

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024, at 7:30PM

Attendance: BJ Jackman, Lori Cantelo, Beau Douglas, Ron Rowe, Emily Brown, Mathew Tyhurst, Derek Scrimshaw. Absent: Peter Tsementzis.

BJ called the meeting to order at 7:33pm via Zoom conference call.

1. Mathew made a motion to accept minutes of the February 27, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Ron seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Provincials Tasks

BJ reminded everyone of the many tasks we undertake at the Provincials. Various Board members put their names down for several tasks, and everyone was encouraged to look and sign up as we get closer. BJ said we would touch base with HGC about their requirement to have scorekeepers on hand for shoot-offs as required by the contract.

2. Website Update

Will continues to work on the updated OPTA website. He is trying to get the info from our current site migrated over to the new template site. He will continue to update the board as needed. Beau has posted several years of OPTA Board Meeting Minutes on the website as per our last meeting. Lori has sent him the latest Sportsmen's Show video and he will try and work with it.

Monthly Finances

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

Bank: \$47,443. Lottery: \$6,463. \$26,581.94 GIC has been split in 2 and renewed on a 5-year term. Several sponsors have sent money in this month. Thank you to Terry Heeg who has donated \$420USD to the shoot. Beau has paid the money owed by Stockdale Gun Club and will get reimbursed by Mr. Stockdale at some point this summer. We are still waiting on a quote from SFC for our annual insurance. Mathew asked if we are able to compare quotes for our insurance, and Beau said he would get clarification from the OCS if we are mandated to continue with SFC as an insurance provider. Mathew detailed the NFA coverage, and that they seem to have better coverage, as they don't charge an administration fee. BJ said that in the future we should investigate our options and look at this in the future. For the current year, we will stick with the SFC. Emily said the reason we use the SFC is because they are our National Sporting Organization. Also, the OCS Plan has been approved by the Ministry, and is being processed, and we should receive our funding in the near future.

New Business/Discussion

1. HOF Soiree

Peter had emailed a quote for the food at our awards presentation. The board approved it as presented, at an approximate cost of \$1150 plus tax. Mathew reminded everyone that we still need to purchase paper plates and cutlery, as well as some bottled water. The board would like to thank Ana Tsementzis for her help with running this event.

2. **Sportsmen's Show Follow-up**

Lori detailed her recent involvement with the Sportsmen's Show. The OCS booth was attended by all 6 provincial organizations, and each group had their own booth. She said it was a positive experience and excellent public relations for the OPTA. She also felt that for the \$2,000 in funding that the OCS held back from each association, it was money well-spent. A step moving forward would be for the OPTA to know what clubs are accepting members and which are not, so that we can communicate that information to visitors. Emily suggested that we continue to encourage our member clubs to host new shooter events. BJ said if we are going to continue with the show moving forward, we should get as much information as possible for visitors, which will hopefully lead to some new members. Discussion ensued about club memberships, as well as other promotional ideas for the show.

3. **Open Discussion**

Negrini has donated a gun case for our AIM shoot. They have suggested that we award it in the form of a shoot-off. BJ suggested we hold the event right after the Singles Championship. Mathew offered to take the lead on running this event for the youth shooters. Garry Benko has donated 10 flats of shells for our Youth shooters on Sunday. Graywood has committed to 7 flats of AA shells as well, and BJ presented an idea that could award these to our sponsors, as well as having a shoot-out for our Veteran and Senior Veteran shooters. He said they this demographic is our biggest group, and they have always sponsored our shoots, so we should let them participate as well. We will hold this event Thursday night, and it will be a Doubles event. Beau will double check with HGC about this event. Ron said that the Vortex order, including 2 sets of binoculars, has been shipped to him.

Lori asked for a master trophy list for the shoot, so that she has it as she continues to work on the trophies with BJ. Beau will send it to her and BJ soon.

The attendance pins for the shoot are done, and the ATA pins for the Singles Champions have come in. Otherwise, we continue to wait for our trophies to be shipped to us.

3. Next meeting date – April 23, 2024, at 7:30pm.

4. Adjournment. Beau made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Emily. *All in favour*. BJ adjourned meeting at 8:23pm.

➤ Items on hold for future discussion