

IBS Annual Membership Meeting
January 16, 2016
Joan Borden-Recording Secretary

The 47th Annual Membership Meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters was held on January 16, 2016 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.

Joan Borden called the roll of Match directors to determine a quorum. Clubs present or proxy representations were: Dunhams Bay, Union county, South Creek Mainville Sportsmen club, Camillus Sportsmen club, Fairfax, Piedmont, blue Grass Sports, Palmetto, Lincoln county, Ashe County, Bell city, Orrington, buck Creek, Bridgeville, Capitol city, Sulphyr springs, Thurmont, IWLA York, Pinetree Rifle club, MSSA , NW 1000 yard, Whitehorse, Hawks Ridge, Harry Jones, Vapor Trail, Hunters Point, Grant county, CSA/Columbus, Va 1000 yard, Quantico and Ga 1000. Executive board members present: Jeff Stover, Dick Grosbier, Bill Gebhardt, John Cascarino, and Bob White.

Recording Secretary Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary report. Membership as of January 1, 2016 is 913 members. Joan reported that \$48,250.40 was turned over to the Treasurer. Joan sends monthly reports and money to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Gebhardt. Total cash assets are some \$77,000. The organizations finances are more stable as a result of not paying for magazine subscriptions.

The IBS Secretarial books were audited by a CPA from Tunkhannock and the Treasurer's books were audited by an accountant from Lock Haven. Mike Wallace and Robert Hamister audited both sets of books before the start of the meeting. Mr. Wallace reported financial records were in order.

First VP and Match Chairman Dick Grosbier gave the match scheduling report. 41 Clubs held IBS registered matches. There were seven group matches, 97 score, 94- 1000 yard and 60 -600 yard matches. Nationals: 100-200 group nationals will be held at Fairchance. 100-200 score nationals at Johnstown, 200-300 score nationals at Mid Carolina, 1000 yard nationals at Georgia, and 600 yard held at Big Piney.

Second Vice President John Cascarino reported on the awards. John's report included detailed information on spreadsheets documenting the materials that were sent to the ranges. Jeff Stover thanked John for holding the office of Second Vice President. Jeff presented John with an award for his service in doing an outstanding job. John reported the following trophies were sponsored by: Jim and Sally Bauer- 7 traveling trophies, K.L. Miller- 6 power trophy, John Bosley- 100/200/300 aggregated and t shirts, and Bill goad- Group Rookie plaque.

The Long Range Report was given by Stanley Taylor.

600 yard top five: Steve Wilson, Ron Hunt, Jeff Godfrey, Carroll Lance, and 1st place- Andy Ferguson.

600 Yard Rookie- Carroll Lance. Female 600 yard- Lindsay Johnson.

1000 yard top 5: Tom Musell, Larry Bryant, Eric Alread, Jim Bauer and 1st place Robert McMichael. Jr. - Amber Brewer. Female 1000 yard- Amber Brewer. Rookie- Scott Frock.

2016 Long Range committee: Stanley Taylor, Jim Bauer, Sam Hall, Shannon Lowman, Mike Wallace, Ken House, David Matthews, Bob Rosen, and Alex Wheeler, Steve Wilson, and Richard Schatz.

Passed - 210 yes votes

19 no

15 no vote

New business:

Presidents Report:

IBS President Jeff Stover gave a Power Point presentation.

Jeff thanked the Executive Board, Committees, webmaster Dick Grosbier, Joan Borden, Paul Hammer, IBS editor and Ms. Jaime Hammer Facebook editor for their efforts for the organization. Jeff thanked the points keepers - 600 yard Donna and David Matthews,. 1000 yard- Phillip Yott. Group- Brian Dolinsky. Score- Wayne France. Precision rifleman- Herb Llewellyn.

Jeffs report included many graphs pertaining to expenses of the organization, where the dues go, number of shooters and many more informative facts. Full write up of his presentation including graphs is on the IBS website.

Jeff gave out two Presidents Awards: one to Tim O'Mara for his diligence to find a range/clubhouse to house the retired IBS trophies. Mainville Sportsmen's Club has an area for those items. Also Mike Wallace was honored for his extensive hours of work to produce a draft of IBS long range rule book. Last year, the Executive Board approved paying \$250 to the person responsible to report on the matches to be on accurateshooter.com. To be a featured match, the Match director must identify the person who will need to pull the information and photos together.

2015 By-Laws and Rule Book Items:

BL#1 Amend Article IV Meetings, Section 1. Annual meeting to add new item #5 to allow for Comprehensive updates to the rule book

Purpose: Currently, any rule changes must be done through the submission of individual agenda items by the membership upon the receipt of 25 member signatures. This process, over the years, has resulted in a Rule Book rife with inconsistencies and disorganization. This proposed by-laws amendment would allow, for the first time, a way to undertake a comprehensive update to the Rule book.

Add new item#5:

The rule book may be amended and updated in a global, comprehensive manner by a majority of the Board of directors, provided it is recommended by a majority of the Executive Board of directors. The minimum time between comprehensive updates may not be less than five (5) years. Such comprehensive Rule Book updates shall not require individual agenda items to be submitted. The initiation of a rule Book update shall be by majority vote of the Executive board of Directors. Jeff Green suggested the language in the proposed by-laws change be refined with a series of steps to be followed:

The rule book may be amended and updated in a global, comprehensive manner through:

1. Vote of the Executive Board to proceed with a draft update.
2. The official discipline committee(s) name one or more persons to construct the draft update, and authorize them to proceed to prepare the draft update.
3. IBS members that shoot the affected discipline(s) will be have a 30-day comment period on the draft update.
4. The affected discipline committee(s) will have a 30-day period to adjudicate the member comments.

5. The affected discipline committee(s) will recommend to adopt, or not adopt, the draft with the adjudicated changes to the Executive Board.
 6. The Executive Board will vote to either adopt, or not adopt, the draft update as recommended by the affected discipline committee(s).
 7. The draft updated rule book will be in effect for a one year trial, and will be voted upon, by mail vote, by the IBS membership.
 8. The comprehensive updated may be done no more frequently than every five (5) years.
- Motion to accept made by Orland Bunker with a second by Jerry Powers. Passed unanimously.

Sc#1

Amend rule Book at III.T.1.b.i. under tournament Procedures to recognize a 2-Gun 200/300 Grand Aggregate in Score competition. Motion to accept made by Mike Mastrogiavanni and seconded by Dick Grosbier. Item passed

TP#1 a

Amend rule Book at III.M.3.c under Conduct of Tournament for the Range Officer to insert the words "check your bore" in the sequence of range commands PRIOR to "commence fire". Motion to accept made by Charles Brock and 2nd by Edna White. Item passed.

GC#1

Amend rule Book to mandate the Heavy Varmint 200 yard aggregate be shot on the last day of Group Nationals competition. **Withdrawn by Group Committee.** This issue can be dealt with the Group Committee in consultation with the host range. Motion made to withdraw this item made by Harley Baker and 2nd by Kent Harshman. Withdrawn.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Orland Bunker and 2nd by Charles Brock.