

O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025, at 7:30PM

Attendance:

Present: BJ Jackman, Derek Scrimshaw, Jenn Arnold, Beau Douglas, Dave Dunn, Dave Leunissen.
Absent: Greg Carr.

BJ called the meeting to order at 7:38pm via Zoom conference call.

1. Dave L. (DL) made a motion to accept minutes of the November 18, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Dave D. (DD) seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

2. Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Sponsorship Update

Beau said that several sponsors are on board for the upcoming Provincials. We are up to about \$14,000 so far. He asked everyone to continue to reach out to sponsors. BJ asked if any of our bigger sponsors have backed out this year, and Beau said that yes, many have said they will not sponsor the shoot this year, and to focus on sponsoring the OPTA, not individual gun clubs. DL asked how much we had raised in the past and Beau detailed that it has been around 30-35k for the past 2 years, building from less than \$1,000 about 5 years ago.

Monthly Finances

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

Bank Balance: \$50,958.30 Lottery: \$3,887

ATA Rebate: \$4,111USD, up from \$3,145 in 2024. We had \$80 taken off for unpaid ATA memberships, and \$25 late shoot report fee. Beau has asked the clubs (HGC and TITSC) to send the money to the OPTA to cover these fees. TITSC forwarded \$35 to cover their fees, and HGC said they mailed a cheque 2 weeks ago.

Year-end documents have been sent to Millard's.

New Business/Discussion

1. Committee Reports

Trophies: DD had put a poll on the OPTA Facebook page about preferences and 75% said they preferred a mix of trophies and money. A lot of shooters do not want more pieces of glass, but the other side is that some trophies are treasures for the shoot winners. Derek asked about silver, and DD said that many people were indifferent to receiving silver and wanted trophies that were usable for them as opposed to something to display. Beau said that we have raised the standard of our trophy package in recent years and that the committee should keep working to maintain this standard.

DL presented a spreadsheet breaking down a proposal of awarding shells for some preliminary events, Yeti mugs for our open Championship events, and buckles for the HOA. Beau suggested that we keep working with Sheridan for our buckles, which are good quality. He also said that if we did the same trophies for our open awards, it might be redundant to win the same thing 3,4,5 times. BJ asked about using our laser engraver to etch

these awards and Lori Cantelo still has it. DL has priced out silver, and the price continues to climb to almost \$100 now. He detailed that trophies for our HAA and HOA should have a higher value than a single event trophy. BJ re-iterated that Sheridan does produce better trophies, and we have set up an account at the border to help with importing products from the US.

OCS: Greg was absent so nothing to report.

2. **Provincials Contract**

Everyone had looked at the contract for the Provincials, which will be a 4-day shoot this year. The language has changed to state that clubs must have practice traps available, rather than a specific number. Jenn asked who determines a “reasonable target fee”, and Beau said the host club sets the price. They will be throwing Lawry targets, who has also donated 25 cases of targets to the club. Beau will forward the contract to the gun club this week and have it signed. Jenn said that we should make the club sign off on each clause, as it is their responsibility to honour the contract.

BJ brought up ‘live loading’ traps during the Provincials. It has been asked of clubs before and has not always been honoured. Several board members agreed that it should be added to the contract and the club is then responsible for training their staff and updating their procedures at the club level. Beau was asked to add this clause to the contract prior to sending to the club, and he will do so.

DD asked about Hamilton having enough shoot staff, specifically scorekeepers, which did not happen at the Canadians, as several shooters had to step up to cover for the club being short-staffed. He also asked about keeping the shoot moving quickly, and that target setters need to squad accordingly to switch over from Singles to Doubles efficiently. The Board remains committed to helping the host club (and all clubs in general) run an efficient shoot.

3. **Champion of Champions Changes**

Beau had sent out a proposed change to the Champion of Champions program. He proposed splitting the Sub-Vet/Vet/Senior Vet category in two to have the Senior Vets on their own, with Vets/Sub-Vets in another. It would equalize the categories more than they are now, in that these three categories, along with Open, are by far the biggest categories. BJ and Jenn agreed with the proposal for this year and see if we need to make any changes afterwards. Everyone was in agreement to make the changes as outlined. The Board is thankful to Mott Liokossis Wealth Management for sponsoring the program this year for \$5,000.

Next meeting date – January 20, 2026, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Jenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. DL seconded. *All in favour.* **Carried.**

➤ Items on hold for future discussion

Funding for Club Improvements Framework
All-Ontario Shoot