

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION  
2013 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, September 14, 2013**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by Vice President Don Nielson at 10:02AM on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Uniontown Public Library in Pennsylvania. In attendance were:

Don Nielson, Vice President  
John Horn, Financial Officer  
Audrey Brown, Business Manager, Editor & Secretary  
Jack Neary, Eastern Regional Director  
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Region Director  
Jack Snyder, Mid-Continent Region Director  
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Region Director  
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director  
Wayne Campbell, Southeast Region Director & International Representative  
Eric Stanton, Northwest Region Director  
Tom Libby, Southwest Region Director  
Kent Harshman, World Records Committee Member  
David Halblom, Score Records Committee Chairman

**RE: Kent Harshman, World Records Report:**

Kent Harshman was presenting the Group World Records Report on behalf of Chairman Gene Bukys. Mr Harshman indicated all is well with only one outstanding request for the Board's consideration. He proposed a change in Section D. TOURNAMENT RULES, Rule (14) PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF A WORLD RECORD, paragraph (g) [pg. 29 of the online vsn.] to: *The Chairman then records the scores of the 3 Committee Members (range measurement is not included), computes an average of .0001 inch on individual groups and aggregates, and that score is the official measurement. In the case of the Hunter Class, the Chairman will use the score determined by the majority of the Records Committee instead of an average measurement.*

***Mr Campbell made a motion to accept the change in measuring verbiage as submitted which was seconded by Mr Hunter. The motion passed unanimously.***

**RE: David Halblom, Score Records Report:**

Mr Halblom said there are 2 records in process that will fill all the categories for score world records. There have been no 25X's shot this year or at least none presented to the committee.

**RE: Wayne Campbell, World Team Report:**

Mr Campbell said that the team is set but there are issues with gun permits and governmental approval backlogs are a concern. 2014 World Team Qualifiers will be:

Cactus: March 15-16, 2014  
Hog Roast: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May, 2014  
St Louis East-West: 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June, 2014  
Rattlesnake: August, 2014  
Holton 2014 Group Nationals: Mid-September

**RE: Don Nielson, Long Range World Records & Rule Book Report:**

Mr Nielson said there were several records shot and that he has turned the Long Range Score Committee over to Karl Hunstiger. Mr Hunstiger will take care of all the records now. Mr Nielson discussed the tie breaking rules for the Long Range rulebook. Mr Nielson said his opinion is to continue with the method Dick Davis and Karl Hunstiger use, which is as follows:

*For a Long Range Score Tie: Refer to X count. If the X count is tied, refer to the highest single target score. There are up to 6 chances to break a tie.*

*For a Long Range Group Aggregate Tie: Refer to the smallest single group. There are up to 6 chances to break a tie. This language will replace that which exists on p.24 in Edition #1 (January, 2012) Long Range Rules under Section H. Ties.*

***Mr Libby motioned to change long range tie breaking to the method described above and with the change the rulebook is accepted as presented by Mr Nielson with the two changed to the tie breaking method and mach fee change to \$3/shooter/day. Motion seconded by Mr Meyer and unanimously passed.***

**RE: John Horn, Target Committee Report:**

Mr Horn said the NBRSA has had a long-standing relationship with Orrville Printing and has historically entered into an agreement to purchase paper by the truckload. As targets are needed they are printed and Orrville maintains the inventory in their plant. We have a 2 year supply of paper remaining and are using about 300 cases per year. We have currently 300 cases printed and paid for so we have an approximate 1-year supply of targets printed and paid for. When we will need to purchase more, it is questionable whether NBRSA will have funds needed to repeat the current process, so we are investigating alternatives with Terry Meyer, who is knowledgeable in the printing industry.

**RE: John Horn Financial Report:**

Mr Horn addressed the condensed financial statement. Mr Meyer asked if we are making money sufficient to cover our needs and Mr Hunter asked if we should consider increasing target costs. Mr Horn said it is worth considering. Mr Neary asked if we should increase advertising costs and Mr Horn agreed. Mr Horn noted that D&O insurance is in place. He reviewed the Cash Flow and Profit and Loss Statements. Membership trends show 2011-2013 statistics with pertinent data. Comparing 2012 match statistics to 2013 shows a drop in group shooting and score remains the same as does long range. Mrs Brown discussed the magazine cost breakdown and match fee payment status.

***Mr Libby made a motion to approve Mr Horn's financial statements seconded by Mr Mundy and approved unanimously.***

Mr Stanton made motion to break at 11:45am seconded by Mr Libby. The Board reconvened at 12noon.

**RE: Hall of Masters Program:**

***Mr Mundy made a motion to disband the Hall of Masters seconded by Mr Neary. In Favor votes: Mr Meyer, Mr Hunter, Mr Neary, Mr Campbell, Mr Mundy and Mr Snyder. Opposed: Mr Libby and Mr Stanton. Motion passed.***

**RE: Traveling Trophy Committee:**

St Louis was receptive to building a display case for the group perpetual trophies as a permanent home.

***Mr Mundy made a motion to table perpetual trophy storage until next week which was seconded by Mr Meyer. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Old Business from 2012 Board of Director Meeting Minutes:**

Page 3. Open item on whether or not to continue the Hall of Masters program. The Board decided this meeting to disband the program.

Page 4. Test case proposals for online voting to include one long range item, one score and one short range item. These were to be placed on the website to illicit online voting by the membership. Mr Hunter said that the bylaws state that changes for the courses of fire must be approved by the general membership. After the online participation numbers were discussed with the Board, Mrs Brown said the

participant numbers were too small to be a statistically valid sample size to accurately reflect the membership population.

Page 4. The perpetual trophies as well as the new as yet still incomplete traveling trophy plaques were on display in the clubhouse at the Fairchance Group Nationals for the member participants to view. Mrs Brown said they are not yet complete and will be returned to Sheridan this year. They will be completed and available for next year's Group Nationals. **Mr Meyer made a motion to table traveling trophy disbursement until these new plaques are completed in 2014. Hunter second and passed unanimously.**

Page 7. Long Range Varmint Nationals attendance has dropped from last year's event. **Mr Stanton made a motion to keep this event as is with the hope that participation will increase. Mr Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Page 9. Change in Nationals format. Mr Neary said this motion came from former SW Regional Director, Mr Murdica last year and he tabled this motion to see if the new sporter class went through. **Mr Stanton made a motion to keep nationals format and retain sporter class. Motion was seconded by Mr Neary and passed unanimously.**

Page 9. Semiautomatic rifle class. **Mr Stanton made a motion that the Board vote that the trial period of semiautomatic rifles has concluded and there is insufficient interest to pursue this at this time. Motion second by Mr Neary and unanimously passed.**

#### **North Central agenda Items:**

1. Reduce print issues of Precision Rifleman to 11/year; combine January-February or February-March. Saves \$5,000 (\$2000 editing expense + \$2300 printing cost + \$700 postage). Potential loss of ad revenue is unknown. **Mr Meyer said he is making a motion to accept this item as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

2. Initiate Endowment Series of donation levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum Levels with commensurate, complimentary "thank you" items which recognize the contribution level, ie: \$1000 Bronze Level includes embroidered/patched Leather Bomber Jacket with logo and level.

**Mr Meyer made a motion to initiate endowment series of donation levels as written in agenda item 2. After discussion, he amended his motion to make an Endowment Committee to explore new methods of contributions with John Horn as the Chair. Mr Hunter seconded the motion and added he feels we do need to get some type of a program developed. This motion passed unanimously.**

3. Redistricting proposals for more even member representation. **Item withdrawn.**

4. Amend By-Laws to establish a requirement by Life Members for at least annual contact with the NBRSA office. Life membership will expire if contact is not made annually to ensure database integrity. **Item withdrawn.**

5. Mr Meyer made a motion to discontinue Life Memberships which was seconded by Mr Libby. **Mr Libby and Mr Stanton are in favor of discontinuing Life Memberships. Mr Meyer, Mr Hunter, Mr Neary, Mr Snyder and Mr Mundy were against. Mr Campbell abstained. Motion failed.**

The Board adjourned for lunch at 1:18pm and reconvened at 2:40pm.

6. Proposal for establishing a pool of National Event locations across the country in a rotation schedule for the ranges. Establish a set of criteria by which a range will be certified to hold a National Event in a particular NBRSA certified discipline, ie: 50 benches, amenities.) Establish a set of rules of insertion for new member ranges to be added to this pool. **Item withdrawn.**

7. Form an F-Class Bench committee to advance the organization by supporting and publicizing F-Class Bench shooting as a sanctioned class. Clarify rules for the sport and promote the class. **Mr Libby made a motion that will form a committee to explore this. Motion seconded by Mr Mundy. All directors voted in favor except Mr Snyder. Motion passes.**

8. Each Region to have an Alternate Director for continuity. **Mr Meyer made a motion to accept this item as written; second by Mr Hunter and passed unanimously.**

9. Relay rotation at the National Day one Starts with relay one. Next relay two would be first. Day three relay three starts and so until all relays have started and then start all over until match is over.

**Mr Meyer made motion to accept as written and seconded by Mr Campbell. In Favor Mr Meyer, Mr Hunter, Mr Campbell and Mr Stanton. Against Mr Libby, Mr Mundy, Mr Snyder and Mr Neary. Mr Nielson broke the tie and voted for mandatory national relay rotation. Motion passed.**

10. Each Director will appoint an Alternate Director to help him. The Director or Alternate must go to any National Match that is scheduled in their Region to get feedback from the shooters, ie: Hunter, Long Range or Varmint for Score. This information should be reported back to Directors meeting at the Group National. **Item withdrawn.**

11. Member ranges must ensure match fees and membership dues are paid in full by year end to secure a shooting schedule for the subsequent year. **Mr Meyer made motion to accept this item as written. Second by Mr Stanton. All directors in favor except Mr Snyder. Motion passed.**

12. Propose to sell match directors at member ranges patches at \$2.50/patch to provide on-site to those members who earn the patch. This provides immediate gratification and distributes cost. Currently NBRSA has the entire burden of the cost of the program. This allows NBRSA to recover the cost of the patch purchases. **After discussion, Mr Neary amended his motion for the Business Manager to provide each director a quantity of patches to distribute to members/match directors as needed. Neary would prefer control over the patches than a club. The Business Manager will place a notice in the magazine "for screamer patches, contact your Regional Director." Mr Hunter seconded the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Hunter Class:** Mr Meyer wanted to discuss the hunter class meeting at the 2013 Hunter Nationals which was held by Ron Shultz at Mill Creek. **The hunters voted 20 to 15 to remove the case capacity and caliber restriction for a 2-year period. Mr Meyer asked for a vote to accept their 2-year trial period. Second by Mr Campbell and passed unanimously.**

#### **Mississippi Valley Agenda Items:**

1. Merge Hunter & VFS Nationals at least two out of every three years. Mr Mundy said there were 38 HTR and 31 VFS shooters at the Hunter Nationals. Had the Director not run the hunter nationals without the VFS addition, he would not have broken even. At 30 shooters they cannot hold a National match. This was confirmed by Mr Meyer. **Mr Mundy made a motion that the HTR and VFS merge together as a Nationals event. Second by Mr Meyer. Mr Mundy clarified that the motion is for every year not as written in the agenda item. Mr Neary said the Eastern Region score shooters said they support combined HTR/VFS. Mr Libby said his region wants it separate. Format and relay discussion ensued. In favor of combining HTR/VFS every year is Mr Meyer, Mr Hunter, Mr Neary, Mr Campbell, Mr Stanton and Mr Snyder. Opposed is Mr Libby. Motion passed.**

2. Bid St Louis for the 2015 Varmint Nationals for the week prior to the World Shoot in St Louis. **Item is addressed in National Event Hosting Selection.**

3. Registration fees for 600-Yard matches. It currently stands at \$50 regardless of the number of classes being fired. I think the fee should be determined by the individual range not NBRSA. We currently charge 50/60/70 for 1/2/or 3 classes of competition. We will comply with NBRSA rules for their matches but feel this should be a range decision. Mr Mundy said our rules stipulate a cap of \$50/day. He said if a range wants to charge more for different guns, what harm would there be in that. **After further discussion, Mr Mundy withdrew the item pending further clarification with the requesting range.**

#### **Southwest Agenda Items:**

1. Modify the current Board of Directors to include a representative of each discipline within our organization, i.e. Directors for VFS, Long Range, Hunter, etc. Leave the current regional Directors as now in place and add new positions for the Director for each discipline. **Mr Libby made a motion to accept**

**#1 as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

2. In the new rule book on page 55 under number 5, Official Scorer, it reads, "Competitors are not permitted in the scoring area." We would like it to read: Competitors are not permitted in the scoring area or stat house while the scoring is going on without being accompanied by a Referee or Match Director. Violators will be disqualified from that aggregate. **Mr Libby made motion to accept this agenda item as written and seconded by Mr Stanton. All Directors voted in the affirmative except for Mr Meyer.**

3. Arizona Benchrest Shooters at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Arizona would like to be considered for the 2015 NBRSA Group Nationals. **Item is addressed in National Event Hosting Selection.**

4. I would like to see the NBRSA make printable certificates for match awards. These would be downloadable for a match director to utilize for awards. I would say 8.5 x 11 size; something suitable to frame for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> placements per yardage per class & small group. I would like a line to fill in the name of the shooter. This would help the small clubs with lower turn out. **Mr Libby made a motion to accept #4 as written. Mr Stanton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Clarify stock dimension regulations to address dependency on action length. **Mr Libby made a motion to form a committee to review #5 with John Horn and Don Nielson to address this issue before the end of the year. Second by Mr Stanton. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Mid Continent Agenda Items:**

1. Propose to clarify Section D5.c "Approval of Tournament Dates" in the NBRSA Rules & By-Laws v38. Page 17 states, "No date for a Registered Tournament may be approved if within 7 days of the first day of the National Championship Matches..." Does this apply only to the Group Nationals or does the rule apply to all NBRSA tournaments, ie: Hunter, Long Range & VFS? **Mr Snyder made a motion seconded by Mr Neary as follows: "No date for a registered tournament may be approved if within 7 days of the first day of the National Championship Matches of a like discipline unless approved by the President." All Directors voted in favor except for Mr Campbell and Mr Meyer. Motion passed.**

#### **Eastern Region Agenda Items:**

1. All 2014 NBRSA Group matches with only (2) relays, based upon low-match attendance, will have 37 minutes between the respective matches in lieu of the current 30 minute break. **Mr Neary made a motion to accept #1 as written. Seconded by Mr Campbell. Discussion ensued and those in favor were Mr Neary and Mr Campbell. All others opposed. Motion failed.**

2. Extend the current target protest period from 30 minutes to 2 hours so that it may give shooters additional time to review their targets score, in the event targets are posted late or during the start of the afternoon aggregate; whereby a shooter may not have time to review their last target. **Mr Neary made a motion to accept #2 as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

3. Change the monthly match schedule in the Precision Rifleman magazine to list the match dates by region, by month vs. its current format of listing all given group matches, from all regions, per month. **Mr Neary made it a motion as written and Seconded by Mr Hunter. Unanimously approved to change format to by region instead of chronological in the tournament schedule.**

4. New item introduced. **Mr Neary made a motion proposing that we change course of fire to introduce a warm-up match at the beginning of each day for group nationals and world team qualifying events. Second by Mr Campbell. The motion was then amended by Mr Neary to exclude regional championships.** In favor Mr Neary, Mr Campbell, Mr Stanton, Mr Libby. Opposed were Mr Meyer, Mr Hunter, Mr Mundy, Mr Snyder. Mr Nielson broke the tie and voted against. **Motion failed.**

#### **Gulf Coast agenda items:**

1. Permit out-of-class shooting events to be registered NBRSA events to promote membership and add a

new source of revenue. For score or group records the shooter must be an NBRSA member. **Mr Hunter made motion to accept this item as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

2. NBRSA Class F will accept NRA equipment rules and NBRSA procedural and safety rules. **Mr Hunter made motion to accept this item as written. Motion died due to lack of a second.**

3. For future single group world records, use four decimal points instead of the current three. **Item passed; see Group World Record Report.**

The Board moved to recess from the library at 5PM and reconvene at the Fairchance Gun Club Clubhouse at 5:28PM.

#### **Northwest Agenda Item (new):**

Mr Stanton presented an item for marketing for new memberships. He proposes to garner support from bullet/gun/powder manufacturers to provide support for Benchrest 101 clinics. **Mr Stanton made a motion to form a committee to review promotional and marketing for financial and/or educational support for initiating Benchrest schools. Seconded by Mr Neary. Discussion ensued as to how to market benchrest to the shooting public. Mr Neary will be part of this committee. Motion was passed unanimously.**

**Southeast Agenda Item:** No items submitted.

#### **President's Items For Discussion:**

1. Hold two annual Group National events: East and West. **Motion made to accept as written by Mr Nielson and seconded by Mr Hunter. Mr Hunter voted in favor. All others opposed. Motion failed.**

2. Mr Nielson asked the Board to make a decision whether to continue world records in sporter class if the members accept the sporter class changes. **All in favor except Mr Meyer. Item passed.**

3. Hall of Fame to include NBRSA exclusively. **The Board decided not to pursue this.**

4. Long Range Rulebook review. **The LR Rulebook was accepted.**

5. Review target and rulebook prices. The Board decided to wait 1 year for target price changes.

Rulebook prices are now \$15. **The Board voted unanimously to leave price as is.**

6. Review Life Memberships and determine if they should be offered and at what price. **See NC #5.**

7. Discuss financial disclosure. Email correspondence between Mr Al Elliot, NBRSA Tax Attorney and Mrs Brown was read to the Board. **NBRSA By Laws addressing disclosure were read to ensure adherence.**

8. Consider allowing ranges to dual-register IBS matches with NBRSA so that our members can receive screamer patches at IBS events and results can be published as well. **Mr Nielson withdrew the item.**

9. A Letter received from member Creach was reviewed and discussed. **The Board confirmed that Mrs Brown, the Business Manager is authorized to submit agenda items to her Regional Director per 2012 Board Minutes. Mr Meyer made a motion that the magazine publishes results from NBRSA registered matches. Seconded by Mr Snyder and unanimously passed.**

#### **National Event Hosting:**

2014 Group Nationals are awarded to Holton Gun Club in Holton, Michigan

2015 Group Nationals: St Louis in the first part of September and World Team to follow.

2014 Long Range Nationals: Sloughhouse in Sacramento bids same format as 2013. Format is approved for 600 and 1000 yardages but not F-bench. F-bench needs to be worded not as a national event and no trophies will be awarded by NBRSA for the F-bench match.

2014 VFS Nationals: Casper bids combined VFS/HTR: format is a 100/200/200/300 both guns August 4<sup>th</sup>. Las Vegas bids VFS only Short range & Long range.

2014 LR Varmint Nationals: **open**

#### **Other Items:**

Mr Hunter requested a notice be published that if there is are any errors in the printing of the new rule

book to please notify your Regional Director. The two errors the Board is aware of are the Map of Europe and no smoking information is not included.

**Mr Meyer made a motion to have a 3-year moratorium on all rule changes for all three disciplines once the Hunter/VFS Rules are approved with the exception of safety items. The Board has requested Mr Mundy to review the Hunter/VFS Rules and once approved, these too will be included in the 3-year moratorium on rule changes. The moratorium will be concluded January 1, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr Hunter. All in favor except for Mr Stanton. Motion passed.** Mr Hunter made a motion at 7:15PM to adjourn the meeting second by Mr Mundy and unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted: *Audrey Brown*, Secretary

The 2013 General Membership Meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Nielson on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 1:32PM at Fairchance Gun Club in Pennsylvania. Mr Nielson read the Committee Reports, Agenda Item results, 2014 qualifiers, removal of case capacity and caliber restrictions for Hunter Class benchrest as well as the merging of Hunter/Varmint For Score National events for the members.

There was a question by Member Harris why the world team is after the Group Nationals to which Mr Campbell responded he didn't know why it was that way. There was concern that the world shoot may tire shooters with back to back big events. Mr Campbell said the final format is not yet cast in stone. Member Garcia asked whether incentives were provided for junior shooters. Mr Nielson said there was no agenda item presented for Board review.

Mr Campbell reviewed the US Teams for WBC-12. He thanked the many generous donors and vendors who have helped sponsor this event.

Mr Nielson reviewed Sporter Class changes and Mr Hunter restated the new sporter rules; unrestricted stock, unrestricted barrel contour shot off current sand bag rules, any caliber not in excess of a .308, 10.5 # weight limit. A vote was taken whether to accept the new sporter class changes. There were 54 members for and 7 opposed. Motion passes.

Mr Libby discussed Group National ranges. As of now there is Phoenix, St Louis, Fairchance that are willing to hold Group Nationals. Midland is tied up with the oil boom, Raton is available but no one's available to run it. He encouraged the membership to seek out different ranges and work together to hold Group National events at different locations so there will be more choices.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted: *Audrey Brown*, Secretary