

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024, at 7:30PM

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

Absent: None. All present.

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

1. Mathew made a motion to accept minutes of the July 9, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Beau seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. Business Arising from Minutes:

Nothing to report

Monthly Finances

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

We are in a new fiscal year. Our 2023-24 year finished around \$1,000 ahead. We will need to send to our accountant, and this is an audit year.

2. **2024-25 Proposed Budget:**

Beau presented a proposed budget to the board for our upcoming year, with no major adjustments to current amounts. Beau made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Derek. *All in favour. Carried.*

New Business/Discussion

1. **OPTA Committees**

BJ led a discussion around our various committees in the OPTA.

AIM: Jenn volunteered to work with Beau with the AIM Program.

OCS: Mathew has decided to step back from the OCS role, and Greg has offered to help Lori with OCS matters.

Facebook: A discussion was held about who should take ownership of the page. Lori suggested that the OPTA Secretary be an administrator of the page, and the rest of the Board be moderators. The current lead admin of the page is no longer a director, and that is something we should work to address. Jenn said that our group is not “blue check approved” which does not tie anyone to the page. She will work to find out how to do so. Beau disagreed that the whole board should be involved, as it is just one more thing to take on. Derek suggested we leave things as they are for the time being. Ron offered to help Lori with Facebook matters.

Website: Beau will continue to work on the website and try to update it as often as possible.

Trophy: BJ, Lori, and Derek will continue to work on this committee.

2. **2025 Provincial Dates**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the dates for the 2025 Provincials. With the CTA Championships being held the weekend before, we have a chance to have people stay here and shoot our Provincials as well. Greg raised a concern with a potential schedule having

the Championship Doubles on Friday. The Board will continue to work through a potential schedule of events and recognize that we need to have some flexibility in how things have been done in the past to attract as many people as possible to our shoot, while fulfilling our mandate to increase participation. St Thomas has stated they will work with the OPTA to do whatever is best for our shooters. Greg raised a concern with St Thomas throwing 300 targets a day, and BJ re-iterated that the club can handle 300 a day in the summer. The date of the shoot will be the week of July 1-6, 2025 at the St Thomas Gun Club, and we will work to establish the shoot program at our next meeting.

3. **Eastern Zone Satellite Shoot**

We have been awarded a satellite shoot for the 2025 Eastern Zone. Paul said the OPTA was awarded they shoot, and they in turn would select the host site for the shoot. BJ has not received any more information from the Eastern Zone Committee in terms of requirements or a contract to inform our decision. We have two clubs (St. Thomas and Hamilton) who would like to host it. BJ said that our Provincials rotate between these clubs, and a long-term plan for this shoot would be to do the same. However, these clubs do lack in terms of shooter services, whether it be camping facilities, shoot-off lights, shower/waters, wheelchair accessibility, etc, and they need to be addressed. Mathew suggested that we ask clubs to create a 'bid package' for hosting the Eastern Zone and put the onus on the clubs. Jenn asked if the OPTA has followed up from our last meeting that the OPTA contact the President of the HGC to debrief. BJ committed that he would contact the HGC in the short-term to follow-up. Lori asked if we should invest financially in these clubs to assist with any shortcomings. Greg feels that our role is to provide guidance to the EZ in terms of where the shoot will be a positive experience for participants, and BJ repeated that the host club has the onus to meet the expectations of a championship caliber shoot. Derek asked why there is a focus now on host club requirements, when we seem to turn a blind eye at the Provincials. Jenn suggested that we present the EZ requirements to the club when we have them, and they have the responsibility to improve the shooter experience or not. BJ agreed that we need to communicate with clubs and send a list of things to them ASAP.

4. **OPTA Added Money Proposal**

Beau had sent out a proposal with \$30,000 in added money for our 2025 Provincials. There were no objections, and we will proceed with the added money proposal framework as presented.

5. **OPTA Shoot Sponsorship Matching Program**

Beau suggested that we raise this program to 2 shoots per year, and an annual limit of \$500 per club/year. Mathew made a motion to increase the funding to \$500 per club per year. Greg seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

6. **Trophy Worksheets**

The Board discussed figuring out the trophies for registered shoots so that we are all familiar with the process. Beau will send out another scenario soon for everyone to work on. Jenn asked if we could simulate classifying shooters before the shoot so that we are all on the same page.

7. **Open Discussion**

BJ reminded everyone that we all need to be aware of our various policies and procedures relevant to our OPTA By-laws when presented with information that comes to us from

shooters and clubs. We proceed with official complaints that come to us and respect the abilities of clubs to handle concerns that arise in their day-to-day.

BJ presented the idea to the board of re-introducing category trophies to our Provincials. We moved to award solely class awards to save money on our trophy package, which had ballooned to around \$25,000 a year in the past. We have budgeted \$13,000 for our trophies and the committee will work with that number to have as many trophies as possible for our shooters. Jenn suggested that we could combine some categories if we needed to on preliminary days.

Next meeting date – October 8, 2024, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Mathew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. Greg seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

➤ Items on hold for future discussion