

**IBS Annual Meeting
January 12, 2013**

**Meeting Summary
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The 44th Annual Meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters (IBS) was held on January 12, 2013 in New Cumberland (Harrisburg), Pennsylvania. An official record of the meeting will be produced and posted on the IBS web site (www.internationalbenchrest.com). The following is an unofficial overview of information and actions taken at the meeting. The official minutes are being prepared by the Recording Secretary and will appear later on internationalbenchrest.com.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. 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 of the 38 clubs that held registered IBS matches in 2012; a quorum was obtained either by a representative at the meeting or by proxy. Approximately 50 persons attended the meeting.

Reports of Officers and Committees

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Bill Gebhardt. The organization's finances are more stable as a result of the dues increase of \$10 a few years ago. The IBS books were reviewed by a CPA and an audit committee consisting of Jeff Green and Gary Long.

First VP and Match Chairman Dick Grosbier reported that the 2013 schedule for all disciplines are well set.

Second VP John Cascarino gave a summary of his management of the awards items that he needs to track. He keeps detailed spreadsheets of all the patches, stickers, trophies and other awards that the IBS purchases and sends to the member clubs. John was recognized for his diligent work.

Sid Goodling gave the Group Committee Report and indicated the group discipline had a reasonably good year. He announced that the 2013 Group Nationals will be held at Holton, MI. Harley Baker repeated as the Group Shooter of the Year and accepted his award from Sid.

Shooters elected to serve on the Group Committee are: Sid Goodling (Chair), Dale Boop, Mark Trutt, Bill Goad, Harley Baker and Kent Harshman. Brian Dolinsky was thanked for keeping the Group Shooter of the Year points.

Stanley Taylor, Chairman of the Long Range (600-1000) Committee gave a report on the number of shoots and competitors (*see IBS President's Report for data and charts*). The 1000 yard Shooter of the Year was Sally Bauer who was present to accept his award. She had an extraordinary year and was also the Top Female in 600 yard! The 600 Yard Shooter of the Year was Mike Hanes who not only was present to get the award, but he also volunteered to keep the 600 Yard Shooter of the Year points in 2013.

The 2013 Long Range Committee will consist of: Chairman Stanley Taylor (WV), Steve Sabo (PA), Jim Bauer (KS), Shannon Lowman (NC), Samuel Hall (TN), Mike Wallace (VA) and Ken House (IN).

Wayne France, a member of the Score Committee was thanked for keeping the Score Shooter of the Year points. The Shooter of the Year for VFS was Dean Breeden which was a repeat from last year. KL Miller won the 6X Shooter of the Year award. David Richardson was there to accept his VFS Rookie of the Year award.

The Score Committee for the upcoming year are: Dr. Bill Sargent (Chair), Kim Llewellyn, Herb Llewellyn, Ricky Read, Wayne France and Orland Bunker.

Kent Harshman, Chairman of the Records Committee reported on the various records that were set in all disciplines. A total of 26 new records were set in all the disciplines, many of them at 1000 yards. A tally of the new records will soon be on the IBS web site.

Temporary Rule Changes

There was only one temporary rule change on the ballot in 2012. It was to recognize a 2-gun Champion at the Score Nationals – VFS and 6-power. This was **approved** by a large margin.

The by-laws change was approved to move the submission date for rule change petitions from July 1 to September 1.

Results of Election

None of the officers running had opposition: re-elected were President Jeff Stover and 1st VP Dick Grosbier.

President's Report

Stover thanked the committee members, webmaster Dick Grosbier and Recording Secretary Joan Borden for their efforts. Also, singled out were those persons keep points for the disciplines:

Phillip Yott – 1000 yard
Brian Dolinsly – Group
Wayne France – Score
Sam Hall – 600 yard
Herb Llewellyn – Precision Rifleman

Each of these individuals devoted MANY hours of effort on behalf of their fellow shooters.

The president's presentation will be posted separately on the IBS web site as a PowerPoint Show which allows any computer to open the report.

Stover recounted the events in November 2012 when the IBS officers first heard that Precision Shooting magazine was in financial difficulty and was folding. We have been informed by an attorney representing Precision Shooting that the company's creditors will not be made whole, and subscribers will not see any sort of refund. IBS has absolutely no control over the business dealings of Precision Shooting magazine.

Stover said the EBoard considered two options: buying a few pages in the new NBRSA magazine, *Precision Rifleman*; or a Web presence through the existing IBS website or some enhancements. The latter option was expanded in December through conversations with Paul McMenamin who is owner of accurateshooter.com and 6mmbr.com.

On January 11th the IBS Executive Board agreed in principle to partner with accurateshooter.com. The site is the premier rifle accuracy website with **130,000 unique visitors per week**. This arrangement does NOT replace internationalbenchrest.com or IBSmagazine.com.

The partnership with accurateshooter.com will result in **unprecedented coverage of all IBS Nationals** (600, 1000, Score, Group) and **12 "featured matches"**. Each presentation on accurateshooter.com is expected to include a shoot summary, a profile of a shooter and a sponsor profile. They estimate as much as five hours of work will go into each match presented on accurateshooter.com. As in the fashion of that web site, other enhancements, such as photos, videos and even audio clips can be done-and are encouraged to be submitted. For those that want to see the entire results data, the full information will be on the IBS website and linked from accurateshooter.com.

This partnership should give the IBS and benchrest, in general, a much higher profile and may help to expand our sport. Stover encouraged match directors to submit better and richer match information to IBS, Dick Grosbier and accurateshooter.com. IBS shooting will be featured on the **world's largest stage for accuracy shooters**.

This represents the first phase of the partnership. The second phase will be the development, from scratch, of a new match scoring and reporting system for all disciplines. The system could operate as a "virtual machine" without Internet access at the range. If a range has Internet connectivity, it is envisioned to be able to offer real time results on the Web. The system is slated to be highly sophisticated, but user-friendly. It would not be an Excel application, but one to interface seamlessly with the Web. We have had talks with the accurateshooter.com team and related the many challenges that face any programmer writing a scoring

program. There will be more to come on this in the coming months. We may be looking at a paradigm shift in benchrest scoring and dissemination of information, results and shooter rankings.

One of the ideas we have discussed with Paul McMenamin could be a special match later this year. It would be held only at 300 yards and be open to rifles in various flavors: LV/HV 6PPC, VFS/H 30BR, 600/1000 yard Light Gun, F-Class and maybe others. Which of these rifles can prevail at 300 yards? It is the outer limits of the PPC and may be in the wheelhouse of the 6BR long range versions, or maybe the .30 caliber boomers. There was a LOT of excitement in the room of this potential match. We envision a day of practice and a single day of competition with one warm-up and five targets for aggregate. IBS rules will be used. We are exploring both range and possible sponsors. The working title is the **accurateshooter.com/IBS 300 Yard Battle**. We think this shoot could gain some momentum and generate a lot of buzz around benchrest.

Effective February 1, 2013, IBS dues will fall to \$45 per year (international dues will be reduced accordingly). Members may elect to pay a special \$5 fee to receive two mailings per year from IBS. The first will be in the spring and will include an Annual Meeting summary and the match schedules. The second one, in the fall, will relay any agenda items for the following Annual Meeting. This “hard copy option” will be for those without Internet access, by choice or circumstance.

Proposed 2013 Rule Changes

- a. **Score #1:** Join Varmint Hunter and Hunter Classes into a single class: Hunter for Score - **REJECTED**.
- b. **Score #2:** Join Varmint Hunter and Hunter Classes into a single class: Hunter for Score *while maintaining separate records for each*. **APPROVED (new combined class will be “Hunter”)**.
- c. **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*). **APPROVED**
- d. **TP #2:** Allow IBS discipline committee members to serve as referees (*IBS Executive Board members would continue to be barred as referees*). **REJECTED**.
- e. **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. **APPROVED**.
- f. **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. **APPROVED. It was cautioned that this allows the EBoard to institute this, but many technical and administrative hurdles remain to implement.**
- g. **BL #2:** Authorize the President to appoint up to two additional members to each discipline committee (*designed to ensure geographic representation*). **APPROVED**.