

## **IBS Annual Membership Meeting**

January 14, 2017

Joan Borden- Recording Secretary

The 48th Annual Membership Meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters was held on January 14, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Grantville, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Jeff Stover. A moment of silence was observed for friends that had passed in the previous year.

Joan Borden called the roll of Match directors to determine a quorum. Clubs present or proxy representations in attendance were: South Creek, Mainville Sportsmens Club, Camillus Sportsmens Club, Fairfax, Piedmont, Bluegrass Sports, Black Creek, Palmetto, Lincoln County, Ashe County, Bell City, Orrington, Buckcreek/Somerset, Bridgeville, Capitol City, Sulphyr Springs, Thurmont, Pinetree Rifle Club, Mid Carolina, Whitehorse, Big Piney, Harry Jones, Vapor Trail, Benchrest St. Louis, Hunter Point, Grant Co, CSA Columbus, VA 1000 yard, Polk County, Georgia 1000 yard, and Blue grass. Executive board members present were: Jeff Stover, Dick Grosbier, Bill Gebhardt, Frank Danisienka, and Bob White.

Recording Secretary Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary report. Membership as of January 1 2017 is 922 members. Joan reported that \$47,246.73 was turned over to the Treasurer. Joan sends monthly reports and funds received to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Gebhardt. Total cash assets are \$112,886.

The IBS Secretarial books were audited by a CPA from Tunkhannock, Pa. and the Treasurer's books were audited by an accountant from Lock Haven Pa. Jeff Green, acting for the ad hoc IBS Audit Committee looked over both sets of books and reported everything was in order.

First VP and Match Chairman Dick Grosbier gave the match scheduling report. The following clubs will be holding the Nationals this year. 100/200 Score Nationals will be held at Union County(Weikert); 100/200 Group Nationals will be held at Holton, Michigan; 1000 yard Nationals will be held at Whitehorse Center; 600 yard Nationalsto be held at MSSA Memphis; 200/300 Score Nationals at Ashe County, NC.

Second Vice President Frank Danisienka gave a report on the awards. Frank thanked John Cascarino for an outstanding job he had done with the awards. Frank gave a detailed report on the plaques, stickers, jackets, and certificates that were awarded.

**Long Range Committee** report was given by David Matthews- he gave the report for Stanley Taylor who was not present. David reported that 160 shooters were given points in 600 yards, and 132 shooters received points in 1000 yard. The Top 5 in 600 yards are 5th- Andy Ferguson, 4th Carrol Lance, 3rd- Chad Jenkins, 2nd Jason Walker and 1st- Tom Jacobs. Rookie for 600 yards was Eric Dove. Female Shooter of the Year was Sally Bauer. The 1000 yard top 5 were : 5th - Ray Lowman, 4th Tom Mousel, 3rd- Mike Gaizauskas, 2nd- Mike Wilson, and 1st Robert McMichael. Amber Brewer won three awards: Female-Junior-Rookie Shooters of the year.

**The Group Committee** report was given by Kent Harshman for Hal Drake. Kent thanked Brian Dolinsky for keeping the points for Group competitions. There were 6 clubs that held matches in 2016. Top five

in Group shooting: 5th place- Al Auman, 3rd- Craig Rowe and Kevin Donalds tied, 2nd- Robert Hamister and 1st place Group Shooter of the Year was Harley Baker. Rookie of the Year was Todd Jeffers. Junior shooter was Darin Donalds Jr. Group Nationals for 2017 will be held at Holton Gun and Bow, Holton Michigan . The Group committee for 2017 is: Sid Goodling, Bob Hamister, Russell Rains, Dale Boop, Mark Trutt, Brian Dolinsky, Hal Drake, and Kent Harshman.

**The Score Committee** report was given by Jerry Powers. Top 5 in Varmint for Scorewere: 5th- Wayne Lewis, 4th Hillary Martinez, 3rd- Jim Cline, 2nd Dean Breeden and 1st- Wayne France.

Rookie top 5 award were: 5th- Scott Cochran, 4th- Ken Jackson, 3rd Robert Miller, 2nd Steve Hill and 1st- Josh Shrum.

The 6 power Top 5 were: 5th K. L. Miller, 4th Glen Olenick, 3rd Orland Bunker, 2nd- Peter Hills, and 1st place- Randy Jarvis.

**Score Committee** for 2017 will consist of: Jerry Powers, Kim Llewellyn, Ricky Read, Orland Bunker, Wayne France, Charles Brock, and Hillary Martinez.

**Records Committee** report was given by Kent Harshman. He thanked his committee members, Dave Tooley and Bobby Hart.

**New 600 yard Records:**

6/12/2016 John Ross- 600 yard 2-Gun Score Agg 395/1.8755"

**New 1000 - yard Records:**

7/24/2016- Michael Gaizauskas- 1000 yard HG 10-shot score. 100/2.871"

7/24/2016- Michael Gaizauskas- 1000 yard HG 10-shot group. 2.871"

2016 season:

Tom Mousel- 10 match 1000-yard LG group agg. 4.3155"

Robert McMichael- 10 match 1000-yard LG score agg- 47.9/4.5461"

**New Group Records:**

8/10/2016- Bob Scarbrough Jr. - HV 100/200 yard group grand aggregate- .1628"

8/9/2016 Bob Scarbrough, Jr. - 2 Gun 100/200 yard group multi-gun aggregate- .1937"

**New Score Records:**

8/27/2016- Dean Breeden - Varmint Hunter 100/200 grand aggregate- 500-30X.

8/27/2016- Dean Breeden - VFS/Hunter 100/200 yard 2 Gun Aggregate- 1000-58X.

**250-25X Recognitions:**

7/10/2016 - Dave Short (HVS) 250-25X, 10 WO's

7/16/2016 - Dean Breeden (LVS)- 250-25 WO's.

9/4/2016 - Josh Schrum (HFS)- 250-25X, 13 WO's

9/10/2016 - Dick Grosbier (HFS)- 250-25X, 13 WO's

Kent reminded all match directors to use the new record submissions from.

### **Executive Board Election Results:**

President:

Jeff Stover 247            8 write ins            5 no vote but ballot mailed back

Vice President:

Dick Grosbier 255            3 write ins            6 no vote but ballot mailed back

Jeff Stover gave the results for the temporary rule changes to become permanent.

**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. These proposed by-laws amendment would allow, for the first time, a way to undertake a comprehensive update to the rule book.

Add new items#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 Executive Board of directors. The minimum time between comprehensive updates may not be less than 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 Ex 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 disciplines will have a 30 day comment period on the draft update. 4. The affected discipline committees will have a 30 day period to adjudicate the member comments. 5. The affected discipline committees will recommend to adopt, or not adopt, the draft with the adjudicated changes to the Ex. board. 6. The Executive Board will vote to either adopt, or not adopt, the draft update as adjudicated changes to the ex board. The Ex board will vote to either adopt, or not adopt, the draft update as recommended by the affected disciple committees. 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. The comprehensive updated may be done no more frequently than every 5 years.

215 yes            21 no            25 did not vote

### **SC#1**

Amend rule Book at III.T1b.1 under tournament procedures to recognize a 2-Gun 200/300 Grand Aggregate in Score competition.

217 yes            16 no            27 did not vote

### **TP#1a**

Amend rule Book at III.M.3c 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"

173 yes            69 no            19 did not vote.

### **New Business**

Jeff Stover expressed concern that 69 members voted against adding the "check your bore" command before "commence fire". The IBS strives to ensure safety of all shooters. The fact that shooters have suffered serious injuries because of bore obstructions makes it all the more important that competitors on the line be reminded to "check your bore" Jeff said bore obstructions are by far the single most likely cause of accidents in our sport. All IBS shooters need to be aware of that both in competition and in practice.

President Stover thanked the Executive Board, Dick Grosbier, Joan Borden and Paul Hammer for their work. Also thanked the points keepers : 600 yard is Donna and Dave Matthews, 1000 yard - Phil and Debbie Yott, Group - Brian Dolinsky, Score- Wayne France, and Precision Riflemen- Herb Llewellyn.

Jeff said the membership is staying consistent with previous years. Jeff gave a Power Point presentation which included many graphs pertaining to expenses of the organization, number of shooters and many more informative facts. Full write up of his presentation including graphs is on the IBS website.

Jeff presented a concept that he had discussed with the Executive Board. He recommended the IBS seek the hiring of a part time Executive Director. This person will fulfill duties many of the volunteers do not have time to do.

Jeff presented an award to Ray Metz. Unfortunately , Ray was not able to attend the meeting. Ray donated five rifles , front rests, scopes, bullet and many other related items. The rifles will remain in Ray's ownership until sold. Frank Danisienka is inventorying all the items except rifles and barrels and will be selling them for IBS. Proceeds from these sales will be used to create a Ray Metz Fund. IBS sincerely appreciates Ray's gift.

### **New agenda item**

There was an item for consideration presented that pertained to Score.

The proposal was to eliminate the need for a magazine cutout in actions used in the 6X discipline. There was much discussion on the proposal. Dean Breeden made a motion to accept this amendment and Orland seconded it. The motion meant that magazine cutouts would no longer be required. All members can vote, but it is customary for only those that compete in the item to vote. The question was called and vote was 6-5 to reject the amendment. A member approached the podium to question whether one of the reject votes came from a current member. There was no record of membership for one of the voters. President Jeff Stover then said the vote would be 5-5 with the motion failing. The President called for a revote. The result was 8-5 to approve the agenda item. There will be a one-year trial on this item.

Jeff reminded competitors that the new NBRSA front bag rule allowing the front bag to wrap around the forend, and not allow a rifle to be vertically lifted from the front bag. To change the IBS rules there will have to be a rule change agenda item.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Orland Bunker and seconded by Edna White.

Meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary

Joan Borden

#### UPDATE:

After the meeting, an IBS member challenged the second vote on the motion to approve the agenda item to remove the cutout requirement. The IBS Executive Board (EBoard) has revisited the issue. The EBoard conceded the revote was a violation of Roberts Rules which, per the Bylaws, the IBS operates under. Therefore the second vote is void. The only vote that is valid is the initial vote which ended in a tie (5-5) after the 'yea' vote was not recognized since it was cast by a person who was not a member at the time of the vote [1]

All rifles competing in the 6X Score discipline must continue to adhere to the prevailing rule relative to the magazine:

The action will have a magazine cut in its bottom and the magazine shall be capable of holding two or more loaded rounds of ammunition for which the rifle barrel is chambered.