeron	90.39
Ana Tsementzis	90.80

Hi Handicap Average

Ana Tsementzis	92.60
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Hi Composite Average

Dan Gris	95.02
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Mike Fulop Award – presented to Bill Toronyi

Mark Edmondson Award – presented to Lew Hummason - With an improved average of 20% over 2016

Rookie of the Year Award – Lisa Bennett with an average of 89.11% (600 singles, 500 handicap & 300 doubles)

Have Gun Will Travel Award – presented to Ed Wilmott

Hall of Fame – presented to Bill Wylie

8. Unfinished Business – see above Officer and Committee reports.
9. New Business – Jeff Yurek and Dave Marr spoke to the members.
10. Election of BPTA Board Directors
The current Directors up for election are:

Bert Blackburn – will stand
Warren McLay – will stand
Emily Brown – will stand
Pam Muma – will stand



ATA Delegate and Alternate for Ontario

Paul Shaw as Delegate – will stand

Verne Higgs as Alternate – will stand

CTA Delegate for Ontario – Josh Faubert will stand

Jim Wood made a motion to close nomination and seconded by Bill Wyle. All were favor by show of hands to keep the above, members of the Board of Directors and ATA Delegates.

11. Neville called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Wood made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Wylie.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm