

## **2017 BCTA AGM AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL – OFFICERS & DELEGATES
3. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
4. ADOPT AGENDA
5. MINUTES – BI-ANNUAL MEETING SEPT 3, 2016
6. BUSINESS ARISING
7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
8. TREASURER’S REPORT
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
10. OLD BUSINESS
  - DECLINING SHOOTER NUMBERS
  - TARGET FEES AT PROVINCIALS
  - COST FOR CANADIANS AT PITA GRAND PACIFIC
11. NEW BUSINESS
  - PITA COMMITTEE
12. ZONE REPORTS
13. GOOD & BETTERMENT OF THE SPORT
14. ALL OTHER BUSINESS
15. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: BI-ANNUAL SEPT 2, 2017 AT NOTSC

## **2017 BCTA AGM Meeting Minutes**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Vancouver Gun Club**

**Richmond, BC**

08:03 meeting called to order by Geoff Fern.

### **Roll call of officers**

Geoff Fern – President

Jerry Broten – Vice-President

Marshall Wirawan – Secretary/Treasurer

Art Moore – Past-President

Dave Wade – Past-President

Ron Stubbings – Hall of Fame Director

Leo Pike – Central Handicap Committee

Mike Casarin – South Okanagan

Leo Pike – Rangers

Darryl Webber – Cowichan

Dave Hesketh – KWA

Dave Carter – Pitt Meadows

Dave Wade – Courtenay

Mike Ramsay – Vancouver

Geoff Fern proposes that the Agenda for the 2017 AGM be adopted, seconded by Mike Casarin, all in favour, carried.

Minutes from the Bi-Annual Meeting at NOTSC, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, read by Marshall Wirawan

- Geoff Fern proposes that there are no amendments to the minutes and that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Bill Wishart. All in favour, carried.

### **Business Arising**

Nil

### **President's Report**

by Geoff Fern

- It has been a hectic year. I was asked to join a tele-conference call by the PITA in October. There has been a mass resignation of PITA board members leaving them with 4 active directors, which is not in accordance to the PITA rules/bylaws. When I joined the teleconference about 3 minutes after they started, they were discussing how to get rid of the \$330,000 that they have in the bank account and whether it should just be a cheque that goes to the ATA and I was flabbergasted. I suggested that maybe they should go in a different direction. For instance, you do have a quorum as there are 4 of you right now so the PITA should go on with their business. If you need more people, as the president of the BCTA, I would be more than happy to help. The next day, I received a phone call asking if I meant what I said during the tele-conference. I told

them yes and that I rather see the PITA keeps going rather than folding. They were able to get a few more volunteers and filled out the board to give them 9 members.

- Darryl Webber: I have a question. Why the mass resignation? What was going on? Or do you know?
- I do know. There were two parts to it, both of which has racial overtone. There is a bunch of guys who set up a campsite at the grand and a few other shoots south of the line where they put up a sign that says "White Harlem". But apparently there were also other innuendos that I asked for specifics but the individual would not go into it. The board was adamant that they would not approach these people to have the sign removed. It has been there for a long time and has nothing to do with racism. It is actually a bunch of guys who have lower end RVs. It was a joke really. It was perhaps seen as something that shouldn't be there in this day and age. There must have been something else which I could not get to the bottom of because five of them decides to quit. It seems that it was designed to grind everything to a halt using the bylaws. It was particularly a problem for one person on the board at the time. It may have been a misunderstanding. By the time we put the committee back together, we were behind for the grand. The next blow was from Evergreen regarding the ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant. The PITA board decided that the Grand will only be held at ADA compliant trap facility. The board of Evergreen responded that they are willing to fork up the \$35,000 cost to turn Evergreen into an ADA compliant facility but they want the PITA to sign a 3 year contract whereby they PITA will re-pay the \$35,000 should the contract be broken and they are increasing the target fees from 19.5 cents to 26 cents. That was not well received by the PITA Board so they started to look around for an alternate venue. There are two other clubs that could do it: Walla Walla and Spokane. I pushed for Spokane simply because they have hosted big shoots for several years. I don't know if we will ever go back to Evergreen. I have given as much as I can about the politics that have been going on. Since October, I have been working more for the PITA than the BCTA and I apologize for that.
- One other thing that I would like to touch on is that we are losing shooters. We are growing older and older. But we'll discuss it more under old business.

### **Treasurer's Report**

by Marshall

- When Geoff and I did the handover last year in July/August, I started doing the books using Quickbooks online. All the transactions since the handover have been recorded into Quickbooks. If you look at the financial report, there are two pages. One for last year and one for this year. If you look at last year, the data is not complete as we started recording the transactions in mid-year. I was able to enter all the outstanding invoices into Quickbooks and sent out reminders by email. All the BCTA affiliated clubs were also sent invoices for the membership dues. Majority of the club membership dues have been paid and all correspondence were done by email which reduces the cost of postage.
- As we will have complete financial data this year, we will be able to use this data for budgeting and forecasting starting next year.

- The other benefits with Quickbooks Online is that all the financial data is stored on the internet and secured with encryption. Therefore, the data will never disappear. If a new treasurer takes over, he/she will have complete access to previous years' financial data.
- I have also created a website for the BCTA (shootbcta.com) and all monthly financial reports are accessible on that website.
- If you have any questions about the financial report, you can send me an email and I will provide a detailed financial report that lists the individual transactions.
- Last year in 2016, BC threw 731,350 targets. We are below the projection that was made for last year. And PITA daily fee refund cheque that we received was for \$1,723.00.
- Geoff Fern: Usually that amount is around \$2,000 so we are on the decline.
- Right now in the bank account, the BCTA has \$9,770 not including the daily fee refund cheque which is yet to be deposited. All bills for the provincials have been paid so the BCTA has about \$12,000 prior to the Provincials.
- Geoff Fern: At the Bi-Annual, we said that we were going to go to \$32.00 with the target fees but there was a printing error in the program where the targets fee is \$30.00 so we are losing 2 cents per target at this provincial.

Geoff Fern proposes that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Darryl Webber, all in favour. Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Geoff Fern: We have talked about declining numbers over the years but the Island seems to be holding its own. They seem to be able to bring the same amount of shooters into the VISL program. Maybe that is the key. To hold more 150 bird events per day, more of them. This way, younger shooters do not need to dedicate an entire weekend to participate in a PITA shoot. The multiplex is also another good way to promote PITA shoots.
- Geoff Fern: I am still pushing for the possibility of paying Canadian Dollars at the Grand to attract more Canadian shooters. However, there is a big push back from the PITA Board. I will keep trying.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

By Art Moore

Mike Casarin nominated Geoff Fern for President. No other nominations from the floor for President. Geoff accepted the nomination and was elected as President by acclamation.

Geoff Fern nominated Jerry Broten for Vice-President. No other nominations from the floor for Vice-President. Jerry accepted the nomination and was elected as Vice-President by acclamation.

Mike Casarin nominated Marshall Wirawan for Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations from the floor for Secretary/Treasurer. Marshall accepted the nomination and was elected as Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Zone Reports

Mike Ramsay – Lower Mainland:

- Vancouver Gun Club has noticed the declining number of PITA participants. There are no shortage of shooters practicing but they are unwilling to try in PITA shoots.
- The major factor is cost. Shooters can afford to shoot a round here and then but not a 24 round weekend.

**Good and Betterment of the Sport**

None.

Mike Casarin proposes that the meeting is adjourned. All in favour. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – Bi-Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, at NOTSC.