

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2023, at 7:30PM

1. Beau made a motion to accept minutes of the September, 12, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting. Mathew seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Business arising from minutes:

1. All-Star Team Proposal

BJ outlined his proposal for the OPTA All-Star Team that he had emailed out earlier. As per the proposal, these changes would come into effect retroactive to September 1, 2023.

All-Star Team Requirements:

Open: 2,000 Singles, 1700 Handicap, 1,500 Doubles. 90.00% minimum composite average.

Category: 1,500 Singles, 1,300 Handicap, 1,000 Doubles. 85.00% minimum composite average.

All Teams: Shoot the 400 Championship Provincial targets.

OPTA High Average Awards:

Based on Open category minimums (2,000 Singles OR 1,700 Handicap OR 1,500 Doubles)

All High Average Awards: Shoot the 400 Championship targets at the Provincials.

Emily raised a concern that the OPTA mandate is have our shooters compete here in Ontario, and this proposal does not support that. BJ said that he felt the OPTA All-Star requirements do not necessarily drive participation in Ontario, and that having too many requirements creates unnecessary barriers to recognizing our All-Star shooters. Peter voiced his support of the proposal, and that clubs should continue to focus on throwing quality targets to increase our participation. BJ reminded the board that we continue to have mechanisms in place that support our mandate to increase participation here: The Have Gun, Will Travel award, the 3000 Target Club, and our Delegate team.

Beau made a motion to adopt the requirements as they were presented. Seconded by Peter. *7 in favour, 1 abstention. Carried.*

2. OPTA Memberships to Winter Leagues

BJ asked Emily for an update on her proposal to award OPTA memberships to winning shooters of some of our Winter leagues in Ontario. She stated that it would potentially encourage these shooters to start shooting registered targets. Peter questioned how they would be awarded if the winners were already OPTA shooters. Emily suggested that we could award them to the top 5 shooters who are not OPTA members. Beau stated we needed something in writing to establish our limits in terms of what our cost will be. BJ asked Emily to provide a written proposal to the Board for the next meeting, and she said she would try and report back.

3. Facebook/Website Quarterly update

Beau said we had over 8,100 views on the "Program/Results" page of the website and volunteered to continue posting there for the members. Mathew provided a brief update on the OPTA Facebook page. Emily said that there have been several ads posted/taken down on the OPTA Buy & Sell, and raised a concern about an OPTA member being inappropriate via email. Mathew asked if we should be dealing with anyone who acts inappropriately. In the short term, Beau will deal with this member.

4. **Monthly Finances**

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results**

Bank balance: \$48,425.22. Lottery: 8,491.46. 9 cheques are outstanding from the Provincials, and Beau will continue to follow-up. Handicap Jackpot has \$1,078 in it going into the spring. Check signing authority has been completed and will be processed soon. Beau went to TD to discuss monthly fees on our accounts, as the fees were going up dramatically. Our new plan, as a N4P, will be \$4.95/month, or \$0/month with a minimum balance. We will incur fees in July & August when we send out a lot of cheques. Beau also emailed our accountant about the purchase of the laser engraver. They stated that we do not have to depreciate the asset but can directly expense it under "Office Supplies". This adjustment will be made when year-end financials are formalized by them in the coming weeks.

New Business/Discussion

1. **2024 Provincials Tasks**

Mathew stated that we should start to look at an outline of the various tasks for the Provincials, both for the Board and the host club. There are a multitude of tasks that need to be completed, and it is important for shooters/staff to know who to look for/contact for a specific reason, rather than simply relying on one person to be a contact for essentially all aspects of the shoot. BJ asked for Mathew to work on last year's list before the next meeting. Peter volunteered to work with Mathew on this task.

2. **Trophy Committee**

Lori showed some trophy ideas that she has been looking at for next year's shoot, using the laser engraver to create some unique trophies. BJ is also working on the HAA/HOA awards and would like to have things ordered sooner this year to avoid the busy spring season for trophy distributors.

3. **OPTA Shoot Date Calendar**

Beau had sent out the shoot schedule so far. We are still waiting on a few clubs to submit their dates. There may be a few date conflicts, and we will work with those clubs to rectify any issues. Lori asked for a total number of shoot dates in the previous season, and he will send them to her ASAP.

4. **Update from Ron**

Ron said that Smith Falls is waiting for a CFO range inspection before they start throwing registered targets. It should happen this week, after which they will be ready to go.

5. **Provincials Trophy Room**

BJ asked for volunteers for next year's Provincials. It would help a lot to have several people involved in handing out the trophies. Peter, Ron, and Derek volunteered to help. Peter also said that he would be willing to provide a trailer for the storage and distribution of the trophies at the shoot. Derek re-iterated that he is willing to help in any way possible, and BJ said we will continue to work on "who is doing what" as we get closer to the date.

6. **Next meeting date – November, 21, 2023, at 7:30pm**

7. **Adjournment. Lori made a motion to adjourn. Peter seconded. All in favour. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.**

➤ Items on hold for future discussion