

## O.P.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026, at 7:30PM

### Attendance:

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

Absent: Dave Leunissen

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

1. Derek made a motion to accept minutes of the December 16, 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 \$20,000 so far. He has continued to reach out to some of our bigger sponsors to finalize things soon. Paperwork has been submitted to Vortex, Score Ammunition and others for consideration.

### Monthly Finances

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

Bank Balance: \$54,010.90 Lottery: \$3,882.46

Nothing major to report on financials.

### New Business/Discussion

#### 1. Provincials Contract with Host Club

Hamilton Gun Club (HGC) has returned the contract and signed it as presented by the Board. The Board agreed to sign it and return it to the HGC for their records.

#### 2. OPTA HOF and Awards Nominations

Beau will send out a reminder to the membership about our annual awards, including the OPTA Hall of Fame. A couple directors asked for clarity on the requirements, and they are posted on the OPTA website.

#### 3. Provincial Tasks

BJ presented the document that outlines the various tasks that we as a board are expected to complete at the Provincials. He commended the board for their efforts in the past and willingness to step up and fill in where required. BJ asked if we were able to secure golf carts for the shoot, and Beau will try and set something up with Stanmore carts again this year. Everyone was asked to send an email to Beau outlining where they would like to fill in during the shoot. Jenn volunteered to take care of the food and logistics of the HOF and Awards Soiree. A long discussion followed regarding attendance at the event and trying to get more people to attend. Some suggestions were giving away OPTA swag, raffle prizes, etc to bring people in. It is challenging to keep people at the shoot at the end of a long day and the Board will keep working on some ideas to increase interest.

#### 4. **Trophy Committee**

Dave D. has sent out an email to the committee about giving away plaques at the shoot this year. BJ reminded the committee to set up a meeting to discuss their options and to finalize their orders as soon as they can.

#### 5. **CTA Follow-up**

BJ took part in a follow-up meeting with the CTA stakeholders about the 2025 shoot at Hamilton. Andrea Bassan (CTA President) commended the OPTA on how they ran the Provincials the week after and was very impressed with how we did things. The Hamilton Gun Club did not have a representative attend the meeting about their shoot. On the overall, BJ said the meeting was positive, and that we as a board are willing to help with the shoot if it is set out ahead of time and everyone is on the same page.

#### 6. **OPTA & HGC Meeting**

BJ suggested that we set up a meeting with the management of the Hamilton Gun Club prior to the 2026 Provincials. He stated that we need to work together with the club to address issues prior to the shoot. We need to help the club raise their profile as well as their ability to manage and administer a world-class shoot. Beau re-iterated that the club needs to ask for help and organize themselves in terms of volunteers prior to the shoot. Greg agreed that something needs to be done to help get things set in place. Everyone agreed that meeting with the HGC would be beneficial and BJ asked Beau to send an invite out to HGC Executive and office staff to meet in March.

Greg asked about the process of changing the OPTA by-laws regarding the host of the Provincials. BJ said he wants both of our host clubs to prosper and focus on helping them moving forward. We need to continue to communicate with clubs after major shoots, with the focus on improving the shooter experience. Beau agreed that working with the club is key to fostering change and progress. A lengthy discussion followed. BJ asked everyone to forward their thoughts and concerns regarding the Provincials to Beau via email, and he will collate them prior to our February meeting, and subsequently meet with the HGC in March. Greg felt that we will lose members and have less participation based on where the Provincials are being held if things don't change in the short-term.

Next meeting date – February 17, 2026, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Derek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Greg seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

#### ➤ Items on hold for future discussion

Funding for Club Improvements Framework  
All-Ontario Shoot