

41st IBS Annual Membership Meeting

January 14 & 15, 2011

The International Benchrest Shooters 41st Annual Membership meeting was held in the Harrisburg Holiday Inn and Conference Center in New Cumberland, Pa. on January 14-15, 2011. There was a social time held on Friday (January 14) night and the various committees had the opportunity to meet and discuss information.

The members' meeting was called to order at 9:10a.m. Saturday by President Jeff Stover followed by a Moment of Silence to remember friends and fellow shooters who had passed away in the previous year. A roll call was held including the Clubs that held registered matches. A quorum was obtained either by a representative at the meeting or by proxy. Clubs represented by either a proxy or attendee were: N. C. 1000 yard, Bell City Rifle Club, Colorado Rifle Club, Varmint Hunters Association, Harry Jones Memorial 1000 yard, Gallatin Gun Club, Ashe County Wildlife Club, Bridgeville rifle and Pistol Club, Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association, Capital City R&P Club, Sulphyr Springs Rifle & Revolver club, Union County Sportsmen, Mainville Sportsmen Club, Caledonia Field & Stream, Fairfax R&G Club, Iosco Sportsmen Club, Boone Valley Ikes, Camillus Sportsman Club, Buck Creek Gun Club, South Creek Northern Tier, Palmetto gun club, White Horse Center, Bowmanstown R&G Club, Orrington R&G Club, Thurmont Conservation Club, Black Creek Shooters, Blue Grass Sportsman's, Oak Ridge Sportsmen Association, Oak Ridge Sportsmen Association, Lincoln county Rifle club, Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club, Holton gun Club, Canastota conservation club, York IWLA, and Va. 1000 yard Club.

Secretary's Report

Joan Borden gave the Secretary report. Membership as of January 14, 2011 is 1465. Joan reported that \$35,214.69 was turned over to the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Gebhardt gave the Treasurer report. Bill reported a balance in general account to be \$22,229.54 and the President's account stood at \$13,235.79.

The IBS Recording Secretary and Treasurer's books were audited by a CPA. The IBS Audit Committee consisting of Gary Amatrudo and Bill Sargent also reviewed the books and found that everything was in order.

First VP's Report

Dick Grosbier reported on how he manages the match schedule and how he addresses the various match date conflicts. 95% of the schedule was complete at time of meeting.

Second VP's Report

John Cascarino- Second Vice-President gave a very detailed report via PowerPoint explaining how he handles all of the IBS awards, trophies, patches and stickers. He keeps very detailed spread sheets on what awards were sent out to the individual match directors. John was recognized for his diligent work and record of awards.

Group Committee Report

Committee Chairman Sid Goodling presented his committee's report. Sid stated 183 individual shooters competed this year in the short-range group discipline. There were 23 Rookie shooters, but only 5 of the Rookies shot enough aggregates to qualify for Rookie of the Year. The total number of aggregates fired was

831. The 100/200 yard Nationals were held at Union County Sportsman's Club in Weikert, PA. There were 102 individuals shooting 341 aggregates. He thanked the Union County Benchrest club for holding the Nationals two years in a row and the outstanding job that was done. A well-run 200/300 yard Group Nationals were held at Canastota with 40 individuals shooting.

Forty-five shooters qualified for Shooter of the Year. **Group Shooter of the Year** top 6 places were: 6th place- Russell Raines, 5th- Bill Goad, 4th- Gary Amatrudo, 3rd- Bill Eckenrode, 2nd Bob White, and 1st place- Harley Baker.

The 2011 Group Nationals will be held at Holton Michigan.

Nominations for Group Committee were: Sid Goodling, Bill Goad, Russell Raines, Mark Trutt, Kent Harshman, Gary Amatrudo(Gary declined), and Harley Baker. Gary Amatrudo made a motion to accept the nominations for Group Committee and Orland Bunker seconded the motion. **Group Committee** for 2011 will consist of Sid Goodling, Bill Goad, Russell Raines, Mark Trutt, Kent Harshman, and Harley Baker.

Long Range Report

Stanley Taylor, Chairman presented this report. He reported the number of matches that each of the Clubs held: Colorado shot 5 matches, Ohio- 2 matches, Iowa-6 matches, Minnesota shot 10 matches, Virginia shot 10, Missouri 10 matches, White Horse- 10 matches, Harry Jones- 10 matches, and North Carolina- 10 matches. There were 32 matches held for 600 yard competition (that had at least 8 shooters). There were a total of 789 LG shooters for an average of 25 shooters per match. Total of 694 HG shooters for an average of 22 shooters per match. The 2010 Nationals were held in St. Louis.

Long Range Shooter of the Year Top 5: 5th - Larry Bryant, 4th- Steve Sabo, 3rd Joe Thielen, 2nd- Al Forbes, and 1st- Jeff Green. **600 yard Shooter of the Year** top 5: 5th- Rich Griffin, 4th-Glen Sterling, 3rd- Dan Hobbs, 2nd- Richard Shatz, and 1st- Samuel Hall. Rookie of the Year is Stanley Clark and Female shooter of the Year is Brenda Hobbs. **2011 Long Range Committee:** Stanley Taylor, Dave Tooley, Jeff Walker, Sam Hall, Bob Rosen, Joe Thielen, and Ken House.

Score Committee Report

This report was given by Dr. Bill Sargent. Bill stated there were no protests for 2010 and the match participation was near even from 2009. The 2010 Nationals was held in Holton Michigan and the 200/300 Yard Nationals was held in Thurmont, Md. The 2011 100/200 yard Nationals will be held in Augusta, ME, and the 200/300 Nationals will be held in Blue Grass, KY.

Score shooter of the Year for 6 power: 5th place- Bill Sargent, 4th- David Apple, 3rd- Dean Breeden, 2nd- Gary Long and 1st place- Dave Thomas.

VFS Shooter of the Year: 5th- Dean Breeden, 4th- Herb Llewellyn, 3rd-Lee Euber, 2nd- Kim Llewellyn, and 1st- Allie Euber. There was only a one point difference between the winner and second place.

2010 Rookie of the Year is Shawn Shank.

The Score Committee for 2011 consists of Bill Sargent, Kim Llewellyn, Herb Llewellyn, Ricky Read, Wayne France, and Orland Bunker.

Score Shooting Hall of Fame

Report was given by Gary Long. Gary reported on the proposed Score Shooting Hall of Fame. He stated the award will be independent from the organization and will be similar to the existing U. S. Benchrest Hall of Fame. A committee consisting of Gary Long, Bill Sargent, Randy Perkowski, and Bill Gebhardt will continue to work on this.

Records Committee

Report given by Kent Harshman. Kent reported there were 103 records submitted this year. He noted the following records set in 2010:

Group Records

William Symons, 8/18/10, SP class. 100 yards, 5 group aggregate 0.1364"

Steve Theye, 8/18, 8/19/2010, SP class 100/200 yards, 10-group grand aggregate 0.1827"

Score Records

Dean Breeden- 6/12,13 2010, H class, 200/300yds 496-13X

Lee Euber- 7/18/10, LV class, 100 meters 250-21X

Allie Euber- 7/18/10, LV 100 meters 250-22X

Kim Llewellyn- 7/19/10, HV 200 meters 250-14X

Kim Llewellyn- 7/17-18/10, HV 100/200 meters 500-36X

Sara Harren- 7/24/10, VH 100/200 yds 500-20X

Long Range Records:

600 yard Records set

Hal Drake- 3/20/10, HG class score aggregate 197 (tie breaker 2.3270")

Samuel Hall 6/12/10, LG Group 0.699"

Samuel Hall 6/12/10, LG Score 50 (tie breaker 0.699")

Samuel Hall 7/10/10, LG Score aggregate 197 (tie breaker 2.1254")

1000 Yard Records set

Mike Wilson, 2010 season, HG 10-match score aggregate 93.2 (tie breaker 8.804")

James Lorenz, 2010 season, HG 6-match group aggregate 5.938"

Daryl Renegar, 2010 season, HG 6-match group aggregate 5.9247"

William Ice 2010 season, LG 10-match score aggregate 47, 7.334"

William Ice 2010 season, LG 6-match score aggregate 48.6667 (tie breaker 6.844")

Jeff Green, 2010 season, LG 10-match score aggregate 47.2 5.331"

Jeff Green, 2010 season, LG 10-match group aggregate 5.331"

Jeff Green, 2010 season, LG 6-match score aggregate 48.6667 (tie breaker 4.685")

Jeff Green, 2010 season, LG 6-match group aggregate 4.040"

Consideration of 2010 Temporary Rule changes

TP-1 Wind flags

- 1) Official wind flags shall be a minimum size, 1.5"x24", but wind flags of any size may be placed by competitors no higher than the line between the highest point of bench top to bottom of target card.
- 2) Except as provided for in 3) below, personal wind flags will be restricted to within the competitive shooting lane of the competitor placing the flags. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines between benches to the centerlines between benches to the centerlines between the target cards unique to each competitor.
- 3) Competitors may place personal wind flags off the side of the range; that is, left of the left-most bench on the range, and/or right of the right-most bench on the range. This applies to the left-most and right-most bench being used on a given day at the affected tournament.
- 4) After the first shot of the aggregate, including the warm-up match (should one be conducted), flags may only be moved by Referees under the direction of the Range Officer and in no circumstance shall any flag be moved for the shooter's convenience or benefit for the remainder of that aggregate. If a flag is causing an obstruction for any shooter, range personnel will lay down the flag and pole in question. At any tournaments where multiple aggregates are being contested on the same day, flags may be moved and/or adjusted by competitors between aggregates.
- 5) The use of electronic wind gauges or similar devices will be only allowed in Heavy Bench rifle Competition.

Results of mail-in voting for this agenda item:

YES - 392 votes

NO - 30 votes

TP-2 Records

Add the following section, as a brand new section at II.M.5.e.iv, in Tournament Procedures:

- (iv) Records are recognized chronologically by date only, regardless of match attended or relay participated in. If multiple competitors break a record on a given day, regardless of the match they attended or the relay on which they shot, each one is given full credit for breaking the record(including, but not limited to, IBS Record certificate and Precision Rifleman points), and the best score shot on that day is recognized as the record going forward. This rule shall not be retroactive.

Results of mail-in voting for this agenda item:

YES – 402 votes

NO – 20 votes

Executive Board election results:

President: Jeff Stover received 416 votes, 2 write-ins and 6 not voting

1st Vice President: Dick Grosbier received 405 votes, 7 write-ins and 12 not voting

There were 13 envelopes that were unsigned and did not count toward the election results or rule change vote.

Presidents Report

IBS President Jeff Stover presented Gary & Kim Amatrudo with a President's Award for all the work they do to support the group discipline. They have both worked at the Nationals and many other matches.

Jeff stated the IBS Executive Board (EBoard) voted to invite a representative from each discipline committee to sit as non-voting ex officio members of the EBoard.

He used PowerPoint to present an annual report to the members. A copy of the slides are attached as an exhibit (.pdf file) and made a part of these minutes.

Proposed Rule changes

Score Agenda Item 1

Proposed changes to IBS rule book page 2, item II Definitions, Paragraph c) Range for Registered Tournaments

Existing Text:

C) Stationary backers are required for all tournaments with a grand aggregate tournament.

Proposed Text:

C) Stationary backers shall be used at National Championship tournaments. At all other tournaments stationary backers are recommended, but not required.

There was much discussion on this item with amended language which was opposed.

A motion made by Jim Borden to reject this item and retain existing rule with a second from Curtis Nelson. Agenda item was rejected, rule does not change.

Score Agenda Item 2

Proposed changes to IBS rule book page 2, item Ii Definitions, Paragraph c) Range for Registered tournaments.

Existing Text:

C) Range for Registered tournaments. A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on the firing line: it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards, preferably

100 and 200 yards, and desirable at 100,200, and 300 yards. The facility shall be served with moving backer strips or cards; the bullet stop shall be adequate to stop bullets of any caliber and shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets. Moving backers are not required for score shooting. Stationary backers are required for all score shoot tournaments with a grand aggregate format. Ranges laid out in 100 or 100 and 200-meter distances are accepted.

Proposed Text:

C) Range for Registered tournaments. A place to shoot having not less than 5 benches on the firing line: it shall have sturdy target frames at measured distances from the firing line not less than 100 yards, preferably 100 and 200 yards, and desirable at 100,200, and 300 yards. The facility shall have a bullet stop that adequately stops bullets of any caliber and shall be sufficiently high to intercept ricochets. A range used for 300 yard or less group shoot tournaments shall be served with moving backer strips or cards. Ranges laid out in 100 and 200 meter distances are accepted.

Bob White made a motion to reject this agenda item, seconded by Jim Borden. Item is rejected.

Long Range Agenda Item 1

Existing Text:

B) Heavy Gun class

1) There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights, caliber is restricted to .40 or less. Muzzle brakes are not allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward and/ or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a pedestal and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock.

Proposed Text:

B) Heavy Gun class

1) There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights, caliber is restricted to .40 or less. Muzzle brakes are allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward and/ or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a pedestal and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock.

Motion made by Jeff Walker to accept this agenda item- seconded by Steve Sabo. Agenda item passed.

Long Range Agenda item2:

Proposed changes to IBS rule Book page Long Range Competition Rules were as follows.

Existing text:

B) Heavy Gun Class

1) There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights, caliber is restricted to .40 or less. Muzzle brakes are not allowed. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward and/ or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a pedestal and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock.

Proposed Text:

B) Heavy Gun Class

1) There are no restrictions for the rifle being used as to weight or sights, caliber is restricted to .40 or less. Muzzle brakes are not allowed, with the exception of Light guns shooting in the Heavy Gun Class. Rifles are fired utilizing sand bag front rests which may be supported on a pedestal that does not co-act with the sand bag to restrict upward and/ or rearward movement, and rear rests comprised of a sand bag which may be attached to a pedestal and that supports the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the butt stock.

Motion to reject this agenda item was made by Jeff Walker and seconded by Steve Sabo. Agenda item rejected.

600 Yard Agenda item 1

Existing text:

4) There must be five verifiable shots on a record target. The Range Official and the target puller must review any target that appears to have less than five shots for duplicate shots before it is removed from the frame. Their decision is final. The target in question must be signed and the total number of shots noted by the pit officer and the target puller. Targets in question may be reviewed by the match officials at the request of the Range Official.

5) Anyone shooting more than five (5)shots on their record target will be disqualified. If 6 shots appear on one target and 4 on another the shooter with 4 shots will be immediately disqualified. If the difference in caliber size can be determined or the group placement is obviously away from the 6th shot the pit chairman must decide whether the 6th shot belongs to the target with only 4 shots. If the determination is yes then the extra shot is discarded. In case no decision can be made by the pit chairman the shooter with 6 shots has the choice of accepting the target or shooting over. The shooter is not notified of the group size or score until after he/she has made a choice. If the shooter elects to re-fire they will re-fire before the next scheduled relay begins.

6) In the event the Range Official cannot determine the 6th shot and the shooter chooses to accept the target, the group size will be determined by measuring the terminal distance between the two most distant bullet holes in the target. Any bullet holes in excess of the 5 required shots will be disregarded as per the following procedure: any disqualified bullet hole or holes will not be one of the above mentioned terminal bullet holes used for the group measurement. Remaining bullet holes that must be disregarded shall be eliminated in the order of those possessing the highest score value to lowest value.

Proposed Text:

4) If in excess of five shots appear on one target, and a difference in caliber can be determined, or, there is an obvious difference in group/shot placement, the Range Officer and target pullers must decide whether or, not, the additional shot(s) belong to another competitor. If it can be determined that the additional shot(s) are cross-fires (do not belong to the competitor), the extra shots shall be disregarded, the target shall be scored as if the additional shot(s) do not exist.

5) If extra shot CANNOT be identified as obvious cross-fires, the Range Officer shall inform the competitor (whose target has more than 5 shots) of the total group size, measured to within 1/4", the competitor will be offered the option of either accepting that group measurement, or, immediately, re-shooting the target. By accepting the group, as measured, the competitor also agrees to accept the point total of the worst five (5) shots on the target.

6) For group measurement, a target with fewer than the required number of shots (5) will be penalized 6 inches for each missing shot; i.e., 12.0 inches would be added to a target with 3 shots, measured at 3.0 inches, for a total group measurement of 15.0 inches.

a) For score, a target with fewer than the required number of shots (5), shall be scored as the total of the existing shots; i.e., a target with four (4) shots, say two eights (2x8), and two nines (2x9) would be scored as 34.

Larry Bryant made a motion to reject this item and seconded by Jeff Walker. Agenda item was rejected

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Amatrudo and seconded by Jim Borden. Meeting adjourned.