

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024, at 7:30PM

Attendance: BJ Jackman, Lori Cantelo, Beau Douglas, Mathew Tyhurst, Jenn Arnold, Ron Rowe, Greg Carr. Derek Scrimshaw joined at approximately 8:15pm

Absent: None. All present.

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

1. Greg made a motion to accept minutes of the October 8, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting minutes, with one grammatical correction. Beau seconded. *All in favour.* **Carried.**

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Eastern Zone Satellite Shoot

The Board has continued to have ongoing communication with the Eastern Zone Committee regarding the 2025 Eastern Zone Satellite Shoot. There was a lot of progress in setting up the particulars of the shoot requirements. Both potential host sites (Hamilton and St. Thomas) were asked to outline their club's interest in hosting the shoot, as well as the highlights and recent improvements of their facility for consideration by the board. A summary document was sent to the board detailing the responses from Hamilton and St. Thomas. A lengthy discussion took place around club facilities, accessibility concerns, staffing, club improvements, target presentation, etc. The submission from St. Thomas detailed several recent improvements and future plans to improve the shooter experience, while the board felt the information from the HGC was lacking. Greg commended the STGC for their enthusiasm and flexibility to potentially host the shoot. Jenn and others raised concerns regarding the accessibility of HGC. All directors feel like St. Thomas is putting a lot of effort in to earn the right to host the shoot. After an exhaustive discussion, BJ called for a formal vote on our direction moving forward, and the *board unanimously voted in favour of awarding the 2025 Eastern Zone Satellite Shoot to the St. Thomas Gun Club.* BJ thanked the board for their professionalism on this matter, and commitment to making an informed decision. He also asked Beau to notify St Thomas as well as the membership of our decision.

2. Provincials Program

A discussion was continued from our last meeting regarding the shoot schedule for the 2025 Provincials. The St. Thomas Gun Club is willing to work with the OPTA to meet our proposed schedule, including special events, as well as the HOF and Awards Soiree. Mathew asked if starting the shoot earlier in the week would result in more targets being thrown in Ontario, since Hamilton is hosting the CTA Championships the week before and we will likely see an increase in participation. Beau had some stats for our last two provincials: At HGC, more shooters shot the full program, while at STGC more shoot the weekend, with total participation being nearly identical at both sites. He also questioned whether 300 targets a day will work out if we see a fairly large increase in participation. BJ reminded the board that we oversee the 1,000-target program, and what the club wants to do otherwise (special/extra events) is their right. Greg called for a vote on whether we will host the 2025 Provincials as a four- or five-day shoot. *After a formal vote, the board agreed to a 5-day shoot schedule, throwing 200 program targets per day, from July 2-6, 2025.*

Monthly Finances

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

Bank balance: \$49,910. Lottery: \$5,224.

Invoices paid:

Shoot Date Cards: \$127.68.

Office Supplies: \$243.63

Postage: \$262.70

2. Year-End Financials:

OPTA Paperwork has been sent to our accountant (Millard's) to complete year-end financials and NFP compliance paperwork. We are working with a new accountant from the firm, as our former associate no longer works there. Beau will update the board as needed throughout this process.

New Business/Discussion

1. OPTA Contribution to CTA

The CTA requested a \$500 donation from the OPTA as a portion of the funding for the "\$4,000 Canada Cup Challenge" that takes place at the CTA Championship. Beau made a motion that we contribute \$500 to the CTA for this endeavour. Derek seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Provincials Sponsorship

The Board continues to work towards our \$30,000 goal for our added money at our shoot. Thank you to our various sponsors who continue to submit their sponsorship for our shoot, including Rassaun Services, Keith Saunders, Pat-Trap, and several others. Everyone will continue to work on various potential sponsors. Jenn asked for a copy of the sponsorship letter that she can forward to groups, and Beau will send it to everyone.

3. OCS Update

Lori attended an OCS meeting recently. OCS would like to visit a trap facility soon, and she forwarded contact information for various clubs to set something up. There have been a couple groups state that they are not participating in the 2025 Sportsmen's Show. OCS member groups pay around \$12,000 for the displays. Beau asked if we don't participate, do we get an additional \$2,000 in funding, and Lori said we would. Mathew made a motion to forego participating in the 2025 Sportsmen's Show, seconded by Beau. *All in favour. Carried.* Lori detailed that the OCS has stated that they may not charge each association the \$1,100 membership cost per member group based on current finances.

Lori said that the OPTA still owns a dry-fire simulator, and several pieces that go with it, that has been used at previous Sportsmen's Shows. Lori asked what the OPTA should do with it. In the short term, Ron agreed to store it for the OPTA, and it remains available for member clubs to use.

Next meeting date – December 10, 2024, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Ron seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

➤ Items on hold for future discussion