

# **British Columbia Trapshooting Association**

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## **Minutes of the Bi-Annual Meeting at N.O.T.S.C.**

**August 31<sup>st</sup>. 2013.**

1. President Gord Fowler called the meeting to order at 0745, welcoming all attendees with barely a quorum.
2. The Secretary directed the attendees to the agenda and asked that if there were to be any amendments. Being none, Semer Young proposed that it was adopted, seconded by Bob Blackburn and carried.
3. The roll call of Officers and delegates showed the following list present:

Gord Fowler	President of the BCTA.
Geoff Fern	Sec/Treasurer of the BCTA.
Semer Young	Lower Mainland Zone Representative.
Bob Blackburn	North Country Zone Representative.
Gord Fowler	Okanagan Zone Representative.
Bob Blackburn	Bulkley Valley.
Dave Hesketh	Kettle Wildlife.
Semer Young	Langley.
Bob White	Mission.
Gord Fowler	North Okanagan.
North Peace	Dave Wallace
Ed Brown	Pitt Meadows.
Leo Pike	South Vancouver Island Rangers.

4. The following distinguished guest was present:  
  
Leo Pike                      PITA Central Handicap Committee (BC)
5. The secretary read the minutes from the AGM, held at Vancouver Gun Club on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the 2013 Provincial Shoot and proposed that they be accepted as read, seconded by Ed Brown and carried.
6. **Business Arising:**

- a. The Secretary reminded the meeting that there had been no proposed rule changes at the PITA AGM, at the 2013 GRAND. However, there had been 3 By-law changes, all of which had passed. The BCTA executive (and members) had been skeptical of the changes when discussed at the BCTA 2013 AGM but, after further explanation from the PITA Committee, believed them to be necessary. In particular, the change to allow the PITA secretary to become a voting member and, at the same time increase the executive from 10 to 11 members, was perfectly acceptable once the current “conflict of interest” clause had been read out.
- b. The secretary, at the PITA AGM, had broached the possibility of a reduced Life Membership fee for shooters who had reached the age of 65. The PITA executive have put it on the agenda for their next meeting with Treasurer, Billy Myers to research. It was noted that the ATA do reduce the fee at that age.
- c. At the BCTA AGM, there had been a proposal to change the date of the Provincial Shoot. This proposal had been narrowly defeated and, therefore, the executive pledged to research further. Unfortunately, an active Summer shoot programme had restricted that research but the coming Winter should allow for a comprehensive review and report/recommendation at the 2014 AGM, for implementation in 2015.

#### 7. Old Business:

- a. The secretary reminded the meeting of the need to send requested shoot dates for next year to either Sue Brewer or the BCTA secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> September, to be included in the pocket calendar. In the event that dates were not forthcoming from the clubs, the secretary would use the same weekends as the current year and hope there would not be too many changes.
- b. Equally important is the need for clubs to forward, at the same time, current contact names and addresses/email/telephone details.
- c. The secretary stated that he would be sending these minutes to all clubs including the current position of the annual dues. It is worth reminding everyone that clubs must be current with their dues to participate in any AGM voting.

8. President’s Report: Gord Fowler noted that shoot numbers were down and had been in decline for a number of years. It is incumbent upon all of us to try and reverse the trend.

#### 9. Correspondence:

- The secretary had received a request for renewal of the NFA’s membership and, with it, the insurance for the executive.

#### 10. Treasurer’s Report:

The secretary drew the meeting's attention to the Income/Expense account for the Provincial Shoot as attached. He noted that expenses were some \$5K down this year from last because last year's \$5K "give away" had not been repeated. He noted that the Trophy package, printing and free hat costs were all down this year. On the income side, the target fees from the shooters were up due to the increase implemented this year and the deficit is down for all the above reasons. He was keen to point out the value of those who sponsored each of the 8 events and made special mention of Jody Thomson's contribution. It cannot be overstated how valuable the sponsors' are to the Provincial Shoot. They deserve a special thank you from all of us for what are outstanding gifts!

The Treasurer proposed that the report be accepted as distributed. The motion was seconded by Bob Blackburn and carried.

#### **11. New Business:**

- The new PITA committee for the next year is available on the website with Nadene Pope remaining as President; Billy Myers as Treasurer; Art Fenton as Handicap Committee Chair; Sue Brewer as Secretary and Les Madsen as the BC Director.
- The BCTA bank account was at a healthy \$26K with more shoots to come before the shoot year end on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- We had thrown some 90,000 more targets this year than last year, at the same time, mainly due to the Canadian Championships being held in Vancouver. There had also been more shoots to date than the same time last year. (71 – 65). The secretary noted that the South Okanagan Sportsmen's Association (SOSA), was now participating in the Multiplex programme with 10 – 15 keen members!
- The PITA Rules Committee were investigating some suitable wording for the rule book to reflect what we do in practice when we realize a trap has been left in "Manual"...i.e. we set the trap on to "Auto" but count the scores as shot that have already been completed.

#### **12. Good and Betterment of the Sport: Nil.**

There being no other business, Ed Brown proposed that the meeting be adjourned at 0827.