O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024, at 7:30PM

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

BJ called the meeting to order at 7:35pm via Zoom conference call.

1. Greg made a motion to accept minutes of the February 25, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Seconded by Ron. *All in favour*. **Carried.**

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

    1. **Provincials Added Money**
    BJ initiated a discussion regarding the added money for our upcoming shoot. There have been more sponsors come forward for our upcoming shoot. SIA Charts Inc. has committed $5,000 to our shoot. There will be more sponsors likely in the next few weeks. Greg asked if any of the sponsors designate the money or if they allow the OPTA to allocate it. Most sponsors allow the OPTA to award it as they deem appropriate. We have now about $40,000 committed. BJ suggested that we award $5,000 to any shooter who breaks 100x100 in Handicap at the Provincials. A lengthy discussion followed regarding specifics, rules, and details of this idea. Greg asked what would happen if no one broke the score. Beau proposed that the $5,000 be added to the HOA Lewis (which costs $20), bringing the total added to $9,000 in that option. Greg agreed that the money should be distributed fairly and asked if it was fair to add the money to an HOA Lewis. Jenn said that promotions like this are also to entice people to shoot more targets, and she thinks that this idea would be fruitful in doing so. BJ reminded everyone that our mandate is to encourage people to shoot more, and to give them opportunities to do so. Ron asked if this much added money was sustainable. BJ reminded the board that we should take pride in where we are and work to keep growing, and that we continue to take things year by year in terms of what we offer shooters. Beau presented a motion that we allocate $5,000 to a 100 Straight Jackpot and if it is not won, it is added to the HOA Lewis, which would then total $9,000. Seconded by Greg. *All in favour*. **Carried.**

Monthly Finances

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results:**
    Bank balance: $54,227. Lottery: $5,204.
    Invoices paid: Sheridan Buckles $2,703.95. Insurance: $702. OPTA clothing: $1,367.30.

2. **OPTA Insurance Renewal**
    Beau told the board that our insurance policy has been renewed for the year at the same cost as last year. Coverage remains the same, and compliant with the requirements of the OCS.

New Business/Discussion

1. **Provincials Updates (All)**
   BJ has purchased the HOA trophies. Jenn & Lori will continue to work on the HOF Soiree. Lori requested the invoice from previous event at STGC and will use that as a framework for this year. A lengthy discussion took place regarding trophy choices for the Preliminary events, and High-All-Around, with several ideas presented. The Trophy Committee (BJ, Lori, Derek) will continue to work to find meaningful trophies for shooters. Lori reminded everyone that we are adding category trophies to the preliminary events, which will stretch our budget, which the board approved at $12,000 at start of year. Lori said that there is enough silver already to cover some of our Open trophies in Championship events. Beau made a motion that we allot another $4,000 to the Trophy Committee for the upcoming Provincials to spend on trophies. Seconded by Greg. *All in favour.* **Carried.**

   Pre-squadding opens on April 1 on presquad.com. BJ asked for Beau to contact STGC to figure out if there is a maximum on how many shooters they can handle in a day. Lori asked if we could cover the pre-squadding costs for shooters. Beau re-iterated that pre-squadding has always cost money, and that shooters expect to pay for it. It also cuts down on the number of 'no-shows' or empty posts. We will continue to charge $1.00USD per post this year.

2. **Trap Manual for Clubs**
   Beau has been working on a booklet for trap clubs to provide some guidelines for their scorekeepers and trap help. They can do with it as they see fit to train and educate their trap help. He will send that out in the near future.

3. **Penalty Classifications for Provincials**
   Beau asked if anyone had any suggestions regarding penalty classifications at our shoot. Greg said with what we are offering this year we need to look at our current guidelines. BJ suggested that all shooters are treated the same, and that the minimum penalty be 23 yards. Jenn said that we need to recognize that we could have several new shooters show up and we need to classify accordingly. Derek felt like we don't need to change what we currently have in place. Beau suggested that we add 2 yards to all shooters who don't have the minimum targets, up to 25 yards. Lori asked if the 2-yards were added to all shooters, or just those who didn't meet target requirements. It would only be for those who don't have the required targets. As the discussion ended, Derek made a motion to set the handicap penalty yardage at 23 yards for all shooters, with no exceptions. Seconded by Lori. 6 in favour, 1 opposed. **Carried.** BJ reminded everyone to encourage shooters to participate and meet their target requirements.

4. **Update from Ron**
   Ron has received the sponsorship details from Bishop Lake Outdoors and Vortex. He will look after picking it up as well as our sponsorship from White Flyer and Winchester. Beau asked if anyone had any issues with giving St. Thomas 5 flats of shells total to award during the unregistered events. There were no issues with this request.

Next meeting date – April 29, 2025, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Beau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Greg seconded. *All in favour.* **Carried.**

➢ Items on hold for future discussion