

British Columbia Trapshooting Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at N.O.T.S.C.

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1. President Gord Fowler called the meeting to order at 0706, with 12 of the 18 BC Clubs having representation as indicated by the attached Roll Call.
2. The President welcomed everyone and directed attention to the agenda.
3. The Secretary then asked if everyone had viewed the agenda and, if so, requested a mover and seconder to adopt. Moved by Les Madsen; seconded by Dave Carter: - Carried.
4. Roll call of officers, delegates, zone representatives and executive as follows:

Gord Fowler.	President
Gerry Broten.	Vice President
Geoff Fern.	Secretary/Treasurer
Darryl Webber	Cowichan
Dave Wade	Courtenay
Chris McFarlane	Nanaimo
Dave Hesketh.	Kettle Wildlife
Lubin Izov	Mission
Bruce Davies.	North Okanagan.
Dave Upper	Parks-Qualicum
Dave Carter	Pitt Meadows.
Mike Casarin	South Okanagan
Ron Stubbings	SVI Rangers.
Marshall Wirawan.	Vancouver
Art Moore	Victoria

NB. There were no Zone Representatives in attendance.

5. The following distinguished guests were recognized and present:

Bruce Davies.	Past President of the BCTA
Dave Wade.	Past President of the BCTA.
Art Moore	Past President of the BCTA
Leo Pike.	Central Handicap Committee Member (BC).

6. Under the President's direction, the secretary read the minutes from the Bi-Annual Meeting on September 5th, 2015 at NOTSC. There being no errors, omissions or amendments, the secretary proposed that they be accepted as read. Bruce Davies seconded: Carried.

7. Business Arising: Nil.

8. Presidents Report:

The President noted that we had over 100 shooters for the first day of the Provincials but hoped for more as the shoot progressed. He alluded to the lack of junior shooters throughout the Province or, for that matter, ANY new shooters. He asked for feedback as to what the individual clubs were doing to address the problem. Leo Pike reminded everyone that we did have Junior and Sub-Junior shooters this year.

Dave Hesketh explained the kid's programme at Kettle Wildlife providing ammunition and firearms to the kids, usually accompanied by parents/grandparents. There was enthusiasm at the moment but not sure how long it would last.

Darryl Webber noted the lack of interest in the parents on the Island.

Mike Ramsay/Marshall Wirawan talked of the subsidized youth programme at Vancouver with 15 currently involved. Mike also spoke of the Ladies programme, Guns & Roses, to allow Ladies to shoot with other Ladies.

Art Moore spoke of the weekend warriors coming to the Malahat in recent months and the success of attracting new shooters to Victoria Club.

Les Madsen noted the difference in gun enthusiasm between the USA and Canada. He believed we were in a lull at the moment before our grandkids start to come back with their kids.

The President agreed with the difference in perception either side of the border and the anti-gun lobby in the North made it difficult to even recruit trap help. He asked for feedback as to how to recruit volunteers.

Dave Carter suggested free tickets to shoot.

Mike Ramsay talked of free shoot punch cards for volunteers.

Ron Stubbings said the Rangers were looking at "working off" shoot fees because the Club forbade paying members for help.

The president asked all to look for ways to bring in trap help and new shooters and thanked everyone for their input. He then asked the secretary to give the treasurer's report.

9. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer directed the members to the financial report attached to the meeting's agenda. He highlighted the return to normal revenue in 2015 when compared to 2014, the year of the changed Provincial Shoot month. The president had expressed the goal of keeping a \$25,000 surplus at the end of each year and the secretary noted that we were within \$2000 of that goal at the end of 2015. He also informed the meeting that we had conducted 97 shoots, involving 2297 shooters and thrown 795,950 registered targets during 2015. There being no other comments, he proposed that the Statement of Accounts be accepted as presented. That was seconded by Dave Hesketh and carried.

10. Election of Officers for 2016/17:

The president reiterated that he would not be seeking re-election to the Presidency. He thanked all those involved, since he first appeared on the committee, for their assistance in keeping the show on the road. He wished those taking over the best of luck in doing the same for the benefit of the trapshooting fraternity of British Columbia. He then asked Bruce Davies to run the election. Bruce asked the assembled throng to pay attention to the board at the side, on which the secretary had written some names for the various positions. Bruce asked if there were any other names to be attached. There being none, he conducted the election in accordance with the accepted rules with the following results:

President	- Geoff Fern by ballot.
Vice-President	- Gerry Broten by acclamation.
Secretary/Treasurer	- Marshall Wirawan by acclamation.

11. Old Business:

1. The new president spoke of his ambition to thoroughly investigate the possibility of a Province-wide insurance programme for all active clubs. He was personally convinced that the NFA was a better policy than the BCWF. However, he would revert at a later date with more information.
2. The president then spoke of the possible youth programme, which had been proposed in the past and would revert when he had spoken with the sponsors of the idea.

12. New Business:

1. The president updated the assembly that our representation on the PITA Board had gone from 2 directors to 0 with resignations during

the current year. However, Bob White had been co-opted to stand in as a BC rep for the time being.

2. The president had contacted the PITA Board regarding the possibility of having C\$ shoot fees and payouts for Canadian shooters at the PITA Grand. The PITA president, Jim Rankorn, had been sympathetic but explained how the PITA lost money accepting C\$ fees from our shoots and politely declined to do anything radical to equalize the exchange rate, at least for now.
3. The president then addressed the subject of the target fees paid to the host clubs for our Provincial Shoot. We had held the fees to the shooters at C\$30 for this year and the club fees at 21cents. However, that may have to change if the clubs began to lose money. The executive would discuss the issue and revert to the clubs later.

13. Zone Rep. Reports:

As noted earlier, there were no Zone Reps in attendance. However, news was given that Semer Young had been seriously ill and was currently not shooting. Bob Blackburn and Jack Gilmour had asked to be replaced as the Northern/Island Reps and Hugh McWhirter was attending to the traps at the moment.

The president was hoping to recruit Chris McFarlane for the Island; Dave Bonar for the North and Mike Ramsay for the Lower Mainland. Watch this space!

14. A.O.B.

Dave Wade reported on the success of the sub-gauge experiment at the Grand last year and wondered if we could introduce something similar at the Provincial Shoot. The executive pledged to look into it and revert.

There being no other business the president proposed that we adjourn at 0753. The next meeting will be at the Bi-Annual meeting on 3rd Sept. next.

BCTA BUDGET - 2015

ASSUMPTIONS:	1	TARGETS TO BE THROWN IN 2017 TO BE 750,000.
	2	PROVINCIAL SPONSORS TO REMAIN AT 8 @ \$500 EACH.
	3	PROVINCIAL SHOOT FEES TO INCREASE TO \$32.
	4	ADVERTISING TO REMAIN STATIC AT \$1450
	5	TGT FEES FOR HOST CLUBS TO GO TO 25 CENTS
	6	PITA REFUND @ \$2000
	7	PROVINCIAL ATTENDANCE TO REMAIN AT OR ABOUT 100-130

EXPECTED REVENUE:	TARGETS @2 CENTS	\$15,000
	ADVERTISING	\$1,450
	SPONSORS	\$4,000
	PITA	\$2,000
	PROV. SHT. FEES RETAINED	\$6,640
	DUES	\$400
	TOTAL:	\$29,490

PLANNED EXPENDITURE:	CASHIER	\$2,500
	ADDED MONEY	\$5,550
	PINS	\$750
	PROGRAMME	\$1,200
	TROPHIES	\$7,000
	ACCOUNTANT	\$1,000
	PRES. TRAVEL	\$500
	SEC. STIPEND	\$4,500
	TOTAL	\$23,500