

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2011 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Part I**  
**Saturday, September, 17, 2011**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Dennis Thornbury at 8:59AM CDT on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in the meeting room of the Country Inn & Suites located in Midland, Texas. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President  
Don Nielson, Vice President & Long-Range Committee Chairman  
Audrey Brown, Business Manager & Secretary  
Jack Neary, Alternate Eastern Regional Director  
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Regional Director, Rule Book Format Committee Chairman  
Jack Snyder, Mid-Continent Regional Director  
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director, Rule Book Update Committee Chairman  
David Halblom, Outgoing North Central Regional Director, Hunter Standing Committee Chairman &  
Traveling Trophy Committee Chairman  
Wayne Campbell, Southeast Regional Director & International Representative  
Eric Stanton, Northwest Regional Director  
Lou Murdica, Southwest Regional Director  
Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman  
Al Elliott, Elliott Law Office, Sonora TX, Guest Speaker & NBRSA Tax Attorney

**RE: IRS Policy Updates for Non-Profit Organizations – Al Elliott, Guest Speaker:**

Al Elliott, tax attorney at Elliott Law Office and member of NBRSA, discussed IRS filing changes for non-profit organizations. Mr. Elliott has filed NBRSA's Form 990 for the last several years and has done so voluntarily. Mr. Elliott noted that IRS noncompliance fines are hefty and extensive. Mr. Elliott has been instrumental in maintaining NBRSA's compliance with IRS required documentation since the 1980's. He stated the organization now needs Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies that are new IRS requirements and he provided modified boilerplate forms for the Board's review that meet these requirements. The Conflict of Interest policy requires an audit committee to be in place. He further stated that the policy exists to disclose any issues that occur to the audit committee.

Pertaining to the specifics of the Conflict of Interest Form Mr. Elliott provided to the Board, Article 5.c – will be stricken which refers to voting member compensation.

Al Elliott asked that the board approve the two (2) documents he provided with the changes the Board requested incorporated therein. Mr. Elliott will make these changes and email them to Audrey Brown who will forward them to the Directors and Officers for their review. President Dennis Thornbury then asked for a vote requesting approval of the forms and the Directors voted unanimously to accept these two documents pending Mr. Elliott's changes.

**RE: Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman Report:**

Dennis Thornbury then asked for a report from Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman. Bukys stated there were no issues or problems that he was aware of; however, there was one item he wished to

discuss pertaining to match contracts. Current policy is for the Business Manager to forward to Mr. Bukys all match contracts after they have been signed by the Range and Regional Director so that if a record is shot, he can quickly verify that the match shot was registered and that a member is in good standing. He stated this is a Regional Director responsibility to approve matches and ensure registered shooters are conforming. **He said he would prefer that the Regional Directors take responsibility to ensure that ranges and shooters are conforming to NBRSA record requirements prior to submitting a possible record to the World Record Committee. Lou Murdica made a motion to this effect which was seconded by Eric Stanton and was approved unanimously.** The Board thanked him for his hard work throughout the years.

Conversations between Chris Harris, an NBRSA member, and Gene Bukys lead to a discussion as to whether the Board would support the development of an electronic scoring device using a scanner and custom developed software. After some discussion the Board concluded that such an application would be useful if developed and affordable for the ranges. Bud Mundy stated this type of idea has been discussed several times and it would be good to move forward with this. The Board supports Chris Harris' decision to work on this project.

Gene Bukys presented and demonstrated a device that feeds cartridges into a varmint class rifle via a push button. The device inventor is seeking a ruling from the Board on the legality of said invention. Discussion ensued about previous devices that were not approved based on being attached to the rifle. Discussion also was held questioning the existing rules and interpretations of magazines and cartridge feed devices in general. There was historical disapproval based on a gravity fed device but the consensus of the Board was that the rules do not specifically prohibit cartridge feeding aids.

Discussion continued as to how the device could be positioned relative to the rifle. A straw vote was taken in this regard and the majority felt that the device could be positioned anywhere.

Bud Mundy stated that it was important to be specific in the rule making, as this has caused problems in the past. He said the Board needs to get the rulebook out and rectify errors so that there is consistency.

***A Motion was made to approve this manual feeder as presented in concept as long as it is manually operated (by hand) and not attached to the Varmint rifle. For the Unlimited Class, this device can be mounted anywhere but still manually operated (by hand).***

***Lou Murdica motioned and Eric Stanton seconded. Those in favor were Wayne Campbell, Bud Mundy, Jack Snyder, Eric Stanton, Lou Murdica. Against were David Halblom and Scott Hunter. By a vote of 5-2 Motion carries.***

**RE: Wayne Campbell– World Team Report:** Mr. Campbell said there was not much to report. USA World Team placements for 2010 were first, second and seventh, respectively.

He said there were; however a few conduct issues that detracted from the unison of the USA teams. Mr. Campbell, as USA World Team Chairman is seeking the Board's authorization to establish a Code of Conduct that outlines team member expectations and includes appropriate enforcement ability.

Additionally, Mr. Campbell wants to be able to submit fourteen (14) names for subsequent world team events consisting of twelve (12) members and two (2) alternates to facilitate late changes in the team lineup. Discussion ensued about pre-trip vs. after departure enforcement ability. It was the Board's consensus that the World Team Chairman would present pre-departure conduct issues to the Board for their action and the Chairman would have authority to handle conduct issues upon arrival. Mr. Campbell said he would provide a rough draft of a Code of Conduct document to the Board for their review.

The World Team Financial Report was due to be presented but due to unforeseen circumstances, the financial information was not yet ready. Mr. Campbell said he will provide this to the Board soon and said there will be cash back but there are issues with cargo shipping costs which were higher than anticipated. He will determine cash back and pro-rate the shares.

Following are the World Team Qualifying Events and Upcoming Match locations and prospective dates. Specific dates to be determined by the Regional Directors in each hosting region:

**2012 WORLD TEAM QUALIFIERS:**

SW Match:	Phoenix, AZ	Cactus Classic – 2 <sup>nd</sup> week in March
SE Match:	Dublin, GA	Shamrock – March
MV Match:	Wright City, MO	East-West – June
MC Match:	Raton, NM	Rattlesnake – August
2012 Varmint Nationals:	Phoenix, AZ	October 8-13, 2012

**WORLD TEAM MATCHES:**

2013 World Match: Sidney, Australia late in the year  
2015 World Match: St. Louis, MO, USA  
(approx date 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September)

**RE: Don Nielson, Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman Report:** Mr. Nielson said they were clarifying the rules established for Long Range and this will be read and corrected by himself and Lou Murdica. They want to have this ready in time to print the rule book and have it available to the ranges by the first of the year. Mr. Nielson estimates they will need about 200 copies. Approval will be sought by the Long Range shooters at their national event in April, 2012. Mr. Murdica said he will provide the information to the shooters so they can vote in April. Mr. Murdica also said he will send the rules to other directors so they can present it to their membership.

**RE: Lou Murdica, Hall of Masters Chairman Report:** Mr. Murdica said the hardest thing is gathering correct information. He said one of the biggest problems is that NBRSA goes by Names. Members use nicknames, there may be multiple John Smiths who are members, etc. He suggested that the use of member numbers would provide a unique identifier between shooters and thereby avoid confusion. Mr. Murdica suggested asking the ranges to request member numbers and identify ranges separately, for example: Kelbly's Range (R1). He indicated that matches need to be numbered as well. The computer can effectively identify and differentiate between ranges, members and matches so results can be tallied correctly.

Bud Mundy said shooters should produce their regional points but Mr. Murdica will produce their national points. Mr. Murdica will accept all points brought forward from the Regional Directors; regardless of years. Jack Snyder stated that until it is mandatory for ranges to submit match reports electronically, this will continue to cause strife. Hard copies exist but they are inconsistent. Mr. Thornbury asked Mr. Murdica to come up with guidelines for the acceptance of Hall of Master points.

**RE: David Halblom, Scoring Committee Chairman.** He submitted copies to the Board with changes for the Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition, (Item N in the Rule Book). Mr. Halblom said that the wipeout rule from the 2010 minutes was summarily rejected by the members. On his handout, items in red are different from last year. The changes were as follows:

***N.1.a.(2) Varmint – as previously defined in “B. Definitions” section 3. Heavy Varmint Rifle and 4. Light Varmint Rifle.***

***N.1.b.(6) Incorporate the word, “tuners,” to the exceptions listed as items that can be fastened to the barrel.***

***N.6.f.(c) In the event of a tie of 250 and 25 X’s, then the scorer will break the tie by determining the number of “wipeout” X’s. A wipeout X is defined as the complete X dot being fully circumscribed by the bullet hole caliber specific ring of the NBRSA scoring reticle.***

Mr. Halblom then proceeded to identify and elaborate on the changes to score shooting; major changes included the incorporation of varmint rifles, the use of tuners, and the wipe out rule. A question was raised by Bud Mundy as to how to break ties if two are in first position to which Mr. Halblom stated the Creedmore method then takes place. Mr. Halblom stated that the members approved these changes with a vote of 52-1 at the general membership meeting at the Hunter Nationals. Mr. Mundy said the members approved but not the clubs. Scott Hunter said his members want to leave the wipeout as it currently reads. He stated the members who voted were primarily Varmint For Score shooters and not Hunter shooters.

***Mr. Halblom made a motion to approve changes to Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition as submitted to the Board at this meeting. Seconded by Lou Murdica. Approvals were Jack Snyder, David Halblom, Eric Stanton, Lou Murdica, Bud Mundy, Wayne Campbell. Against was Scott Hunter. By a vote of 6-1 the Motion carries.***

Mr. Halblom proceeded with Score Shooting Committee Agenda Item adding “Scoring” definitions in “Official Rules of Score Competition” insert a new item #5. Subsequent paragraphs to be numbered sequential, following:

## ***5. Scoring***

***a. Scoring shall be “best edge”. The center ring shall count as a score of 10. Each subsequent ring expanding shall be a value of 1 less.***

***b. Any shot still contained within the target box, but outside the printed rings of any given target shall have a value of "0" (no score).***

Score Committee agenda Item #4: Addition to "3.d. Penalties" Insert after the line ***"...and a penalty of 1 point shall be deducted:"***

***...If the cross fire is a 10 – X, the X score shall be null and void. The point will be deducted from the 10 and the "X" will not be counted.***

Score Committee Agenda Item #5: Mis-placed (out of sequence) or mis-hung targets prior to shooting them). Mr. Halblom stated this is a problem only somewhat unique to Score shooting. There are occasions in all disciplines of benchrest shooting when targets are hung out of sequence. If the labels are unreadable and the competitor shoots the target, it is not defined that the competitor has done his best to shoot his own target. There needs to be a universal definition of Competitor responsibility and Target crew/Scoring responsibility to avoid penalizing a competitor for a target crew error.

Mr. Murdica inquired if the vote was approved at the Hunter Nationals to which Mr. Halblom answered in the affirmative. ***Mr. Halblom then made a motion to approve changes to "Official Rules of Score Competition" items 3, 4, 5 respectively as submitted to the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Murdica. Motion passed unanimously.***

**RE: David Halblom, Traveling Trophy Committee:** He stated that crates are expensive and he is still working towards finding a suitable traveling method. Dennis Thornbury provided him with contact information to help with the crating process.

**RE: Scott Hunter, Rule Book Format Committee:** Mr. Hunter provided a sample from a printer and a cost estimate and passed this to the Board for review. He stated the concept is that NBRSA would have the original book and add or replace pages as subsequent rule book changes were made. That way the Board would have a rule book that would be less expensive to print and as changes ensue, modifications would be to the individual pages instead of re-printing the book in its entirety. Mr. Murdica asked about the total cost of the new books and Mr. Hunter said it would be around \$5. The printed ones were \$2/book. In the long run the binder rule book is better. The rulebook needs to be available online as well. Mr. Hunter stated there are enough rulebooks in inventory to last another 6-months or 1-year, and suggested to wait to purchase the new binder-style rule books until the existing inventory is depleted. Mr. Mundy stated he needed time to correct and adjust the changes that have been made and estimates he will need another 6 months or more to complete this process. Mr. Thornbury said the Board will hold off on purchasing for another year until Mr. Mundy is ready with his renewal. A Statement of Revisions will ensure the latest revised page is current in the new binder version.

Mr. Thornbury then asked Audrey Brown to provide an accurate inventory count of the rule books when the minutes are sent to the Board.

**RE: Jim Erickson, Financial Report & Target Committee Chairman:** Mr. Erickson provided financials for the Board to review and which are incorporated to the minutes following Part 2.\*

Mr. Erickson summarized the last 10 years financials including revenues, expenses and membership changes. Between 2001 and 2010, there has been a 15% drop in membership and renewals. Dues revenue reflected this decline until 2007 when the dues were increased \$10 and match fees raised to \$40/day increased revenues in this area. Magazine costs are the largest cost for the business. Mr. Erickson stated that the big cost that is not being mentioned on financials is shipping. It is difficult to get a handle on the costs incurred from target shipping.

Regarding Page 2, Inventory Summary Mr. Erickson said paper costs have not increased and there is sufficient quantity on hand for NBRSA's needs. Since membership has declined, there is enough paper to get through 2013. Mr. Halblom asked whether the old Hunter 300-yard targets can be used to which Mr. Erickson said Orrville is printing on the opposite side of them, thereby making effective use of the obsolete target style.

Regarding Page 3, Summary of Cash Equivalents Mr. Erickson said these were trending downward similar to the membership numbers. There was a bump in 2007 due again to membership dues increase. He said generally cash balances are holding strong provided magazine costs are kept down.

Regarding Pages 4 & 5, Overview of Cash Equivalents he said NBRSA funds are still kept in CDs. Audrey Brown no longer keeps petty cash as she uses an NBRSA credit card instead of cash on hand. He said Mrs. Brown will send Mr. Thornbury and himself monthly statements so they can be kept current on all expenses.

Regarding Page 6, Condensed Financial Statements Mr. Erickson said payroll expenses were higher due to a bonus paid to Pat Ferrell and extra time associated with training the new manager. Office relocation from Oklahoma to Wyoming also factored into the increase.

Mr. Erickson asked the Board to consider opening an investment account through Fidelity or Vanguard as a means of achieving a higher rate of return than the CDs. Mr. Murdica concurred provided the funds are safe. Mr. Erickson said the funds are safe but not FDIC insured. He requested not more than 2/3 the amount of funds be invested in this manner.

***Dennis Thornbury asked that a motion be made to approve Jim Erickson to investigate investment methods to increase interest rates. Scott Hunter made this motion which was seconded by David Halblom. The motion was unanimous accepted.***

Sadly, Mr. Erickson said he wants to retire in 2013 and requested the Board to seek out his replacement.

Audrey Brown presented an alternative to the current magazine layout and cost structure by bringing the magazine editing in-house. The purpose is to allow the Board full control over the magazine content, while providing the membership with a full-color product and reducing the costs at the same time. The name of the magazine will be determined after the general membership meeting on

Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Varmint Nationals. ***Scott Hunter made a motion to accept the magazine in-house proposal. Seconded by David Halblom and approved unanimously.***

The Board of Directors & Officers adjourned for lunch at 12:07PM.

Meeting reconvened at 1:37PM and called to order by Dennis Thornbury.

**EASTERN REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

Eastern Region Agenda Items were presented by Jack Neary, Alternate for Joe Krupa, Regional Director.

**Item #1:** World Team Qualifier Ranges - No range can hold a World Team qualifying match once than once in a qualifying year.

***Motion died due to lack of a second.***

**Item #2:** Weighing of Rifles - During registered competitions, the weighing of rifles would occur prior to the start of the first match of each respective class and yardage in Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint and Sporter Classes so as to allow shooter's rifles weight to be made compliant prior to the start of that respective class and yardage.

***Motion failed.***

**Item #3:** Scoring Reticles – All NBRSA Group match directors will obtain and have available all current reticle calibers for .22 .243 6.5mm and .30 caliber BR cartridges for proper and accurate group measurements.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #4:** Fairchance Gun Club in Smithfield, PA bids for 2013 100-200 Yard Group Nationals. Scheduled for August; exact date to be determined.

***Tentative acceptance; however, Mr. Thornbury said Item #4 will be held until the General Membership meeting.***

**GULF COAST REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Item #1:** "Smart Flags" – Request for use and approval of "Smart Flags" in registered matches.

***This item will be submitted to the General Membership for Vote***

***Board Discussion History:*** Dennis Thornbury suggested allow competitors to use smart flags during this nationals and see what type of response is generated by the other shooters; then have general membership vote on the use of smart flags. There was discussion about the pros and cons of these flags. The negative concerns are the cost of these flags and the perception that electronics and computers could eventually take over the precision shooting foundation of the competition. Advocates for the acceptance of smart flags stated the importance of allowing the introduction of new ideas so as to not stifle creativity. Currently the flags are legal under the wind flag rule and because the rule book does not specifically rule against them.

**Item #2:** Long Range Rule Book Change on page 59, section 3, paragraph (a), there is a sentence that follows:

“Example: competitors that shot relays 3 and 4 the first day will shoot relays 1 and 2 on the second day of a 4 relay match.”

Request to add the following:

“At their option, a club may elect to hold a two-day match whereby they complete all six targets of one class on one day. They will then complete all six targets of the remaining class on the second day. Also, at their option, a club may elect to hold a one-day match of only one class whereby they complete all six targets on that one day. In either case, the format may consist of either two relays of three targets or three relays of two targets. All relay rotation set out above will be in effect.”

***Motion accepted with the stipulation that the 3-target world record is eligible for a world record but not the 6-target. Motion unanimously accepted.***

**Item #3:** Pertaining to 600 yard rules, page 70, line 4(a), the statement, “One target per shooting period.” Be stricken.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #4:** Establish a national event for Varmint-For-Score in 2012.

***Motion passed with one dissention.***

**Item #5:** Recognize Varmint-For-Score records beginning in 2012. Records can be submitted after January 1, 2012; however, no record will be recognized until 30 days before the proposed 2012 Varmint For Score Nationals or December 30, 2012, whichever comes first.

***Motion passed unanimously.***

Concerning score target records, the Board decided that score targets are to be submitted to the Score Committee Chairman for consideration, and not to the Records Committee Chairman. All score targets submitted are to be sent to the Regional Director in the region shot and then forwarded to the Score Committee Chairman for consideration.

**MID-CONTINENT REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Item #1:** NBRSA sponsorship of youth matches. Request to increase match fees by \$0.50 per shooter per day to start up fund in support of developing youth benchrest interest. Discussion ensued as to specific implementation of such a program; age range, funding sources, promotion, etc.

***Motion tabled to 2012 Board meeting pending specific information as to implementation.***

**Item #2:** NRA Whittington Center to host 2012 world championship qualifier.

***Motion passed***

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Item #1:** Rescission of wipe-out rule in Hunter regulations.

**Item Withdrawn**

**Item #2:** Proofread Rule Book and edit for typos and missing items. (Status update)

**Board Discussion History:** Numerous changes and typos in existing minutes and conflicts with rule books. Biggest glaring mistake was the caliber change cards. There are items that are missing from the rule books but included in the minutes. Bud Mundy has only updated the rules for the group shooting. He suggested someone review the by-laws for errors as well.

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Item #1:** Rulebook #37 Change: Page 45 (In the beginning sequence of range commands) remove the words “place bolts in rifles”. The new command would be, with appropriate pauses “Ready on the right. Ready on the left. Ready on the firing line. Commence fire.”

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Item #2:** Page 54 “Wind Flags” in addition to what is currently written the following shall be added;

No electronic, electrical, computer aided or quantified flags or wind measuring devices shall be permitted. No computer or other such electronic devices shall be allowed on the firing line for use in aid of aiming or firing. This shall include all devices whether hard-wired, wireless, radio-controlled or otherwise connected.

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Item #3:** Clarification of page 13 item (B)(6). Other Rifles. (last sentence) No magazine, clip or similar device shall be allowed. This is brought up due to the Internet demonstration of a device in conjunction with an obvious Benchrest Rifle, which is nothing more, nothing less than a magazine. A device does not have to be attached to the rifle to be considered a magazine.

**Item withdrawn – already addressed.**

**NORTHWEST REGION AGENDA ITEM:**

**Item #1:** La Grande withdrew from hosting 2012 Hunter Nationals.

**Rescheduled 2012 Hunter Nationals to St Louis, MO the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August (Hunter Class Only)**

**SOUTHWEST REGION AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Murdica began by stating that Robert Hoppe had been elected as the Long Range Rules Representative at the Long Range Nationals held in April of 2011 in Sacramento, California. **The Board unanimously approved Mr. Hoppe’s appointment.**

Following 9 items are proposals for “Official Rule Book” changes regarding 600 and 1000-yard sections:

**Item #1:** Benches shall be drawn by the individual shooter at the time of sign-in/check-in. Shooters sharing equipment shall share the same bench up to the number of relays to be shot. In the case of shared equipment, the drawing made by first shooter in the group of shooters that are sharing the equipment shall establish the bench to shoot on. NOTE: For possible consideration – a jar of poker chips identified with bench number and relay number might be used. Or color of chip might be associated with a particular relay, ie: white for relay one, blue for relay two and so forth.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #2:** For multi-day matches, benches shall be rotated each day.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #3:** Anyone wanting to change the match format shall show where in the then-current rule book, that change is authorized. For example, holding “votes”, shortening a match/ending a match before its normal completion, etc. would require that the match director or proposing official shall show where said action is authorized in the then-current rule book.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #4:** Anyone found to be cheating shall immediately lose all their accumulated Benchrest Hall of Fame points. This shall NOT include equipment violations. It would include, at minimum, using extra shots during a record string (commonly referred to as “sighter shots”, swapping/changing relay or bench assignments and removing targets from the range and then returning them to submit for record.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #5:** For multi-day matches, all relays shall start at the same time each day.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #6:** Include an introductory statement to Section K of the “Official Rules for 1000-Yard Benchrest Competition”, to the effect that where a rule or situation is NOT specifically addressed in Section K of the “Official Rules for 1000-Yard Benchrest Competition”, the earlier sections in the rule book shall apply.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #7:** All 1000-Yard “National Championship Tournaments” shall be refereed by an NBRSA Board of Director assigned “Outside Referee” from outside the region of the tournament’s venue. If the venue is within 100 miles of another region, referees from that region will not be included in the associated referee selection pool. Associated costs shall be covered by the NBRSA or the host club or a combination of the two. Said Outside Referee to be a “Match Official”, limited to the purpose of processing possible record targets and for the purpose of breaking ties between local match officials.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #8:** Since there appear to be several muzzle brakes available in the marketplace that are drilled at only slightly more than 90 degrees to the side (that is, are drilled very slightly towards the rear), please consider redefining “to the rear” to include an angle that is acceptable for a muzzle brake without violating Section K.1(b).

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #9:** There shall be at least two (2) uncommitted days between National Championship Tournaments.

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

**Item #10:** Request to make the NBRSA Nationals match and possibly only one other match qualifiers for the World Team. This would be done using 3 guns, HV, LV, SP and use the best two of three aggregates at the Nationals. Any other match would use the total of point HV and LV aggregates, no matter how many shooters.

***Motion withdrawn.***

**Item #11:** For multi-day matches, tournaments and Nationals, NBRSA shall publish the match start time on the NBRSA website at least 7 calendar days before the first day of the event.

***Motion withdrawn.***

**Item #12:** In lieu of a physical bench drawing, computer software approved by the NBRSA Board of Directors may be used to randomly draw benches. When computer software is used to draw benches, 2 or more Referees must be present to view the event.

***Motion died due to lack of a second.***

**Item #13:** Official Score Bulletins. The Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered competitor with a copy of the official score bulletin, which shall be a complete record of all groups fired and all programmed aggregates. At all Registered Matches, a Top 10 Equipment List must be furnished and at a National Championship, a Top 20 Equipment List. 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. At all Registered Tournaments, the Host Club must post preliminary bulletins as soon as possible in order that competitors may check the results of their firing.

***Item was previously accepted by electronic match results in 2010 minutes.***

**Item #14:** Add Email to Mail – Under page 40 (9), Official Score Bulletins, change the third sentence to include email as an option to regular mail.

***The third sentence will be changed to read, “A copy of the bulletin must be mailed or emailed 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.”***

***Motion passed in prior years’ minutes but had not been added to the Rule Book.***

Second half of Item #14 submitted was a request to change the word "Regional Director" to "Match Director" under Page 41(10)(b), Appointment of Tournament Officials, which currently reads, "Except in National Championship Tournaments, 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."

***Motion died for lack of a second.***

***Item #15:*** Add Match Director to permitted participants in matches in the Rule Book.

***Under page 41 (10)(d), Appointment of Tournament Officials, this paragraph will now read, "No Official, except the Referees and Match Directors, shall participate as contestants in a National Championship Tournament in which he/she is officiating. "***

***Motion approved.***

Upon acceptance of this last motion, Dennis Thornbury adjourned the meeting until Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 6:00PM at the Midland Shooter's Association Clubhouse.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2011 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Part 2**  
**Saturday, September, 24, 2011**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS reconvened and was called to order by President Dennis Thornbury at 6:02PM CDT on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in the clubhouse of Midland Shooters Association located in Midland, Texas. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President  
Don Nielson, Vice President  
Audrey Brown, Manager & Secretary  
Jack Neary, Alternate Eastern Regional Director  
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Regional Director  
Jack Snyder, Mid-Continent Regional Director  
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director  
David Halblom, Outgoing North Central Regional Director  
Wayne Campbell, Southeast Regional Director  
Eric Stanton, Northwest Regional Director  
Lou Murdica, Southwest Regional Director

RE: Cartridge Feeding Device: David Halblom requested that the Board reconsider their previous acceptance of the cartridge feeding device presented by Gene Bukys at the initial Board meeting two days prior. He read page 13 section 6 in the rulebook which states, “No Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint or Sporter Rifle shall be equipped with a muzzle brake; and no such rifle shall be capable of semi-automatic fire. All such rifles shall be loaded by hand, one cartridge at a time, and fired as a single shot. No magazine, clip or similar device shall be allowed.” Mr. Halblom stated this rule has been in effect since the 1970’s and are exact in their language excluding this type of device.

***He made a motion to revisit the original motion and vote on the acceptance of this cartridge feeding device.***

***Motion died from lack of a second.***

RE: Combining Unlimited and Varmint Nationals into one Group Nationals: 100 and 200 Yardages in Varmint Nationals: Mr. Halblom made a motion to combine the 100 and 200 yardages in future varmint nationals. Currently they are specified as two very distinct national events. Page 23 of the rulebook states very clearly that the Unlimited Class nationals are one event with the Varmint following.

***The motion put before the Board is to combine all four (4) guns for nationals into an NBRSA Group Nationals to be comprised of the Unlimited, Sporter, Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint. Lou Murdica seconded the motion. Dennis Thornbury asked for discussion after which the motion was approved unanimously.***

RE: Compiling all Classes By Yardage at Group Nationals : David Halblom made another motion to shoot Unlimited, Sporter/Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint 100-Yardages followed by Unlimited, Sporter/Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint 200-Yardages in precisely this order. The first stage will start on Monday; final stage will end on Saturday. The General Membership meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon following the Heavy Varmint 100. Motion seconded by Eric Stanton.

Discussion proceeded as to the logistics and feasibility of this change. There is concern as to whether the change from Class will create practice, flag change and moving backer issues. Discussion ensued as to the spreading of aggregates over three (3) days and the compilation of the event. It was noted that the 2-Gun, 3-Gun and 4-Guns would be at the end. The dates were clarified as follows:

Monday – Unlimited 100-Yards

Tuesday – Sporter / Light Varmint 100-Yards

Wednesday – Heavy Varmint 100-Yards followed by the General Membership Meeting

Thursday – Unlimited 200-Yards

Friday - Sporter / Light Varmint 200-Yards

Saturday - Heavy Varmint 200-Yards

If this is accepted, there will be a one-year trial period that will be fully demonstrated at the Varmint Nationals to be held in Phoenix, Arizona beginning Monday, October 8, 2012. When the 2012 Nationals occur, the Board can decide how to proceed with the format, as they will have empirical evidence as to whether it is an effective method or to revert to the current system.

***Motion to shoot Unlimited, Sporter/ Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint 100-Yardages followed by Unlimited, Sporter/ Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint 200-Yardages was approved unanimously.***

RE: World Team 2012 Qualifying Events: Wayne Campbell indicated he will forward to Audrey Brown the point system and stated that the list of rules for World Team Members will need to be established prior to commencement.

It was brought up by Bud Mundy that the clubs hosting national events need to be notified about providing two (2) sets of practice targets for every bench. Jack Neary confirmed this. Lou Murdica mentioned the Board should draft a letter to Fairchance in this regard.

Discussion then shifted to the 2014 Varmint Nationals and options as to where it will be held. Kelbly's has expressed tentative interest. Fairchance has expressed definite interest; however, the August 13-18<sup>th</sup> timeline is of concern. Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis has made a back-up offer in case Fairchance cannot accommodate a September date change.

***Lou Murdica made a motion to accept Fairchance hosting the 2013 Varmint Nationals if and only if they can accommodate a September date change and to host this event at St. Louis otherwise. Eric Stanton seconded. The Board unanimously approved this motion.***

RE: Group vs. Score Shooting Participation: Bud Mundy inquired as to how many shooters active participants in score vs. group shooting. David Halblom said he will assist with this compilation and mentioned that Varmint-For-Score has already brought back two (2) ranges to NBRSA.

RE: Rulebook Authentication: Dennis Thornbury stated Scott Hunter and John Horn will help Bud Mundy with this project.

RE: Hall of Masters Committee: Eric Stanton asked Lou Murdica if whether he is compiling the data for this committee by himself or if someone is assisting him. Mr. Murdica indicated he is working on this project alone and added he could use some assistance. In particular he is seeking input from the various regions as well as Hunter Class. David Halblom said he will help with this on the hunter side. Eric Stanton will help as well.

RE: The Organization's Magazine: Wayne Campbell said the range contact information will need correction. There are some ranges that have Match Director addresses listed instead of the actual range location and this has caused some issues.

The Board then discussed a plan to name the new publication which begins January, 2012. Jack Neary suggested, "Rifle Accuracy & Precision" or "Rifle Accuracy". Others ideas were explored and ultimately the Bud Mundy made a motion that Audrey Brown should send a mass email to the Directors and Officers to submit prospective names to her. She will then compile these names and after two-weeks' time will submit to the Board all options received for their final decision. Audrey Brown will also attempt to secure domains for the Board's selection.

Wayne Campbell moved to adjourn. Jack Neary seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM CDT, Saturday September 24, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted:  /s/ Audrey Brown  
Audrey Brown, Business Manager

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