



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General Meeting

July 28, 2019 at the Hamilton Gun Club

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:49 pm by President Neville Henderson.
Approximately 80 members, plus the Board of Directors (10) were in attendance.

Neville thanked the Hamilton Gun Club for all their work. The Board has received a lot of good comments of the appearance of the grounds and the running of the shoot. He also wanted to thank Sabina and all the office staff for a great job.

Neville thanked MDC for the generous donation of the Caesar Guerini for the OPTA raffle. We have sold over 7200 tickets so far and the winning ticket will be drawn at the end of this meeting.

2. Meeting minutes for 2018 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. Dan Gris motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Verne Higgs. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to accept minutes. Neville asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the 2018 AGM meeting minutes. None were raised and the members voted for acceptance with no objections and no abstentions.
3. Copies of the 2018 financial report had been posted prior to the meeting, consistent with prior AGMs. Pam stated that an audit was completed in accordance to the By-Laws .Copies are available for all members who wish to have a hard copy.
 - i. John VanHeusden made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented, seconded by Ed Chamberlain.
 - ii. In accordance with the OPTA bylaws a motion needs to be passed to the appointment of the financial review for 2018-2019. Don Henning made a motion to stay with the current company of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, seconded by Dan Gris. 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 2018-2019.
4. Reports from ATA Delegate – Paul Shaw presented the OPTA Board of Directors and members with a plaque from the ATA for recognition of 100 years of shooting in Ontario.

Paul thanked all shooters who have that traveled from out of province, New York (1), Atlantic Provinces (1) Alberta (2) and Quebec (11).

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 thanked Beau Douglas for his work in tabulating the winners of this year's Delegate teams. In the past years the Delegate teams have had 10 winners and the Category with 5 winners. After looking at the shoot reports this weekend there are now over 65% of the shooters in Category, therefore we will flip the team winners so there are 10 Category winners and 5 Delegate winners.



Congratulations to members of our 2019 10 person Delegate Team and our 5 person Category Delegate Team. These teams were selected on the basis of points earned at Ontario shoots for the target year ending August 31, 2018.

The Ontario Delegate Team is as follows:

Mike Vecchio
Nebojsa Mitrovic
Don Henning
Marco Narduzzo
Matt Tyhurst
Brett McClelland
Peter Tsementzis
Giorgio Racco
Verne Higgs
Josh Faubert

The Ontario Category Delegate Team is as follows:

Joe Di Francesco
Lloyd Beecraft
Dan Gris
John Costa
Dominic Gitto

This year there was, if one can imagine, a seven-way tie for the Delegate Team from 5th place to 10th place inclusive. OPTA board member Beau Douglas and Paul Shaw had to use tie-breaking methodology. Honourable mention goes to Edwin Zvirbulus.

Paul reminded club representatives of the free ATA memberships to new ATA shooters. If a club would like more than the 5 please contact him or Pam and we can arrange to have more sent to the club.

Currently Ontario has 13 active ATA registered clubs and if there are other clubs that would like to throw registered targets all they need to do is have a representative contact him to arrange an OPTA person come in and inspect the traps to ensure they are compliant with ATA regulations.

The Eastern Zone next year will be in New York July 23-26, 2020 with the Grand starting on August 5th. The Ontario Championships will then move back to the August long weekend of July 31-August 3, 2020.

Paul continues on the ATA Accountability committee which is working well. He also sits on the All American Team and Investment committees.

5. Report from Officers –

Neville stated he will be stepping down from the Board and President position this year. He thanked the Board for all the hard work put in over the last 10 years and felt confident with the current Board going forward.

Dominic and Warren have done a great job over the past 9 years on the Trophy committee which is a thankless job.

The Kerr case took over 6 years but the OPTA did recover \$82,000.00 with thanks to a friend of Bert's who only charged expenses for a lot of the legal work. A formalized book audit is now being completed every 3 years with a review the other 2 years to ensure this does not happen in the future.

The By-Laws have been completely redone to come in compliance with the Not-For-Profit regulations.

6. Reports from Committees



- i. CTA Delegate Report – Josh Faubert provided a report of the 2019 Canadian Championships held at St Thomas Gun Club. There were 276 registered shooters in attendance with several Ontario shooters taking home trophies. Dan Gris shot 98 to take home the Canadian Doubles Championship as well as the High Over All with 954. Josh congratulated all Ontario shooters.
The 2020 Canadian Trapshooting Association Championships will be held at Edmonton. Dates will be announced at a later date.
- ii. Report from Emily Brown – nothing to report this year.

7. Neville Henderson presented the 2018 All Star Team for Ontario

Men's Team

B J Jackman	94.17
Mike Vecchio	89.7
Marco Narduzzo	88.77

Senior Veteran Team

George Iliopoulos	91.75
Keith Saunders	89.52
Lorenzo D Ospina	88.06
Warren McLay	87.35
Peter Tresp	87.16

Lady I Team

No Qualifiers

Lady II Team

Emily Brown	83.76
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Junior Team

No Qualifiers

Hi Singles Average

Dan Gris	98.20
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Hi Doubles Average

Peter Tsementzis	96.83
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Sub Veteran Team

Dan Gris	95.05
Lloyd Beecraft	94.73
Joe Di Francesco	93.89
Dominic Gitto	89.58
Brett McClelland	88.72

Veteran Team

Ed Wilmott	91.55
Bert Blackburn	90.92
Larry Riehl	90.28
Jim Lee	89.85
Neville Henderson	89.75

Junior Gold

No Qualifiers

Junior Team

Ana Tsementzis	89.43
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Sub Junior Team

No Qualifiers

Hi Handicap Average

Lloyd Beecraft	91.89
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Hi Composite Average

Dan Gris	95.05
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Mike Fulop Award – presented to Ron Rowe

Mark Edmondson Award – Yuvraj Walia with an average increase of 12.86%

New Shooter Award – Randy Douez 87.42% (900 Singles, 800 Handicap & 800 Doubles)

Have Gun Will Travel Award – Brett McClelland and Mike Vecchio – Both supported 8 Ontario clubs

Hall of Fame – presented to Lloyd Beecraft



8. Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

9. New Business

- A representative from the Oxford Sportsman Club asked about sponsorship from the OPTA to host registered shoots. Neville stated that the OPTA does sponsor several shoots in Ontario and this is reviewed every year by the Board of Directors. Emily spoke at this time reminding all gun clubs that the ATA also provided grant money and the application is on Facebook.
- Peter Tsementzis asked if the letter submitted to the OPTA by BJ Jackman could be read at this meeting. BJ came forward at this time and read his letter he submitted. Neville stated that to have any amendments to the By-Laws are motions must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the AGM. This gives the time to get all OPTA members notified of the motion prior to it being presented at the Annual meeting. He stated that this will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings and then presented at next year's Annual meeting.
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10. Election of BPTA Board Directors

The current Directors up for election are:

Dominic Gitto – will stand

Bill Driko – will stand

Paulo Sampaio and Lori Cantelo were finishing term after the resignation of Beau Douglas and both stated they would stand of a 2 year term

Neville Henderson – stepping down and Jamie LeBlanc will fill this open term

Warren McLay will be stepping down from his term and BJ Jackman will step in to complete the last year of Warren's term.

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

All Board of Director and ATA Delegate positions filled by acclamation.

11. Neville called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Stiby made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Warren McLay.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm