

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

February 17, 2026, at 7:30PM

### Attendance:

Present: BJ Jackman, Derek Scrimshaw, Dave Leunissen, Jenn Arnold, Beau Douglas, Dave Dunn, Greg Carr. *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 January 20, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Dave D. (DD) seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. Business Arising from Minutes:

#### 1. Hall of Fame Nominations

Beau received a nomination for Dan Gris for the OPTA Hall of Fame. BJ asked if everyone had read the nomination. BJ stated that he felt Dan was more than qualified to be inducted to the HOF. Beau and Derek agreed that he was won a lot of things thus far in his shooting career and would be a deserving inductee. Derek made a motion to induct Dan Gris into the OPTA Hall of Fame in the Shooter Category. Beau seconded. *Six in favour, one abstention. Carried.*

#### 2. Provincials Meeting with HGC

Beau had spoken with Dan Gris about some questions he had regarding the Provincials for some details for the shoot program. HGC is willing to make several changes for the upcoming shoot, including trying 4-trap banks, training staff to live load, and will have food available on the west side of the road during the lunch hour. The HGC also is going to pay for all Junior (under 18) targets throughout the entire shoot. Everyone is committed to trying to improve things at the club during their registered shoots. BJ reiterated that we should want to keep momentum going forward in terms of encouraging them to improve and feels that the club can do things well. Greg stated that we all agree that we want the shoot to be efficient and go well but questioned whether the club could make the necessary improvements. Beau reminded everyone that our goal is to work together with our Provincial host clubs to make the shoot the best it can be rather than look for ways to criticize them. Later in the meeting, BJ set a date of March 23 for the meeting with HGC and suggested that our OPTA Executive attend with the HGC and report back to the Board the following day.

#### 3. Sponsorship Update

Several sponsors continue to come forward for our 2026 Provincials. Hummason will sponsor an event. White Flyer/Winchester will be donating 10 flats of ammunition, and Movati will donate \$2,500 to the shoot. Creamland Farms and Peterborough Trap & Skeet will also be donating. We are now at approximately \$25,000 in sponsorship with more to come.

### Monthly Finances

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

Bank Balance: \$49,167.92 Lottery: \$3,877.46

Invoices paid: CTA Dues \$150  
OPTA Pins: \$470.26

Sheridan Buckle Co: \$5,396.12

## 2. **2024-25 OPTA Financials**

We have received our annual financials back from our accountant. No one had an issue with what was presented. Beau was grateful to the Board for continuing to try and come up with reasonable initiatives to promote trapshooting and maintaining our financial sustainability.

## **New Business/Discussion**

### 1. **Director Vacancies**

BJ Jackman, Dave Dunn, Greg Carr, Jenn Arnold are up for re-election at the end of this year. They were asked to declare whether they will seek re-election soon. If anyone comes forward and wants to run for the board, they are asked to seek out Derek Scrimshaw as he is the head of the nomination committee.

### 2. **Trophy Committee**

Dave Leunissen (DL) presented a spreadsheet detailing the trophies for the upcoming shoot. They will be awarding shells during the first two days of the shoot, and Shamrock Leather products for the Open trophies for the weekend events. They will be ordering buckles from Sheridan for the HAA and HOA. The spreadsheet presented showed that the order was over-budget but with some changes in exchange rates it should balance out. Beau asked for clarification on the Shamrock order cost and that it seemed expensive. Trophies will be stamped with the OPTA logo. BJ thanked the committee for being organized and getting the order in early. Hummason will be keeping 20 flats on hold for us until we need them. BJ asked for clarity on the committee being about \$1,000 over budget and that we would address that once we had the final number. It has been a push for the board in recent years to decrease our trophy costs. Lori Cantelo will be using our laser engraver to make keychains to go along with trophies. DD has been quoted for less than budget for the all-star and average award plaques.

### 3. **Golf Cart Rental**

Stanmore Carts had given us a quote for golf cart rentals for the Board. They have discounted them for us including a sponsorship of the shoot. The cost was approximately \$700, and no one had an issue with moving forward with it. DL asked if they were gas or electric carts, and Beau was not sure but assumed they were gas powered.

### 4. **Provincial Tasks**

BJ asked if anyone had any tasks they preferred not to do during the shoot. Greg asked if we could have a refresher as a board with worksheets like we had done last year. Beau said he would make something up and send it out to the Board in the near future to practice. Beau reminded everyone of known ability and how it applies to classification especially in Ontario where our averages sometimes skew lower. Early season scores can drastically impact a shooters average which does not represent their true ability. Greg agreed that we do a good job of working together to classify people correctly.

Dave asked about taking shoot photos. Beau suggested that we buy a backdrop to hang in the clubhouse and take shooter pictures for Trap and Field and our social media pages. They are \$15-20 and would make a big difference in submitting clear pictures. Beau volunteered to take pictures at the shoot if needed and the board all agreed to work on improving the pictures that we take.

## 5. **Other Business**

Beau asked Jenn if there was an AIM update. She said one club had come forward to receive medals for their registered shoots. She had also sent in the dates for the AIM Provincial Shoot, which is held concurrently with our Provincials. Some of the board expressed frustration with our lack of youth shooters, especially when compared to the United States. Greg provided some details on a few AIM shooters in the USA and their opportunities for scholarships. Beau said it is important to cater to the AIM members we do have and try to keep growing that number.

Jenn asked where we ordered the food for our HOF Soiree at our 2024 Provincials. DD reminded her that it was Fortinos

Next meeting date – March 24, 2026, at 7:30pm.

Adjournment. Derek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Greg seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*

### ➤ Items on hold for future discussion

Funding for Club Improvements Framework  
All-Ontario Shoot