

IBS Annual Meeting

January 11 and 12, 2013

The International Benchrest Shooters Annual Membership meeting was held in the Harrisburg Holiday Inn and Conference Center in New Cumberland, Pa. on January 11-12, 2013. There was a social time held on Friday night and committees had the opportunity to meet and discuss information.

The members' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. 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:

Ashe County, NC
Bell City, CT
Black Creek,
Bluegrass, KY
Boone Valley IA
Bowmanstown PA
Benchrest Club of St Louis, MO
Bridgeville DE
Buck Creek,
Caledonia VT
Camilus NY
Capital City ME
Cool Acres, GA
Dunhams Bay, NY
Fairfax, VA
Gopher, MN
Harry Jones WV
Holton, MI
LCRC, ME
Mainville PA
Memphis SSA, TN
MGGOA, GA
NC 1000 yd, Oak Ridge TN
Orrington, ME
Palmetto, SC
Pascagoula, MS,
Piedmont, NC
SMBR, MO
South Creek PA
Thurmont, MD
Union County, PA
VA 1000 yard
Vapor Trail, MO
Whitehorse, WV

York, PA

Executive Board members present were: Jeff Stover, Richard Grosbier, Bill Gebhardt, John Cascario, Jeff Walker and Robert White. A quorum was established.

Joan Borden gave the Secretary report. Membership as of January 1, 2013 is 1004. Joan reported that \$33,910.14 was turned over to the Treasurer.

Bill Gebhardt gave the Treasurer report. The organizations finances are more stable as a result of the dues increase a few years ago.

The IBS Secretarial and Treasurer's books were audited before the meeting by a CPA. Also at the meeting their books were reviewed by an audit committee consisting of Jeff Green and Gary Long. Records were in order.

First VP and Match Chairman Dick Grosbier reported that the 2013 match schedule was well set. Nationals for 2013 were set as follows: 1000 yard is being held in Yukon, MO, the Group Nationals in Holton, MI, and Score Nationals at Union County.

Second VP John Cascarino/Awards chairperson gave the awards report. John keeps very detailed information on shipments of stickers, patches plaques, and materials that are sent out to clubs holding matches. The Group report was given by Sid Goodling, Committee Chairman. Sid thanked Brian Dolinsky for keeping stats. Sid stated that in 2012 there were 153 different shooters and 10 rookie shooters with 758 aggregates shot. Thirty-two shooters qualified for the Shooter of the Year competition. In 2013 the Nationals will be held at Holton, Michigan. Group committee for 2013 will consist of Sid Goodling, Harley Baker, Bill Goad, Dale Boop, and Mark Trutt.

The Long Range report was given by Stanley Taylor. Stan reported that the attendance was close to the attendance from 2011. An average of 30 shooters at all clubs for exception of 600 yard where there were 40 plus shooters for 600 yard. Stan stated he would like to generate younger shooters to help keep the long range discipline on an equal. Committee for 2013: Stanley Taylor, Sam Hall, Shannon Lowman, Mike Wallace, Ken House, Steve Sabo, Jim Bauer, Bob Rosen, and Tom Jacobs.

Score Committee report was given by Wayne France. VFS shooter was Dean Breeden. KL Miller won 6X shooter of Year and David Richardson won VFS Rookie of Year. The Score Committee members for 2013 are: Bill Sargent, Kim Llewellyn, Herb Llewellyn, Ricky Read, Wayne France and Orland bunker. Wayne France was thanked for keeping Score Shooter of the Year points.

Kent Harshman gave the Records Report. He thanked Bob Hart and Dave Tooley for being on the Committee. There were 26 new records set in all the disciplines. A full record of the new records along with all of the previous year's records are located on the IBS website.

Temporary Rule changes that were voted on by ballot:

Score #1

Amend rule book to recognize a 2-gun champion at the Score Nationals. This would consist of the 100 and 200 Varmint for Score and 6-Power (VH and H) grand aggregates. Other award for the 2 gun would follow those as already set for the VFS, H, and VH classes. Counted votes: 328 yes, 43 no, and 18 no vote.

Proposed by law change BL#1

Amend the bylaws Article II, section 8.4 to move the cutoff date for proposed rule changes from July 1 to September 1. The respective committee recommendations must be received by the Executive Board by November 1. Counted votes: 355 yes, 26 no, and 12 no vote.

Election of Officers: President Jeff Stover received 383 votes, 11 no votes and 3 write-ins. 1st Vice President: Dick Grosbier received 381 votes, 13 no votes and 6 write ins.

President Jeff Stover thanked the committee members, webmaster Dick Grosbier and Joan Borden for their efforts. He also thanked the people that kept the points for each discipline. Members that kept points for the organization: Phillip Yottfor 1000 yard; Brian Dolinsky for Group; Wayne France for Score; Sam Hall for 600 yard and Herb Llewellyn for Precision Rifleman.

The Presidents full power point presentation is on the IBS website. Jeff reported that in November 2012 the IBS officers first heard that Precision shooting magazine was folding. He stated they were informed by an attorney representing PS magazine that the company's creditors will not be made whole, and subscribers will not see any sort of refund. He stated IBS had no control over the business dealings of PS magazine. Jeff stated the EBoard considered two options; buying pages in the NBRSA magazine or a Web presence. The latter option was expanded in December through conversations with Paul McMenamin who is owner of accurateshooter.com. this partnership with accurateshooter.com should give the IBS and benchrest in general a much higher profile. This arrangement does not replace internationalbenchrest.com or IBSmagazine.com. Jeff encouraged match directors to submit match information to Dick Grosbier- IBS webmaster and accurateshooter.com. The partnership with accurateshooter.com will result in coverage of all IBS Nationals and 12 featured matches. The second phase will be the development from scratch, of a new match scoring and reporting system. there will be more to come on this in the coming months.

Effective February 1, 2013 IBS dues will fall to \$45 per year. Members may elect to pay \$5 more to receive a mailing in the fall including upcoming agenda items.

Proposed 2013 rule changes

#1: Join Varmint Hunter and Hunter classes into a single class; Hunter for Score. Motion to reject this was made by Gary Long and 2nd by Charlie Brock. Item rejected.

#2 Score: Join Varmint Hunter and Hunter classes into a single class to be called Hunter for Score while maintaining separate records for each. New combined class will be Hunter. Motion to accept was made by Helen Long, and 2nd by Dean Breeden. Approved.

TP#1: Must be a member of IBS to compete at IBS tournaments (Williamsport 1000 yard club members may continue to compete at IBS 1000 yard Nationals) Motion to accept was made by Jeff Green and 2nd by Wayne France. Approved.

TP#2: Allow IBS discipline committee members to serve as referees (IBS Ex. Board members would continue to be barred as referees). Motion reject this item was made by Jim Borden and 2nd by Hal Drake. Item rejected.

LR#1: Allow match officials to take into consideration the marks left by paint-colored bullets to ascertain cross-fires (in addition to other means). Also, amend language to memorialize procedure if

more than one shooter crossfires on the same target. Motion to accept was made by Sally Bauer and seconded by Mike Green. Approved.

BL#1: Enable the Executive Board to institute Internet-based voting for officers and amendments to the rule book and bylaws in addition to, or as a replacement, for the Annual meeting. It was cautioned that this allows the Executive Board to institute this, but many technical and administrative hurdles remain to implement. Motion to approve this was made by Hal Drake and seconded by Steve Sabo. Approved.

BL#2: Authorize the President to appoint up to two additional members to each discipline committee (designed to ensure geographic representation). Motion to accept was made by Wayne France and seconded by Carol Grosbier. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned.