

## **IBS Annual Membership Meeting**

**January 12-13, 2018**

### **Joan Borden- Recording Secretary**

The 49th Annual Membership Meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters was held on January 13, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg, Grantville, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Jeff Stover. A moment of silence was observed for friends that had passed in the previous year. A few remarks of remembrance for Dick Grosbier who had been in the leadership of the IBS for decades.

Jeff Stover reminded everyone in attendance that in order to vote, people in attendance need to have a current IBS membership.

Recording Secretary Joan Borden called the roll of Match directors to determine a quorum. Clubs present or proxy representations in attendance were: Fairfax, Mid Carolina, GMSA, Black Creek, Orrington, Blue Grass, Buck Creek, Bell City, Capitol City, Ash County, Sulphyr Springs, Florida Benchrest, Bowmanstown, Pine Tree, Bridgeville, IWLA York, Thurmont, Union County, Ga 1000 yard, MSSA, Tn, Hawks Ridge, BRRC- St. Louis, Whitehorse, Vapor Trail, Va. 1000, Mainville, Camillus, Central Va, Manatee, Pinetucky, South Creek, Piedmont, and Visalia. Executive Board members present were: Jeff Stover, Bill Gebhardt, Frank Danisienka, Bob White, John Cascarino and Jeff Walker. Quorum was established.

**Recording Secretary-** Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary report. As of January 2018 the membership totals 955. Joan reported that \$48,667.43 was turned over to the Treasurer. Joan sends monthly reports and funds to Treasurer.

**Treasurer** Bill Gebhardt reported. He stated the finances are solid. Total cash assets are \$122,930.

The IBS Secretarial books were audited by a CPA in Tunkhannock, Pa and the Treasure's books were audited by an accountant from Lock Haven, Pa. Jim Bauer- Long Range Committee member also reviewed the books before the meeting and he reported the financial records were in order with no discrepancies.

**First VP and Match Chairman** John Cascarino gave the match schedule report. The following Clubs will be holding the Nationals this year: 1000 yard- Deep Creek, Missoula, Montanna; 600 yard- Benchrest Club of St. Louis, Missouri; Score 100-200 Ashe County, North Carolina. Score 200-300- Thurmont, Maryland. Grop- Weiker, Pa. John asked Ranges holding Nationals to send range information, hotels, and other information to the IBS webmaster- Jane DeWees.

**Second vice President** Frank Danisienka gave a report on the awards. Frank stated there would be new membership cards and asked match directors to ask for membership cards at every match. He stated everyone needs to show their membership card. Frank thanked Jerry Powers for making 35 sets of certified weights for score matches.

**Long Range Committee** report was given by David Mathews. Awards were presented to those in attendance and handed out to others to deliver, or will be mailed.

**1000 yard top ten:** 10th- Johnny Burke, 9th-Donna Matthews, 8th-Tom Mousel, 7th-Scott Frock, 6th-JC Jarrell, 5th-David Matthews, 4th- Jeff Green, 3rd- William Ice, 2nd- Mike Gaizauskas, and **Shooter of the Year- Mike Wilson.**

**600 Yard top 10:** 10th-Chris Nichols, 9th-Carroll Lance, 8th Steve Wilson, 7th-Fred Thurman, 6th-Jeff Godfrey, 5th- Stephen Hall, 4th Scotty Powell, 4th-andy Ferguson, 2nd- Johnny Powers, and **600 yard SOY is Gaylon Byreans.**

**1000 yard Female Shooter of the Year** Donna Matthews. **1000 yard Junior Shooter of the Year-** Amber Brewer. **1000 yard Rookie of the Year-** Blake Wilson. **600 yard Junior Shooter of the year-** Rory Jacobs. **600 Yard Female Shooter of the Year-** Maia Wolf.

Jeff Stover announced that Stanley Taylor, with assistance from David Matthews, had assembled thousands of dollars in donations from the shooting industry for Shooter of the year program. Items donated were: Bart's bullets, Vapor Trail bullets, Night Force Scope, Douglas barrels, Bat action, Davis custom duck calls, Matthews long range gift certificates, and SEB rests.

**Long Range Committee:** David Matthews (Chairman), Mike Wallace, Ken House, Carroll Lance, Steve Wilson, Larry Bryant, (President Jeff Stover appointed Richard Schatz and Mike Wilson.

**Group Committee** report was given by Hal Drake. Hal thanked the committee and thanked Brian Dolinsky for keeping the Shooter of the year stats. Hal announced that Nancy Scarbrough will be the match administrator to handle the details of the Group Nationals, as she did in 2017. Two new ranges holding matches this year will be Visalia, California and Prairie Dog, South Dakota. The 2018 Nationals will be held at Union County Sportsmen at Weikert.

**Top 10 Group Shooter of the Year:** 10th-Jack Sutton, 9th-Keith Morris, 8th- Ron Burdick, 7th-Devin Burdick, 6th-Harley Baker, 5th- Bob White, 4th-Robert Hamister, 3rd- Bob Brushingham, 2nd- Paul Mitchell and **Group Shooter of the Year is Al Auman.**

**Junior Shooter** is Devin Burdick, and **Rookie shooter of the year** is Chris Jeffers.

**Group Committee for 2018:** Hal Drake(chairman), Kent Harshman, Mark Trutt, Russell Rains, Sid Goodling, Dale Boop and Dennis Thornberry (appointed to committee by President).

**Score Committee report** was given by Jerry Powers. Jerry thanked the committee for serving.

**Top 10 Varmint for Score:** 10th-Randy Jarvais, 9th- Ronnie Milford,8th- Dean Breeden, 7th- Michael Clayton, 6th- James Paganelli, 5th- Richard Sissel, 4th- Dewey Hancock, 3rd-John Cascarino, 2nd- Allie Euber, and **VFS shooter of the year is Jim Cline.**

**Six power top five:** 5th- Randy Jarvais, 4th- Orland Bunker, 3rd- KL Miller, 2nd- Brian Fitch, and **1st place Peter Hills.**

**Rookie shooter of the year:** 5th- Jeff VanZile, 4th- Kenneth Lewis, 3rd- Al Dirhan, 2nd- Randy Butler and **Rookie of the year- Scott Cochran.**

**2018 Score Shooter Committee:** Orland Bunker, Wayne France, Hillary Martinez, Ronnie Milford, Josh Shrum, Jerry Powers and Kim Llewelly(appointed by President, Kim was tied with Jerry Powers in votes but were at the limit of six members allowed to be voted in by the membership)

**Records Committee report** was given by Kent Harshman. Kent thanked his committee- Dave Tooley and Bobby Hart.

Score records broken:

Josh Shrum	3/11/2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	495-13x
Richard Sissel	3/11/2017	HVFS	300 meters	247-2x
Jim Cline	3/11/2017	LVFS	200/300meters	494-8x
Jim Cline	3/11/2017	LVFS	300 meters	245-4x
Brian Fitch	7/15/2017	VH	100/200 meters	498-23x
Brian Fitch	7/16/2017	VH	200 meters	248-6x
Allie Euber	7/15/2017	LVFS	122/200meters	500-28x
Michael Layton	7/22-23/2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	500-22x
Jim Cline	9/16-17/2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	496-13x
Ronnie Milford	9/16-17/2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	496-15x
Jerry Powers	9/16-17. 2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	499-7x
Jim Cline	9/17/2017	HVFS	300 meters	247-3x
Ronnie Milford	9/17/2017	HVFS	300 meters	248-4x
Henry Neale	9/17/2017	HVFS	300 meters	248-5x
Jerry Powers	9/17/2017	HVFS	300 meters	249-5x
Michael layton	9/17/2017	HVFS	300 meters	250-12x
Allie Euber	10/14/2017	HVFS	100 meters	250-24x
John Cascarino	10/14-15/2017	HVFS	100/200/300meters	749-30x
Allie Euber	10/14-15/2017	LVFS	100/200/300meters	745-25x
John Cascarino	10/14-15/2017	HVFS	200/300 meters	499-11x
Allie Euber	10/14-15/2017	LVFS	200/300meters	499-5x
Dean Breeden	10/15/2017	LVFS	300 meters	246-4x
Dean Breeden	10/14-15/2017	VH	200/300 meters	486-5x

KL Miller	10/14-15/2017	VH	300 meters	243-0x
Peter Hills	10/14-15/2017	H	100/200/300 meters	725-12x
Peter Hills	10/14-15/2017	H	200/300 meters	481-5x
Peter Hills	10/14-15/2017	H	300 meters	240-3x

**Long Range Records:**

**600 yards**

Bj Francis	3/19/2017	HG	Score	50/0.513"
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**1000 yard**

Tom Mousel	2017 season	HG	10-match group agg	5.3376	
Leo anderson	2017 season	LG	10-match score agg	48.6	5.658" tie breaker
Michael Gaizauskas	2017 season	HG	10-shot score agg	96.2	6.7616" tie breaker
Scott Frock	2017 season	HG	6-match score agg	99.1667	5.9617" tie breaker

**Group Records:**

Wayne Campbell	8/14/2017	HB	100 yd	10-shot group	0.105"
Mark Buettgen	8/14/2017	HB	100	10-shot group	0.104"
Jeff Peinhardt	8/26-27/2017	LV/HV	100/20	20-group multi gun	0.1869"
Jim Nicolas	10/21/2017	HB	100	5-shot group	0.058"
Gary Ocock	10/21/2017	HB	100	5-shot group	0.045"
Larry Boers	10/21/2017	HB	100	5 shot group agg	0.1271"
Gary Ocock	10/22/2017	HB	200	5-shot group aggregate	0.1390"
Gary Ocock	10/21,22/17	HB	100/2005-shot group grand agg		0.1562"

**Voting results for Executive Board Officers**

2nd vice President:

224	Frank Danisienka	1 write in	11 not voting
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Treasurer:

219	Bill Gebhardt	4 write ins	12 not voting
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Executive Board Secretary:

161	Jim Bauer	62 Mike Gaizauskas	0 write ins	13 not voting
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## **Presidents Report:**

Jeff Stover went over a Power Point slide show which is posted separately on the IBS website along with his annual report.

## **2017 Season Rule Book Items:**

The meeting moved into the proposed agenda items. These items below, if approved, will result in a one year trial period. If passed they will be included in the ballot this fall to accept or reject.

### **SCI: Recommendation for Score SY program**

This is a petition to change the current point system for Score Shooter of the Year. SSOY should encourage people to travel and promote shooting this sport against competitors from all over. The current system was to only be a one year trial, and we would like to see the Score Committee change it back to 2016's way of calculations with changes in the number of points awarded. **This submission was not considered further.**

### **SC2: New 6x Class**

Any current legal light varmint rifle with a 6x scope, weighing 10.5 lbs or less, will be acceptable for this new 6x class. We did not want to disturb the Hunter, or Varmint Hunter rules or records with making changes to the current guns so a new class should start where anyone can bring an existing LV rifle out and compete. Any Hunter or VH rifles can compete in this new class. Records should be awarded only after 2 calendar year of competition.

**This was an agenda item but the process for consideration was not consistent with IBS Bylaws so was not voted on. Nevertheless, the Executive Board and Score Committee believe the idea has merit. The Score Committee, by consensus, will encourage all Score discipline clubs to offer non-registered competitors using 13.5# VFS rifles with a 6x power scope affixed. The 6x Hunter and Varmint Hunter classes continue to lose participation; using VFS rifles with a 6x may stimulate overall 6x shooting.**

**The Long Range Committee asked that the following Long Range agenda items be reordered for consideration.**

### **LR5: "Coaching Rule Changes**

Re: New Long Range Rule book, page 26, "General Rules", Coaching.

#### **Existing Rule:**

1147 Coaching. Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exception: for safety and 1148 instruction purposed, new shooters may be assisted during their sighter period and record string

1149 with permission for the Range Officer and for no more than two matches. Other than this 1150 exception competitors caught coaching or receiving coaching will be disqualified.

#### **Proposed Rule Change:**

Replace lines 1147, 1148, 1149 and 1150 with the following:

Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exceptions for safety reasons only. New shooters may be assisted during their Rookie period with permission for the Range/Safety Officer. Mentally or physically handicapped shooters may receive assistance with permission from the Range/Safety Officer. Handicapped shooters must indicate what type of assistance they require prior to the start of the match. It is for the Range/Safety Officer to determine whether this request is reasonable, fair or within current IBS rules. The Range/Safety Officer may allow a new, rookie or handicapped shooter a previously designated coach and that person/coach, during the sighter period only, may fire a sufficient number of shots until one shot is spotted on the bank, berm or sighter target. Then the New, Rookie or handicapped shooter must resume firing the rifle for the remainder of the sighter period. If a Coach performs more than described here and or to the Range/Safety Officer, then both the shooter and Coach will be disqualified from the matches in which they committed the violations s

Reason for Change/Addendum: Pursuant to the 2016 IBS National Championship incident where an advising competitor took possession of another competitor's gun, occupied the same competitors seat at their assigned bench. Shot the same competitors rifle and adjusted the same competitors scope so as to be "On Target". The previously mentions "same" competitor had participated in many previous IBS matches including top ten finishes at National competitions and obviously did not have Rookie status.

Through a misunderstanding with a Range Officer this "advising" competitor took full advantage of the Range Officer's lack of familiarity with this "advising" competitor and did not convey their full intentions. It is also commonly felt that this was a violation of existing rules but further clarification would be helpful in future situations.

**Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE**

Vote of Long Range competitors at meeting: **Approved (unanimous)**

**LR1: "For yard competition at a given range, only one IBS club may host matches that earn 600 yard SOY points."**

One IBS affiliated club may use a single or common range facility including the ability to award 600 yard IBS SOY points. Any additional IBS club wishing to use a range or club facility that another IBS club is currently using may not award 600 yard SOY points at their matches.

Reason for Rule Change: There is no existing rule concerning this matter and this proposal would be an addition to the rules instead of a "Change". Currently we have no formal policy in place for the addition or prohibition of new IBS clubs or existing IBS clubs piggybacking an existing IBS range/club facility. At the Winter Meeting of 2015 it was decided by the LR committee that any additional IBS clubs, whether new or existing, may not use an IBS affiliated range/club facility that is currently being used by a IBS club including the ability to away SOY points. See current January 16, 2016 IBS 600 yard shooter of the year program on the IBS website. In effort to promote consistency within 600 yard discipline and at the direction of the LR committee.

**Long Range Committee recommendation: Approve**

**Vote of LR Competitors at meeting: APPROVED**

**LR2: "One Range/One Club" in 1000 yard competition**

Re: New Long range rule book, page 2, Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities. Club, Line 221 thru Line 223.

Existing:

221 Club. An affiliated Club, as defined in the By-Laws of the association, or an individual of the 222 Association who owns, leases, or controls a range meeting the specifications of a range suitable 223 for holding a Registered Tournament.

**Proposed Addendum to this Rule:**

At this end of line 223 add the following: No IBS range or facility may allow more than one club to use their range or facility for the purpose of awarding additional IBS SOY points. Each IBS approved range location has the ability to appoint only one club which can award and submit SOY points to the IBS for consideration on an annual basis.

Reason for change: In the past more than one IBS club has piggybacked on other club's range. All IBS clubs in the past have had the ability to award SOY points. With the ability to allow additional IBS clubs to shoot at another IBS facility/range there exists the chance of an unfair abundance of SOY points in a specific geographical location. It is impossible to determine the intent of these "piggyback" clubs that operate without their own ranges and therefore should not be allowed the ability to award SOY points. With the presence of these "piggyback" clubs in close proximity to other legitimate/conventional IBS clubs creates a situation of an overabundance of available matches in a specific geographical area that hurts the attendance and viability of the legitimate/conventional IBS clubs.

**Score Committee recommendation: OPPOSE**

**Vote of Long Range competitors at meeting: Rejected**

**LR4: "One Range/More than on club"**

It is recognized that the number of "Ranges Suitable for conducting IBS Long range matches is limited. Long Range Clubs may conduct their matches at a Range owned by the Club, or at a Range that is owned by persons other than the Club. More than one Club may conduct its matches at the same Range provided that each Club is recognized by IBS as a separate Club, each Club is in good standing with IBS, and the range used by each Club is covered by liability insurance that is suitable to the owner of the Range.

**Score Committee Recommendation: OPPOSE**

**Vote of Long Range competitors at meeting: REJECTED**

**LR3: "One Club/One range with Exceptions" in 1000 yard competition**

1000 yard Ranges and clubs-Ranges are only permitted to hold IBS sanctioned matches for one IBS Club for its 1000 yard matches, noting that: The Virginia 1000 yard Benchrest club is grandfathered and is not subject to this rule.

By action of the Long Range committee, and with agreement by the Executive board, this one range/one club rule may be waived in order to allow more than one club to use the same range if there is a reasonable expectation that it will lead to growth of the 1000 yard discipline. However, the second club at the range must be a distinct club with distinct officers running its own matches, not a clone of the other club.

The Long Range Committee is required, to the best of its ability, to establish a 1000 yard Shooter of the Year points system that minimizes geographical advantage. (EBoard comment- this last statement is a recommendation and not subject to a rules amendment)

Long Range Committee Recommendation: **APPROVE.**

Vote of the long Range Competitors at meeting: **APPROVED**

Motion made by Wayne France to adjourn with a 2nd by Charles Brock. The meeting was adjourned

Recording Secretary- Joan Borden

edited by Jeff Stover