

**O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:30 PM**

Attendance: BJ Jackman, Derek Scrimshaw, Jenn Arnold, Greg Carr, Lori Cantelo, Mathew Tyhurst, Ron Rowe, Beau Douglas.  
*All present.*

BJ called the meeting to order at 7:32pm via Zoom conference call.

**1. New Board Members:** Beau made a motion to acclaim Greg Carr and Jenn Arnold to the Board. Seconded by Mathew. *All in favour. Carried.*

**2. Election of OPTA Executive:**

Lori nominated Beau for Secretary Treasurer. Seconded by Greg. No other nominations.

BJ nominated Lori for Vice-President. Seconded by Ron. No other nominations.

Greg nominated BJ Jackman for OPTA President. Seconded by Beau.

*All carried by acclamation.*

**Congratulations to our Executive for our upcoming year:**

President: BJ Jackman

Vice-President: Lori Cantelo

Secretary/Treasurer: Beau Douglas

**3. Business arising from Minutes**

**Provincials Post-Mortem:**

Beau said that participation was up 3.2% and we had more Junior shooters than last year. Financially, the shoot cost to the OPTA was \$1,000 less than last year, while we also awarded \$4,000 more in added money. This was mostly due to the Trophy Committee ordering two years of trophies at once, which saved a fair bit of money. Derek expressed concerns about who is responsible in certain situations in terms of running the shoot. He feels like the OPTA board should take on some of the responsibility in terms of decision-making around the shoot. Beau said that the shortcomings around make-up traps, rule interpretations, etc are the responsibility of the club, and it is their job to have people in place to fill any gaps due to people out shooting, etc. BJ said this has happened before and will be addressed with Hamilton. Target setting was also an issue, since the target setting committee was on a late squad and there was no one on Friday to set doubles. Jenn asked if there is any accountability to the clubs when things don't go according to plan. BJ said we always provide feedback on the shoot. There are many issues that need to be addressed, including shoot-off lights, as the OPTA can't continue to procure shoot-off lights, nor can HGC expect them to be free. After the last shoot at HGC, the OPTA was told if we wanted lights at the shoot, then we could pay for them. Jenn asked if we should have a meeting with the whole HGC Board, rather than just working with the Trap Chair. BJ said that on Friday night, we were advised to essentially cancel shoot-offs so we could start the banquet, and call shoot-offs after dark. However, there were no lights set-up.

BJ said it has sort of become expected that we carry a lot of the weight for the HGC, and although the shoot runs smoothly, the work needs to be allocated more appropriately to the HGC. Lori suggested that BJ reach out to the President of the HGC to discuss any shortcomings the OPTA sees in terms of our shoot contract. Derek said he thought the scorekeepers and trap help were very good. Greg agreed it is a tough job with a steep learning curve, and for the most part, they did well and were willing to listen to feedback. Greg felt that the tournament was well run; Shooters showed up on time, targets were well set, and that shooters would mostly agree that the shoot was a positive experience. BJ and Lori had some suggestions on how to improve the trophy distribution. Mathew suggested that perhaps we communicate with shooters when trophies will be available for distribution. Lori said that have tried that prior and it is tough to plan around.

Mathew suggested that we ask the host club for specific names of people in charge of tasks at the shoot. The club needs more than one person responsible for major tasks. BJ said Friday evening was stressful because the HGC target setting committee and tournament director were all on a late squad which held up the whole shoot. Derek thought it was a good idea to have shoot-offs under the lights, as that would be a fun experience for everyone.

Lori asked if we are better to do 200 target days rather than 300, especially with extra events after shooting is done. BJ said the industry standard is 300 target days, and that he expects St. Thomas to throw 300 a day moving forward. Greg disagreed and said that they do well throwing 200 a day. BJ said they used to do 300 days fairly easily, and that this is a discussion that needs to happen in the future.

Lori said she felt we got too much food for a HOF banquet that was poorly attended. BJ re-iterated that we can't make people show up. Mathew said that the AGM attendance and the HOF banquet was about the same. Beau agreed with Mathew that if people don't want to come, we can't make them. BJ said it is tough to move it off of Friday night, since championship shoot-offs can run long and it would make things even later. He feels it has been a very positive move to separate it from the AGM, since it saves a ton of time on Sunday.

BJ asked if anyone had any thoughts about a scheduled shoot-off time so that things are not a race at the end of shooting to get things done. A couple board members said that we need to be conscious of municipal noise bylaws. BJ said we can table this and discuss with clubs around the rules in their area.

Derek felt like the added money and prizes presented were very well received. He thanked Beau for his work on this endeavour. BJ agreed that our program is top-notch, and we offer shooters a lot of prize money. He wants to spread the workload among all of us to reach a goal of \$30,000 for our shoot next year. Jenn asked if we had any rules around who sponsors our shoot. Beau and Lori said we try and focus on companies directly connected to trapshooting should continue to be our focus. BJ agreed that we want to stay out of political circles and advocacy groups. Beau said he thought if we all took on a role of obtaining sponsorships and working towards continuing to grow our added money and prize packages. All our "out of province" shooters were very pleased with the shoot and blown away by how much added money and trophies we had.

Derek raised a huge concern with the Hamilton Gun Club that there are handicap accessibility concerns at the club. Our chair shooters could not enter either clubhouse without assistance from others to get through the door. Jenn suggested we add this to the list of things to address with the club. BJ said he also had concerns about the availability of food. He also heard from a couple shooters that they didn't get a shoot program. We did not have a current address for one, and that has been rectified. Mathew suggested perhaps we mail programs to OPTA clubs and shooters get them there. Beau said the program is fully funded by sponsors so we don't really have a reason to change our approach, and that we should continue to mail them out. BJ agreed.

BJ asked if anyone had anything moving forward that they wanted to contribute to. He feels it is important that more of the board know how to complete more of the tasks that we complete. We need to have multiple people who can complete various tasks. He commended the board on their work ethic this past week to get things done when they needed to be done. A discussion followed about how to complete shoot-off sheets, or how to figure out trophies, etc. BJ feels it is very important that we can all fill any role. We will come up with some shoot info, etc in the coming months so that people can start to work on how to classify better, tabulate results and trophies, etc. Mathew suggested a different scoresheet for HOA/HAA shoot-offs, and he volunteered to look after coming up with something before next years shoot.

Ron thought the golf carts were a welcome addition and made all the running around so much easier than years past and thanked our sponsor for providing them.

Beau said he thought that everyone on the board who had a role fulfilled their role. He commended Ron for his efforts throughout the week. He felt that one board members actions during the AGM made us look

unprofessional, but reminded everyone that it is a reflection of them, and not of our current board. He felt that the office staff at HGC needs to be better trained and equipped to run a championship caliber shoot, as the OPTA is called upon constantly to fix their mistakes.

Lori would like to see food delivered rather than having to go and pick it up, and that the host club did not have the pavilion space prepared and ready for our HOF banquet.

BJ thanked Derek for showing an interest in joining the Trophy Committee and welcomed his effort to help. Jenn suggested that we put up pictures of the various trophies and that would keep people from handling them all.

Derek thought the red promotional OPTA cups were a good idea. Beau said that any promotion we can do for our shoot will help us in the long run, whether it is in Ontario or in other states/provinces, and that people notice what various shoots offer.

Lori and BJ expressed disappointment in the AIM Program, in that they didn't send us any awards for the second year in a row. It would also be nice to have awards with a Canadian flag on them instead of an American flag. She also wanted to remind the board that we are doing a lot of good things, such as the Champion of Champions, shoot sponsorship, etc and we should be happy with our progress as a board.

BJ suggested that we use August to take a breather after the Provincials and meet in September.

4. Next meeting date – Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:30 pm.
  5. Adjournment: BJ made a motion to adjourn. Mathew seconded. All in favour. BJ adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.
- Items on hold for future discussion –

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