

IBS Annual Membership Meeting

January 16&17, 2015

Joan Borden- Recording Secretary

The 46th Annual membership meeting of the International Benchrest shooters was held on January 16&17,2015 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey , Grantville, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Jeff Stover. A moment of silence was observed.

A roll call was held to determine a quorum. Clubs present or proxy representation were: Fairfax Va Club, Palmetto, Lincoln County, Ashe County, Bell City, Orrington, Conservation Park Va, Buckcreek, Sulphyr Springs, IWLA York, Piedmont, - Bridgeville, De, Bowmanstown, Caledonia, Pinetree, Capitol City, Thurmont, Grant Co, -Pinetucky, Cool Acres, MSSA, Hawks Ridge, Big Piney, Whitehorse, Harry Jones, Vapor Trail, Va. 1000 yard, Columbus Sports, St. Louis, Dunhams Bay, Union Co, Mainville, South Creek, North Florida and Fairchance. Executive Board members present: Jeff Stover, Dick Grosbier, Bill Gebhardt, John Cascarino, Jeff Walker, and Robert White. Quorum was established.

Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary report. Membership as of January 14, 2015 is 943. Joan reported that \$46287.76 was turned over to the Treasurer.

The Treasurers report was given by Bill Gebhardt. The organizations finances are more stable as a result of not paying for subscriptions to Precision Shooting magazine.

The IBS Secretarial and Treasurer's books had been audited by independent auditors. At the meeting Mike Wallace and Gary Long audited both sets of books. Gary Long stated that both sets of books were in order.

First VP and Match Chairman Dick Grosbier reported that the 2015 schedule is posted on the IBS website. He stated there are 39 clubs holding matches and a total of 260 matches. 2015 National Championship matches will be held at the following ranges : Group- Union county, Score- Augusta, ME, 600 yard- Vapor Trail, MO, and 1000 yard- Hawks Ridge, NC.

2nd Vice President and awards Chairman John Cascarino gave the report. John gave a power point presentation explaining how IBS awards are sent to each match director. John keeps detailed spreadsheets documenting shipments. Jeff Stover thanked John for his great organizational skills.

The Long Range Committee report was given by Stanley Taylor. Stanley stated that in both disciplines there was a zero change in attendance. Stanley stated ways to help attendance and help the future of the sport. He mentioned the Georgia club offering to help first year shooters by paying the first \$25.00 of the membership to IBS. He would like to promote this thought to the other clubs . He also said he would like to see IBS waive the balance of the membership fee and let first year shooters join for free, provided these new shooters participate at a registered club. Another suggestion would be a scholarship program. These are two of his thoughts to help grow attendance.

600 yard Score Shooter of Year top 5: 5th- Richard Shatz, 4th- Ryan Hunt, 3rd Steve Wilson, 2nd Andy Ferguson, and 1st- Mike Moses . Top female shooter is Donna Matthews, Rookie- Andy Yurick, and Junior- Rory James. Full listing of top 20 on IBS website

1000 yard Score Shooter of the Year top 5: 5th- Sally Bauer, 4th- Robert McMichael, 3rd- Robert McMichael, 2nd- Henry Brave, and 1st place- Mike Wilson. Full listing on IBS website.

1000 yard Rookie is Erich Ulrich, Junior Mason Hildreth, and top female shooter is Sally Bauer. Mike Wilson was given a special Thank you from Stanley about his generosity toward a shooter who was in declining health.

Long Range committee for 2015: Stanley Taylor, Sam Hall, Shannon Lowman, Mike Wallace, Ken House, Jim Bauer, Bob Rosen, David Matthews and Alex Wheeler.

The Group Committee report was given by Harley Baker. Harley thanked Brian Dolinsky for compiling the Group stats. There was 7 registered group matches and a total of individual shooters was 128. Harley talked about promoting the sport by running Benchrest clinics/schools that Bob and Edna White and Harley sponsor. Harley is working with Bucknell University Engineering Department on an electronic moving backer system.

Group Shooter of year top 5: 5th -Russell Rains, 4th- Kent Harshman, 3rd- Jeff peinhardt, 2nd- Barney Small and 1st place winner- Al Auman. Rookie shooter is Ed Hahn. Full listing posted on IBS website.

Group Committee for 2015: Harley Baker, Sid Goodling, Mark Trutt, Kent Harshman, Dale Boop, Bill Goad, and Hal Drake.

Score committee report was given by Wayne France. VFS Score shooter of the Year top 5: 5th- Kevin Donalds, 4th- Anthony Isner, 3rd- Randy Jarvis, 2nd- Dewey Hancock, and 1st place- Dean Breeden.

6 Power shooter of the Year, top 5: 5th - Gary Long, 4th-Orland Bunker, 3rd- Peter Hills, 2nd- Randy Jarvis, and 1st place- K.L. Miller. **Rookie Shooter** of the Year is Anthony Isner. Full listing posted on the IBS website.

Score Committee for 2015: Wayne France, Kim Llewellyn, Ricky Read, Orland Bunker, Jerry Powers, Charles Brock and Jim Cline.

Records Committee Report was given by Kent Harshman. Kent thanked Dave Tooley and Bob Hart for being on the Committee. There were 12 record submissions and 4 250-25x submissions in 2014. Four of these submitted for records were ratified. 1 in 600 yard and 3 in Score. One of the 250-2x was ratified. Kent spoke about submissions vs. records, measuring tools used and reticles.

New records for 2014:

600 yard record:

Paul Isenhour- 600 yard 2-Gun Group Aggregate. Current record is 1.7797". Confirmed Record: 1.7377".

Score Records:

Wayne France- HVFS 300 yard aggregate. Current record is 250/10x. Confirmed record: 250-11x.

K.L. Miller- Varmint Hunter 200/300 Yard Grand Aggregate

Current record is 496/5x. Confirmed record: 498-11x.

Dean Breeden- VFX/Hunter 100/200 yard 2-Gun Aggregate. Current Record is 1000/52x. Confirmed record: 1000-57x.

250-25x Ratification- Randy Jarvis.

Voting results for election of Executive Board Officers:

President	Jeff Stover 265 votes	7 write ins
Vice President/Match Schedule Chairman:	Dick Grosbier 249 votes	22 write ins

Temporary rule changes to become Permanent

Long Range #2 Amend Rifle Muzzle Position Rule

Section 111.N (page 14) "Position on Bench". In all registered tournaments for any class of competition the rifle shall be so place that the muzzle extends forward of the bench and the entire receiver of the rifle is behind the firing line.

Amend this section with the added sentence: "This rule does not apply to any form of Long Range competition"

Approved by the following mailed in vote: 193 yes 68 no 8 no votes.

New Business:

Presidents report:

IBS President Jeff Stover gave a power Point presentation. Jeff thanked the Executive Board, Committees, webmaster Dick Grosbier, and Joan Borden for their efforts for the organization. Thanks to IBS points keepers: 600 yard- Mike Hanes, 1000 yard Phillip Yott, Group- Brian Dolinsky, Score- Wayne France, and Precision Rifleman- Herb Llewellyn. Jeff also thanked Jamie Hammer for her work as IBS Social Media Director. Jamie set up and maintains the IBS Face book page. A thanks to the committee (Terry Balding, Jim Bauer, Mike Wallace, Harley Baker, and David Apple) for volunteering to do a comprehensive rewrite of the rule book.

Jeff's report included many graphs pertaining to expenses of the organization, number of shooters and many more informative facts. Full write of power point is on the IBS website. Jeff spoke about the partnership with accurateshooter.com. He said positives were higher profile for IBS and benchrest. IBS shooting is featured on the world's largest stage for accuracy shooters. Last year , the IBS Executive Board approved paying \$250 to the person responsible to report on the shoots for accurateshooter.com. One of the goals for 2015 is to work on an updated rulebook.

Proposed 2015 rule changes:

LR#1

Request for a Long Range rule change

Background:

IBS Long Range rules provide for three Courses of Fire:

Heavy Gun using Relays and shoot-offs to determine winners for IBS club competitions

Light Gun using relays and shoot-offs to determine winners for IBS clubs competitions

IBS Nationals using aggregate scoring to determine winners

These courses of fire limit IBS competition in that all competitors must be in attendance at the same range on the same day.

We are requesting that an additional course of fire, "Postal Matches" be added to the Long Range rules. Note that the intent is that a Club match would be designated as also being a Postal match, with aggregate scoring used only for the Postal Match portion of the competition.

Informal postal matches have been conducted for many years between the Australian 1000 yard and Virginia 1000 yard Benchrest Clubs. This competition would be formalized under this rule change. In the future, postal matches may be held between IBS clubs located in different parts of the USA, or between long range clubs located in different countries at the discretion of the individual club match directors.

Requested changes to IBS Long Range Rules section F(3)

F(3) Course of fire- IBS Nationals and Postal Matches

The 1000 yard Nationals and Postal matches will be fired using an aggregate format of at least 2 targets per class (light and heavy gun) with the option to add additional targets if the club determines they can complete the match with additional time needed based on available range facilities. The course of fire to be used for an given year will be decided for IBS nationals when the championships are awarded to the hosting club at the IBS meeting. and for Postal matches course of fire to be used for any given year will be decided by the participating club match directors. The format for the Championships will be clearly stated in all advertising for the Championships so that competitors have a clear understanding of the format that will be used each year.

Motion made by Randy Jarvis and a 2nd by Jim Bauer to table this item.

LR#2

Amend rulebook in Section VII.A.7 (long Range) to remove requirement of 1/2" clearance between a rest's sandbag container/retainer and any part of the rifle. Replace with "A front sandbag must maintain 1/2" in thickness and must be the only means of support at the rifle's forend".

Motion to accept this agenda item made by Jim Bauer with a 2nd by Shannon Lowman. **Agenda item passed**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Jarvis and 2nd by Edna White. Meeting adjourned.