



Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Association Annual General

Meeting September 15, 2020 via Zoom Video Conferencing

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Bert Blackburn.
Approximately 23 members in attendance.
Bert stated that we would be moving agenda item #7 to the 2021 Annual General Membership meeting. We won't have any Provincial Championship targets this year therefore there will not be any All Star Team awards next year. We will present all awards at the 2021 AGM. All in attendance agreed.
2. Meeting minutes for 2019 had been posted on the website; therefore, they were not read during the meeting. If you wish to have a copy please let Pam know and she will send one to you. Steve Stiby motioned to accept the minutes as posted which was seconded by Richard Bootsveld. All members were in favour, and the motion was passed to accept minutes.
3. Copies of the 2019 financial report had been posted on the website prior to the meeting. Pam stated that a review was completed in accordance with the By-laws. Copies are available for all members who wish to have a hard copy.
 - i. Mathew Tyhurst made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented, seconded by Richard Bootsveld.
 - ii. In accordance with the OPTA By-laws a motion needs to be passed for the appointment of an auditor to conduct the financial review for 2019-2020. Steve Stiby made a motion to stay with the current company of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh LLP, seconded by Mathew Tyhurst. A show of hands revealed all in acceptance, no objections and no abstentions. Motion passed that Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh LLP will review the financial books for 2019-2020.
4. Reports from ATA Delegate – Bert stated he was talking to Paul Shaw this afternoon and Paul will not be able to attend tonight's meeting. Also with the pandemic this year there will be no Delegate awards next year's so again the Delegate awards will be presented at the 2021 AGM. Verne stated he had nothing to report on behalf of the ATA Delegate.
5. Report from Officers –
Bert stated it has certainly been a different year this year with the pandemic.
Bert acknowledged the many years of service by Neville Henderson as President of the OPTA and he certainly had a lot of difficult issues to deal with over his 9 years of service. Bert has a print to present to Neville on behalf of the OPTA in thanks for his years of service. He will take a picture of the print and have it posted for all to see.

There was a lot of turnover in OPTA Board members over the past year.

In August Pam decided to resign for personal reasons and Jamie was able to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position. In September Ron Rowe joined the Board to finish off Pam's term. In October Paulo resigned and Richard Bootsveld volunteered to finish Paulo's term. At the end of June, Jamie said he was resigning effective the end of July. Bert reached out to Pam



to see if she would be willing to jump in and she agreed and then later agreed to stay on to finish Jamie's term.

The Board did not always agree, which is to be expected, but with respectful discussions we were able to work through it and look after business. Bert is very pleased with the current Board.

The other issue the Board had to work through were the issues of Covid-19 and hosting the Provincial Championships. In June it was decided to go ahead and order the trophy package but have generic trophies so that if the shoot did get cancelled for the year the trophies would not be wasted and could be used at the next Provincial Championships. The Board was planning to host the shoot in July but with the Provincial regulations it was postponed until Labor Day weekend in September. Unfortunately the Board came to a split decision with not enough support available to host so in the end the Board cancelled the shoot altogether.

6. Reports from Committees

- i. CTA Delegate Report – Josh Faubert was unable to attend so there was no report.
- ii. Report from Emily Brown – Emily reported that the Canadian Championships will be at Edmonton next year with no dates decided yet.

The OPTA Facebook group has grown to well over 1000 members. There is a lot of activity on the Buy and Sell page on the OPTA website, and there is a lot of interest from people asking about trapshooting and registered shoots.

7. Annual Awards – Deferred to 2021 Annual General Membership meeting.

8. Unfinished Business – All Star Team requirements. Bert sent out a package with the background information and proposed new requirements. Steve Stiby asked if the 400 Championship targets were still required in the proposed change. Bert stated they definitely were required and would make sure the amendments would be clear in the change. This proposal was included on the ballot vote that was sent out to the whole membership for voting.

The next item on the ballot was to change the host club by-law. The proposal was to change to St Thomas Gun Club to host in odd years and Hamilton Gun Club to host on even years.

9. New Business – Emily asked what the requirements were to become the ATA Delegate for Ontario. Bert stated there were extensive target requirements and you had to be an ATA life member. If the person had the requirements they would then send a notice of interest in the position to the OPTA. Richard asked if the dates of other Provincial shoots could be posted. Emily stated that she posts these on Facebook as well the CTA posts the dates of all Provincial Championship shoots on their website.

Lori welcomed Pete Tsementzis to the Board.

10. Election of OPTA Board Directors

The current Directors up for election are:



Bert Blackburn – will stand
Ron Rowe – will stand
Emily Brown – will stand
B J Jackman – will stand
Peter Tsementzis – has come forward to fill an open 2 year position

Dominic Gitto still has one year remaining on his term but has decided to step down so he can devote his time to Hamilton Gun Club. Verne Higgs and Todd Millard have both come forward to finish Dominic's term. This position is on the ballot for the general membership to vote in the Board member.

The ballots have been coming in to Sabina, the scrutineer, and there have been 70 votes already received. The closing of the vote is September 30th.

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

11. Bert called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Stiby made the motion to adjourn, seconded by B J Jackman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm