

2007 IBS Annual Membership Meeting

The 38th annual membership meetings were held at the Harrisburg Holiday Inn and Conference Center in New Cumberland, Pa January 19-20, 2007. Special meetings of the Executive Board and the committees of the shooting disciplines were held Friday afternoon, January 19, 2007. There was also a social time held on Friday night.

IBS President Jim Borden called the annual meeting of members to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2007. A moment of silence was observed for deceased Benchrest shooters. Jim Borden called the roll of Clubs that had held registered matches in 2006 and the officers of the Executive Board to establish a quorum. Clubs that were present or submitted a proxy were: Black Creek, Bowmanstown, Bridgeville, Thurmont, Camillus, Canastota, Capitol City, Dunhams Bay, Fairfax, Holmen, Iowa 1000 yd, York, Palmisano, Lincoln Co, Mainville, Missouri Benchrest, Mount Airy, Braxton Co. Caledonia, Buck Creek, N. Carolina 1000 yd, Ohio 1000 yd, Orrington, Pinetucky, Palmetto, River Bend, South Creek, St Louis, South Africa, Sulphyr Springs, Oak Ridge, Upper Nesqualie, Harrison, Union County, Varmint Hunters, and Va. 1000 yd. Executive board members present were Jim Borden, Jim Goody, Bill Gebhardt, and Bob White. A quorum was established- there were 88 members present.

Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary report. The membership as of December 31, 2006 is 1833. Joan reported that \$23171.00 was turned over to the treasurer. Jerry Malerba made a motion to accept and motion seconded by Edna White. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Gebhardt gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$21836.00 in the regular account and \$12191.49 in the PR account. Gary Amatrudo made a motion to accept the report and motion seconded by Francis Becigneul. Motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Borden spoke about the treasury. He stated that many years ago a significant amount of money was contributed to the Treasury as a result of the sale of Benchrest videos developed and sold by Jim and Joan Borden. For perspective the \$40.00 a year membership goes toward: Precision Shooting cost is \$31.00 leaving \$9.00. Each member gets a renewal notice, envelope, label and stamp when it is time for their renewal. When they renew each person gets another envelope, membership card, decals, and stamp. In the fall each member receives a ballot, envelope agenda items, return envelope and stamp. Also the dues go toward expenses for the annual meeting, website, webmaster, secretarial, editorial fees, and phone. Jim pointed out that these expenses basically deplete the remaining \$9.00. The match fees are crucial for supporting the awards program and to supplement the ongoing administration expenses. Jim stated that the 1000 Yard \$1.00 per competitor per shoot was to be a temporary 2 year plan when the 1000 yard competition was first recognized in the mid 1990's. He noted that we are well beyond the 2 years and announced that the executive Board with the Long Range Committee had made a decision in the Friday Committee meeting to change the 1000 yard match fee to \$2.00 per shoot per competitor effective immediately. As of now there is no dues increase but that may need to happen in the future.

An executive board decision on safety will be implemented this year. A dangerous event occurred in 2006 that could have had devastating consequences. Based on that event, the Executive board made a decision that will implement a temporary new set of Range Commands for 2007. These commands are to be voted on at the 2008 meeting to determine if they will be permanent.

In order for range officer to maintain control of the line, the competitors will remain seated and be quiet until cease fire is given. Competitors may leave the bench for an emergency with the acknowledgment of the range officer or his designated representative. Here are the new commands:

“Cease fire, remove your bolts, and remain seated.” –“Show your bolts by raising them over your head.” (At this point the Range Officer will visually inspect the firing line, with help from appointed Safety Officers, as appropriate, who will signal the Range Officer that all bolts are out with a thumbs up sign). Once the Range Officer confirms that the line is safe, he/ she shall command: “Clear the benches.”

This will go into effect immediately for all registered matches with no exceptions.

Awards committee:

Jim gave the report. The 2005 Keeper Plaques are being replaced. All of the plates and plaques should have been updated this last year and sent out by time of the meeting. Paul Ryan gave information about the Precision Rifleman awards. 983 shooters have accumulated points and the program has collected all data back to the beginning of modern Benchrest in 1948. Wayne Campbell earned silver in 2006. Bill Eckenrode and Ken Livengood earned Bronze and will receive jackets this year. Paul said it is the shooters responsibility to make sure that they have the correct number of points. 600 yard clarification for points. During the original meeting regarding 600 yard points it was said the points would be like 100/200/300 yard points. After the 600 yard competition began, confusion arose as to whether or not score and group counted separately as they were fired at the same time which greatly effected how many points could be tallied. It was decided and announced that only the top gun of the match would get points—that top gun is the winner of the score/group consolidated results for Light Gun and the Score/group consolidated results for the Heavy Gun.

Long range achievements: Lee Fisher silver, Kerry Vinson, Danny Brooks, Mike McNeill gold. 6 people achieve silver- Leonard Baity, Joel Pendergraft, Blake Daniels, Dave Tooley, Al Johnson, and Bobby Elder. Two plaques will be handed out in St. Louis at the nationals- Ron Hoehn and Dave Bruno.

Records Committee:

Bobby Hart gave report. 11 new records set in 2006. The records committee is still using the same calipers as from the beginning of measuring records- this keeps records measurements consistent. There were 2 in score, 2 group, 5 600 yard and 2 in 1000 yard competition. Score: JR Walters 250-23x for 100 meters HV Score ,Al Weaver 250-25x-21wipe outs for HV Score 100 yards. Group- David. Farrar LV 200 yd 5 shot 0.091, Lee Euber HV 100 yd 5 group agg.-0.1493. 600 yard: Don Rose HG score aggregate- 204,

Glenn Strickland HG score aggregate 207- 2.599”, Joel Kendrick HG/LG score aggregate-406- 2.526”, Larry Isenhour- HG score 54-2.254”, and Mike Scronce- HG score-54- 1.944. 1000 yard: Lee Fischer- HG 10 shot group 3.427 and Pierre Lucas Lg 10 match score 46.4 & group agg. 7.7412.

Long Range Report:

Lee Fisher gave the report. During 2006 there were 5- 1000 yard clubs and 6- 600 yard clubs holding registered matches. All 1000 yd clubs except for North Carolina will hold two matches per day. The match consists of both light and heavy guns. Each shooter, by class shoots in a relay. The relay winners by class, for both score and group advance to a shoot off, where score and group relay winners shoot against each other. The 600 match consists of Light and Heavy gun classes shooting a four target aggregate. There were a total of 57 long range matches in 2005, 92 in 2006 and 106 scheduled for 2007. The long range marksman program for 1000 yard shooters continues to be a success. **Committee for 2007:** Lee Fisher, Danny Brooks, Leonard Baity, Bill Truitt, Mark King, and Jeff Rheborg.

Bud Collison handed out the 600 yard shooter of the year awards:

20th through 1st:-Billy Copelin, Mike Eshleman, Glenn Strickland, Larry Eisenhower, Brian Fox, Charles Bland, Lloyd Grisvale, Jerry Cohal, Davis Powers, Greg Culpepper, Jerry Simonson, Mark Schronce, Glen Sterling, James Savay, Tim Grayson, Mark Antes, Richard Sholtz, John Grosword, Richard Kelson, and 1st place Joel Kendrick.

Score Committee Report:

Gary Long reported. Thirty IBS clubs hosted 116 registered score shoots for 2006. There were 3,711 aggregates shot, represents a 7% increase over the 2005 season. In past 2 years there has been a 14% increase in aggregates shot. The 100/200 yd Nationals were held at MGGOA with 71 shooters present. The 200/300yd Nationals were held at Mainville with 61 shooters present. Jim Borden said research indicated that regardless of what the intent was when the By=_ laws were changed years ago concerning the Score committee election, the by laws need to be followed to the letter around voting for the Score committee. The voting will be voted on by hunter competitors at this meeting. There is a by law change to be voted on later today. The existing score committee agreed to be on the committee again. Jim asked if any nominations for other people to be on the committee. Wayne Shaw, Francis Becigneul and David Halblom were nominated to be voted on. Nine names for potential committee members. There was a vote by the hunter competitors. The top 6 that received the most votes are on the score committee for 2007. **Committee for 2007:** Gary Long, David Apple, Joe Entrekin, Vince Pastorella, Orland Bunker, and Jim Goody.

Joe Entrekin sponsored an award for 250-25x: A very nice traveler trophy and an individual trophy. First person was Dennis Collins 7/96, Dennis Collins 9/96, Ted Parreco 7/97, Jeff Buchanan 1999, Carl Baker 10/2000, Jim Goody 2002, Joe Entrekin 2003, Rich Whiteash 2004, Dean Breeden 2005, David Apple 2005, and Al Weaver 2006.

Score Shooter of the Year:

VFS- 20th-1st- Allie Euber, Ricky Reed, Joe Entrekkin, Roger Avery, Wayne France, Jim Wooten, Bill Gebhardt, Henry Rivers, Johnny Lorick, Randy Jarvais, Al Weaver, Rod Morton, Danny Hensely, Dick Grosbier, Wayne Shaw, JR Waters, Dean Breeden, Ken Livengood, Jackie Stogskill, and David Apple VFS score shooter of year.

6 power: 10th- Ina Reese, Randy Fritz, Eddie Harren, Al Kogoy Jr, Al Kogoy Sr, Orland Bunker, Parker Hills, Gary Long, Peter Wass, and 1st. Frank McKee.

Rookie: 3rd Danny Hensley, Leon Garfield, and 1st Adrian VanGorder.

There will be a change for Shooter of the year awards in 2007. All of the Shooter of the Year programs are administered by the committees. Boundary areas that executive board gave-do not designate shoots, put a cap on how many shoots to be counted. Each Committee will decide what that cap is. The Score Shooter of the Year will be top limited to counting 12 Matches.

Group Committee:

Gary Amatrudo. Gary stated it was a difficult year for group shooting. Attendance was down for the 2 day matches. We Probably lost two ranges- Palmisano and Dunhams Bay for 2 day matches. There were 100 shooters for Nationals at Canastota. 200/300 yd Nationals was sparsely attended. 18 rookies shot during the year. That was the lowest number of rookies in many years. Gary asked the members present to try and attract new shooters for group matches. Gary wanted to thank Herb Hoversted for all his work at Camillus over the years—Herb is retiring as Club Director and Jerry Malerba will be taking his place.. **Group shooter of the Year:** 20th-1st- 20th Gary Amatrudo, Tony Boyer, Joe Krupa, Dave Bruno, Bob Kenderdine, Charles Derock, Jack Sutton, Andy Shifflet, Wayne Campbell, Russ Boop, Bill Brawand, Joel Nader, Smiley Hensley, Tim Reed, Bob White, Milt Craven, Allie Euber, Bill Eckenrode, Lee Euber, and Bill Goad 1st.

Rookie: 5th Larry Kelly, Kip Jones, Greg Reed, Bill Simons, and 1st Russ Raines.

Committee for 2007: Jeff Stover, Gary Amatrudo, Kent Harshman, Mark Trutt, Sid Goodling, and Lee Hachigan.

Temporary rule changes

Agenda items were included in the ballot:

Agenda item #3-(600 yard item) (PASSED) 524 yes 34 no 82 no votes

IBS 600 yard national Championship will be fired using an aggregate format of 8 targets per class (light gun & heavy) Aggregates will be calculated by an average based on 8 targets. Light and heavy gun overall aggregates will be calculated based on sum of shooters ranking in individual aggregates. Lowest total is awarded the champion.

Awards: minimum top 10 patches for each aggregate, patches 2nd-10th place 3” patch and 1st 5” patch. IBS will review attendance and determine when and if patches are appropriate. Clubs furnish minimum 5 trophies for 1st-5th for each aggregate, only single targets in each class for score and group will be recognized for world records.

Agenda item#4 600 yd (PASSED) 412 yes 35 no 81 no vote

6-minute sight in period for 1st target and 2 minutes for each successive target. After sight in period shooters will have 10 minutes to fire their 5 record shots.

Agenda item #5 600yd item (PASSED) 423 yes 31 no 80 no vote
IBS 600 yard shooter of the year program will be administered by IBS long range committee. Rules for earning points will be developed annually by long range committee. Awards will be determined by committee on an annual basis.

Agenda item #6 600 yd (PASSED) 373 yes 67 no 85 no vote
January 2007 new target adopted. Would be 1000 yard target with scoring rings reduced 60%. Aiming square reduced by 40%- same size as currently used to maintain the same sight picture as if shooting at a 1000 yard target. Overall size (paper) remains the same. Score records at end of 2006 would be retired. Potential records would be submitted during 2007 season.

Agenda item #7 score shooting (PASSED) 424 yes 36 no 71 no vote
The IBS score shooter of the year program is to be administered by IBS score committee. Detailed rules for earning points will be developed annually by score committee. Awards determined by committee.

Agenda item #8a tuners/muzzlebrakes (PASSED) 317 yes 159 no 46 no vote
Tuners- Section B rifles: No additions or attachments shall be added to the barrel, with exception of a scope shade, which is attached to the barrel by the means of tape, Velcro or glue. Use of barrels tuners shall not be allowed (tuners are allowed in heavy bench)

Agenda item 8 B (PASSED) 378 yes 100 no 49 no vote
The following shall be added: Use of muzzle brakes and or venting or porting of barrels that redirects powder gas glow from following the direct line of rifle bore shall not be allowed.

Agenda item #9 score shooting (PASSED) 440 yes 35 no 55 no vote
The IBS score shooting section of the rule book shall be amended to add a rookie award for score shooting.

Agenda item #10 1000 yard (PASSED) 397 yes 43 no 88 no vote
Regarding 40 caliber rifles. Change rule book section VIII.39 to: Any equipment thought to be unsafe, harmful, destructive or otherwise unpredictable will not be allowed. Examples: auto—loading, tracers, incendiary projectiles, caliber large than 40 caliber may not be used in IBS sanctioned 1000 yard match.

Results of election for 2006:

Joan Borden gave the report-

President: Jim Borden 531 votes, 11 write in votes, 10 no votes.

Vice President: Dick Grosbier 486 votes, 46 write in votes, 21 no votes.

There were 31 unsigned envelopes that could not be counted for the vote.

Nominating Committee for 2007: Edna White, Bill Eckenrode, Curtis Nelson and Carol Grosbier. Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on next year.

Because of the number of new agenda items this year the items will not be included in detail in this report but will be available on the IBS website. The chart below is a synopsis of the agenda items.

Agenda Item label	Action taken
LR1	PASSED
LR2	PASSED
LR3	REJECTED
LR4	AMENDED
LR7	PASSED
LR8	AMENDED AND PASSED
LR9	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC1	PASSED
SC2	PASSED
SC3	PASSED
SC4	TABLED
SC5	REJECTED
SC6	PASSED
SC7	PASSED
SC8	PASSED
SC9	PASSED
SC10	PASSED
SC11	REJECTED
SC12	PASSED
SC13	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC14	PASSED
SC15	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC16	REJECTED
SC17	REJECTED
SC18	PASSED
SC19	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC20	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC21	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC22	TABLED

SC23	PASSED
SC24	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC25	TABLED
SC26	TABLED
SC27	TABLED
SC28	TABLED
SC29	AMENDED AND PASSED
SC30	TABLED

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edna White with a second by Gary Amatrudo. Motion approved and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan Borden
IBS Recording Secretary