

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2010 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Part I**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Dennis Thornbury at 11:40 AM CDT on Saturday, September 18, 2010, in meeting room #224 of the Super 8 Motel, located in DeSoto, Kansas. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President  
Don Nielson, Vice President, Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman  
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager  
Joe Krupa, Eastern Regional Director,  
Joe Krupa, Traveling Trophy Committee Member, Target Committee Member  
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Regional Director, Rule Book Format Committee Chairman  
Rodney Brown, Outgoing Mid-Continent Regional Director (9/18/2010)  
Jack Snyder, Newly Appointed Mid-Continent Regional Director (9/18/2010 Board Appointed)  
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director, Rule Book Update Committee Chairman  
David Halblom, North Central Regional Director,  
David Halblom, Hunter Standing Committee Chairman, Traveling Trophy Committee Chairman  
Denny Andrews, Northwestern Regional Director  
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Regional Director  
Lou Murdica, Southwestern Regional Director, NBRSA Hall of Masters Chairman  
Wayne Campbell, Southeastern Regional Director Elect, SE Regional Director Alternate  
Wayne Campbell, NBRSA International Representative  
Jim Erickson, Financial Officer, Target Committee Chairman  
Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman  
Eric Stanton, NW Regional Director Nominee

**Re: Removal of Current Mid-Continent Regional Director & New MC Director Appointed:** Dennis Thornbury told the Board that since Rodney Brown no longer resides within the MC Region, he is not eligible to serve as the MC Director. Dennis mentioned that he had received emails from Mid-Continent Regional Members who were not happy that their Regional Director did not reside in their MC Region. Butch Fjoser (the previous MC Director) had contacted several Mid-Continent Members who would be willing to serve as the MC Director, if necessary. After a brief discussion, the Board removed Rodney Brown as the Mid-Continent Regional Director and replaced him with Jack Snyder. Snyder is to complete Rodney Brown's term, which will expire on the first Monday following the 2011 Varmint Nationals.

**Re: Resignation of NW Regional Director:** Denny Andrews, NW Director, had previously notified the President that he would be resigning on the first Monday following the 2010 Varmint Nationals. However, since the Northwestern Region had not elected an "Alternate" NW Regional Director, there was no one to replace him. Andrews agreed to serve until a replacement is found. The President then instructed the Business Manager to set up an Election for the NW Region as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. The incoming NW Regional Director's term will end on the first Monday following the conclusion of the 2011 Varmint Nationals.

**Re: Protest of Referees Decision at 2010 Cactus Classic:** Gene Bukys explained why he filed a "Protest of the Referees Decision" regarding the "errant shot" on Lester Bruno's LV 200-yard target at the 2010 Cactus Classic. He said that the "extra shot" needs to be accounted for. Jim Erickson was a Referee at the Cactus Match and stated that he had grilled Lester about the extra shot who said he may have made the shot since he had fired many shots because he believed that someone had messed with his scope & he had trouble seeing his shots. No one could verify that the "Shot" was there on the target before the 5-shots were fired. There were no Stationary Backers in use, so a crossfire could not be proven. David Halblom stated that it is the shooter's responsibility to account for all shots. After much discussion and a close look at all of the evidence submitted, a vote was called for. Those in favor of adding a 2-inch penalty to the target were: Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Jack Snyder, Bud Mundy, David Halblom, & Lou Murdica. Those against adding the 2-inch penalty were Denny Andrews and Wilbur Harris. The Board's decision was to add a 2-inch penalty to the target.

**Re: US World Team Report – Wayne Campbell:** Dennis Thornbury asked for a report from Wayne Campbell, NBRSA International Representative. Campbell stated that US World Team "Point Matches" will be figured next

week and the winners will be announced. Things are going smoothly and money is coming in. However, they are looking for new sponsors. The following question was asked of Campbell: "How much money would need to be raised in order for the U.S. World Team Members to not have any out-of-pocket expenses?" Campbell stated that \$75,000 - \$80,000 would be ample to send the US World Team to the competitions with no out-of-pocket expenses. The Board thanked Campbell for the good job he is doing.

**Re: Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman Report:** Dennis Thornbury then asked for a report from Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman. Bukys stated that there was really not that much to report. He said that he would appreciate it if Cross Printing would verify when they receive his emails, because he has no way of knowing if they have been received and have been read or not. Other than that, everything seems to be going quite well.

**Re: Don Nielson, Long-range Measuring Committee Chairman Report:** Since Karl Hunstiger, Long-Range Benchrest Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting, Dennis Thornbury asked Don Nielson, Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman, for a report on the Long-Range BR Competitions. Nielson asked the Board for a clarification as to whether or not Velcro can be defined as being a type of cloth that can be used on the riding side of the sandbag. The Board agreed that since Velcro is cloth, it can be used on sandbags in the Long-Range BR Shooting Competitions. The vote was unanimous to approve the use of Velcro on sandbags in the Long-Range BR Shooting Competitions. **This is to be added on page 58 of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition #37" under section K, Official Rules for 1,000-Yard Benchrest Competition, 2. Rests & Sandbags. It will be inserted immediately before the last sentence of section (a).**

**It will then read as follows:**

*(a) A sandbag is defined as a bag with or without a pedestal, with a leather or cloth cover, that is capable of being easily flexed by the fingers, and contains a dry finely divided nonmetallic substance such as, but not limited to sand, gravel, or grain. Without additive and packed loosely enough that the bag can be easily deformed by pressure of the fingers. The cover of the sandbag must not be bound in such a manner to prohibit free movement of the contents. Velcro cloth may be used on sandbags only in Long-Range BR Shooting Competitions. Lubricants such as talcum powder, Vaseline, mica or friction reducing tape of no more than .011" total thickness may be used on the bag for lubrication.*

**Re: Lou Murdica, NBRSA Hall of Masters Chairman Report:** Dennis Thornbury asked Lou Murdica, NBRSA Hall of Masters Chairman, if he had anything new to report. Murdica then distributed his latest report to the Board. Murdica said he was still working with it trying to get it to be the way he wants it. Joe Krupa volunteered to assist Murdica and asked Lou to send him the NBRSA Hall of Masters excel program and he will update it. Lou said that he will refine it some more before sending it to Krupa.

**Re: Hunter Rifle Competition – Tuners approved** Dennis Thornbury asked Dave Halblom, Hunter Standing Committee Chairman, for an update on the Hunter Benchrest. Halblom stated that the competitors at the 2010 Hunter Nationals had voted to adopt a rule change to allow the use of Tuners in Hunter Benchrest Competition. This rule change had passed at the 2010 Hunter Nationals, with only 2 dissenting votes. The NBRSA Board unanimously approved the new ruling. **The rule change will be made by adding the word "Tuners" in section (g) on page 77 of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition # 37", under section N, Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 2. Rifles. By adding the word "Tuners" in section (g). It will then read as follows:**

*(g) No blocking or sleeving of action or barrel will be allowed. Glue-ins are not allowed and barrel and action must be removable from the stock without destruction of stock. Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases, mirage shields, tuners, and original manufacturer's attachments.*

**Re: Traveling Trophies – Will Purchase Small Traveling Wall Plaques to replace or run parallel with Traveling Trophies**

Dennis Thornbury asked for a report from Dave Halblom, NBRSA Traveling Trophy Committee Chairman. Halblom suggested building a single very protective shipping box to haul ALL of the Traveling Trophies to the next Nationals. Halblom would like to further investigate the possibility of Kelbly storing the Traveling Trophies for NBRSA. Then at the Nationals, the winners would have their picture made with the large Traveling Trophy and they would also be given a smaller trophy plaque to carry home. Dennis Thornbury will check on the cost of having a single very protective shipping box built for the Traveling Trophies. Joe Krupa said the cost for these Trophy Plaques should be about \$8,000 and will have places for 10 years worth of yearly winners. The Board suggested that the previous winners also be listed on these plaques. Krupa said that would not be a problem, but it would increase the cost. Joe Krupa moved that NBRSA furnish the small traveling wall plaques (listing previous winners) to replace or run parallel with the Traveling Trophies. Krupa stated that he will put together the artwork for the traveling wall plaques & email it to the Board for their approval of the design. Jack Snyder seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous to **purchase**

the small traveling wall plaques (listing previous winners) and places for about 10 years' worth of yearly winners.

**Re: Jim Erickson, NBRSA Target Committee Chairman Report:** Thornbury asked Jim Erickson, NBRSA Target Committee Chairman, for a report and an update on the NBRSA Targets. He read an (12/22/2009) email he had sent to Dennis Thornbury regarding how Orrville prints, stores, and handles our target orders. One-half of the cost for the purchase of the target paper is paid upfront by NBRSA. The remaining cost is added into the cost of the targets as they are shipped. He said that in the future when we require more target paper, NBRSA might consider prepaying for the entire cost of the paper upfront. He estimated that the total cost for an order of target paper would be approximately \$50,000 or a little more. Erickson said that Eric Badertscher, President of Orrville Printing, told him that we should have no trouble getting paper in the future. The problem is the rising cost of UPS.

**Re: Jim Erickson, NBRSA Financial Officer Report:** Dennis Thornbury then gave the floor to Jim Erickson, NBRSA Financial Officer, for his annual report on the financial standing of NBRSA. Jim has checked into trying to lower the cost of processing credit cards & he is still talking with them about ways to save NBRSA money by maybe doing away with the \$12 Monthly Support Fee and the \$20 Terminals Fee.

Jim Erickson then explained to the Board that he had intended for NBRSA to get a "mini audit" or "limited review" in 2009, but the company who did our last one had requested that he call them in 2010 and set it up. Thus far into 2010, he has been unable to reach them to set up another "mini audit". He continued by saying that NBRSA may no longer be able to get "mini audits" (limited reviews) done in the future. The companies that are capable of doing them do not seem to want to bother with them any more. Erickson told the Board that the NBRSA Financials have not changed much. He then read an email he had sent to Dennis (and forwarded to Pat Ferrell) regarding NBRSA's current financial standing.

**Re: Bud Mundy, NBRSA Rule Book Update Committee Chairman Report:** Bud Mundy is still in the process of updating the NBRSA Rulebook by comparing all of the NBRSA Rule Book Editions against all of the NBRSA Board Meeting Minutes. He is attempting to make sure that nothing has been deleted (omitted) from or added to our current edition of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws" unless it was authorized sometime by the NBRSA Board. He wants the rule book to be accurate and to be written in such a way that it will be helpful to the NBRSA Members. Each of the current NBRSA Board Members and the NBRSA Business Office have an NBRSA Book of Minutes of the complete NBRSA Minutes. NBRSA Members have donated previous editions of the NBRSA Rule Book to Mundy to assist him in his search. Pat Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager, made copies of the editions of the Rule Book that Mundy was missing. The NBRSA Business Office has a copy of every edition of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws". They are not to be taken out of the office, but are a part of the history of the NBRSA and are to be saved for future generations of NBRSA Members to enjoy.

**Re: Scott Hunter, NBRSA Rule Book Format Committee Chairman Report:** Dennis Thornbury gave the floor to Scott Hunter, NBRSA Rule Book Format Committee Chairman. Hunter had suggested using a loose-leaf notebook for the next Edition (#38) of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws". Scott said that the actual printing cost for the pages of each Rule Book would be approximately \$2.50. When you include the cost of the typesetting, the actual printing, and the paper, the total cost of printing 2,000 Rule Books would be approximately \$5,090.00. After adding \$2.22 for the 7 1/2" X 4 1/2" loose-leaf notebook (having a 3/4" capacity for pages), NBRSA's cost per complete Rule Book would be approximately \$4.75.

Pat Ferrell, Business Manager, was asked about the cost of the current Edition #37 of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws". In September of 2008, NBRSA paid a total of \$4,160.00 for 2,000 complete Rule Books (NBRSA's cost per complete Rule Book is \$2.08). Those who purchase Rule Books are charged \$5.00. The cost of mailing a Rule Book is currently \$1.39. When you add the cost of the Rule Book, the postage, and the cost for the envelope, NBRSA's profit for the Rule Books that are actually sold is only about \$1.00 per book. Most Rule Books are given away at no charge. Those who routinely receive "free" Rule Books are: New Members and New Clubs; Renewing Members and Renewing Clubs (who have been inactive for 2 or more years); Clubs hosting the Nationals (receive from 5-10 Rule Books); and Board Members (receive Rule Books as they request them for their own use or to distribute).

**Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #1:** Dennis Thornbury then opened the meeting for the Board's Agenda Items with Joe Krupa, ER. Krupa **withdrew** his Agenda #1, which read as: *Require that "Stationary Backers" be used in ALL World TEAM qualifying Matches, as well as for the NBRSA National Competitions.* He will merge it with Gulf Coast Agenda Item #4.

**Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #2:** Joe Krupa said that his Agenda Item #2 will be handled on Friday, September 24, 2010, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Part of the 2010 NBRSA Board Meeting, which is scheduled to be held in the Club House of the Mill Creek Rifle Club, immediately following the day's competitions and after the Scorer has completed scoring all the targets. His Agenda Item #2 reads as: *Make permanent the order of competition for the Varmint & Sporter Nationals that was put in place on a temporary basis at the 2009 Board Meeting. That order of competition was:*

- *Sporter & Light Varmint 100 yards on WEDNESDAY;*
- *Heavy Varmint 100 yards on THURSDAY;*
- *Heavy Varmint & Light Varmint 200 yards on FRIDAY;*
- *Sporter 200 yards on SATURDAY.*
- *The General Membership Meeting will be held THURSDAY afternoon after completion of competition.*

(This MUST FIRST be approved by the Members at the 2010 General Membership Meeting. See top of page 98 of "NBRSA Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Ed. #37.") [Refer to: **Part 2 of 2010 Board Meeting Minutes, Item #1.**]

**Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #3:** Joe Krupa agreed to **postpone** this Agenda Item until after the upcoming lunch break. This item reads as: *Make permanent the inclusion of Varmint for Score as a sanctioned NBRSA Rifle Competition. This was put in place at the 2009 Board Meeting on a one-year trial basis.*

**Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #4:** Joe Krupa asked that this **item be moved** to the section dealing with the bidding & scheduling of the Nationals. This item read as: *Bid Kelbly's Rifle Range to host the 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals during the week of September 17 – 22, 2012.*

**Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #5:** Joe Krupa asked to bid for Kelbly's Rifle Range to host the 2015 World Team Competition in September 2015 (exact date to be announced later). Jim Kelbly plans to go to the World Competitions next year in France to make a presentation. Wayne Campbell mentioned that Jim Kelbly would only be able to "politic" outside of the World Meeting and Campbell would be the ONLY one from the US who would be able to submit the bid at the World Meeting for a US Club to host the World Competitions. Some of the Directors mentioned that other US Clubs might also be interested in hosting a World Team Competition, such as: Bench Rest Rifle Club of Saint Louis, NRA Whittington Center, and maybe a few others. The next World Competitions will be held August 23, 2011 – August 27, 2011 in Volmerange Les Mines, France. The designated practice days are from August 18 - August 22, 2011.

Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director, then **amended his Agenda Item #5** to read as follows: *bid for an appropriate range in the US to hold the 2015 World Team Competition.* After discussion, the Board agreed that any NBRSA Ranges within the US wanting to host the 2015 World Competitions need to notify their Regional Director by December 31, 2010. The NBRSA Board Members are to make the decision as to which US Range will be bid to host the 2015 World Competitions. By April 15, 2011, Dennis Thornbury is to notify Wayne Campbell of the name of the Host Club, which was chosen to be submitted to be bid at the World Meeting. David Halblom seconded the motion. The decision of the Board was unanimous.

**Bud Mundy, MV Regional Director** He had no agenda items to submit.

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director, Agenda Item #1:** Scott suggested that the Match Director shall identify targets being shot by calibers other than the 6mm prior to the Match, because the 30 caliber shooters are constantly having their targets re-measured. He mentioned that the Midland Shooters Association uses Avery Dots. They use the red and the green dots for the .30 and the .22 calibers to help distinguish between the two. He said that it saves time in target re-measuring. In the "Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition # 37" on page 26, under D. Tournament Rules, 13. Group Measurements, the second paragraph currently read as: *Targets are to be marked in the upper right-hand margin, indicating reduction in measurement (6 mm reduction .019 and 308 reduction of .084).* Scott Hunter moved to replace the second paragraph of Section 13. Group Measurement (on page 26) to read as follows: *The Match Director shall identify targets being shot by calibers, other than 6mm, prior to the Match in the upper right-hand margin.* Motion was seconded by Joe Krupa. The Board was unanimous in their decision to pass this agenda item. **This will be added to the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37", on page 26, under Section 13. Group Measurement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph will read as: *The Match Director shall identify targets being shot by calibers, other than 6mm, prior to the Match in the upper right-hand margin.***

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director, Agenda Item #2:** Scott made the motion that Match Directors can email match results to the Competitors provided that the Competitor has NOT checked the "Hard Copy Results" Box on his or her Entry Form. The Rule Book currently reads: *A copy of the bulletin must be mailed to each competitor and the NBRSA*

*Headquarters within 4 weeks after the match is completed and the equipment list, along with the official score bulletin, must be forwarded to the Editor.* Joe Krupa seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of this change. **This change will be added to the “NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37, on page 41, under Section F. Tournament Procedure, 9. Official Score Bulletin. The sentence will be changed to read as follows: A copy of the bulletin must be sent to each competitor within 4 weeks after the match is completed. Match Directors can email match results to the Competitors provided that the Competitor has NOT checked the “Hard Copy Results” Box on his or her Entry Form. A copy of the bulletin must also be sent to the NBRSA Headquarters within 4 weeks after the match is completed and the equipment list, along with the official score bulletin, must be forwarded to the Editor.**

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director, Agenda #3:** Hunter asked that the Club Match Directors be given the “Code” in order for them to be able to post Match Results and Pictures directly to the NBRSA Web Site. Wilbur Harris explained that each Director already had control of his “blog”. Scott then moved that the Club Match Directors be given the “Code” in order for them to be able to post Match Results and Pictures directly to the NBRSA Web Site. Lou Murdica seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director, Agenda Item #4:** Scott moved that all World Team Qualifying Matches will use Stationary Backers and the Referees for these Matches will be selected in the same manner as the NBRSA Nationals. Lou Murdica seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. **This will become effective as of January 1, 2011, and will read as follows:**

**Re: “Stationary Backers” addition to be added** to the “NBRSA Office Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37”, on page 19, under C. Targets, 7. Backers (Stationary). The first sentence will read: *In addition to the moving backer strip or card, a stationary backer shall be required for all National Championship Tournaments and all US World Team Qualifying Matches.*

**Re: “Selection of Referees” addition to be added** to the “NBRSA Office Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37”, on page 41, under F. Tournament Procedure, 10. Appointment of Tournament Officials, (b) Except in National Championship..... (c) In National Championship Tournaments...  
**It will now read as:**

*(b) Except in National Championship Tournaments and US World Team Qualifying Matches, the Host Club shall appoint all the officers except 2 Referees. The Regional Director of NBRSA shall appoint a Chairman Referee who, with the Club Referee shall appoint the third Referee.*

*(c) In National Championship Tournaments and US World Team Qualifying Matches, the President of NBRSA shall appoint the statistician and the Official Scorer. The Director of the Host Region shall appoint from among registered shooters, 3 Referees and an alternate Referee. The appointed Referees shall select the Chairman a Referee. The Host Club, subject to approval by the President of NBRSA, shall appoint the Range Officer.*

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director Agenda Item #5:** Scott Hunter agreed to merge his VFS Agenda Item later in the meeting with the other VFS Agenda Items.

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director Agenda Item #6:** Scott Hunter moved that *when several shooters are sharing wind flags and the one who owns the flags leaves and takes his flags with him, the Match Director should set flags for the remaining competitors who were using those flags.* The motion died for lack of a second.

**Scott Hunter, GC Regional Director, Agenda Item #7:** Scott Hunter submitted a “Savage-type barrel nut” to the Board for examination and approval. Hunter moved that: *Any “Savage-type barrel nut” be considered as being part of the action and should therefore be considered legal in all NBRSA Classes.* Joe Krupa seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor and with only Jack Snyder abstaining.

2:30 PM CDT Joe Krupa moved to adjourn for lunch at JT’s Grill, DeSoto, K.S.

4:09 PM CDT The Board Meeting reconvened.

**Jack Snyder, MC Regional Director Agenda Item #1:** He asked the Board to *consider making a slight change to the current NBRSA Target design to aid in the identification and scoring of Penalty Shots.* Snyder then moved to *extend the top line of the Sighter Target so that it goes from one side edge of the target paper to the other side edge of the target paper to help facilitate the identification and scoring of Penalty Shots.* After a brief discussion, the Board

decided that now was not the time to make a change since targets have already been printed. **Perhaps it should be brought up at a later time.** The motion died for lack of a second.

**Wilbur Harris, SE Regional Director Agenda Item #1:** After a brief discussion, he withdrew his Agenda Item, which read as: *Stationary Backers shall be required for ALL NBRSA Registered Group Matches.*

**Lou Murdica, SW Regional Director, Agenda Item #1:** Lou proposed introducing a new shooting class, which would be called the "F-Class Benchrest 600-Yard" & the "F-Class Benchrest 1,000 Yard". He asked for a 1-yr trial period in order to have time for getting feed-back from those who compete in the "F-Class BR" and make any necessary changes. The targets would need to be designed in order to work properly. This class would have same format as the NRA's "F-Class", except the matches would be shot from benches rather than from the ground. Any range that has pits could hold a match. And "F-Class BR" would be incorporated into both the NBRSA 600-Yard BR & the NBRSA 1,000-Yard BR Competitions. Murdica moved for the Board to **approve a 1-year trial period for the "F-Class Benchrest 600 & 1,000-Yard Competitions as Murdica had submitted to the Board.** Joe Krupa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lou Murdica asked the Board for suggestions on solving Match Date Conflicts when Matches being held in the same Region or in an adjoining Region are scheduled on the same dates. The Board decided that no action needed to be taken. The Regional Directors just have to do the best they can because some Clubs are controlled by circumstances that are beyond their control and cannot be changed.

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:** **Re: Carlos Pacheco will assume European Directorship in 2012.** Don Nielson told the Board that he had been in touch with Carlos Pacheco and he will take the European Directorship in 2012. NBRSA currently does not have an acting European Director since the resignation of Herve du Plessis. [Carlos Pacheco: Cell # 244-925-77-62-85 & # 244-912-22-20-26; email: [chp\\_angodis@yahoo.com](mailto:chp_angodis@yahoo.com)]

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:** **Re: Pat Ferrell - Business Manager – Retiring.** Dennis reminded the Board of Mrs. Pat Ferrell's upcoming retirement as the NBRSA Business Manager. She had asked that the Board fill the position by December 15, 2010, if possible. She had stated that she will be available to help train the new NBRSA Business Manager and had assured the Board that she would not completely abandon them. Thornbury expressed his gratitude to Pat for the many years of service she has given to NBRSA. She became the NBRSA Business Manager in the fall of 1987 and is the only NBRSA employee. The Board gave Mrs. Ferrell a round of applause as a way of expressing their gratitude to her. She stated that she had certainly enjoyed working for NBRSA and actually enjoyed the challenges it presented, but that she was ready to retire and "take back her life".

There are currently 8 resumes that have been submitted to Dennis Thornbury in application for the position of NBRSA Business Manager. Thornbury instructed the Board Members to read over the resumes and decide which ones should actually be considered for the position. This is to be discussed further during the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of the 2010 Board Meeting, which will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010, following the completion of the day's competitions and as soon as the Scorer has completed scoring all the targets for the day.

Rodney Brown volunteered to help streamline the programs NBRSA uses. He volunteered to set up the programs necessary to print the Membership Reports that are currently being used. Steve Lee had also volunteered to assist in changing the Membership Files from the Database software to a more up-to-date program.

Dennis Thornbury thanked Wilbur Harris for his years of service to NBRSA as the Southeastern Regional Director and as the NBRSA Website Sponsor. Thornbury asked Harris if he would continue being the Website & computer person for NBRSA even after his term of office for the SE Regional Director ends on Monday, September 27, 2010. Wilbur assured the Board that he would continue to assist NBRSA in these areas. The Board expressed their appreciation to Harris by giving him a round of applause.

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:** **Re: Emailing Quarterly Member Lists to Board Members to replace mailing "hard copies"** Thornbury brought up for discussion the feasibility of discontinuing the mailing of "hard copies" of the quarterly NBRSA Membership Lists to the NBRSA Board Members. Instead, the Quarterly Membership Lists would be emailed to the Board in email attachments (The Database Files would be converted to Excel Files). The Board agreed to the proposal. Thornbury moved to replace the mailing of "hard copies" to the Board Members with emailing the Quarterly Membership Lists to the Board Members in email attachments. Scott Hunter seconded and the Board unanimously approved the decision.

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:** **Re: Varmint for Score.** Dennis Thornbury then asked for a discussion and update on the Varmint for Score (VFS) Competition Class. The Members at the 2010 Hunter Nationals unanimously approved VFS as it is described in the "8/31/10 - Proposed Rules: HBR – VFS: Approve & Adopt Varmint for Score".

**Re: VFS – Combine with Hunter Rifle:** The Board suggested that VFS should be included with the Hunter Rifle Competition Rules, rather than being included with the Varmint Rifle Competition Rule. VFS has basically the same rules as the Hunter Rifle Rules, with the exception that VFS uses Varmint Rifles. Joe Krupa then moved to rename section "N. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition" on page 76 of the "NBRSA Rule Book, Revised No. 37" to "N. *Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition*". There will now be 2 rifle classes for score shooting: Hunter & Varmint. David Halblom seconded the motion. The name change for "section N" was unanimously approved by the Board. **(This is NOT to be added to the Rule Book until re-addressed at the 2011 Hunter Nationals and then it is to be reconsidered at the 2011 Board Meeting.)**

**Re: VFS – Define Light & Heavy Varmint:** It was noted by the Board that the definition of Varmint Rifle (Light Varmint & Heavy Varmint) was not actually defined in the Hunter Committee's proposal under:

N. *Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition*

1. *Rifles*

a. *There shall be 2 types (classes) of rifles used for score shooting.*

(2) *Varmint – as defined previously in these rules as Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint.*

**Re: VFS – Correction to Add Definition of Light & Heavy Varmint Rifles:** David Halblom, MC Regional Director, made the "correction" as shown below:

1. *Rifles*

a. *There shall be 2 types (classes) of rifles used for score shooting.*

(1) *Hunter – definitions to follow.*

(2) *Varmint – as previously defined on page 12 of "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37", under: B. Definitions, 3. Heavy Varmint Rifle, & 4. Light Varmint Rifle.*

**Re: VFS – Combine with Hunter Rifle – To Be Called "Score Shooting Competition":** David Halblom then moved to add the Varmint for Score Rules, including the above listed correction to the "NBRSA Official Rule Book, Revised Edition #37", under Section N. Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition. Scott Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 2 (with Bud Mundy & Lou Murdica voting against the motion.) **(This is NOT to be added to the Rule Book until re-addressed at the 2011 Hunter Nationals and then it is to be re-considered at the 2011 Board Meeting.)**

**Re: VFS – Ratification Vote at 2010 Varmint Nationals General Membership Meeting Vote:** Denny Andrews moved to bring this to a vote at the 2010 Varmint General Membership Meeting. The Board had more discussion and decided that since this is to be placed with the Hunter Rifle Competition Rules & has already been approved by the Board, that it needs to go back to the 2011 Hunter Nationals for ratification. No second was received.

**Re: VFS – Breaking Ties with the "Wipe-Out" Method & "Creedmore Rule":** Scott Hunter discussed breaking ties in the Varmint for Score by using the "Wipe-Out" method. A "Wipe-Out" is defined as complete and total removal of the dot by the "Bulley Strike". If 2 or more competitors are still tied after the Wipe-Outs, then the Creedmore Rule is applied to Wipe-Outs. Scott moved to change from using only the Creedmore Rule to using the Wipe-Out method as defined above for breaking ties. Lou Murdica seconded the motion. The following 5 Directors voted in favor of adopting the "Wipe-Out" method: Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Denny Andrews, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica. 3 opposed the motion: Jack Snyder, Bud Mundy, & Dave Halblom. The motion passed.

**Re: VFS - 1-Year Trial Period – Includes "Corrections & Tie-Break Methods":** The new VFS Rules (including the "corrections" and the "tie-break methods" mentioned above), together with the new VFS Class shall be for a 1-year trial period with no World Records and no Nationals. It is to be readdressed at the 2011 Hunter Nationals. If approved at the Hunter Nationals, then it will then be re-considered at the 2011 Board Meeting.

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2011 Long Range Varmint Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. Lou Murdica bid the Palomino Valley Gun Club of Reno, NV to host the 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals during the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of June 2011.

David Halblom seconded and the decision was unanimous. **The 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals will be hosted by the Palomino Valley Gun Club of Reno, NV, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of June 2011.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2012 Long Range Varmint Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2012 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. **There were no bids for the 2012 Long-Range Varmint Nationals.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2011 Hunter & LR Hunter Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. At the 2009 Board Meeting, Halblom tentatively submitted Casper BR Shooters to host the 2011 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals during the 2nd week of August 2011. David Halblom verified that Casper BR Shooters will be hosting the match. **The 2011 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the Casper BR Club of Casper, WY, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of August, 2011.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2012 Hunter & LR Hunter Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2012 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. David Halblom bid LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club of LaGrande, OR, for the second week of Aug 2012. Denny Andrews seconded and the decision was unanimous. **The 2012 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club of LaGrande, OR, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of August, 2012.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2013 Hunter & LR Hunter Nationals**

David Halblom also bid the 2013 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. Andrews seconded and the decision was unanimous. **The 2013 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club of DeSoto, KS, the date will be announced later.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2011 1,000-Yard BR Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 NBRSA 1,000-Yard BR Nationals. Lou Murdica bid the Sloughhouse BR Shooters of Folsom, CA for October 21 – 23, 2011. The bid was unanimously approved. **The 2011 NBRSA 1,000-Yard Nationals will be hosted by the Sloughhouse BR Shooters of Folsom, CA for October 21 – 23, 2011.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2011 600-Yard BR Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 NBRSA 600-Yard BR Nationals. Lou Murdica bid the Sloughhouse BR Shooters of Folsom, CA for April 22-24, 2011. The bid was unanimously approved. **The 2011 NBRSA 600-Yard Nationals will be hosted by the Sloughhouse BR Shooters of Folsom, CA for April 22-24, 2011.**

**Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President:**

**Re: 2012 Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals. (The Midland Shooters Association of Midland, TX will host the 2011 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals during the third full week of September 2011.) Lou Murdica bid Arizona BR Shooters (Phoenix, AZ) for Oct 2012. Joe Krupa bid Kelbly's Rifle Range (North Lawrence, OH) for Sept 17-22, 2012. The following 6 votes were for Phoenix: Scott Hunter, Jack Snyder, Bud Mundy, Denny Andrews, Wilbur Harris, & Lou Murdica. The following Directors voted for Kelbly's Rifle Range: Joe Krupa & David Halblom. **The 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Arizona BR Club of Phoenix, AZ during the month of October (the exact date to be announced later).**

**Re: NBRSA Vice President Nomination:** Nominations were received for the office of Vice President (2010-2012). Denny Andrews nominated Don Nielson & Wilbur Harris nominated Terry Meyer. With a vote of 6 to 2, **Don Nielson was re-elected to serve as the Vice President until the first Monday following the 2012 Varmint Nationals.**

**Re: NBRSA President Nomination:** Nominations were then received for the office of President (2010-2012). Denny Andrews nominated Dennis Thornbury. The Board voted unanimously to re-elect **Dennis Thornbury to serve as the President until the first Monday following the 2012 Varmint Nationals.**

At 5:55 PM CDT, Saturday, September 18, 2010, the Meeting was recessed.

It is scheduled to reconvene in the Club House of the Mill Creek Rifle Club on Friday (9/24/2010).

following the conclusion of the day's competitions  
and after the Scorer has completed scoring all the targets.



**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2010 Annual Board Meeting Minutes – Part 2**  
**Friday, September 24, 2010**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS reconvened and was called to order by Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President, at 4:58 PM CDT at the Mill Creek Club House. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President  
Don Nielson, Vice President  
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager  
Joe Krupa, Eastern Regional Director  
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Regional Director  
Jack Snyder, Mid-Continent Regional Director  
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director  
David Halblom, North Central Regional Director  
Denny Andrews, Northwestern Regional Director  
Wayne Campbell, Southeastern Regional Alternate Director & SE Regional Director Elect  
Lou Murdica, Southwestern Regional Director

1. **Joe Krupa, ER Regional Director Agenda Item #2: Re: General Membership Meeting – Ratify the Order of Competition of Varmint & Sporter Nationals.** (See Page 5 of Minutes) Joe Krupa's Agenda Item #2, which reads as: *Make permanent the order of competition for the Varmint & Sporter Nationals that was put in place on a temporary basis at the 2009 Board Meeting. That order of competition was:*

- *Sporter & Light Varmint 100 yards on WEDNESDAY;*
- *Heavy Varmint 100 yards on THURSDAY;*
- *Heavy Varmint & Light Varmint 200 yards on FRIDAY;*
- *Sporter 200 yards on SATURDAY.*
- *The General Membership Meeting will be held THURSDAY afternoon after completion of competition*

(This MUST FIRST be approved by the Members at the 2010 General Membership Meeting. See top of page 98 of "NBRSA Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Ed. #37.)

This change in the order of competition for the Varmint & Sporter Nationals was ratified by the majority of the members in

attendance of the General Membership Meeting held on Thursday, September 23, 2010. **This change in the Courses of Fire will be made on page 23 of "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition #37; under section D. Tournament Rules, 10. Courses of Fire, (a) The National Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Rifle Championship. The 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph will read as follows: *The Varmint/Sporter Class Nationals will be held for 4 days, WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. Sporter & Light Varmint 100 yards on WEDNESDAY; Heavy Varmint 100 yards on THURSDAY; Heavy Varmint & Light Varmint 200 Yards on FRIDAY; Sporter 200 Yards on SATURDAY. (The General Membership Meeting will be held THURSDAY afternoon after completion of competition.)***

2. **Re: Listing the actual Range Addresses in the Tournament Section of the Magazine.** The Board discussed whether or not the Directors should list the actual Range Addresses in the Tournament Section of the Magazine for the convenience of those wishing to attend those matches. No action was taken.

3. **Re: Time allowed for a "Protest Period" at a Match.** The Board decided to set a 10-minute limit for protesting a target measurement or posting of a score.

**Add the "10-minute" limit allowed for a "Protest Period" to page 17 of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition # 37", under Section C. Targets, 2. At all matches.... It will now read as:**

2. *AT ALL MATCHES, no competitor shall remove his/her targets or any competitor's targets from the display area until the aggregate for that course of fire is posted. After the aggregate is posted, there will be a 10-minute "Protest Period" for any competitor, who is aggrieved with their target measurement or posting of their scores, to file a "Protest" (along with a \$5.00 "Protest Fee") to a Referee. ONLY a Referee is permitted to remove and re-hang the target on the display wall.*

*(Shall become effective as of January 1, 2011).*

Also add a reference to the "Protest of a Target Measurement" to page 40 of the "NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-laws, Revised Edition # 37", under F. Tournament Procedure, 8. Protests and Appeals.

It will now read as follows:

*8. **PROTESTS AND APPEALS.** Any competitor in a Registered Tournament who feels aggrieved at a decision of the Range Officer, or the Referees, may, before leaving the range on the day the grievance arose and upon payment of a "Protest Fee" of \$5.00, appeal from such decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Range Officer. [For "Protest of a Target Measurement", refer to: C. Targets, 2. At All Matches...] Such notice of appeal, with any written argument submitted by the appellant, together with a statement in writing signed...*

Bud Mundy moved to accept these two (2) changes to the Rule Book as they are written above. Denny Andrews seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. **Re: Overseeing the NBRSA US World Team Checking Account:** Dennis Thornbury said he thought it would be a good idea for the new NBRSA Business Manager to continue the policy of overseeing the US World Team Checking Account.
5. **Re: Resignation of Denny Andrews as the NW Regional Director:** Denny Andrews NW Regional Director had submitted his resignation as Director, but will continue to serve in this capacity until someone can be elected to fill the position. Denny stated that he would like to continue as the Membership Committee Chairman.
6. **Re: Resumes Submitted for the Position of NBRSA Business Manager:** Dennis Thornbury asked the Directors to do telephone interviews of the applicants residing within their Region and then report by email to Dennis and also to the remainder of the Board Members. Dennis stated that he, too, will be talking to the applicants. The Board agreed that the person selected to serve as the NBRSA Business Manager should not already be holding a 40-hour week job. Dennis said that resumes will be accepted until the end of October, and then during the month of November, the Board will have a conference call to discuss and decide on which applicant to hire as the new NBRSA Business Manager.
7. **Re: Using Lasers for Setting Flags on a range:** There is definitely a safety problem involved in the use of lasers. The Board agreed that each Club's Match Director should decide if they want to allow the use of lasers at their club due to that safety problem. The Board voted unanimously to NOT allow the use of lasers to set flags at NBRSA National Competitions.
8. **Re: "Sponsored Membership Applications" used in the Contest for Sponsoring New NBRSA Members or the Renewing of Lapsed NBRSA Memberships):** Denny Andrews said he would ask Wilbur Harris (NBRSA Website Sponsor) to scan a "Sponsor" Membership Application onto our NBRSA Website and those wishing to be a "sponsor" could download & make copies of these applications for new NBRSA Members or renewals of those whose memberships had lapsed. These "Sponsored NBRSA Membership Applications" are the same as regular "NBRSA Membership Applications", except they have a line at the bottom of the application to list the name of the "Sponsor".
9. **Re: 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals:** Joe Krupa requested that the Board reconsider their previous decision as to which Club would be hosting the 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals and consider choosing Kelbly's Rifle Range as the Host Club. He brought up several discussion points and then moved for a re-vote on the site for the 2012 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals. More discussion followed. Dennis Thornbury mentioned that when he read off the sites and dates for the approved 2011 and 2012 NBRSA Nationals, no one complained about any of the approved National sites.  
  
Denny Andrews then seconded Krupa's motion for a re-vote. Dennis Thornbury asked for a show of hands for those in favor of having a re-vote. The motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor and 6 against having a re-vote. Those voting for a re-vote were Joe Krupa and Dave Halblom. Those voting against a re-vote were Scott Hunter, Jack Snyder, Bud Mundy, Denny Andrews, Wayne Campbell, and Lou Murdica.
10. **Re: Gene Beggs' new "stick gun" rifle:** Scott Hunter submitted Gene Beggs' "stick gun" to be examined by the Board to see if they would rule it to be a legal benchrest rifle. Hunter said that at least 50 rifles of this design are being made. Hunter then moved for the "stick gun" to be ruled as being legal. Joe Krupa seconded and the decision was unanimous.
11. **Re: NBRSA Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals:** Dennis Thornbury said he would like for NBRSA to try and hold an Eastern, Middle, & Western Nationals every 3 years. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed

that the Board should make its best efforts to rotate Nationals every 3 years by Eastern section, Middle section, & Western section of the country. Of course, this also depends on which Clubs are able and willing to host a Nationals.

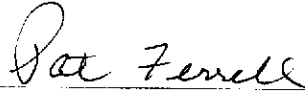
12. **Re: Loose-leaf Rule Book:** Lou Murdica suggested that when NBRSA begins using loose-leaf notebooks for their Rule Books, they should put the Long-range (600 yard & 1,000 yard) rules in a separate binder from the rest of the Rule Book. This might make it more cost effective since not that many NBRSA Members compete in those classes. Murdica made the motion; Scott Hunter seconded; and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

13. **Re: "Wipe-Out" Rule in VFS:** David Halblom said that since this has already been voted on, we should wait until next year to see how it works.

14. **Re: US Club Bids to host a 2015 World BR Competition:** Campbell suggested that the Board should send him to the World BR Federation with a bid from 2 different US Clubs. Have those 2 Clubs put together a package showing what they have to offer for the spouses to do, in addition to just the competition. Then let the World BR Federation choose which US Club would be accepted to host the 2015 World BR Competition.

David Halblom moved to adjourn. Wayne Campbell seconded the motion.  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM CDT, Friday, September 24, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mrs. Pat A Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager