

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
2012 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, October, 6, 2012

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Dennis Thornbury at 8:00AM on Saturday, October 6, 2012 in the Small Bore meeting room of Ben Avery Range located in Phoenix, Arizona. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President
Don Nielson, Vice President & Long-Range Committee Chairman
Jim Erickson, Financial Officer, incumbent
John Horn, incoming Financial Officer
Audrey Brown, Business Manager, Editor & Secretary
Joe Krupa, incumbent Eastern Regional Director & Traveling Trophy Chairman
Jack Neary, incoming 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
Terry Meyer, North Central Regional Director
Wayne Campbell, Southeast Regional Director & International Representative
Eric Stanton, Northwest Regional Director
Lou Murdica, incumbent Southwest Regional Director
Tom Libby, incoming Southwest Region Director
Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman

RE: Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman Report:

Mr Bukys said things are going well but he has two items of concerns for Board consideration. Targets have been posted on the internet before being declared world records. Mr Buky's world record recognition procedure involves a double-blind method which mitigates outside influences. When these targets are posted on the internet with their scores, it has the potential to affect and influence the measuring committee's decisions and the autonomy is eliminated. He requested the Board's direction on how to handle this concern. Discussion ensued as to how to best handle this situation. He inquired whether such targets posted on the internet should be deemed ineligible or whether a simple request to not do this would suffice.

It was decided that the Editor will post a notice in the magazine to address this concern with a notice to please **not** post pictures of potential world record targets on the internet prior to an official announcement from Gene and his committee. Should there be a need to post pictures of potential world record targets, to please take pictures of the target group itself but not the score.

Second concern was how to dispose of ineligible world record targets that have been submitted. When measuring a target that is not in contention, Mr Bukys asked whether the Board wants him to incur the time and expense involved with continuing the measuring or to cease at that time and return the target to the owner.

A motion was made by Scott Hunter that when Mr Bukys receives targets that are .015 or larger than the existing record, they will not proceed to the rest of the scoring committee. Mr Bukys will instead return them to the competitor. The motion was seconded by Mr Krupa and approved unanimously.

Mr Bukys then said he would like the Board to confirm that they wish him to continue the practice of disallowing a group world record if he cannot confirm the shots were fired because of a moving backer issue. The Board discussed this and reaffirmed this is the right course of action. Mr Bukys also stated he feels his job is to protect the existing records as well

as affirm the new ones.

The last item Mr Bukys addressed is that he continues to work on an electronic measuring system. The goal is to achieve a program that is 98% correct and if there is a question the program will flag this. He expects this program may be available at reasonable cost and will include a scanner. They are currently working on ensuring accurate measurements when the paper is torn; a concern inherent to the type of paper currently used in events. Terry Meyer then passed around to the Board a new style of group target paper which has a coating on it and is less expensive to purchase than NBRSA's current paper. After discussion, it was determined not to proceed further until existing supplies if NBRSA target paper has been exhausted.

Mr Murdica had a question pertaining to chain of custody for record target submission. Mr Bukys stated he is not aware of any concerns with the custody and that to the best of his knowledge, the process in place is appropriate and effective. He said he has not had any issues. Mr Murdica said he was made aware of an issue in which the targets were delayed longer than anticipated and that this had caused some concern as to whether the targets had been lost. Mr Bukys said he intentionally held onto the targets in mention due to a backer issue but that there was never a question as to where the targets were.

The Board thanked Mr Bukys for his hard work with a round of applause.

RE: Wayne Campbell– World Team Report

Mr Campbell began his report by stating the top 25 shooters are within 25 points of the top 12 shooters, so the competition for WBC-12 is fierce. He provided a financial report from 2011's World Team Competition to the Board for their review.

Mr Murdica inquired as to whether World Team Code of Conduct rules have been completed so these can be sent out to the holders of future world team qualifying events. After some discussion, Mr Krupa asked Mr Campbell to submit a rough draft Code of Conduct to Mrs Brown who will distribute it to Board by email. Mr Campbell said he can incorporate this into the write-up within a week's time after returning from the 2012 Nationals. Mr Thornbury said he would like to see it by Nov 1, 2012 at the latest. Mr Libby said he was seeking clarification on the use of frequent flyer miles for world team competitors. Mr Krupa asked that this be added to the qualifications area of the World Team information pertaining to travel.

Discussion ensued as to when the Board makes decisions pertaining to world team issues and at what point these items are relegated to Mr Campbell. After researching the 2011 minutes, it was determined that Mr Campbell will present pre-departure enforcement concerns to the Board for their action and Mr Campbell will make post-departure rule enforcement decisions.

RE: Don Nielson, Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman Report: Mr Karl Hunstiger, Long Range Chairman was present. Mr Nielson said there have been about 220 long range world records established since he took over as Measuring Committee Chairman. Mr Hunstiger shared that the submissions are being handled in a prompt manner. He added there are only a few ranges that shoot long range presently. Mr Krupa asked how many shooters are NBRSA registered to which Mr Hunstiger responded between 50 and 100. He also noted that many long range shooters are active in both long range and short range disciplines. Mr Krupa asked how this compares to IBS long range and Mr Nielson said IBS has many more long range shooters than NBRSA. Mr Hunter said there are five ranges which host long range shooting matches within his Gulf Coast region. Two have hosted sanctioned events in 2012 and both have been disappointed in attendance and have declined to host next years' events. The highest attendance at a long range match in 2012 in the Gulf Coast region was 16 members.

Mr Mundy stated he has spoken with ranges in his region and to the north which have indicated the reason they do not host NBRSA long range matches is due to the rules. Other organizations have a different format to their long range events which is more favorably received; particularly the disqualification format.

RE: Lou Murdica, Hall of Masters Chairman Report: Mr Murdica reported that the Hall of Masters program is stagnant. He has the same information he had in last year's meeting. The problem is he is not receiving information. Mr Krupa inquired whether to continue this program to which Mr Murdica said he is concerned that some records from the past may not be available. Discussion ensued as to whether to continue this program. ***Mr Krupa made a motion to disband the Hall of Masters program which was seconded by Mr Campbell.*** Mr Murdica said it was a good idea but it has been very difficult and at times too challenging to get the historical documents needed to do this properly. He said records for long range are available because the discipline is relatively new but when the hunter discipline is considered, records are difficult if not impossible to obtain since the hunter discipline has been active for a very long time. He stated that whether the program is kept or not, some people will be unhappy. Discussion ensued and it was decided to ***amend the motion to allow one more year to the program and that Mr Krupa will be the contact person or to disband if it is not successful. Mr Campbell seconded the motion. Votes in favor were Jack Snyder, Wayne Campbell, Lou Murdica and Joe Krupa. Opposed were Bud Mundy, Scott Hunter, Terry Meyer and Eric Stanton ending in a tie. The swing vote was cast by President Thornbury who voted in favor of one more year. Motion passed.***

RE: David Halblom, Scoring Committee Chairman. Mr Halblom was unable to attend in person, so he forwarded a letter which was distributed to the Board. Mr Meyer said there were several hunter shooters that did not make it to the Hunter Nationals to vote. Also, there is concern with the incorporation of Varmint For Score stated in Mr Halblom's letter. Mr Meyer expressed concerned that the opinion may not reflect true representation of the hunter member population. Mr Krupa said to take the report at its face value and the Board can decide whether to examine the items contained therein; specifically the combining of the Varmint For Score and Hunter Nationals, protest fee increases & case capacity changes. Mr Krupa said he has received several calls on case capacity and has concerns about whether the committee system works effectively. This same sentiment was expressed by Mr Murdica in reference to the Long Range Committee representation. President Thornbury said it is the regional director's job to attend these meetings if possible and ensure things are done in an orderly manner.

Mr Krupa made a motion that the Board take three (3) test case proposals; one from Long Range, Score and Group disciplines and that the Board put in place an internet voting process to get a true representation on these 3 test cases. The Board will choose which items will be the three test cases; the Score issue will be about Hunter Class dropping case capacity. This motion was seconded by Mr Meyer. Votes were counted and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr Hunter asked Rod Brown (former Regional Director and computer programming expert) whether an internet vote can exclude shooters that do not shoot the discipline in which they are voting. Mr Brown stated there is nothing in the database which ties a member to a specific discipline. It was decided that there should be no segregation of disciplines for voting purposes as all members pay dues.

RE: Joe Krupa, Traveling Trophy Committee: Mr Krupa took the floor to address traveling trophy replacement. He submitted a picture handout and has secured quotes from local suppliers with a cost estimate of \$400/plaque. Group nationals need a total of 16 plaques to replace the traveling trophies NBRSA currently awards. Mr Krupa requested \$10,000 to accomplish this task. He also noted this cost did not include boxes for transporting the plaques; only the plaques themselves. Mr Mundy inquired about the affordability of plaques at this time and Mr Krupa recommended phasing in the trophies as funds are appropriated. Mr Murdica suggested seeking sponsorship to cover the cost and President Thornbury suggested asking Gary Ocock for contact information since he had just purchased a replacement plaque for a perpetual trophy broken in transit. ***Mr Krupa made a motion to move forward with the traveling trophy replacement program with the goal of a 2013 implementation to include the following conditions: 1 - Getting final prices which include boxes. 2 - Plaque design. 3 - Securing sponsors to include both individual and corporate donors. Mr Krupa will work with incoming director Mr Neary to implement this. Motion seconded by Eric Stanton and passed unanimously.***

Mr Stanton made a motion to make Mr Krupa the replacement traveling trophy committee chairman. This was seconded by Mr Hunter and passed unanimously.

RE: Scott Hunter, Rule Book Format Committee Chairman: Due to the volume of content which required review, President Thornbury moved this item to follow the Agenda Items.

RE: Jim Erickson, Financial Report & Target Committee Chairman: Mr Erickson began with the target committee report but before proceeding he announced Mr John Horn has accepted the position of Financial Officer for NBRSA and will be his replacement. Also, he is pleased with the increased report visibility pertaining to revenue and expenses.

Regarding the Inventory Summary, he said the target and paper supply has been stretched. Orrville said NBRSA still has more than a 2 year supply of paper available. He noted the cash outlay for NBRSA's half of the paper purchase is in excess of \$50,000. Mr Erickson said he was unaware of the new paper submitted earlier by Mr Meyer but this cannot be changed before the existing supply is exhausted. President Thornbury suggested that Mr Meyer send out some targets of this new paper out to the ranges to get their opinion on it. Mr Erickson continued his report and said that Orrville Printing does not see prices changing in paper supply for the foreseeable future. Mr Erickson said Orrville Printing has proposed to take over the target order processing for NBRSA. He said NBRSA will need an official proposal from Orrville in order to proceed.

Regarding the Membership Statistics Report, Mr Erickson said it appears the membership has stabilized. Pertaining to a dues increase, he would recommend against it, as when it was last done 5 years ago there was a lot of dissent. He said match fee payments are current; there are only 2 ranges with payment concerns which are works in progress. He said the big revenue will be generated by the group nationals to offset costs. Magazine cost differences between year 2011 and 8/31/2012 on the report are from separating printing and shipping costs which heretofore were combined; the \$18,000 amount excludes shipping costs. Also, the conversion from NBRSA News to Precision Rifleman required some up-front payments to the printer which were incurred in 2011. Mr Erickson said advertising revenue is a concern. Our rates are good; but circulation is a limiting factor. He would like to see larger companies, ie: Hodgdon Powder or Cabella's begin to advertise. He suggested adding a subscription card insert to the magazine to attract additional members.

Mr Erickson then asked Mr Rod Brown to explain a report on Magazine Financials - Executive Overview. Mr Brown said the size of the magazine makes a big change to the cost structure. There are about \$10 per member to cover all other organizational expenses. Costs over the last 3 years have exceeded revenues significantly. A quick discussion ensued about including publishing IBS match results in the magazine. If this is done, then depending on other factors, it may increase net revenue.

Mr Murdica requested the Business Manager to redirect additional copies of magazines to the ranges instead of sending these to the Regional Directors. There was some discussion as to the most efficient and cost effective method of sending these to the ranges and Mrs Brown said this is possible.

Regarding the Summary of Cash Equivalents Report, Mr Erickson said he wants to stay above \$75,000 in total cash available. Mr Erickson has investigated alternative investment vehicles to increase interest rates for NBRSA funds and has not been successful in obtaining a safe method to do so at this time. Interest income has been very low. Interest income received from Life Membership Certificates of Deposits has dropped significantly. Last, he stated the 2011 tax return has been submitted and Directors and Officers insurance is in place with only a nominal increase in cost over last year.

Mr Murdica proposed raising the magazine subscription cost for Life Members, however Mrs Brown stated there are several life members who choose not to receive the magazine. Mr Meyer mentioned in previous years' minutes it was voted that Life Members receive a magazine for free for life prior to August 27, 1999, at which time the \$30 annual charge was imposed.

Business Manager Report Mrs Brown gave a brief report including a company breakdown of major Income and Expenses as well as savings achieved during the course of the year. Magazine cost and revenue breakdown as well as statistical data including match payment and membership activity reports were presented. She then requested the Board's assistance in obtaining quality articles for submission to the magazine to which the Directors said they would make best efforts to do so.

Mrs Brown mentioned having a large percentage of reinstated and new members in addition to renewals are important indicators of organizational growth. For 2012, these figures are 75% renewals, 14% reinstatements and 11% new memberships. She also stated mail-in renewals are the most used by our membership (55%) as opposed to 30% website renewal, 12% by phone and 3% at member clubs. The 30% website renewal may influence the effectiveness of a website voting platform.

Mr Rod Brown discussed his plans to update the NBRSA website with new features and to make it more user friendly. Mr Brown requested that rather than just moving forward, he would like the Board's permission to make this happen. He said there is a years' worth of work to move forward on and he expects to have many improvements done in that time. He's discussed with Steve Lee the merging of the desktop scoring with a one-click reporting mechanism so members can download match results or run their own statistics. He is seeking Board approval to move forward to redesign the website.

A motion was made by Eric Stanton and seconded by Joe Krupa to allow Rod Brown to update the website. The vote was unanimous in favor.

President Thornbury said he had a few items to address before moving ahead with agenda items. There was an issue with practice targets at this National event which were not the same as record targets and this was not discovered until it was too late to remedy. President Thornbury said it is up to the Regional Director to ensure all is well and ready for National events. Second, there was a letter received which needs to be addressed. President Thornbury said that agenda items need to be general in nature and in good form to be included in the magazine. With these items addressed, the meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:03PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:37PM and called to order by President Thornbury.

SOUTHWEST REGION:

1. Re-Evaluate Long-Range Varmint Nationals Event: If there is a LR 200/300 yard National event for Sporter and Unlimited, what impact does this have on the Long-Range Varmint Nationals?

See Agenda Item #2.

2. Re-Evaluate Long-Range Varmint Nationals Event: Consider replacing existing LR Varmint Nationals with a 300 yard 4-Gun National event.

Discussion arose as to how to grow the Long Range Varmint Nationals; should it be eliminated or should a format change be considered to make it a 4-gun 300-yard only event. Numbers in attendance are too small to justify patch purchases.

Mr Murdica made a motion to bid it as a national event and hold it in the format the club chooses. No patches or national trophies will be awarded; only club trophies. This will remain until the attendance increases or subsequent Board decision. Seconded by Jack Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Record Target Submission Chain-Of-Custody: Targets submitted for world record consideration need to be tracked from one person to the next. How best to accomplish this needs to be determined. Priority mail submission may be an option to provide tracking needed. The Board asked Gene Bukys, Group World Record Committee Chairman, whether he was aware of any deficiencies in the current procedures for world record chain of custody. After discussion, there did not appear to be a need for modification of existing procedures.

Motion died due to lack of a motion.

4. Change or re-write to By-Laws. The proposed long range rule book should be regarded as tentative according to 2011 NBRSA Board minutes page 3, Don Nielson, Long- Range Measuring Committee Chairman Report. At the 2011 Board Meeting, the Gulf Coast Region, Item 2 proposed a Heavy Gun or Light Gun Format (6 targets per day) that was accepted. This format is not in the proposed rules and should be added.

The Long Range Rulebook was approved by 2012 Long Range National participants. The 6-target per day format was accepted but not included in the rulebook. Mr Nielson will make these changes and email them to the Business Manager for incorporation into the existing Long Range Rulebook and add them to the website.

5. Oversight at Registered Matches & Bench Selection: We need to strengthen our match operations to make sure they are run as compliant as possible. Especially world qualifiers should be managed carefully by the Regional Director or the World Team Executive. Proposed Rule: At all world qualifying shoots if the range does not follow the rules set by the Board of Directors, that shoot will not count that year.

Mr Krupa said it is the Regional Director's responsibility to ensure matches that are registered are fair and just. If an event is a World Team qualifier, the Regional Director needs to step up and ensure it is run properly and rules are adhered. Mr Meyer stated that rules include manual drawing or computer assigned options. The computer program meets the randomness requirement. Mr Hunter recommends eliminating computer assigned benches for matches.

Agenda item was withdrawn.

6. Restructure regions to better represent the shooters. NBRSA was originally set up as a short range, group shooting organization that had a uniformity of interest and participation. The Board could pass or deny rule changes because the board members were familiar with items being considered. With the inclusion of other disciplines (long range, hunter, VFS) this may no longer be the case. Each discipline should have a rules chairman/committee and there should be a Board member that also is a touch point for each discipline. Rules should be rewritten similar to what occurred with long range.

Future rules that are proposed from various regions should be routed to the appropriate rule chairman/committee for action. The new rules should be voted on at that disciplines' National Event. After the vote, a recommendation from the chairman should be forwarded to the discipline representative on the Board and the originating Director. The Board can accept, modify or deny the rule at their meeting but at this stage, it should be a rubber stamp. This type of set up is how most corporations, cities and counties are set up. The Board (city council, county commissioners, and corporations) rely on staff to make the recommendations on technical issues and the Board is for administration and coordination.

Mr Murdica made a motion to restructure the regions. Motion died due to lack of a second.

7. Rule change for tuner adjustments at the bench. The rules should be equal for all movement at the bench. There appears to be disparity between a shooter adjusting a tuner at the bench (possible disqualification) vs someone who gets up to change a load or someone who gets a rod to release a jammed bullet or changes guns for a misfire. ***Mr Murdica made a motion that tuners can be adjusted as long as the bolt is removed and the old rule is eliminated. A shooter would be disqualified if they do not remove the bolt before adjusting the tuner. Motion was seconded by Mr Hunter and unanimously approved.***

8. Consolidate and redistribute the regions for better representation as follows: Combine the North Central and Mississippi Valley regions. Move Wyoming to North West region and add Missouri to the Mid-Continent region. The proposed North Central region would then encompass the states of North & South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Agenda item withdrawn.

9. Board to evaluate whether it is permissible to place rounds in a manual cartridge feeder prior to "commence fire" call. ***After discussion, Mr Murdica made a motion to allow the placement of rounds in a manual cartridge feeder prior***

to “commencement fire” call. Motion was seconded by Mr Hunter. In Favor: Scott Hunter, Lou Murdica, Eric Stanton, Jack Snyder, Bud Mundy. Against: Terry Meyer, Wayne Campbell & Joe Krupa. Motion passed 5:3.

10. Flag placement: The Board was asked to address whether the use of adjacent unoccupied flag lanes is permissible when a shooter is not at the end positions. **Mr Murdica made a motion to allow the use of adjacent unoccupied flag lanes when a shooter is not at the end positions and when these lanes are unoccupied for all relays. Seconded by Mr Snyder and unanimously approved.**

11. Eliminate sporter class from the Group Nationals and change format to either LV/HV/UNL and keep the existing records or establish new class formats called 10.5 and 13.5 and apply new national records. Experimental class to be shot only at regional matches until the new gun is established by the Board at a later date. **This agenda item is tabled until the following conditions are met:**

1- After a one-year trial period for the new sporter class, which passed as GC Region Agenda #1 and 2.

2-Until online voting is authorized by the General Membership.

12. Establish a semiautomatic rifle class nicknamed black gun class to be shot in Varmint for Score or Group based on Board’s decision.

Mr Krupa made motion that in VFS class in the Hunter competition, there will be a one year trial period for single-loaded, semi-automatic rifles. Mr Murdica seconded the motion. In Favor: Lou Murdica, Joe Krupa, Jack Snyder, Scott Hunter, Eric Stanton, Bud Mundy & Wayne Campbell. Against: Terry Meyer. Motion passed 7:1.

13. Clarify rules pertaining to clamping a block to the bench to keep your front rest from moving. The current rule book indicates that blocks are not appropriate for the rails. Rulebook pg 15, “Neither the unlimited rifle nor the unlimited rests may contact anything that is affixed or clamped to the bench.” Many people do this so this item needs revisiting. **Item withdrawn.**

14. Change sporter caliber to any caliber 308 or less.

Motion withdrawn. See GC Agenda #1 and 2.

North Central Region:

1. Proposed rule to ban cell phone, notebook and laptop usage on the firing line.

After discussion, Item was withdrawn.

2. Board to reconsider banning the use of “smart flags” at registered matches.

Mr Meyer said he views this as a coaching tool and made a motion to eliminate smart flags as stated above.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

3. Re-evaluate sporter class as a discipline for new shooters to enter the sport. **Item withdrawn. See GC Agenda #1 & 2.**

4. Establish brand-new Rule Book with all applicable laws or modify current one to reflect actual practice.

Item withdrawn. This is already in process.

5. Board to consider World Team Donation option on NBRSA membership application forms.

Mr Meyer made a motion to add a spot on the membership renewal card to request donations for the World Team event. Motion seconded by Eric Stanton and approved unanimously.

6. A moratorium of 3 years shall be established for any rule changes after completion of Scott Hunter & John Horn’s work in order to get the current rulebook up to date or redesigned.

Mr Meyer made a motion as stated above. Motion died to lack of a second.

Eastern Region:

1. CROSSFIRES: Address specifically on page 30 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws under Section 15, Item b, Crossfires, the occurrence and penalty that occurs when a competitor shoots a target on his assigned bench but not his assigned relay. A search of the Rule Book showed nothing that covers this situation presently. In the past, it was

determined that the only rule applicable was a crossfire rule and the appropriate MOA penalty was applied. Rule already exists. **Item withdrawn.**

2. Propose that dry targets be hung to replace the wet targets when a match is stopped due to rain and no shots have been fired for that particular relay. The dry targets should be hung before the relay commences firing. This should become the standard at all matches, especially National events. **Mr Neary, made a motion to accept item #2 as written. Motion died to lack of a second. It was determined this is the Match Director's discretion.**

3. At the start of all Group National and World Team qualifying events, the hosting club must apply new rubber-membrane material (on both the record and sighter target) on each target frame holder prior to commencement. **Mr Krupa made a motion for passage of Item #3 as written. Motion seconded by Mr Murdica and passed unanimously.**

4. Eliminate the annual (1 only) Money-Match per region restriction. **Motion made by Mr Krupa to accept item as written. Second by Mr Murdica and unanimously passed.**

5. In the event of a competitor protesting another competitor's target, make public the name of the protester by printing the protestors name on the protested target. **Mr Krupa made a motion for passage of Item #5 as written. Mr Campbell seconded. In Favor: Scott Hunter, Joe Krupa, Jack Snyder, Wayne Campbell, Eric Stanton, Lou Murdica, Terry Meyer. Bud Mundy abstained. Motion passed 7:1.**

6. Increase the protest fee from \$5 dollars to \$10 dollars at a regional match and \$50 per target at a national or world team qualifier, if a competitor wishes to protest another competitor's target. Referee must advise the protesting competitor of the rule and amount of the fee. It is the Referees discretion to determine if the target measurement is an obvious mistake. If this is the case, no charge will be applied.

Mr Krupa made a motion to accept Item #6 as written; second by Mr Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. Mr Krupa then added the following motion: If a competitor wishes to protest his own target during the match the fee is \$10. Second by Eric Stanton and unanimously passed.

7. Introduce a dedicated Factory Rifle class, whereby it would not compete against the Light Varmint class with the following restrictions:

- Any center fire caliber and any cartridge 308 or smaller would be acceptable.
- Must shoot the factory rifle "as is" out of the box, with no alterations to any part of the rifle.
- Any scope power would be allowed. -There is no weight restriction.
- No semi-automatic rifles permitted.

Mr Neary proposed Item #7 as written above. Second by Mr Murdica. In Favor: Bud Mundy, Scott Hunter, Joe Krupa, Wayne Campbell, Eric Stanton, Lou Murdica. Against: Jack Snyder, Terry Meyer. Motion passed 6:2.

8. Board to consider dropping the case-capacity limitation for the hunter class rifles. This is gaining some traction in our sister organization (with a proposed agenda item forthcoming there) and would serve to remove what many see as one of the limiting barriers to shooting that discipline - that being not using the more accurate calibers with lighter recoil, such as the 6PPC and 30BR. Actually, removing both the minimum caliber and the case capacity would make better sense.

The pertinent rule is under Section N 2(h). This proposal is to remove the minimum bore diameter and case capacity requirements of section N 2(h) in regard to allowable calibers to be shot in Hunter Rifle competition. This proposed change would enhance the purpose stated for Hunter Rifle Competition in section N.1. **Item Withdrawn. This will be an online voting test question for the membership. See page 3 Scoring Committee.**

9. Except in National level competitions, current IBS membership cards will be acceptable to shoot a registered NBRSA match on a one-year trial. This becomes effective upon IBS purchasing 4-pages monthly in Precision Rifleman magazine. Motion made by Mr Krupa. **Motion died due to lack of a second.**

Northwest Region:

1. Streamline target order process. Board to consider authorizing Orrville Printing to accept target orders and payments directly from membership and produce monthly accounting of transactions to Business Manager for audit and review.

Motion is withdrawn.

2. National Event & World-Team Qualifying Event Write-Ups: Regional Directors to ensure write-ups are submitted for all World Team Qualifying events and National events within their respective region.

Mr Stanton made a motion to accept Item #2 as written. Second by Mr Murdica and unanimously approved.

Mid-Continent Region:

Old Business: 2011 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. This item was tabled in the 2011 Board meeting pending additional information on implementation. There has been no further correspondence on this matter.

Item withdrawn.

1. Request that all Group National traveling trophies be located at the business office during the year and brought to the group national event each year. It will be the responsibility of the Business Manager or other person so designated by the Board to care for and keep the traveling trophies in a good state of repair; polished and ready for presentation and pictures for each years' winners. Upon completion of the event, the traveling trophies will be returned for safe keeping to the NBRSA business office or other location as specified by the Board. (This pertains to the old perpetual trophies).

Mr Snyder made the motion as written which was seconded by Mr Stanton. Mr Mundy expressed concern if a new shooter wins it for the first time and wants to keep it for the year. He felt we cannot keep a winning competitor from having the trophy. Discussion ensued that the large trophies will still be presented but plaques will be available to keep for the winners. Mr Hunter shared that NBRSA runs a risk of losing a valuable trophy. Mr Stanton recommended changing to one trophy presented to every winner. Mr Krupa will begin the process of obtaining information on new plaque trophies. ***In Favor: Eric Stanton, Wayne Campbell, Terry Meyer, Jack Snyder, Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter & Bud Mundy. Against: Lou Murdica. Motion passes 7:1.***

2. Change "trophy fee" to "national award fee" to avoid confusion with ranges holding national events that receive only patches. ***Motion made as written by Mr Snyder; seconded by Lou Murdica. Passed unanimously.***

Mississippi Valley Region:

1. Have the VFS & Hunter National combined, to be shot at the same range. ***Mr Mundy brought this item forward for discussion. Mr Stanton seconded.*** Mr Murdica suggested VFS competitors should vote on this. He reiterated that online voting offers a remedy to this issue. He also suggested the Board decide to combine the events as written subject to approval next month by the VFS National participants. ***Motion tabled until after the 2012 VFS Nationals.***

Follow-up: The members at the VFS Nationals voted to keep VFS separate from the Hunter Nationals in 2013. At that event, they will vote whether to combine with Hunter for 2014.

2. Make a rule that if a competitor leaves his or her bolt in the rifle at the bench they will be disqualified from that aggregate. This includes a closed or open bolt. This doesn't include any command by the Range officer.

Mr Mundy made the motion as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Gulf Coast Region:

All items refer to the Official Rule Book and By Laws Revised Edition #37:

1. Reword Page 12 Item 5 to read, "SPORTER RIFLE. A Sporter Rifle is defined as any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing Mechanism and must not weigh more than 10 ½ pounds, inclusive of sights. The stock can be flat, or convex, but not concave. The Forearm can be any width and have any angle. The butt stock can have any angle including a reverse angle, the barrel would not be less than 18" long forward of the bolt face and can be any diameter or configuration including a straight taper or a reverse taper. The Sporter Rifle can be any caliber. Sporter

Rifles do not have to conform to the Varmint Rifle diagram (on page 68 of Rev. Ed. No. 36). All sand bag rules will apply to the sporter rifle.”

Mr Hunter motioned that Item #1 be accepted as written and added that this would make the Sporter class more of an Experimental class. He further stated that existing Sporter rifles currently used would all be still acceptable. Mr Hunter also mentioned that since it concerns equipment, the Board is only allowing whether the membership will test this in the General Meeting. To change this will require a By-Laws change which must be voted by the General Membership. It can be done as a one-year trial basis. Existing Sporter remains in its class so no world records can be shot. Mr Krupa seconded the motion with the contingency that it is a one-year trial basis. According to NBRSA objectives 1A (development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods,) this should be considered. In Favor: Joe Krupa, Eric Stanton, Lou Murdica, Wayne Campbell, Scott Hunter. Against: Jack Snyder, Terry Meyer & Bud Mundy. Motion passed 5:3.

2. Page 117 Diagram P under title, VARMINT RIFLE DIAGRAM, add the words, “(DOES NOT INCLUDE SPORTER).

Item #2 passed with Item #1.

3. Page 37, Item 6 DRAWING FOR BENCHES. Section to now read, “At regional championships and world team qualifiers, The Host Club (through its representative), having a list of competitors, shall conduct a drawing for benches in the presence of the shooters. Bench drawings to be held at the Match Director’s discretion the day prior to the first match preferably while the range crew is placing the target frames that will be used in competition. Bench assignments shall be drawn from a bucket containing all of the bench numbers that will be used in the following days match. Bench numbers shall be permanently printed on poker chips, washers, tags, etc. One of the referees and the match director shall be present to see that the drawing is fairly conducted and to represent shooters not present when called upon to draw. Latecomers must draw their benches by lot in the presence of the Chairman Referee. Clubs have the option of having but 1 drawing and requiring each competitor to shoot from the same bench for all matches at all ranges or they may allow sequential bench rotation. A new shooter participating in his/her first registered match, will be allowed to share the same bench or adjoining bench of a more experienced shooter, whose equipment he/she may be using, as long as the more experienced shooter’s bench has been randomly selected. Having drawn a bench or benches, a competitor will not be permitted to make any further changes in relay or benches, except when through some physical condition a hardship results. In which case, before the second event, but not thereafter, the Range officer may change the assignment of bench or relay or both in such a way as to relieve the hardship. For a “2-gun”, “3-gun” or “4-gun” aggregate, the Host Club may elect to have only 1 drawing for benches. This is to facilitate the Statistician in computing these multiple class aggregates. At the request of a shooter, the Club is authorized to grant that the shooter bench assignments, which are the same as another shooter, so that these shooters can share the same wind flags. Under no circumstances will a shooter be allowed to select his/her own bench. **Motion withdrawn.**

4. In Official Rule Book & By-Laws page 38, Delete second paragraph.

Item withdrawn.

5. Page 38, Delete fourth paragraph.

Item withdrawn.

Southeast Region:

No agenda items submitted.

European Region:

Regional Director Philippe Riboulet inquired what plans NBRSA has to develop activity in Europe. After discussion, the Board indicated they have no immediate plans for this region as economic conditions both in the US and abroad remain an obstacle.

President Thornbury solicited bids for upcoming National Events:

2013 Group Nationals: Fairchance Gun Club has announced September 16-21, 2013 as the dates for the 2013 Group Nationals in Smithfield, Pennsylvania.

2014 Group Nationals: Holton Gun Club has bid for mid-September and is willing to add power and new benches and new tops. There is also a bid for Phoenix in October with no range changes. Votes for Holton were: Bud Mundy, Joe Krupa, Terry Meyer, Wayne Campbell and Eric Stanton. Votes for Phoenix were Lou Murdica, Scott Hunter & Jack Snyder.
Successful bid goes to Holton Gun Club in mid-September 2014.

2013 VFS Nationals: There was a bid for Las Vegas as VFS Nationals as a solo event. No other bids were submitted.

2013 Hunter Nationals: Kansas City bid and was accepted last year.

2013 LR Varmint Nationals: A bid was received from Reno, NV. The Club will select their format as 200-300 Yard or 300-yard only 4-gun to encourage participation.

2013 Long Range Nationals: Sloughhouse Benchrest in April for 600, F-Bench and 1000-yard events.

President Thornbury then raised the topic of election of officers. This year, the Vice President and President positions are up for election. ***Bud Mundy made motion to accept the existing officers. Lou Murdica seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

RE: Scott Hunter, Rule Book Format Committee Chairman: Mr Hunter along with Mr John Horn reviewed with the Board the entirety of the new rule book format; in total 49 pages along with corresponding changes to the By-Laws. These items were read and reviewed by the Board with changes on each item noted therein. Mr Horn requested permission to clean up the terminology between the Rule Book and By-Laws to provide consistency which was granted by the Board.

Wayne Campbell made a motion to accept the rulebook revisions with incorporated changes which was seconded by Joe Krupa and unanimously approved. The Board thanked Mr Hunter and Mr Horn for their lengthy work on this project with a round of applause.

Joe Krupa made a motion to recess the meeting which was seconded by Wayne Campbell. President Thornbury recessed the meeting at 6:37pm.

President Thornbury reconvened the Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 5:02pm with the following members present: Don Nielson, Jim Erickson, John Horn, Wayne Campbell, Jack Neary, Terry Meyer, Scott Hunter, Bud Mundy, Lou Murdica, Tom Libby and Eric Stanton. Members absent were Joe Krupa and Jack Snyder.

Director Scott Hunter wished to readdress his registration format for the Group Nationals and World Team qualifying matches. He amended his motion pertaining to drawing benches to state that Clubs have the option of having but 1 drawing and requiring each competitor to shoot from the same bench for all matches at all ranges or they may allow sequential bench rotation. This language would be incorporated into the rule book page 37 Item #6: DRAWING FOR BENCHES.

Discussion ensued as to whether this is really necessary as other Match Directors prefer the ease of a computer generated bench assignment. After more discussion ***Mr Hunter withdrew his motion to re-address this issue.***

Mr Neary made a motion to strike from the rulebook the requirement to hold the Group Nationals in August. There is concern from some shooters that holding the Nationals later in the year is contributing to the attrition in junior shooters; however, there is also concern that holding the Nationals in July/August would negatively impact attendance because the weather at most National-qualified ranges in July/August is uncomfortably hot. President Thornbury said it is stated in previous minutes that the time to hold the Nationals is at the discretion of the Range and Match Director. Mr Horn confirmed that version 6 of the Rule Book has clarified this language and does not designate a particular time of

year for hosting the Group Nationals. This is not clearly stated in the present Rule Book. ***Motion withdrawn.***

Mr Neary wanted to know how best to correct the inflammatory language in an agenda item which was offensive to some members. Mr Erickson suggested printing a retraction in the next issue to ease concerns.

Mr Stanton proposed to strike the words, "by shooting groups" from the Rule Book paragraph 2 on page 11 under A. OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. It was later decided not to change the words as the Rule Book primarily focuses on the group shooting discipline.

Concerning corporate finances, President Thornbury spoke with Mr Horn who suggested increasing domestic member dues to \$60/year and increasing match fees to \$3/day/shooter; an increase of \$10 and \$1/day/shooter respectively. Mr Erickson indicated that reserves need to be maintained to mitigate declines in economic conditions, membership attrition and to aid in target paper acquisitions which require large cash outlays.

Original Life members, (those who became Life members prior to August 27, 1999) receive complimentary issues of the magazine; however, the interest income received from Certificates of Deposits in which NBRSA has held the Original Life member's funds have not kept pace with the costs of publication. This has had a negative effect on organizational finances.

It was determined that the Business Manager will contact Life Members to research this issue and report findings to the Board for later action. The Board also discussed different revenue generation ideas, ie: Gold, Silver & Bronze levels of support with names of sponsors in the magazine, or auctioning small group traveling plaques, increasing advertising rates in Precision Rifleman magazine.

Last, President Thornbury referred back to some strategies he plans to discuss with Jeff Stover of IBS which may provide mutual assistance. The possibility of creating a merger committee will be considered at a later time.

It was decided to address the membership dues increase to the General Membership the following day at the planned membership meeting and poll the response received. President Thornbury recessed the Board Meeting at 6pm.

Following the conclusion of the General Membership meeting, President Thornbury reconvened the Board of Directors meeting Wednesday October 10, 2012 at 2:48pm with the following members present: Don Nielson, Jim Erickson, John Horn, Wayne Campbell, Jack Neary, Terry Meyer, Scott Hunter, Bud Mundy, Lou Murdica, Tom Libby and Eric Stanton. Members absent were Joe Krupa and Jack Snyder.

Mr Meyer began a discussion about the effectiveness of the committees for long range and score disciplines. His concern is that there is not sufficient representation under the present system. ***Mr Murdica made a motion to dissolve the committee chairman positions for long range and score classes (hunter and varmint for score) and bring these functions under the responsibility of the elected Regional Directors. Seconded by Mr Stanton and passed unanimously.***

Mr Meyer inquired whether the change in Sporter Class would require the world records to be on temporary hold as it constitutes a class change. ***He made a motion to this effect which died due to lack of a second.***

Mr Hunter made a new motion that any Sporter Class records shot will not become official records until the conclusion of the 2013 General Membership meeting at the 2013 Group Nationals and whether the membership votes to accept the new Sporter Class format. If this vote passes the General Membership in 2013, the current Sporter records will be retired. Terry Meyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Regarding organizational costs, Jim Erickson suggested the Board consider by-monthly magazine issues or combined issue during slow periods. If this is done, Mrs Brown is to place a note in the preceding issue indicating the next issue will be combined and estimate when the next issue will be shipped so that the membership is aware.

Regarding the dues increase, ***Mr Hunter made a motion to raise membership fees to \$60 domestic and raise match fees to \$3/day/shooter. International membership fees to be same as domestic PLUS annual postage for the magazine***

calculated as a Canadian rate and an International rate. Effective January 1, 2013, the membership dues will be as follows:

Domestic and International Memberships: \$60

Canadian residents add \$25 for postage for a total of \$85/annually

International residents add \$60 for postage for a total of \$120/annually

Motion seconded by Bud Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board received several last-minute changes to the Long Range Rule Book, to which Mr Murdica stated that it will remain in its current standing and in force until changes are voted on in the 2013 Long Range Nationals in Sacramento.

Regarding the President's agenda item, ***Mr Murdica made a motion that all agenda items that come to the Board must have the author's name on the item. Motion seconded by Terry Meyer and passed unanimously.***

Mr Campbell made a motion that all agenda items must come from within the region and must go to their regional director. Motion seconded by Mr Stanton and passed unanimously.

Bud Mundy moved to adjourn the 2012 Board of Directors Meeting, which was seconded by Wayne Campbell. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38PM, Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted: *Audrey Brown*, Secretary