

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.
Alfred W. Walter, President
1925 Raft Drive
Hanley Hills, St. Louis 33, MO

July 28, 1964

To All Officers of the Association:

Not since the first minutes of the meeting of the NBRSA in Denver, Colorado, on March 1st and 2nd of 1951, to the last annual meeting of the Board of Directors and officers of the NBRSA, held at Council Cup Range, Wapwallopen, Penn. On August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1963, I feel assured to say that not one director has had in his possession a complete set of minutes of all past meetings.

When I first took the office of President of NBRSA, that was my first request. I found my request unable to be fulfilled immediately. My first task was to have a complete set both for myself and all directors holding office. This took a great amount of work securing all minutes, but after many months of hard work my request has been fulfilled. I have all the minutes up to date and put in booklet form, which I will present to the NBRSA to become the property of NBRSA.

These booklets will be in the possession of the Board of Directors while they are serving office in the NBRSA. When they have served their office and a new Director takes office, these booklets of the Past Minutes must be handed over to him through the Secretary of NBRSA.

During my two years as President of NBRSA I have often heard members saying that different rules were passed several years back and had no reference to refer to. Often it was said certain rules were "sportsman's agreements". In an organization such as ours we must only abide by rules that are voted on, passed, and accepted by the Board of Directors. Too often these "hearsay" rules that are not in the minutes, rules book, or By-Laws are often spoken only in favor of the person or persons wishing to accomplish something for their own good.

By each director having a complete set of rules to be informed of past work, I feel we will have a much stronger organization, and also will give a director better support to inform the members of his region.

It is my request that at the end of each annual meeting the secretary mail a copy of the minutes to each Director informing him to enter them in his booklet to keep it up-to-date. By doing this, I know the future officers will not be in such a quandary as I have often been.

Most sincerely,

A. W. Walter, President – 1963-64

PAST PRESIDENTS OF NBRSA

M. H. Walker—elected January 18, 1952

(Chas. N. Jennings—elected Vice-President in 1952 but at the 1953 meeting served as President.)

Rod Janson—elected at the 1953 meeting. (served—1954)

Ed McNally—elected at the 1954 meeting. (served—1955-56-57)

Irv Mohnkern—elected at the 1957 meeting. (served—1958-59-60)

R. W. Hart—elected 1960. (served 1961-62)

Al Walter—elected 1962. (served 1963-64)

Brunon V. Boroszewski—elected 1964. (served 1965-1966)

Dr. A. H. Garcelon—elected 1966. (served 1967-1968)

Raymond G. Speer—elected 1968. (served 1969-1970)

George E. Kelbly—elected 1970. (served 1971-1972-1973)

Walter S. Berger—elected 1973. (Started duties 9/6/73) (Served 1973-74)

Elected 1974. (Served 1974-1975)

Elected 1975. (Served 1975-1976)

Elected 1976. (Served 1976-1977)

Elected 1977. (Served 1977-1978)

Larry Englebrecht—Elected 1978. (Served September 1978-1979)

Elected 1979. (Served thru August 31, 1980)

Tom Metzger—Elected 1980. (Served September 1980-1981)

Elected 1981. (Served September 1981-1982)

NBRSA PAST PRESIDENTS (con't)

Tom Metzger—Elected 1982. (Served September 1982-1983)

Elected 1983. (Served September 1983-August 31, 1985)*

Elected 1985. (Served September 1985-August 31, 1987)

*President term changed to two years and to be on alternating years with Vice President which was also changed to two year term.

Term remains September 1st thru August 31st.

MINUTES OF MEETING NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

DENVER, COLORADO
MARCH 1 & 2, 1951

Those present: Paul Din ant, San Diego, California; Joel G. Hodge, Schenectady, N. Y; Chas. N. Jennings, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Rod Janson, Seattle, Wash.; Walter Siewert, Custer, S. Dakota; and Roy Meister, Seattle, Wash.

The National Bench Rest Shooters Association was adopted as the official name of this organization.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

The name of the Association shall be the National Bench Rest Shooters Association.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this organization shall be as follows:

1. The development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods.
2. To standardize on a national basis the entire Bench rest Shooting program so that targets, ranges, scoring methods, records and match procedure will be uniform and comparable.
3. To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Bench Rest Shooting.
4. To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP:

Shall consist of individual members and affiliated clubs.

Individual membership shall be \$3.00 per year, and affiliated club membership shall be \$10.00 per year.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS:

The officers of the Association shall consist of a Board of Directors, President, Vice President and a Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall consist of one director from each of the regional districts, elected by a majority vote of the NBRSA members within his district. Term of Charter Directors shall be for a period of two years; succeeding terms shall be for one year.

The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors from their body and shall serve at the discretion of the board.

The Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors from their body. Term of office shall be one year.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

In the event of resignation of any member of the Board of Directors, it shall be the duty of the Regional District to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 5

ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual meeting shall be held at a place designated by the President during the month of January each year. A notice of the meeting will be given each director at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE 6

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors who shall have general supervision of the activities and general policies of the Association. Further, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to elect and appoint officers to carry out the normal Association business. (As outlined in Article 4) A quorum of the Board shall act on all Association matters. The President, in addition to his duties as a Director, shall act as Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall carry out all policies of this Association as laid down by the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President, and further shall be responsible for carrying out overall policies in relation to national publicity and promotion, as laid down by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible to the Board in all matters relating to membership, funds of the Association and other related matters delegated to him by the Board.

ARTICLE 7

Amendments and additions to the Constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any time when changing conditions warrant.

ORGANIZATION:

The organization shall be national in scope to be comprised of five (5) regions with equal representation, as follows:

Northwestern Region: Dr. Rod Janson, Director
Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana,
also British Columbia and Alberta, Canada.

Southwestern Region: Paul Dinant, Director
California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

North Central Region: Walter Siewert, Director
Eastern Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South
Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, also
Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada.

Mid-Continent Region: Charles N. Jennings, Director
Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Texas,
Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Eastern Region: Joel G. Hodge, Director
Wisconsin, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama,
Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Georgia, Florida,
N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia,
Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York,
Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. Also Ontario and
Quebec, Canada.

OFFICERS:

Officers shall consist of one Director to be elected from each region. The following were names as Charter Directors to serve for a period of two years: Dr. Rod Janson, Joel G. Hodge, Paul Dinant, Charles N. Jennings and Walter Siewert. The term of future Directors shall be for one (1) year.

The Charter Directors elected the following as officers of NBRSA: Joel G. Hodge, President; Charles N. Jennings, Vice President; Col. Townsend Whelen, Honorary Associate Vice President, and William J. Van Norstrand, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Association in the _____ Bank and all withdrawals to be made by check signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and counter-signed by the President. The Directors authorized the President, Joel G. Hodge and William J. Van Nostrand, Secretary-Treasurer, to deposit the funds of the NBRSA in the _____ Bank and to withdraw such funds only by check signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP:

Club affiliation shall be \$10.00 per year, ending December 31. Individual membership shall be \$3.00 per year. Only affiliated clubs may conduct registered matches.

Competitors who are non-members shall pay \$1.50 registration fee to fire in each registered match. This fee shall be remitted to national headquarters. National headquarters shall receive 25 cents from the registration fee of each competitor in all registered matches.

MEETINGS:

Every effort will be made to hold a meeting of the Directors at least once a year.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION:

"Shooters News" was designated as the official publication until terminated by the Board of Directors.

PUBLICITY:

Local and National publicity to secure members and promote interest in Bench Rest Shooting will be sponsored.

PUBLICITY (cont.)

All affiliated club news items will be sent direct to Mr. Teachout, Editor "Shooters News".

Editorial and technical articles or policy matters will be sent to Frank Hubbard for final editing.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

The Association will make available average and results of registered matches and will compile individual averages, statistics and technical information. It will determine and recognize national records for all ranges fired, consisting of individual record targets and aggregates.

YEAR BOOK:

The publication of the existing Year Book as the official annual publication of the NBRSA shall continue.

SAFETY AND RANGE PROCEDURE:

In the conduct of all Bench Rest Matches normal accepted safety practice must be strictly observed. Range officers are charged with this responsibility at all times.

OFFICIAL COURSE OF FIRE FOR 1951 MATCHES: Will be 5—5 shot groups at 100 yards and 200 yards. This is the minimum accepted for registered aggregate. 300 meter matches will be held where range facilities permit.

TIME LIMIT: At 100 yards and 200 yards will be 10 minutes for 5 shots—then 7 minutes for each succeeding 5-shot group. At 300 meters, 10 minutes for all 5-shot groups. Fifteen minutes shall be allotted for the first 10-shot group, then 12 minutes for each succeeding 10-shot group at 100 yards and 200 yards. All 10-shot 300 meter groups shall be allowed 15 minutes.

TARGETS:

Official Bench Rest targets will be required in all registered matches.

100 yard target:

Ten ring shall be ½ inch O.D., thickness of this ring shall be 1/16 inch. The nine ring shall be 1 inch O. D., and the line 1/32 inch thickness and succeeding lines will be 1/32 inch thickness and ½ inch increase in diameter to and including the six ring. The aiming square will be 1 inch square and placed at 12 o'clock tangent to the nine ring. Thickness of the sides of the aiming square will be ¼ inch. Overall size of the target card shall be approximately 4" X 6".

Targets for longer ranges will be increased in direct proportion to the range in all ring and aiming point dimensions. Overall target card size for 200 yards will be approximately 8" X 10".

The Directors agreed to submit the problem of target supply to Mr. Rk. Nelson. He is authorized to secure either non-reflecting yellow or buff tagboard targets, with preference to the yellow paper, provided there is no appreciable difference in the price of the paper; otherwise, he will secure the cheaper of the two by contract after securing competitive bids from several printers.

MOVING BACKING STRIP:

A moving backing strip will be required in all registered matches and all record or near record targets submitted for consideration, as record groups must be accompanied by the backing strip and the sighting target showing one distinct bullet hole, for purpose of determining paper displacement.

GROUP MEASUREMENT:

For all registered matches all affiliated clubs will have a scoring gauge of a type approved by the NBRSA. Design and working drawings of approved gauge will be available to all affiliated clubs.

GROUP MEASUREMENT (Cont.)

Total diameter of the split scoring plugs of the approved measuring gauge shall be 0.200 inches in diameter and will be used for scoring all 22 caliber groups. Groups fired by larger calibers will also be scored by this gauge taking into consideration full difference in bullet diameter over 22 caliber. Factors for this conversion will be listed on the gauge.

It is recommended that local clubs shall avoid making any claims or publishing any record groups until the group has been accepted by the official judging committee.

OFFICIAL JUDGING COMMITTEE:

Shall be Col. Whelen, Dean of American Riflemen; A. H. Barr, technical Staff American Rifleman; Dr. Rod Janson, Director NBRSA; Warren Page, Shooting Editor Field and Stream, and J. F. Brandt, Manager Specialty Sales Division Bausch and Lomb optical Company. This group will function in the judging of record and near record targets using very precise optical methods, (Optical comparators).

NATIONAL REGIONAL MATCHES:

The Directors desire that the maximum possible number of Bench Rest Shooters will compete on Labor Day week-end in registered competition under uniform conditions as set out herein, and that at least one registered match be held in each of the 5 regions over Labor Day. These matches shall be considered as National Regional Tournaments, and official results of these matches will determine the National Champions.

The committee headed by L. R. Wallack, appointed at Johnstown winter meeting, will arrange all details of the Labor Day Regional Matches.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL REGIONAL PROGRAM:

Will be published for the Labor Day Matches. Proceeds from these programs will divided with the affiliated clubs in proportion to their advertising contributed.

PRIZES:

Suitable prizes will be awarded winners in each region and the national winners, including 100 yard, 200 yard, and aggregates and the overall aggregate. Prizes shall also be awarded 300 meter matches winners.

Signed: March 2, 1951

CHARTER DIRECTORS

Joel G. Hodge
Dr. Rod Janson
Charles N. Jennings
Paul Dinant
Walter Stewart

At this meeting Col. Whelen was elected as first Honorary Life Member but was not written into the minutes.

Roy Meister was acting temporary secretary at this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN
DENVER,
COLORADO, ON JANUARY 18-19, 1952. (Copied from February 1952 SHOOTERS NEWS).

Directors present: M. H. Walker, W. C. Siewert, Dr. Rod Janson, Paul P. Dinant and C. N. Jennings.

The meeting was opened by acting chairman Charles N. Jennings, with a discussion of the meeting agenda.

M. H. Walker was nominated by Dr. Janson for President. C. N. Jennings was nominated by W. C. Siewert. After discussion, Chairman Jennings asked Siebert to withdraw his nomination and that M. H. Walker be elected by unanimous acclamation. Acting Chairman Jennings turned the meeting over to President Walker.

Charles N. Jennings was elected Vice-President for 1952.

Life Memberships were discussed with no action taken.

It was decided by the Directors to recognize H. A. Donaldson's contribution to Bench Rest Shooting in the form of a letter.

The Directors recommended that future presidents of the NBRSA be elected from a geographical region other than that of the incumbent executive.

After discussion concerning the need for new regions it was voted that the By-laws be amended under Article 7, Organization, to read as follows: "The organization shall be national in scope and be comprised of five regions as initially instituted with additions at the Directors' discretion."

It was agreed that Texas and Louisiana be removed from the Mid-Continent Region and that a new director be elected for a term of one year; succeeding directors to be elected for a term of two years within this area.

The Directors agreed on the appointment of Phil Teachout as the National Secretary-Treasurer. Colonel Whelen was unanimously approved as NBRSA editor.

The President was given authority to appoint the National Match Chairman and to apprise him of his duties.

\$500.00 was approved as the annual payment for the services of the National Secretary-Treasurer and approved stamped self-addressed envelopes as renewal notice for NBRSA member.

C. N. Jennings was commissioned to design a NBRSA seal and brassard.

Dr. Janson is to prepare the certificate of award form for individual winners and the Club Charter form.

Discussion was held on the advisability of standardization of bulletins of registered matches. The decision was to leave this to the discretion of the National Match Chairman.

The Directors voted that the National Match course of fire for National Championships shall be fired in one Registered Match which must be designated as such by the competitor at the time of entry. Competitors may fire in as many Regionals as he chooses, there being no limit on the number of Regional Matches fired in each region. The approved National Match course of fire shall be five 10-shot groups at 100 yards and five 10-shot groups at 200 yards.

The approved method of calculating the Grand Aggregate shall be the sum total of the aggregate at 100 and 200 yards.

The adoption of 10-shot groups as National course of fire does not constitute the elimination of competition for record of 5-shot groups. Time limits for ten shots shall be eighteen minutes for the first group; succeeding groups shall have fifteen

minutes and no less than twenty minutes between individual competitor's groups. Revised time limits for 5-shot groups shall be twelve minutes for the first group and ten minutes for succeeding groups and no less than twenty minutes between an individual competitor's groups.

Henceforth, Regional Directors shall accept applications for registered matches in his region. He will in turn notify National Headquarters and Shooters News of approved dates.

The Directors approved by a vote of 4 to 1 that firing for record is permissible under artificial light. Failure to fire a sighting shot does not constitute disqualification of the competitor.

It was voted that the By-Laws be amended under Article 4, as provided for in Article 7, to read: "Terms of Directors shall be for two years." The Directors of the Northwestern, Mid-Continent, and Eastern Regions shall continue through 1953.

For the purpose of clarification, a rest shall be described as a device from which the rifle is fired and does not restrain free recoil movement, and from which the rifle is fired by contact of the trigger and trigger finger.

The President was granted authority to select a committee to work on improved measurement methods and selection of a better paper or other material for targets. He was also authorized to prepare a rule book governing match procedure.

The President was instructed to delegate a suitable author to answer in the American Rifleman the article written by Peyton Autry in the December 1951 issue of that magazine entitled "How Accurate is the Modern Rifle".

The Directors recommend that present records stand as recognized.

Approval was given Colonel Whelen to write the supplement to the Year Book.

It was voted that the complete expense of each Director in attending the Denver meeting should be borne by the National Treasury. Expense Accounts are to be submitted for payment.

It was voted that each Regional Director appoint an official referee, a non-competitor, to officiate at each regional match in his region.

The Chief Executive of the NRA, Merritt A. Edson, extended to the Directors of the NBRSA the full cooperation of the NRA in every respect to further the ultimate goals that actuate the policies of the two national associations.

Signed: M. H. Walker, President
C N. Jennings, Vice President
Paul P. Dinant
W. C. Siewert
Dr. Rod Janson

MINUTES OF THE 1953 DIRECTORS MEETING

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the NBRSA Directors in Wichita, Kansas was called to order by President Chas. Jennings at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 1953.

In attendance were: Rod Janson for the Northwest Region, K. E. Smith for the Southwest Region, Chas. N. Jennings for the Mid-Continent Region, P. D. Moore for the Gulf Coast Region, Harold Morgan for the North-Central Region, and P. H. Teachout, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was read by Teachout, showing a balance of \$2058.53 as of September 1, 1953, and a gain of \$840.59 for the first eight months of 1953. Rod Janson moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved: That as soon as Colonel Townsend Whelen is able to edit and prepare a new edition of the NBRSA Year Book that he be empowered to do so and that he will be entitled to any royalties that may occur. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

By mutual agreement of the Directors present the election of officers for 1954 was deferred till the arrival of Ed McNally, newly elected Director for the Eastern Region, on September 11th.

K. E. Smith moved: That targets to be eligible for record small groups shall be fired in registered matches and shall be accompanied by the backing target. Seconded by Morgan and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved to amend the definition of a bench rest rifle to read: ARMS: Any rifle with any safe ammunition, any sights, no weight limit, detonation set off by mechanism on the rifle which shall be actuated by the finger and fired from a rest.

Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved: That the invitation of the National Rifle Association to hold National Bench Rest Championships at Camp Perry in 1954 be accepted in principle but that the approval of the NBRSA membership be secured before the invitation shall be accepted in fact. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

K. E. Smith moved: That an official 100 yard target be made available, printed on the same size card as the 200 yard official target, but of the same aiming square, ring and border line dimensions as the present 100 yard official target. That both this target and the 100 yard target adopted in 1952 be official targets in NBRSA matches. That an 18 X 18 inch size target card be provided for 300 meter shooting, with only aiming square, 10 ring (centered the proper distance below aiming square) and borderline ½ inch from target card edge be printed on the target. The entire motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved: That two experimental aiming squares be made available for trial by clubs. (a) A square with laminated border – outside third of border blank, center third white, and inside third black, (b) a thin lined square with X cross. Both experimental squares to be of outside dimensions of square on present 200 yard official targets. Motion was seconded and passed.

Rod Janson moved: That the paragraph in the 1953 NBRSA Rule Book titled "Official Score Bulletins" be amended by adding the words "and equipment date" to the end of the first sentence. The Directors recommend that registered match sponsors shall, whenever possible, post preliminary bulletins promptly in order that competitors may check the results of their firing. The entire motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved that: We, the Directors, assembled here at this meeting in Wichita, Kansas, on September 10, 1953, extend to Harvey A. Donaldson a life membership in the NBRSA in recognition for his contribution to bench rest shooting.

And we also extend a life membership to Colonel Townsend Whelen for his contributions and devoted service to bench rest shooting and the NBRSA, The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Rod Janson moved: That this Association make provision for Life and Endowment memberships. That the Life Membership fee shall be \$50.00. That Life Membership may be purchased on a conditional contract, with a minimum initial payment of \$25.00 and balance paid within one year. That Life Membership fees be placed in a separate account and withdrawals of principal to be made only on a two thirds vote of all Directors. That an Endowment Membership fee shall be a minimum of \$100.00 and that endowments may be accepted for specific purposes. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

K. E. Smith moved: That a stationary backing target, constructed to identify cross-fire shots, be required in registered matches in addition to the moving backing target not later than January 1, 1955. (The Directors recommend the stationary backer as a necessity in 1954.) Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

Rod Janson moved: That the National Match course of five 10 shot groups at 100 yards and five 10 shot groups at 200 yards be retained in 1954. That the continuation of 10 shot groups in the National Match course does not constitute the elimination of competition for record of 5 shot groups in registered matches. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Rod Janson moved: To amend the paragraph in the 1953 Rule Book titled "Application for Match Registration" by striking out the last sentence in the paragraph – (The Regional Director appoints an official referee, a non-competitor, to officiate at each registered match in his region.) Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Meeting was properly adjourned until 10:30 a.m. September 11, 1953.

Meeting was reopened at 10:40 a.m. September 11, 1953.

Rod Janson moved: That the President send a letter to General Edson expressing appreciation and thanks to the National Rifle Association for the invitation to hold National Bench Rest Championships at Camp Perry in 1954. Expressing that final acceptance of the invitation will have to await upon acceptance by the NBRSA membership. Repeating the NBRSA willingness to cooperate with the NRA on all common and mutual objectives. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Rod Janson moved: To amend the last sentence of the paragraph in the 1953 Rule Book, titled "Disqualification of Targets" to read, "When official targets with borderline are in use, shots outside but not touching the borderline will disqualify the target." Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Rod Janson moved a rule on crossfires: A competitor who crossfires will be disqualified for match and aggregate. In a registered match, with stationary backing target and crossfires identifiable, a competitor's record shots will constitute the competitor's record group for measurement. In cases where crossfire shots cannot be identified the competitor will have to accept the measurement of groups as a whole (total shots on record target). No competitor shall be allowed to re-fire any match. Where multiple relay targets are used on target frame it is recommended that fired targets be removed from target frames between firing of each relay. motion seconded and unanimously carried.

(Ed McNally, Director for Eastern Region, arrived at this time and the business already accomplished was reviewed for his benefit.)

Ed McNally moved: That Article 5 of the NBRSA by-laws (Annual Meeting) be amended to read – "An annual meeting of the Directors will be held between Dec. 31st and April 1st, at which meeting officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors shall be elected and installed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Ed McNally moved: The competitive season of the NBRSA shall be the calendar year. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

President Jennings called for the election of officers. K. E. Smith nominated Rod Janson to serve as President and the nomination was seconded by Ed McNally. No other nominations were made and the motion was made that Janson be elected by acclamation. It was so done and Janson elected President.

Harold Morgan nominated Ed McNally to serve as Vice President and the nomination was seconded by Janson. It was moved, seconded and so voted that nominations be closed and McNally was elected by acclamation.

P. H. Teachout was re-appointed to serve as Secretary-Treasurer and the Directors tendered a vote of thanks to Teachout for his satisfactory performance of duties.

Rod Janson moved an amendment to Article 4, second paragraph of the NBRSA by-laws (OFFICERS) to read: "The Board of Directors shall consist of one director from each of the Regional districts, elected by a majority vote of the NBRSA members present at an annual meeting in the region. Each member in each Region shall be notified by first class mail of the time and place of such annual meeting. Notices of annual meetings within the regions shall be sent to all NBRSA members in good standing in the Region from the NBRSA National Headquarters office." Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Ed McNally moved that Article 4 (OFFICERS) of the NBRSA by-laws be amended by the addition of a paragraph: "A Director may appoint a proxy to represent him at any meeting of the NBRSA Directors which he is unable to attend." Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Rod Janson moved: That the NBRSA award a certificate of merit to the competitors in each region making the following records in their region during 1953: smallest 10 shot group at 100 yards; smallest 5 shot groups at 100 yards; smallest five match 10 shot group aggregate at 100 yards; smallest 10 shot group, 5 shot group and aggregate at 200 yards; smallest 5 shot group and smallest 10 shot group at 300 meters. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rod Janson moved: That all clubs sponsoring registered matches be requested to mail a copy of each of their programs and official score bulletins to ALL the NBRSA Directors. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion was made to adjourn which was properly seconded and unanimously carried.

Directors signatures:

Chas. N. Jennings
Dr. Rod Janson
E. L. Phillips (by P. D. Moore)
C. C. Hankins (by H. B. Morgan)
K. E. Smith

(Secretary's note: Ed McNally's signature is not affixed to the original minutes of the meeting and this is believed to be an oversight and not an intentional withholding of signature.)

MINUTES OF NBRSA DIRECTORS' MEETING held at Custer, South Dakota, September 22, 1954 (copied from December 1954 SHOOTERS NEWS)

Meeting called to order by President Rod Janson at 9:30 a.m. with Directors E. L. Phillips, E. E. McNally, C. C. Hankins, Harold Morgan (Director-elect), and Dr. Fowler Poling.

McNally moved to dispense with reading of minutes and to approve same. Seconded by Phillips. Accepted.

Janson read Treasurer's report. Janson mentioned that in view of the amount of cash now on hand a yearly audit should be considered. Dr. Poling moved that the audit be made annually. McNally seconded. Motion passed unanimously. An Audit is to be made before Treasurer's report accepted. Copies to be mailed to all Directors and a mail poll of acceptance taken.

Janson read Secretary's report.

McNally reported on Merchandise Prize Committee. 42 merchandise prizes and 3 trophies, valued at \$1200.00 were gathered by the Committee for award at the National Championship.

Dr. Janson called for discussion of old business.

1. McNally described metal target covers tried this year at Johnstown wherein hinged metal covers cover all targets except present active relay. This was found to preclude need for stationary backer. Dr. Poling moved that stationary backer be not required in 1955, but again recommended further study. Seconded by McNally. Carried.

Dr. Janson called for discussion of new business as follows:

1. McNally moved that Directors' meeting be restricted to board members, board members elect and National Secretary. Phillips seconded. (This amendment to the present resolution that only board members and secretary may attend.) Carried.

2. Dr. Janson discussed the feasibility of eliminating proxys. General discussion brought the decision to leave the regulations as they now stand, that a Director may appoint a proxy to attend the Directors' meetings.
3. A discussion of the need for incorporation brought out that the Constitution should be streamlined for the purposes of incorporation. A recommendation that the incoming President work out a revised set of by-laws with the assistance of council.
4. Phillips moved that dues be increased to \$4.00; \$1.00 to region, \$1.50 to Shooters News, \$1.50 to National Treasury. Region money to be used for conduct of region business. Any residue in the region treasury at time of Directors' meeting to be used to defray Directors' expense to meeting. Should treasury balance be insufficient to travel needs, National Treasury will supply balance. Should Region Treasury balance be more than sufficient, Region to keep the monies over and above Directors' expense. Seconded by McNally. Passes unanimously.
5. Dr. Janson called for discussion of idea to define a voting member as one who has competed in at least one registered match during the past year. Hankins felt it would discourage shooters; Morgan agreed with Hankins. McNally felt that possibly anyone attending a called meeting should qualify. It was decided that no action should be taken. Motion made by Phillips and seconded by McNally that on constitutional matters the whole membership should be allowed to vote. On opinion polls the shooting members only should be polled, preferably at registered shoots. Motion carried.
6. Regarding Article 4, Paragraph 1, it was decided to make no change.
7. McNally moved to amend Paragraph 2, Article 4, to read: "The Board of Directors shall consist of one Director from each of the regional districts, elected by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting of his region. The term of office shall be 2 years. A Director elect shall take office on the January 1st following his election". Motion seconded by Hankins. Motion passed.

8. Matter of term of office of President was discussed. Dr. Poling moved that President be elected by a majority vote of the Directors from their body, that he may succeed himself in office by unanimous vote of the current Directors provided he is duly elected as Director of his region. McNally seconded. Motion passed.
9. Phillips moved and Hankins seconded that same as above hold for Vice President. Motion passed.
10. Article 5. An annual meeting of the Directors shall be held at a place designated by the President, preferably at the site of the National Championship Shoot when held. Notice of the meeting shall be given each Director at least 30 days in advance of such meeting. Above moved by McNally, seconded by Poling. Motion carried.
11. An additional paragraph under article 5 moved by Poling: The President may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors at any time he feels it necessary and must call a special meeting upon written request of four Directors. Seconded by McNally. Motion passed.

McNally moved that four Directors constitute a quorum of the Board. Seconded by Poling. Passed.

Phillips moved that the Directors at all times carry out to the best of their ability the "objects of the organization" as outlined in Article 2. Seconded by Poling. Motion passed.

McNally moved that the Constitution be amended only on 2/3 majority vote of those voting in a referendum vote taken by mail. The secretary to receive and count the votes within 10 days of the closing date of the voting. Results to be published in Shooters News. Seconded by Hankins. Passed.

Poling moved that the Eastern Region be allowed 3 votes, the 3 votes to be conveyed to the Director' meeting by the Eastern Region Director. The exact wording of the motion to be drawn up and presented at the next session of this meeting.

Motion made by Fowler Poling, seconded by Ed Phillips that the Eastern Region have three votes in NBRSA National Board matters. Eastern Region to have two districts, each district to have a deputy Director, elected by a majority vote of members present at District Annual Meeting. At NBRSA National Board Meeting, Eastern Region Director would have 1 vote for each of the two Eastern Districts and 1 vote for the Eastern Region at large, total of 3 votes. In instances where the Eastern Region Director was unable to attend a board meeting, one of the Deputy Directors designated by the Eastern Region Director would be empowered to attend the National Board Meeting and have the voting power of the Eastern Region Director. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (P. S. The Eastern Region will establish two equal districts and notify the Directors of the same.

1:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned for lunch.

8:45 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Poling moved that 1955 match site be in Eastern Region. Seconded by Hankins, passed.

A resolution was proposed by Phillips that the Board wish to encourage bench rest shooting at ranges greater than 200 yards although no official sanction can be placed on such competition at the present time. Since there is at present a general lack of long range facilities (facilities beyond 200 yards) the 300 meter range should not be included in the National Match Course – 300 meter targets should go unchanged. It is recommended that new range facilities should be set up at 300 yards rather than 300 meters, there being no real basis for use of 300 meters. Resolution passed.

A resolution was proposed by McNally that the targets used in 1954 should be continued as official in 1955. Also it was proposed that any printer who can meet our specifications as to paper and printing is allowed. Passed.

McNally suggested that two or more persons may use the same rifle in a match, but only one may compete for prizes. Passed.

Hankins moved that the 1955 National Match Course be retained the same as in 1954. Seconded by Phillips. Passed.

In the above discussion it was brought out that five shot group shooting should be encouraged and matches held in conjunction with the ten shot matches. Such matches are registered and records recognized. It is believed to encourage new shooters.

The matter of coaching was put to discussion by McNally who reported experience in the East. Janson proposed that the incoming President appoint a committee to define coaching and to suggest what restrictions if any should be placed.

McNally moved that competitors be given a choice of relay where practical to do so, but that bench number be drawn by lot. Seconded by Hankins. Passed.

A discussion of feasibility of converting aggregate scores to minute of angle was offered by McNally. Janson suggested that the general public would not understand the meaning of minute of angle.

Dr. Poling moved that the approved method of calculating the Grand Aggregate be changed to the following: "The sum total of the average at 100 and 200 yards divided by two". Passed.

Dr. Janson nominated Phillips as Referee and Make Walker as Alternate for National Match.

Mr. Hankins nominated Mr. McNally as President. Elected by acclamation. Mr. Hankins nominated Dr. Poling as Vice President. Elected by acclamation. P. H. Teachout was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Passed. 11:05 p.m. E. L. Phillip.

Directors' Meeting at range Friday afternoon presided over by Dr. Rod Janson, President, with Phillips, Hankins, McNally and Poling in attendance.

Motion by Poling (Re Moore Trophy) That the Trophy be left with Mr. Moore until the NBRSA has a suitable safe place for keeping. Seconded by Mr. Hankins and carried unanimously.

Motion by McNally: I move that the Whelen Trophy donated by P. D. and John I. Moore be awarded to the National Champion at the National Shoulder to Shoulder Shoots held by the NBRSA regardless of the course of fire or basis upon which the National Champion is to be selected. Motion seconded by C. C. Hankins and carried unanimously.

Motion by Poling: All competitors must complete their string of fire within the time limit, with no exceptions. (This to be attached to the time limit paragraph in the Rule Book.) Motion seconded by Hankins and carried unanimously.

(Discussion regarding Sam Clark's protestation: Ruling – The protest has been heard by the Directors and they uphold the decision of the Referee on the basis that it is covered by the rules on time limits.)

Motion by McNally: That we go on record as favoring the development of further activities at bench rest shoots incorporating scheduled matches for hunting rifles and varmint rifles with adequate record recognition and publicity, details of which would be worked out during the year by committees appointed for that purpose. Seconded by Phillips and carried unanimously.

Memo: Suggested that the President designate a committee to work out some insignia or certificate of merit for number of places selected by the Board in the national matches and regional matches. (Poling – Chairman of Committee).

“NBRSA TO HAVE EXPANDED PROGRAM”

(Copied from November 1955 SHOOTERS NEWS Page 6)

At a meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors in Johnstown, N. Y. on September 1st, E. E. “Ed” McNally was re-elected President, Harold Morgan of Custer, S. D. was elected Vice president, and P. H. Teachout was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Gulf Coast Region and the Mid-Continent Region submitted bids for the 1956 National Championship Shoot. After full consideration the 1956 shoot was awarded to the Gulf Coast Region. The decision was considerably influenced by the range facilities already available at San Angelo, Texas, the site of the 1956 shoot.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors in Johnstown on September 5, it was voted to recognize 5 shot match aggregates records fired in registered shoots. Since no 5 shot group aggregates records have been kept by the NBRSA it is probable that the smallest aggregates at the various ranges made during the 1956 shooting season will be considered the recognized records at the end of the season, or Jan. 1, 1957.

Provision was made for an associate membership in NBRSA. The wife, husband, or child under 18 years of age, of an annual or life member in good standing may become as associate member of the NBRSA on application and payment of annual dues of \$2.00. Associate membership does not include subscription to the official publication.

It was voted to set up a program for registered competition with varmint and big game hunting type rifles, with uniform courses of fire, shooting regulations, and recognizing of record groups and aggregates fired in registered competitions. It is planned to have this program ready for the start of the 1956 summer shooting season. Since this will be an entirely new program it will be set up on a trial basis, subject to change after a season trial, as proof by experience indicates the need for change, if any.

Targets submitted for consideration as aggregate records will in the future be optically measured by Dr. Rod Janson, Director for the North-Western Region and member of the NBRSA Judging Committee. For consideration as aggregate records, all targets making up the aggregate with their moving backer strips attached must be submitted for measurement. Targets should be submitted through the Director of the region in which the registered match is fired.

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Incorporators of the NATIONAL
BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and Officers
And Directors of the NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
held on October 9th,
Thru 13th, 1956 at San Angelo, Texas

October 9th, 1956

Directors Present: Walt Siewert, North Central Region, A. L. Day, Mid Continent, Rod Janson NW, President Ed McNally, Eastern Region. Dep. Directors Irv Mohnkern, Paul Gottschall, proxy for B. Ackerley and Director elect Bob Hart. R. H. Roark was absent, as was Ken Smith, S. W. Region

Meeting brought to order by President Ed McNally, minutes of the previous meeting of 1955 dispensed with.

A brief discussion of the S. W. Region situation was taken up and seven names for prospective Directors was suggested, among these, were Bob Rollins, Charlie Poole and Jim Wilson. It was suggested, the S. W. Region hold a meeting and elect a more active Director.

Motion by Walt Siewert, second by Al Day.

At registered NBRSA matches, competitors be required to pay the registration fee, but that they not be required to pay the match cash award fees, unless they wish to. In those cases where merchandise prizes are to be awarded in lieu of cash, the competitor will pay the match fee if he wants to participate for same.

Passes unanimously.

Motion by Rod Janson, second by W. Siewert.

Measurement of prospective record aggregate targets, be done by three regions, other than the region from which the targets originate, these regions to be appointed by the president of NBRSA. The Director in each of these three regions, will appoint a capable person in his region, who will only be known to the Director. This person will measure the targets with an approved measuring device. The Director will then send the targets to the next region as designated by the president, etc. The targets will be finally sent to the resident and he will take the average of the measurements and notify the regional director from which they came. The measurements by each region will not accompany the targets, but will be mailed to the president separately.

Passed unanimously.

An informal discussion followed regarding stimulation for more member and BR shooters. The question of a uniform measuring device was discussed and the matter to be brought up in a future meeting. All directors were advised by McNally to become familiar with the R/R Sweany device.

Adjourned to October 10th, 1956.

/s/ E. E. McNally
Acting Chairman

October 10th, 1956

Present the same as on the 9th plus the addition of Bob Smith, who is substituting for R. Roark Gulf Director.

President McNally asked for the report by regions, on the matter of restriction of rests.

North Central: There be no restrictions.

Gulf Region: No restrictions except that one piece rests be not allowed.

Mid Continent: No restrictions except any mechanism attached to the rifle which will permit it to return to exact battery and require no further adjustment.

Northwestern: No restrictions.

Meeting continued. October 10th, 1956.

Further discussion of rests to be taken up at the next meeting.

Adjourned to October 11, 1956.

/s/ E. E. McNally
Acting Chairman

Acting Secretary

October 11, 1956

Present : Same as on October 10, 1956

Motion by Irv Mohnkern, second by W. Siewert

Rests: The front and rear rests shall be two completely separated units, not attached to each other. They may be made of any material, may have lateral or vertical adjustment or both.

Matched machined ways, guides, slots, etc., can be used on but one of the rests, either the front or the rear, but not on both.

A complete explanation of this rule, to be published in Precision News.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Al Day, second by W. Siewert.

Any competitor may appeal to the National Excs. Committee, against the decision of the range official or match committee, at any registered match, which has ruled against his match equipment. Such an appeal must be made in writing to the referee match official, during the said registered match. He will forward the appeal to the National Exec Committee. This committee will rule within 60 days and the decision will be final. The competitor may fire the matches under protest. In case of an adverse decision, his registration and match fees will be forfeited.

Passed unanimously.

A discussion of keeping separate records for night and day shoots, was held and the consensus of the Directors was that there be no discrimination between the two.

Discussion whether there be night shooting at a national match. It was recommended that when a region was awarded the matches, they would recommend to the NBRSA Directors, the best times to hold the matches and the Directors would then take this under consideration. The Directors realize, that every region has its own problems and conditions

A change in the rules regarding minimum time between matches be changed from 20 minutes to 30 minutes.
Motion by Al Day, second by R. Smith. Passed.

The designation of sites for the National Matches "57 & "58 was taken. The tentative schedule was as follows:

"57 Eastern Region
"58 Mid Continent Region

Mintes continued. October 11th, 1956.

Motion by W. Siewert , second by Irv Mohnkern:

The Sweany Reticle Rule be the official measuring device at all registered matches.

Passed unanimously.

2300 Adjourned to October 12, 1956.

/s/ E. E. McNally
Acting Chairman

Acting Secretary (No signature)

October 12, 1956

Present: Ed McNally, President & Eastern Region Director
Walt Siewert, North Central Region Director
A. L. Day, Mid Continent Director
Irv Mohnkern, Eastern Region Deputy Director
Bob Smith, Proxy for R. H. Roark Director
Rob Janson, North Western Region Director
Bob Hart, Eastern Region Deputy Director Elect
Paul Gottschall, Proxy for B. Ackerley

It appearing that three of the original incorporators and two of their successors in office all empowered to incorporate the National Bench Rest Shooters Association and all of the directors in person or by proxy with the sole exception of Ken Smith of the NBRSA being present, President McNally called the meeting to order.

President McNally introduced Brunon V. Boroszewski, attorney who had prepared and filed the certificate of incorporation. Mr. Boroszewski submitted a duplicate original of said certificate and a receipt from the Secretary of the State of New York for fees paid on filing of said certificate.

On motion duly made and carried it was resolved that said report be accepted and the Secretary was directed to affix to the Minutes of the meeting a copy of said Certificate of Incorporation and the original receipt issued by the Secretary of State.

The President then submitted for the consideration of the meeting, proposed By-laws and stated that the same had been prepared by Brunon V. Boroszewski, attorney for the National Bench Rest Shooters Association. After discussion and consideration, it was—

RESOLVED that the By-Laws now submitted to this meeting be and they hereby are adopted as the By-Laws of this Corporation and that a copy of said By-Laws be affixed to the minutes of this meeting, immediately following this Resolution.

On motion duly made the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED that this Corporation open an account with _____ located at _____ branch office, which is hereby designated as the depository of the funds of this Corporation; that the usual and customary printed form of corporate resolution prepared and currently being used by said depository be and the same hereby is adopted as the resolution of this board as though set forth at length, and such form shall be prepared as to provide for the making and endorsing of all checks and other commercial papers and the making of, any loans by, and the transaction of all business for this Corporation with said depository, by the following of the officers of the Corporation:

and the Secretary is authorized to certify a copy of such printed resolutions as having been adopted by this board in accordance with this resolution and he is hereby directed to affix a copy thereof to these minutes.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried, it was—

RESOLVED that all of the funds of the NBRSA be and they hereby transferred to the National Bench Rest Shooters Association Inc. and that the officers are hereby empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to so transfer the account.

President McNally read the treasurers report. It was moved these be accepted as read.
Passed.

Motion by Rod Janson, second by Irv Mohnkern.

That the NBRSA designate, that the registration fee for a National Match shall no exceed \$5.00 a day.

Passed unanimously.

Election of officers.

President Nomination Ed McNally
Paul Gottschall moved the nominations be closed, second Al Day.
Passed.

Vice-President Walt Siewert nominated. It was moved the nominations be closed.
Passed.

Secretary-Treasurer P. H. Teachout nominated. It was moved the nominations be
Closed. Passed.

A motion was made by Irv Mohnkern, seconded Paul Gottschall:

P. H. Teachout be given a bonus of \$100.00 for the year 1956, for faithful service.

Passed unanimously.

2300 move for adjournment to October 13th, 1956. Carried.

/s/ E. E. McNally
October 13th, 1956

Acting Chairman Acting Secretary – no signature

The Directors were called together by President Ed McNally, the following resolution was presented and passed unanimously. “At all future National Matches, there will be a redrawing of benches by the competitors, between the 100 and 200 yard stages, of the National Course of Fire”.

Adjourned.

/s/ E. E. McNally
Acting Chairman

Dr. Rod Janson (No signature)
Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

At DuBois, Pa., August 29,
Meeting held at Pershing Hotel – August 29, 1957

Called to order by President at 8:30 p.m.

Present at meeting: E. E. McNally, President
A. L. Day, Director, Mid-Continent Region
Dr. Rod Janson, Director, Northwest Region
Paul O. Gottschall, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Robert W. Hart, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Irven M. Mohnkern, Director, Eastern Region
P. H. Teachout, Secretary-Treasurer

Copies of the Treasurer's report, covering period from January 1 to August 1957, were distributed by President McNally.

Agenda for the meetings was read by President McNally.

Reading of the minutes of the previous Directors' meeting was passed over.

Director Rod Janson suggested the consideration of a malfunction rule, but did not offer a motion. Discussion resulted in a consensus of opinion that the suggested rule would open the way to abuses, and that the present rule that matches must be completed within the time limits is equally fair to all. Director Janson withdrew his suggestion.

Director Irven Mohnkern brought up the matter of having competent chief range officers at National Championship matches and it was informally discussed. Deputy Robert Hart then moved that: The Chief Range Officer for National Championship Matches shall be selected by the Director of the Region sponsoring the shoot, the selection to be subject to the approval by the National Board of Directors, and the approved Chief Range Officer be paid by the National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc. Motion was seconded by Director A. L. Day. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The rule that a match must be completed within the specified time limits, exception, was discussed and upheld.

The matter of approved measuring devices was opened and the Vernier Reticule Rule designed by John Sweany was informally discussed, after which a resolution was adopted: That the Sweany Reticule Rule as approved for 1957 be continued as the approved measuring device for registered shoots in 1958.

Director A. L. Day then moved that: Any change of target measuring methods be approved by the National Board of Directors before being used at registered matches. Director Janson seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director Rod Janson moved that: For the National Championship Matches in the future that there shall be a minimum of one prize place for each 15 or major forum of shooters competing for cash prizes. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Hart and passed by unanimous voice vote.

By unanimous agreement the meeting was recessed until reconvened.

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The meeting of the National Board of Directors was reconvened by President McNally at the Pershing Hotel, Dubois, Pa. On August 31, 1957, at 8:30 p.m.

Present were: E. E. McNally, President
Robert Smith, proxy for Gulf Coast Region Director
A. L. Day, Director, Mid-Continent Region
Walt Siewert, Director, North Central Region
Dr. Rod Janson, Director, Northwest Region
Irven M. Mohnkern, Director, Eastern Region
Robert W. Hart, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Paul O. Gottschall, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
P. H. Teachout, Secretary-Treasurer

Since Directors had the opportunity to study copies of the report, the read of the Treasurer's report was passed over. Director Mohnkern moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Janson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

President McNally gave his report, which was properly accepted by the Board.

Director Rod Janson moved: That the 1959 National Championship Shoot be awarded to the Eastern Region and that the site be selected by the Region. The motion seconded by Director Siewert and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director A. L. Day moved that: Directors shall submit a report for their Region at the annual meeting of the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Janson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director A. L. Day moved that: Deputy Directors shall be compensated by the National Treasury for expenses incurred to attend annual meetings. Motion was seconded by Janson and passed by voice vote.

Varmint Rifle Class rules were discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that the present rules be left as they are for 1958, since it was felt that they had not been enough trial to prove what, if any, changes might be needed.

A Sporting Rifle Class was discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that while such a class would be desirable, that the National Association was not in a financial position to undertake the additional work of record keeping and judging for another class at the present time.

It was resolved that the backers for aggregate targets and Varmint Rifle class group targets will not be sent with the targets to the judging committee, but be examined and certified by the President and forwarded to the Secretary. If records are approved, the backers to be filed with the record targets.

There was an informal discussion of system of measuring aggregate and varmint rifle targets that are submitted for possible new records. No motion or resolution was offered.

Secretary Teachout had recommended that a small advertisement be inserted 12 months in the advertising paper Shotgun News, which has a wide circulation of general shooters, and gave the quotation of \$100 as the cost for this. It was consensus of opinion that this would be a good thing and Director Mohnkern moved that: The Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to contract for 12 insertions of the suggested small advertisement in Shotgun News and to draw a check for \$100. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Gottschall and passed by voice vote.

Deputy Director Hart moved that: The system of rotation of benches being used at this 1957 National Championship be approved for use in registered shoots in the future; that this system be not required but be permitted a an elective system that it shall be clearly stated in registered shoot programs whether the rotation system or the past system of drawing for benches will be used for the shoot. The motion was seconded by Director Janson and passed by voice vote.

The President called for nominations for officers.

Director Janson nominated Irven M. Mohnkern to serve as President for 1958. Director Siewert seconded the nomination . No other nominations were made and Mohnkern was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Deputy Director Hart nominated H. W. Barton, Director-elected for 1958 in the Mid-Continent Region, to serve as Vice President for 1958. Director Janson seconded. There being no other nominations, Barton was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Director Janson nominated P. H. Teachout for re-election as Secretary-Treasurer for 1958. Robert Smith seconded. There being no other nominations, Teachout was re-elected by voice vote.

Director Janson offered a resolution of appreciation for the long and most excellent service given the Association by President E. E. McNally and the resolution was adopted by unanimous acclaim.

Director Mohnkern moved that: Secretary-Treasurer Teachout be granted a \$100.00 bonus for meritorious service in 1957. The motion was seconded by Janson and passed by voice vote.

After proper motion and vote, the meeting was declared adjourned by President McNally at 11:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS
ASSOCIATION, INC. held on September 24th, 25th and 26th, 1958.
At Skiatook, Oklahoma

September 24, 1958

Officers and Directors present at meeting in John Zink Range Clubhouse.

Irven M. Mohnkern, President, Director Eastern Region
H. W. Barton, Vice President, Director Mid-Continent Region
Dr. Rod Janson, Director Northwest Region
Coleman B. Brown, Director Gulf Coast Region
Paul O. Gottschall, Deputy Director Eastern Region
P. H. Teachout, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by President Mohnkern at 3:00 p.m.

President Mohnkern gave an oral report to the Directors and reviewed some of the business to be considered in the meetings. He reported on the dissention over "rests" in the Eastern Region. He reviewed the events leading up to the mail vote to increase individual annual membership dues to \$5.00 on October 1, 1958.

Secretary Teachout suggested that annual associate member dues be increased to \$2.50 or one half the full dues, to correspond with past practice and to bear a proportionate share of costs. On motion properly made, seconded and carried by voice vote the annual associate dues were set at \$2.50, effective October 1, 1958.

President Mohnkern suggested that since cost of magazine subscription had increased, as well as all other costs, that the Life membership fee be increased to \$75.00. Rod Janson moved and H. W. Barton seconded that Life Membership fee be \$75.00. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes of the 1957 annual directors' meetings were now read and accepted.

Teachout read the Treasurer's report. Janson moved the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. Motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The President called for reports from the Regions. Mohnkern read the Eastern Region Treasurer's report and orally reported on activities in the region. H. W. Barton reported for the Mid-Continent Region. Rod Janson reported that he did not have the Northwest Region financial report with him but would turn it in at a following meeting.

1958 annual meeting minutes continued:

He reported orally on activities in his Region and commented briefly on the Southwest Region (Mohnkern had reported that Rowland had resigned as Southwest Director and had turned the Region funds in to National headquarters for holding). Coleman Brown reported for Gulf Coast Region.

The matter of location for the 1960 National Shoot was brought before the meeting. Since the 1960 Shoot should normally go to a Western Region, and since Gulf Coast and Mid Continent Regions were the only ones prepared to conduct the Shoot, President Mohnkern suggested that Barton and Brown confer on which region should hold the Shoot in 1960. They did so, following which, Coleman Brown moved that the 1960 National Championship Shoot be awarded to the Mid Continent Region. H. W. Barton seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Preesident Mohnkern brought up the matter of frequent long delays in getting targets submitted as possible new record groups measured by Jack Brandt of Bausch & Lomb and suggested that since the method of measuring aggregate targets for judging as possible new records had proven so reliable, that targets submitted for judging for new group records be measured in the same manner, and that a Vice President be elected to serve as Chairman of a judging committee for all record targets for groups and aggregates. On motion properly made and seconded, H. W. Barton was elected Vice President in charge of record target judging in 1959.

Rod Janson moved that all targets to be considered and judged for new group and aggregate records be sent to the Vice President in charge of Judging Committee for measuring and judging by his committee. Gottschall seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Mohnkern recessed the meeting until September 25th.

September 25, 1958

The Directors' meeting was reconvened by President Mohnkern at 3:40 p.m. at the John Zink Ranch clubhouse.

Rod Janson read the report for the Northwest meeting.

Present at the meeting were:

Irven M. Mohnkern

Paul O. Gottschall

H. W. Barton

C. C. Hankins, Proxy for North Central Region

Coleman B. Brown

P. H. Teachout Rod Janson

1958 annual meeting minutes continued.

President Mohnkern explained that Precision Shooting Inc. had made available \$50.00 to partially cover expenses for Teachout to attend the shoot as a reported and suggested that NBRSA pay balance of Teachout's expenses for service as Sec'y-Treas. and as chief range officer at the shoot. Rod Janson moved that P. H. Teachout be paid \$200.00 for expenses. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

There was long consideration and discussion of the "rests" problem and of various classes for registered competition. President Mohnkern suggested that no action be taken at this session but that the Directors "sleep on" the various suggestions of this day and be prepared for action on them the following day. He recessed the meeting until the forenoon of September 26th.

President Mohnkern reconvened the Directors' meeting at 10:45 a.m. in the John Zink Range clubhouse, September 26, 1958.

All persons present on September 25th were present at the September 26th meetings.

The Directors immediately went to work on rules, regulations and classes for registered competition, as follows:

RESTS: Unrestricted rifles, OPEN CLASS: The front and rear rests shall be two completely separated units, not attached to each other, the rifle or the bench. They may be made of any material and may have lateral or vertical adjustments, or both.

Unrestricted rifles, LIMITED CLASS: The front rest may be made of any material, may have lateral or vertical adjustments, or both. The rear rest must be a non-rigid, loosely packed, non-conforming, dry sandbag or its equivalent. This rear rest cannot have any mechanical adjustments or containments of any kind.

Either or both classes may be fired in registered shoots at the discretion of the match sponsors, but the program for all registered shoots must specify which will be fired.

VARMINT RIFLE: Heavy Varmint Rifle Class: The rifle may be of any caliber, weight not to exceed 13 pounds with scope, no limitation on power of scope. The barrel diameter must not exceed .9 inch at muzzle or 1.25 inch at breech and at no point between muzzle and breech shall the barrel be larger than it would be if the barrel had a straight taper from breech to muzzle.

Light Varmint Rifle Class: The rifle may be of any caliber, weight not to exceed 10 pounds, and scope not to exceed 12 power.

SPORTER RIFLE CLASS: The rifle may be of .23 caliber or larger, weight not to exceed 10 pounds with scope, scope not to exceed 6 power.

RESTS for both Varmint and Sporter Classes: The maximum rests allowed shall be an adjustable rest in front with rifle resting on a contained sandbag and at rear, under butt-stock, a plain, non-rigid, soft, pliable sandbag, on bench top without other support.

STOCKS for both Varmint and Sporter rifles: The rifle stock shall be a plain , commercial, conventional design, width not over 2 ½ inches at any point, with no added guides or slides allowed.

The above rules were adopted on motions properly made and seconded and carried by unanimous voice votes.

Gottschall moved and Brown seconded; That the NBRSA will not recognize any group or aggregate records in any class for the calendar year 1959, which shall be considered a trial period. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gottschall moved and Brown seconded: That Directors be allowed 5 cents per mile from home to Annual Directors' Meetings and return. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Mohnkern recessed the meeting until afternoon.

President Mohnkern reconvened the meeting at 4:35 p.m., September 26, 1958, at the John Zink Range clubhouse.

Barton moved and Brown seconded: That the BR 100-2 100 yard target (same overall card size as BR 200 200 yard target) be the official 100 yard target at all NBRSA registered matches after January 1, 1959. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There was a discussion about a dual National Champion in 1959. The consensus of opinion was a decision be left until a tabulation of percentage of competitors in the two rests classes in early season matches can determine its feasibility.

The President called for nominations for officers to serve in 1959.

Rod Janson nominated Irven M. Mohnkern as President and Hankins seconded. Hankins moved nominations be closed and Janson seconded.

Hankins nominated Paul O. Gottschall as Vice President and Janson seconded. Janson moved and Barton seconded that nominations be closed.

Brown nominated P. H. Teachout as Secretary-Treasurer and Barton seconded.

Hankins moved and Brown seconded that the Secretary cast one vote for the election of the officers nominated. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the vote was cast to elect.

Janson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was properly seconded and carried by voice vote and the President declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A true record

/s/P. H. Teachout, SECRETARY

/s/Irven M. Mohnkern, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF the annual meetings of the Officers and Directors
Of the NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Held on September 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1959 at Johnstown, New York

September 3, 1959

Officers and Directors present at a meeting in Pine Tree Rifle Club clubhouse:

Irven M. Mohnkern, President, Director Eastern Region
Robert Hart, Deputy Director Eastern Region
Paul O. Gottschall, Deputy Director Eastern Region
Henry W. Barton, Director Mid-Continent Region
Robert W. Smith, Director elect Gulf Coast Region
P. H. Teachout, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting called to order by President Mohnkern at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting read by the Secretary and, on motion made, seconded and carried, were accepted as read.

Copies of the Treasurer's report for period January 1 to September 1, 1959, were supplied to each person present at the meeting. The treasurer explained specific points in the report. Smith moved and Hart seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried by voice vote.

President called for reports from the regions. Mohnkern reported for the Eastern Region, Barton reported for the Mid-Continent Region, Smith had no prepared report for Gulf Coast Region.

Smith moved that the 1961 National Championship Matches be awarded to the Eastern Region. Barton seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote. Smith then requested that the 1962 National Championship location be awarded to the Gulf Coast Region at the 1960 annual meetings.

Barton moved that no registered shoots shall be allowed during the week that the National Championship Shoot is being held. Hart seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Hart moved: That the National Championship Matches for unrestricted bench rest rifle shall be conducted as one open class competition with maximum rests permitted to be: "The front and rear rests shall be two completely separated units, not attached to each other, the rifle or the bench. They may be made of any material and may have lateral or vertical adjustments, or both". That either this open competition, or competitions for restricted rests, or both, may be fired in other registered shoots, at the discretion of the shoot sponsors, but the program for all registered shoots must specify which class or classes will be fired. Gottschall seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Smith moved: That since our previous motion has accepted one open class competition for the National Championship, that any new records made in 1959 shall be recognized in the order that they may have been fired. Barton seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Smith moved that Sporter Rifle specifications be for .23 caliber or larger, maximum weight with scope to be 10 ½ pounds, and the maximum scope power be 8X. Parton seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Smith moved that the maximum weight with scope for Heavy Varmint Rifle be increased to 13 ½ pounds and maximum stock width 3 inches; and that the maximum weight for Light Varmint Rifles be increased to 10 ½ pounds; the maximum permitted scope power increased to 16X, with stock and barrel diameter restrictions to be the same as for Heavy Varmint Rifles. Gottschall seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

At this point President Mohnkern recessed the meeting until the following evening.

September 4, 1959. President Mohnkern reconvened the meeting at the Pine Tree Rifle Club clubhouse at 7:45 p.m. with the same officers and directors present.

Hart moved: That in measuring groups fired with calibers larger than .22, the measurement shall be made from the extreme outside edges of the two widest bullet holes, and the actual differential of the larger calibers shall be subtracted from the measurement read on the Sweany measuring scale to obtain the true group spread. (example – for 6 mm or .243 cal., subtract the differential of .019” – for .25 cal. Subtract the differential of .033” or .257 minus .224.) Barton seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Gottschall moved that the secretary be authorized to spend a maximum of \$50.00 to have the experimental Varmint Rifle targets printed to distribute for trials. Hart seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Gottschall moved that a national course of fire for Varmint and Sporter classes be established, consisting of an aggregate of five 5-shot matches at 100 yards and five 5-shot matches at 200 yards. Hart seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Hart moved that Varmint and Sporter Rifle class aggregate records be recognized at the end of the 1960 season, and as made thereafter, for an aggregate of five 5-shot matches at 100 yards, and aggregate of five 5-shot matches at 200 yards, and the National Match Course for Varmint and Sporter Rifle Classes.

Barton seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Hart moved that official targets for National Varmint Rifle Championships shall be the BR-100-2 target at 100 yards and the BR-200 target at 200 yards.

That at other registered matches the BR-200 target may be used at 100 yards range and the BR-300 target used at 200 yards range, at the option of the match sponsors. Smith seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Smith moved that the request of the Gulf Coast Region to hold the first National Championship Matches for Varmint Rifle class in 1960 be granted. Hart seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Barton moved that authorization be given for the establishment of a new Region, to be known as the Mississippi Valley Region, and the area to be contained within the boundaries of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin and that part of the states of Iowa and Missouri lying east of 93 degrees Longitude. Hart seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this point President Mohnkern recessed the meeting until the evening of September 5th.

September 5, 1959. President Mohnkern reconvened the meeting in the Pine Tree Rifle Club clubhouse at 6:55 p.m. with the same officers and directors present as at prior meetings.

Hart moved that the time limits for Varmint and Sporter Rifle Classes be the same as for unrestricted bench rest rifles. Gottschall seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Hart moved that H. W. Barton be reappointed to serve as chairman of the record target measuring and judging committee in 1960. Gottschall seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Upon call for nominations for officers to serve in 1960, Gottschall nominated Irven M. Mohnkern for President and Hart seconded. Barton then moved that nominations for President be closed and the motion was carried.

Hart nominated Paul O. Gottschall to serve as Vice President in 1960 and Barton seconded. Smith then moved that nominations for Vice President be closed and the motion was carried.

Barton nominated P. H. Teachout to serve as Secretary-Treasurer in 1960 and Gottschall seconded. Hart moved that nominations be closed and the motion was carried.

Smith moved and Barton seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast one vote for election of the officers nominated. The motion was carried by voice vote and the Secretary cast the one vote for election.

Hart moved that the meetings be adjourned. The motion being properly seconded and carried by voice vote, President Mohnkern declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

A true record

/s/ P. H. Teachout, Secretary

/s/ Irven M. Mohnkern, President

MINUTES of the annual meetings of the officers and directors of the
National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc.
Held on August 24th and 25th, 1960 at Skiatook, Oklahoma

August 23rd at John Zink Club House

Officers and Directors present were:

M. Mohnkern President, Director Eastern Region
R. W. Hart, Deputy Director Eastern Region
P. O. Gottschall, Deputy Director Eastern Region
R. G. Berry, Director Mid-Continent Region
Dr. Rod Janson, Director Northwest Region
Ted Holmes, Director Mississippi Valley Region
R. W. Smith, Director Gulf Coast Region

Meeting called to order by President Mohnkern at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by R. W. Hart and seconded by Dr. Rod Janson that Bernice McMullen be temporarily appointed as secretary for this director's meeting.

Minutes of the last director's meetings held at the pine Tree Rifle Club clubhouse on September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1959, were read by President Mohnkern, and on motion made, seconded and carried by voice vote were accepted as read.

Financial report of P. H. Teachout was read and motion made by R. W. Hart and seconded by Rod Janson that same be accepted.

Written financial reports were also presented by Rod Janson for the Northwest Region, by R. G. Berry of the Mid-Continent Region, by I. Mohnkern for the Eastern Region and having no written report were Ted Holmes who stated that they had \$18.00 on hand and Bob Smith who said he would mail his report to the secretary.

Motion made by P. O. Gottschall that R. W. Hart go to Lyndonville Vt. To pick up all records and properties of NBRSA now held by retiring Secretary-Treasurer, P. H. Teachout. During discussion of Secretary-Treasurer change a motion was made by Dr. Rod Janson and seconded by Paul Gottschall that a sum not to exceed \$300 be allotted for the purchase of equipment (such as file, typewriter, desk) necessary to conduct the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion of 1961 and 1962 Nationals

1961 Nationals awarded to Eastern Region

Smith requested 1962 Nationals for San Angelo, Texas and R. G. Berry requested them for Tulsa, Oklahoma. After lengthy discussion and a voice vote the 1962 Nationals were awarded to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Vote carried 4 to 2 with Ted Holmes not voting.

Varmint Rifle Championships for 1961 were awarded to the Eastern Region. Motion by Gottschall, seconded by Janson.

R. W. Hart moved that meeting be adjourned. Met with instant unanimous approval.

Meeting reconvened Wednesday August 24th at 2:30 p.m.

After lengthy discussion it was thought that the heavy varmint rifle rule should be amended to read as follows: The rifle may be of any caliber, weight not to exceed 13 pounds with scope, no limitation on power of scope. The barrel diameter must not exceed .9 inch at muzzle or 1.25 inch at breech and at no point between breech and muzzle shall the barrel be larger than it would be if the barrel had a straight taper from muzzle to within four (4) inches of the breech. The rifle stock shall be a plain, commercial, conventional design, width not over 3 inches at point, with no added guides or slides allowed. Flats or beaver-tails may be added at any point on the stock to bring stock up to the 3 inch limit.

Motion made by R. W. Hart seconded by Dr. Rod Janson, carried.

Rules on Sporter Class to be left as they are.

Change of National Course of Fire for future National Championship Matches. Fire 200 shots instead of the existing 100 shots.

1st day—5-10- shot matches at 100 yds-agg. winner
2nd day—5-10- shot matches at 100 yds-agg. winner
3rd day—5-10- shot matches at 200 yds-agg. winner
4th day—5-10- shot matches at 200 yds-agg. winner

The lowest agg. winner of the 2 days at 100 yds would be the 100 yd champ and the lowest agg. winner at 200 yds would be the 200 yd champ and the lowest agg. winner of all four days would be the National Champion.

President Mohnkern asked that the sponsoring clubs be requested to have a warm-up match each day.

Motion to adopt said course of fire was made by R. W. Hart and seconded by all officers present.

Trial run of Stationary Backers to be made at the 1961 Nationals. Unanimous approval.

Henry Barton re-appointed to Measuring Committee: Voted on and carried.

Gottschall made motion to accept new Sweaney Measuring Device. R. W. Hart seconded motion. Carried.

Authorization of payment of \$30 for services of Range Officer at 1960 Nationals. Motion by Rod Janson. Seconded by Berry. Carried.

Motion by Berry to continue giving medals for 1st-2nd and 3rd places at Nationals for another year. Seconded by R. W. Hart.

During absence of acting Secretary she was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the balance of 1960 and year of 1961 with salary of \$60.00 per month and \$50.00 expenses for Tulsa trip.

Recognition of Al Johnson's having broken the existing 100 yd 10 shot agg.

Authorization to Secretary to order Whelan Keeper Trophies for Bob Smith in 1958, Paul Gottschall in 1959 and 3 others. Also the Bausch and Lomb Trophy for 1959 and 1960.

Nominations for President:

Paul Gottschall nominated Irven Mohnkern, Mohnkern declined.

Rod Janson then nominated R. W. Hart and it was seconded by R. Berry. Berry also moved to close the nominations for President. Carried.

Vice President:

Dr. Rod Janson nominated R. Berry

R. W. Hart moved to close nominations

Dr. Rod Janson made the motion

R. W. Smith seconded.

A unanimous ballot approved these nominations.

President Mohnkern moved that the meeting be adjourned.

A true record

_____ Secretary (No signature)

_____ President (No signature)

MINUTES of the annual meetings of the officers and directors of the
National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc.
Held on August 30-31, and September 1, 1961.
Meetings held at old club-house on Pine Tree Range, Johnstown, NY

August 30, 1961

Officers and Directors present were:

R. W. Hart, President NBRSA, Inc. and Director Eastern region
P. O. Gottschall, Deputy Director Eastern region
Bruno Boroszewski, Deputy Director Eastern region (Bruno not present for 1st meeting)
R. W. Smith, Director Gulf Coast region
Al Walter, Director Mississippi Valley region
H. W. Barton, proxy for R. G. Berry, Director Mid Continent region
Ed McNally, proxy for John B. Sweany, Director Southwest region
Larry Engelbrecht, Director-Elect for Mid Continent region
Bernice McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer NBRSA, Inc.

This meeting was a preliminary to the meetings which followed. A few points need clearing up before the matches started.

McNally moved that Ed Kilmer be appointed official range master, and that Bob Hart be appointed to contact Ed on the amount of pay, suggesting not less than \$10.00 per day. Al Walter seconded. Passed by unanimous approval.

Bob Hart announced that it had been voted on by mail and that no director would serve as referee.

The referees to serve at the 1961 Nationals were chosen from different regions as follows:

Paul Gottschall nominated John Hutchinson
H. W. Barton nominated Bud Carden
Ed McNally nominated Sam Wilson
Bob hart nominated Dr. Garcelon

After some discussion it was decided that Hutchinson, Carden and Dr. Garcelon would be asked to serve as the three referees and that Sam Wilson would be asked to serve as alternate. Paul Gottschall was asked to contact these men.

Lengthy discussion was held on the matter of cross-firing, and it was decided that for the 1961 Nationals the following procedure would be used. If it was proved that a competitor had cross-fired on another competitors target , the cross-fired shot would be transposed to the cross-firers target, a measurement made and an additional ½ inch added at 100 yards and an additional ½ inch added at 200 yards. No one would be disqualified.
Discussion was held on several points of limitations on Sporter and Light Varmint rifles.

1. Cut down Sp. & L.V. width of stocks.
2. Require magazine in both these rifles.
3. Remove all limits on scope power on all rifles.
4. Establish class weight on all rifles less scopes.
5. Add a class for off-the-shelf rifles.
6. Eliminate one of the present classes.

Bob Hart reported that he had written to Frank Snow in regard to the Sierra & Keep. And had received three by return mail.

He had written to Bausch & Lomb, but to date had received no reply.

Spear had mailed keeper.

RCBS send Jr. loading press for fifth place in the "Top Twenty".

The Eastern Region donated silver bowls for second and third places in the "Top Twenty".

After some discussion on the raise in price of P.S. Al Walter presented a motion that starting October 1, 1961, the \$1.00 which up to now has been returned to the regions would be cut to 50 cents. Henry Barton seconded this motion and it was passed with unanimous approval.

Meeting time for Thursday evening was set for 8 o'clock.

Motion by Al Walter to adjourn.

Seconded by Ed McNally.

Meeting adjourned.

Thursday, August 31, 1961

All those present at the meeting on Wednesday attended with the exception of Ed McNally who declined to attend further meetings due to personal inconvenience.

Minutes of 1960 meetings at Tulsa, Oklahoma were read, approved and accepted. Further discussion was held on the change of varmint rules, and a committee of Al Walter, Henry Barton and Larry Engelbrecht was appointed to do some research work on new program and rules on Sporter and Light Varmint. Will be carried on by mail.

Bruno made motion that a course of fire as follows be adopted for the sporter class.

5 shot group at 100 yards

5 shot group at 200 yards

5- 5 shot groups at 100 yards and 5- 5 shot groups at 200 yards for aggregate records and NMC aggregate.

Discussion of National Matches.

1962 to be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma

Al Walter made motion that 1963 Nationals be held in East.

Barton seconded this motion.

Passed by voice vote.

Bob Hart made motion for adjournment, Bruno seconded. Adjourned.

Friday, September 1, 1961

Same Officers and Directors present.

Discussion held on Varmint Nationals for 1962.

West passed in favor of the East for 1962, but want consideration for 1963. West feels they need more time to make preparations for national matches.

Bob Hart reported that he had contacted Ed Kilmer concerning pay for serving as range master and that he wanted no pay. It was decided to give him some gift for his services and was decided to as Mrs. Barton to shop for same in the amount of \$15.00.

After due consideration of registration fees for sporter and varmint nationals, motion was made by Henry Barton that the maximum fee for the first gun would be \$5.00 per day and \$2.50 per day for each additional gun.

Bruno seconded this motion and it was passed by voice vote.

Financial report made.

Bob Smith moved it be accepted and approved.

Al Walter seconded the motion. Carried.

Was decided that no new rule books would be printed in 1962. A committee of Bob Smith and Paul Gottschall was appointed to write a rule on cross-fires, after which a supplement may be printed.

Bruno reported that the Income Tax Report would be taken care of.

Discussion of course of fire for 1962 Nationals.

Proposals on such:

100 yards Thurs.
200 yards Fri.
100 yards Sat.
200 yards Sun.

Best agg. fired would be Champion.

Bob Smith proposed:

1st day: Warm-up matches
2nd day: 8 10-shot matches at 100 yards
3rd day: 8 10-shot matches at 200 yards

Best agg. of 2nd and 3rd days—National Champ

Decided to put these up to the shooters at a meeting on Saturday after the last match. Vote at meeting, in favor of two days or four days as 1961 (not the re-ent)

Measuring Committee

Bruno nominated Barton, Al Walter seconded. Barton accepted, but requested that mail be send 1st class.

Election of officers:

Sec'y-Treas. Re-elected. Motion by Bob Smith, seconded by bob Hart.

Vice-Pres. Motion by P. O. Gottschall for Al Walter, seconded by H. Barton. Bruno made motion that nominations be closed, Bob Smith seconded.

Pres. Barton nominated Bob Hart. Walter seconded. Bob Smith moved that the nominations be closed. Passed with unanimous approval.

Financial reports of regions:

Eastern region report given by R. W. Hart
Miss. Valley report by Al Walter
Mid Continent report by H. Barton
Northwest by Bob Hart as proxy for Dr. Rod Janson
For the second year Bob Smith had no report.

Bob Smith moved for adjournment.

H. Barton seconded.

Adjourned.

At a final meeting of the directors at the firing line after the matches on Sunday a dead lock was reached on the matter of course of fire for the 1962 Nationals and rather than use his vote to break the tie Bob Hart decided to use the column in P. S. to get some further opinions on this and a decision will be reached at a future date.

A true record

/s/ Bernice McMullen, Secretary

_____, President (no signature)

MINUTES of the annual meetings of the Directors, Officers of the
National Bench Rest Shooters Asso., Inc.
Held at the John Zink Range Clubhouse on
September 25, 26, 27, 1962.

Tuesday afternoon, September 25th

Those present were:

R. W. Hart, President and Eastern region director
Bruno Boroszewski, Deputy director eastern region
Paul Gottschall, Deputy director eastern region
J. B. Sweany, Director southwest region
A. W. Walter, Director Miss. Valley region
Larry Engelbrecht, Director Mid Continent region
R. W. Berry
George Kelbly, Deputy director elect eastern region
Bernice McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting was called to order by President Hart

Minutes of 1961 meetings were read by secretary and approved.

President Hart reported that Bausch & Lomb had not only caught up the plaques missing for previous years but had already sent plaque for 1962.

Referees for 1962 Nationals were chosen by directors of four regions.

P. Gottschall chose Frank Murdock

L. Engelbrecht chose Capt. R. Hornbeck

Al Walter chose Bill Schellart

J. B. Sweany chose George Hendricks to set as alternate

Directors were asked to contact their nominees, after which L. Engelbrecht would post them on the bulletin board.

Bob Berry agree to set as range-master.

Al Walter and Larry Engelbrecht, a committee of two, appointed in 1961 gave their report on sporter and light varmint. They were of the opinion that sporter had dropped off in the Miss. Valley and Mid cont. regions. General opinion was that they needed more scope power on sporter rifles. Miss. Valley region generally believed that sporter must be 6mm or larger caliber and have magazine in rifle.

Bob Hart reported on meeting held at Council Cup range clubhouse. The general opinion there was that low scope power hindered development of the sporter rifle. New shooters could purchase one scope and compete in all three varmint classes if the power was unlimited.

The new sporter target was discussed and Bruno moved to adopt the new target as official at 200 yds. A. Walter seconded the motion and it was carried by voice vote.

A Walter made a motion that the regular 200 yd. BR target be made official at 100 yds. for sporter rifle. P. Gottschall second. Motion carried.

After discussion on discontinuing one of the varmint classes, it was decided to make no changes and that Pres. Hart should use his column to let members know of the official sporter targets. A. Walter moved to keep all three classes at least one more year. Bruno second. Motion passed. Adopted so that 8X scopes can continue to be used.

P. Gottschall moved to remove all power limit on all scopes in all classes. A. Walter second. Passed by unanimous vote. Effective date: Jan. 1, 1963.

Pres. Hart opened discussion on rules and rule book by stating that the present rule book "stinks". He suggested the appointment of a permanent rules writing committee, whose job it would be to reword or rewrite rules to make them airtight, using the intent of rules conveyed to them by the directors. He also suggested that this committee might need to be shooters, this being closer to the problem.

Al Walter made motion to adjourn until 7:30 this evening. Met with approval and afternoon session adjourned.

Tuesday Evening 7:30

Meeting reconvened with same members present plus Bob Smith, Director Gulf Coast. Discussion on the matter of double entry at matches.

Bob Smith moved to make the intent of the rule to be that the first entry of any competitor in any NMC in any class be his entry for record.

Rule on cross-fire discussed and it was decided to wait for the rules writing committee to work on this.

Pres. Hart suggested mandatory stationary backers be part of the requirements for any club sponsoring a championship match. Clubs should be made aware of this when bidding for the championship matches. Bruno made motion to this effect, Bob Smith seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Suggestion # 2 by Pres. Hart: Decal be given with each membership card. Investigation to be made on this.

Suggestion #3 by Pres. Hart: That world record listings be removed from the rule book and published each six months in P. S. Larry Engelbrecht made motion to this effect, Al Walter seconded. Passed.

Suggestion #4 by Pres. Hart: Place quarterly ad in P. S. to further benefits of NBRSA memberships. Bruno moved that the President of NBRSA be allowed to spend \$25 per year for this purpose. L. Engelbrecht seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Discussion of places to be paid in cash pool at Championship matches. Minutes of 1957 Directors meetings allowed one place for each 15 competitors or major portion thereof entered in cash pool. Bruno moved to amend this rule to read that one place paid for each 10 or major portion thereof entered in cash pool. Al Walter seconded. Passed. Effective date, January 1, 1963.

J. B. Sweany suggested that program for all registered matches be carried out to the letter, unless a correction or change of program is sent out prior to date of match.

Pres. Hart moved to adjourn and meeting time for Wed. session was left for decision on next day. Adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Meeting reconvened Wed. Sept. 26th at 4:30. Rod Janson present.

Discussion of program for registering, scoring and reporting Championship matches. Bob Hart proposed that papers such as used at Tulsa and Wapwallopen for the 1962 matches be adopted for National Championship matches. Rod Janson made motion to this effect, P. Gottschall seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion brought back to rules writing committee. Bruno moved that President appoint Chairman of committee and they form a permanent committee from there. Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

Bob Hart read 1962 financial report prepared by secretary. Rod Janson moved report be approved and accepted. Bruno seconded. Passed. Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock at scoring bus at range. Secretary was asked to be purposely late in arriving.

On arrival secretary was advised of a raise in pay from \$60 per month to \$75, starting Oct. 1, 1962. Also, to aid secretary targets are to be sold in lots of 500 or multiples thereof. Small orders might be handled by clubs. Bruno reported that he had talked with Ralph Stollo on the matter of decals and Ralph had asked for time to see what he could come up with.

Discussion of powers of range-masters and referees: Rod Janson moved that the intent of Directors be conveyed to rules writing committee. Intent being to allow range-master to call a cease fire and refer any situation covered by rules to be the official referees for decision on situation. When written, rule should be sent back to directors for final decision as to intent and meaning. Bruno put this in form of motion and Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

Bob Hart requested that all directors should give definite "yes" or "no" answers to inquiries for mail vote.

Paul Gottschall suggested that NBRSA has nice trophies for the national champion, but that we had nothing to especially identify him. He suggested that all champions would prize a brassard.

Suggested that NBRSA award brassards for 100 yard, 200 yard and national champions, retro-active to include 1954, the first shoulder to shoulder championship matches. Rod

Janson moved to accept Paul's suggestions. Bruno seconded. Passed by voice vote. President and Secretary were allotted the task of designing brassards.

After lengthy discussion, Bruno moved to amend the rule on classes to add the word "rest" after limited (rest) class and open (rest) class to further identify the classes. Rob Smith seconded. Passed. Adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 27, 1962—6 o'clock

After discussion of payment for the range master, it was decided, since he was heard to express his desire for a Hart rifle barrel, that NBRSA should award him in this manner. Secretary was advised to place order for barrel. Patches for "Top-Ten" at National Varmint Championship matches for the three classes namely, Heavy and Light Varmint and Sporter. Al Walter made motion NBRSA should furnish patches. L. Engelbrecht seconded. Passed. (These patches to be made same size and shape as "Top-Ten" Eastern region patches – Yellow background, blue lettering with red "Top-Ten" in center.

Discussion on establishment of records in two classes of the unrestricted rifle. Limited rest class and open rest class. Bruno moved that to establish records as to class, the competitor must break the existing record and records be set in respective class. Effective date, January 1, 19___. Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

Bob Hart reported that Henry Barton, chairman of the official measuring committee was resigning, effective January 1, 1963. L. Engelbrecht suggested J. B. Sweany as new chairman, but Mr. Sweany declined stating he had no time to properly handle the job. A. Walter suggested A. J. Preund of St. Louis. Bruno moved that A. W. be authorized to designate new chairman for Committee. Rod Janson seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Suggestion made that it should be mandatory for referees to get backers for any targets which might be of record consideration and sign backers and sighter target. After being signed by referee and range master, the backers are then authentic and the sole job of the measuring committee is to measure target, and if a record, send to secretary for issuance of a certificate. Bob Smith moved that President Hart be a committee of one to write rule for the measuring committee to follow. Bruno seconded. Passed.

Meeting opened at this point for suggestions of directors. J. B. Sweany: Discussion of Ed McNally's best five out of six matches. Sweany made motion to adopt. L. Engelbrecht seconded. On vote motion lost.

Rod Janson proposed new wording on definition of allowable sand bags. (The bag may be any size or shape or made of any material containing sand with no additives, such as oil, clay, or such.) Bruno moved to send proposed wording to rules writing committee. Bob Smith seconded. Passed.

Rod Janson made following proposals applying to varmint and sporter classes. Boar bag should rest on bench without any containment whatever. Front bag should be contained on

two sides only. Word “added” in front of guides and slides be removed from rule on stocks of varmint and sporter.

New 25# rifle class. Shot from sand bags same as varmint and sporter classes. No action on any of these proposals.

Bruno made proposals on change of targets.

1. Remove all printing from inside of black disqualifying line.
2. Remove all printing and all rings, leaving only __ring and square. No action. This to be done only after having notified target company of changes desired and exhausting present supply. (This applies only to Item #1 RWH)

Bob Smith: Discussion of “Wild” or “Lost” shots. Bob made motion that the only shot allowed to be “marked off” would be the first shot on target (sighter or record). Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

Bob Smith also proposed that change in term or terms of directors be made so as to always have “all hands” available. Change term of service or method of elections. Bruno to check date of expiration of all directors terms and establish system of electing three (3) directors each year.

Al Walter reported on happenings in Miss. Valley region. Lost Nine-Ring and Windsor clubs, but trying to get Windsor back in. Criticism in this area on using “baby bench” guns at varmint matches. Al Walter at this point made motion that the sporter rifles should include a magazine. Motion was voted on and lost.

Larry Engelbrecht _____ that regions need some system of choosing dates for matches so that the regions do not infringe on one another. Joining regions might work out schedules so as not to conflict.

National Varmint Matches for 1963.

A Walter reported that Tulsa and Wichita had passed. The Col. Whelan range at St. Louis entered bid. (They have 18 benches - 4 under cover – have 100 yards, 200 yards, and 300 meters.

L. Engelbrecht entered bid for Panama City. J. B. Sweany asked the directors to keep the west coast in mind for 1964.

Rod Janson: Motion to award the 1963 varmint matches to St. Louis. L. E. seconded. Passed.

National Championships – Unrestricted Rifles – 1963 – Eastern Region
Johnstown always available.
Lewistown, Pa. Considering.

Council Cup, Wapwallopon, Pa. Will bid if Lewistown doesn't.

Rod Janson donated his _____ to ____ Nationals held in Ohio.

1963 Unrestricted nationals still under consideration; time and place will be established at Eastern region winter planning meeting.

Rod Janson moved that 1964 matches be awarded to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

P. Gottschall seconded. Passed.

Bruno suggested that the Col. Whelan "keeper" trophy might be duplicated, thus avoiding the cost of sterling silver.

Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

Bruno moved to continue awarding of _____ as this year.

Bob Smith seconded. Passed.

Financial reports turned over to secretary from M. ___, Rod Janson, G. W., J. B. Sweany, M. V., A. Walter, M. C. L. Engelbrecht, Eastern, G. W. Hart and G. _____.

Election of Officers

Secretary-treasurer

Rod Janson moved that the present secretary-treasurer continue. P. Gottschall seconded.

Bruno moved that nominations be closed. Rod Janson seconded. Passed.

President

P. Gottschall nominated Al Walter. Bruno seconded.

Rod Janson nominated Bruno (Bruno declined nomination)

A. Walter nominated P. Gottschall (Paul declined)

Bruno moved nominations be closed. J. B. Sweany seconded. Passed by voice note. Al Walter new president.

Vice President

Bob Hart nominated L. Engelbrecht. A. Walter second.

Rod Janson moved nominations be closed. Bruno second. Passed by voice vote.

With Bruno giving a final motion of thanks to Bob Hart for the fine job he has done during the past two years, the 1962 Directors meeting came to a close at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Thursday evening, September 27th at 10 o'clock.

A true record

/s/ B. McMullen, Secretary

/s/ Robert W. Hart, President

Minutes of the annual meetings of the directors and officers of the National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc. Held at Wally's collage on the Council Cup Range, Wapwallopen, Pa., on August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1963.

Wednesday evening, August 28, 1963, 7 p.m.

Directors and officers present:

Al Walter, President and Director Miss. Valley Region
Larry Engelbrecht, Vice President and Director Mid Continent region
Henry Spencer, Director Gulf Coast region
Ray Speer, Director Northwest region
Allen Hobbs as proxy for J. B. Sweany, Director Southwest region
Dr. A. H. Carcelon, Deputy director Eastern seaboard division of Eastern region
George Kelbly, Deputy director Great Lakes division Eastern region
L. F. "Bud" Carden, "Director elect" Mid Continent region
Charles Kingsley, chairman of rules writing committee

The meeting was called to order by President Walter, saying that these meetings would have on the agenda:

Reading of the 1962 minutes
Report from the rules writing committee consisting of Charles Kingsley, chairman, Bruno Boroszewski and Paul Gottschall.
New business wording of by laws – discussion varmint class
Location for 1964 Nationals (Varmint & Sporter and Unrestricted)
Consider suggested rule changes
New items from directors
Treasurer's report
Election of officers for the coming year

Minutes of 1962 meetings at Tulsa, Oklahoma read and accepted as read.

Discussion held on the firing of two calibers in any match. Vote taken which ended in a tie. Charles Kingsley suggested that it be let ride for one year. George Kelbly was of the opinion that it should be deferred for one year. Ray Speer made a motion to table action for one year and be ready to offer good discussion at the 1964 meetings. Henry Spencer seconded this motion. Passed by hand vote.

Al Walter introduced discussion on forming a new class of hunting rifle. Henry Spencer voiced the opinion that varmint and sporter had started in Texas with no rules and had got rules from Irv Mohnkern, president at that time. Henry proposed that Light Varmint and Sporter be combined and make room for the new hunting rifle class. The light varmint and sporter combination to be limited to 10 ½ lbs.

No action was taken on Henry's proposal but Al Walter made a motion that each director work his region for the coming year and get facts and opinions on this new class of hunting rifle and present them at the 1964 meetings at which time definite action would be taken.

Ray Speer reported that he had sent out 84 questionnaires and received answers to 54. These showed that his region wanted the new class.

"Bud" Carden reported that in his area of the country the hunting rifle shooters were not interested in NBRSA.

Al Walter brought up the subject of sleeved actions on varmint rifles, but aside from stating that the Mid Continent region felt that if they met the other rules of the varmint class they were OK.

Al Walter stated that he felt no new rule should become effective until January 1st of the year following passage at the director's meetings.

Charles Kingsley passed the opinion that the powers of future boards of directors should not be hindered.

Al Walter reported that he had received offers from Pete Brown of Sports Afield for a Hunting Rifle Class trophy and from John I. Moore for three trophies for heavy varmint, light varmint and sporter to be rotating trophies. (Three shots from a cold barrel at National Championship Matches.) (HANDWRITTEN NOTE: this was an error – John I. Moore offered trophy for 3 shots from cold barrel – Sporter class only)

George Kelbly made a motion to accept these trophies as they were offered. Larry Engelbrecht seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Al Walter brought up for discussion the fact that the secretary had not been receiving mileage pay same as directors. Also discussed paying her salary on a sliding scale. Stipulated that the secretary's salary should never go below the present \$75 per month, but as the membership increased she should receive a \$10 increase for each hundred or major portion thereof increase in membership. Also that the old typewriter should be traded in on a new one.

Larry Engelbrecht made a motion on these suggestions and with a second from George Kelbly and a unanimous voice vote they were passed.

Al Walter gave a report on the attendance at the varmint and sporter championship matches 66 in heavy varmint class, 46 in light varmint class and 42 in sporter class. (Checked registration cards and out of 33 competitors who fired in both light and sporter classes 21 of them fired the same rifle.)

Ray Speer made a motion to maintain the light varmint class. Dr. Garcelon seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Charles Kingsley was of the opinion that it might be wise to consult clubs to see how many of them were willing to hold light varmint relays.

Al Walter made the directors a committee for polling their own areas on the hunting rifle class. Larry Engelbrecht volunteered to gather the information from all directors and give report at next year's meetings.

Dr. Garcelon made motion that secretary write John I. Moore a letter of thanks in regard to the acceptance and thanks for the generous offer of trophies for the varmint and sporter classes. Allen Hobbs seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Al Walter made motion to adjourn the first session of the director's meetings. Allen Hobbs seconded. Passed. Adjourned.

Thursday Evening August 29, 1963

All officers present from previous evening with addition of Bruno Boroszewski , Director Eastern Region. The long delinquent awarding of ties for the Varmint & Sporter championship matches held at San Angelo, Texas in 1960 was brought up for discussion and after thorough discussion B. Boroszewski was asked to contact former president Irven Mohnkern in regard to these ties. Bruno was also asked to file an income tax report for NBRSA before the end of the year.

Discussion was brought up again on the subject of a competitor firing more than one rifle in a National Match course of fire. Bob Hart was asked to make a statement on this and he was of the opinion that feeling they needed two rifles might keep shooters out of the game due to added expense.

When asked if the changing of rifles by shooters bothered his scoring detail he reported that it did. George Kelbly and Dr. Garcelon stated that it might hurt the game if allowed to go on. Bruno brought out the point that it might at some future date lead to classification of rifles. Ray Speer at this point stated that he had changed his opinion from the time the vote was taken the evening before. Bruno made motion to rescind action of vote taken by mail. Henry Spencer seconded. Passed by voice vote. Ray Speer wished to defer action on this to 1964.

Discussion of location for 1964 & 1965 Varmint 7 Sporter Championship matches. J. B. Sweany had asked that the southwest region be considered for 1964, but as proxy for Mr. Sweany, Allen Hobbs reported that the southwest region would not be ready for championship matches in 1964.

Henry Spencer entered bid for the 1964 Varmint & Sporter matches to be held at San Angelo, Texas. Ray Speer made motion to award the 1964 Nationals to San Angelo. Allen Hobbs seconded. Passed by voice vote.

George Kelbly made motion for 1965 Varmint & Sporter Nationals be held in the east. Location and dates for matches are always set up at the eastern region winter planning meeting. Henry Spencer seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Unrestricted Nationals for 1964 to be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ray Speer stated that Seattle might be interested in the unrestricted for 1965.

Allen Hobbs made motion to allow Ray Speer time to consider Seattle. Ray Speer asked for an option on 1965.

Henry Spencer made motion to table decision on 1965. Allen Hobbs seconded. Passed by voice.

Bruno Boroszewski made motion that no shoot be sanctioned on same dates as either National Championship matches. Henry Spencer seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Al Walter asked for motion to put hunting rifle through test until 1964 meetings. Walter proposed having two matches this coming year for hunting rifles, using any target, clubs to run them their own way and report results at 1964 meetings. Al Hobbs seconded. Carried.

George Kelbly suggested that the 50 cent fee for each registered competitor be made 50 cents per day. Larry Engelbrecht made motion that fee be made 50 cents per day per class. Henry Spencer seconded. Carried.

Allen Hobbs made motion the above change be made effective January 1, 1964.

At this point "Crawf" Hollidge was called in to give a report on an advertising brochure. At the 1963 winter planning meeting at Elmira, N. Y. "Crawf" was chosen to come up with some new ideas on advertising in the interest of NBRSA.

Several of the directors brought up points of discussion concerning the new rule book, (green cover), recently published. The book was found to have several errors and misinterpretations in it and after some discussion it was decided to do further work on the rule book and have it reprinted. In case rules written hastily at director's meetings are still not as they should be they are on a separate sheet and will be printed in new issue of rule book.

"Crawf" Hollidge at an eastern region winter planning meeting was chosen to try to find means of furthering membership of NBRSA. He, together with Bill Purcell and John Collins, came up with a brochure pointing up the aims of NBRSA and telling how, if interested, they might join the association. Mr. Hollidge gave some prices quoted to him for making up these brochures. "Crawf" pointed out that they might be handled by some of the companies dealing in materials used by our members and mailed out with their merchandise, thus furthering the cause of NBRSA.

Quoted prices were:

\$24.00 for 1st 1,000 and \$4 per M for folding
\$25.00 for 2,500 including firms advertising
\$50.00 for 5,000 and \$8 per M for folding

The committee on the revised rule book, had a lengthy session after this meeting.

Friday Evening, August 30, 1963

Same members present

More discussions of the rules were held and motions made and seconded.

After discussion on the description of a heavy varmint rifle. Bruno Boroszewski made a motion to adopt Charles Kingsley's writing of a rule on the heavy varmint rifle. Larry Engelbrecht seconded. Carried. (Rule written on an attached sheet.)

Motion made by Dr. Garcelon to delete entire section F, Section III, and substitute the rewriting on attached sheet. Seconded by Bruno Boroszewski. Carried.

Section III (G) Eliminate all after (comprising a sand bag).

Section V (registration fee of 50 cents, per rifle, per class, per day)

After lengthy discussion on the disqualification rule Bruno was asked to re-write this rule. It also appears on the attached sheet.

Financial report was given by secretary-treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned until the next evening.

Saturday Evening, August 31, 1963

Mr. Kingsley was not present at this final meeting and as the directors were not prepared for full discussion on this subject, it was decided to handle it by mail.

George Kelbly asked if it was legal to change more than \$5.00 per day for Nationals with NMC fired in one day.

B. B. made motion that one gun at both ranges in a Nat. Champ. Match be allowed \$5.00 with \$2.50 for an additional gun. Henry Spencer seconded. Carried.

To introduce for discussion Bruno made the following observations. To hold bench rest shoots, clubs must prepare by getting benches, backers, etc., and new ideas on getting more attendance at their shoots might be very helpful to the clubs. Bruno presented the idea that it might be wise for NBRSA to develop a new informal target to be used for informal matches which might attract new shooters. All directors saw the merit of the idea and Bruno was

appointed to form a committee to work with him to come up with a target for this type of competition, and work up a schedule for such matches.

Along this line George Kelbly suggested that a target might have 5 or 10 bulls around the border and a regulation bench rest target in the center. Bruno appointed George K. as part of the committee to work on this.

Election of officers:

Al Walter in remarks to the directors stated that he hoped this would be the last time he would preside at the director's meetings, saying he had been very happy to serve up until now and would do his best to serve the rest of his term in the same manner. He stated he had tried to follow the rules and help anyone he could even though he had a very crowded schedule.

Bruno Boroszewski nominated Al Walter. Al Walter nominated Dr. Garcelon. At this point Ray Speer asked to be allowed to make a comment. Ray stated that he felt Al should reconsider as it takes time to get acquainted with the duties of an office and that Al would be doing NBRSA a great justice by being re-elected.

Henry Spencer added his full agreement to what Ray said.

Larry Engelbrecht moved that the nominations be closed. Dr. Garcelon seconded. Carried.

Written vote taken and results were 5 to 3 for Al Walter. B. B. moved to make it unanimous. Dr. G. seconded. Carried. Al Walter president.

Dr. Garcelon nominated Bernice McMullen for secretary-treasurer. Henry Spencer seconded. George Kelbly moved the nominations be closed. Second from H. Spencer. Carried. B. McMullen secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Garcelon nominated B. B. for Vice-President. George Kelbly seconded. Carried. Bruno Boroszewski vice president.

Al Walter requested that Phil be asked to put all phone numbers with the listing of all directors and officers. Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Speer. Second by George Kelbly. Carried.

The 1963 annual directors meetings came to a close at 10 o'clock Saturday evening August 31, 1963.

A true report

/s/ Alfred W. Walter, President

/s/ Bernice McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the annual meetings of the directors and officers of the National Bench Rest Shooters, Association, Inc. Held at the scoring bus on the John Zink Range, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 14, 15, and 18th, 1964.

Monday, September 14, 1964, 1:00 p.m.

Directors and Officers present:

A. W. Walter, President NBRSA and Director Mississippi Valley region
J. B. Sweany, Director Southwest region
H. W. Spencer, Director Gulf Coast region
L. F. Carden, Director Mid Continent region
Bruno Boroszewski, Vice President and Director Eastern region
A. H. Garcelon, Deputy Director, Eastern seaboard division of Eastern region
George Kelbly, Deputy Director, Great Lakes division of Eastern region
Ray Speer, Director Northwest region
A. M. Freund, Director elect Mississippi Valley region
J. L. Bonner, Director elect Gulf Coast region
B. McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer NBRSA, Inc.

Meeting called to order by president A. W. Walter. Minutes of 1963 meetings read and approved as read. A correction was noted on the trophy donated by John I. Moore for the sporter class only instead of all three classes as formerly reported. Won and received in 1964 by Frank Muriel of Florissant, Mo.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read.

Discussion was held on payment to directors for mileage to annual meetings. The general opinion was that the directors should be paid. After much discussion, pro and con, it was agreed that all directors attending annual meetings should be paid mileage up to and not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Motion made by B. Boroszewski, second by Ray Speer. Carried by hand vote 6-2.

Some preliminary discussion was held on raising the dues in NBRSA but "Doc" Garcelon suggested that decision or action on this matter be delayed until later in the meetings.

Bruno reported that lariat ties still due winners in the National Varmint and Sporter Championship matches at San Angelo, Texas, in 1960 had been received by Bob Hart from Irven Mohnkern, president in 1960. With the help of Marie Spencer, who in 1960 was secretary of the Texas club, these ties were being delivered to their rightful owners.

Bruno also reported that he had an appointment shortly to attempt to have the NBRSA, Inc. listed as a non-profit scientific organization.

Bruno Boroszewski and George Kelbly, as a committee of two, appointed at the 1963 meetings to create an informal target to be used at hunting rifle matches, reported that they each had pasted up a target which they felt might be used, but both had neglected to bring them along. They were advised to send their targets to all directors for their consideration.

After discussion on the question of firing two (2) calibers of rifle in any tournament, Henry Spencer moved that no changes be made in the existing practice. With a second from Bruno and a unanimous hand vote, this was carried.

Open discussion was held on the hunting rifle class with all directors voicing opinions on same. John B. Sweany stressed the point that rules for this class should be worked out very carefully. Al Walter gave a vote of thanks to all directors for their work and reports on this class and suggested that it would be a good idea to give another year of research and experiment before going further on this subject. Subject closed for another year.

At this point bids were opened for the Varmint & Sporter Nationals for 1966. With the only bid coming from Henry Spencer, director of the Gulf Coast region, stating that John I. Moore of San Angelo, Texas would construct fifty (50) cement benches on the San Angelo range, the bids were closed. The 1966 Varmint & Sporter Nationals were awarded to the Gulf Coast region.

On the matter of the 1965 Unrestricted Championship matches, Bruno Boroszewski entered a bid for the Eastern region. The 1965 matches were awarded to the Eastern region with range and dates to be set at the annual Eastern region winter planning meeting.

On discussion of bids for the 1966 Unrestricted National matches, the only one entered was an option to Bud Carden, director of the Mid Continent region. Al Walter suggested the matter be held open for further bids and this subject was closed.

Al Walter gave a report on the questionnaire he drew up and had printed in P. S. From a total of 910 members he received 113 answers.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Answers</u>
Eastern	422	41
Southwest	99	22
Mid Continent	105	19
Miss. Valley	104	11
Gulf Coast	94	8
Northwest	37	6
North Central	48	5
Alaska		1

The answers to specific questions (number for and against) I will give on request.

Subject of cross fires discussed with the result that Bruno made motion to add the words “for each cross fired shot” to the second paragraph on Page 10 (Grey rule book).

Ray Speer at this point suggested that perhaps disqualification should be changed to penalty and expressed the thought that if a shot off target is considered a disqualification then cross fires should also be disqualifications. Subject was discussed but no action taken.

Bruno Boroszewski made motion to omit the words “restrain or guide the recoil of a rifle, or to” from paragraph 15, Page 4 of the grey rule book. J. B. Sweany gave a second. Carried unanimously by hand vote.

Bud Carden made motion that the following words, “less than the required number of shots, or having” should be inserted after the word “having” in second line of paragraph “N” page 9 of grey rule book. Second by Ray Speer. Carried by 7-1 hand vote.

Bud Carden moved that on page 7, (H), third line, after word “that”, the words, “the muzzle shall extend over the bench and” be inserted. Second by “Doc” Garcelon. Carried 6-2.

Motion by Carden, page 11, (D), to insert between “rifle” and “shall”, the sentence, “when in firing position”. Second by Spencer. Carried by unanimous hand vote.

Motion by Bud Carden – On page 7, (F), 4th line should have a period after “rests” with a capital “S” to follow on the word subject. Also, same paragraph line 14 (a) & (c) instead of (a) & (b). Second by Spencer. Carried 7-1.

Motion by Carden – Page 2 (3) add: “having a safe manually or mechanically operating firing mechanism”. Second by “Doc” Garcelon. Carried 7-1.

Discussion was held on “Traditional Stock”, page 4- (14), but decided to hold decision til later.

Motion by J. B. Sweany to strike out the words; “having not less than three massive legs and” on page 1, under B, (1), second line. Second by Bud Carden. Carried 5-3.

Page 1, “Objects” Motion by Carden to revert to wording in orange book. Second by Spencer. Carried 7-1.

Motion by J. B. Sweany to date rule books and state they are subject to change without notice. Second by Carden. Carried by unanimous hand vote.

Motion made by Carden with a second by J. B. Sweany that, “the title of Section V, page 12, be changed from “Conduct of a Tournament” to “Tournament Procedure”.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 to reconvene at 8 o’clock.

At the time meetings were to convene Monday evening President A. W. Walter received an emergency phone call in which he was informed of the serious illness of his mother. He turned all matters over to Bruno Boroszewski as acting president and left Tulsa immediately.

Meeting was called to order by acting president, B. Boroszewski and open discussion was held on the combination of the 200 yard and 300 meter as a combined aggregate. Henry Spencer moved that 5-shot and 10-shot 300 meter aggregates and the combined 200 yard – 300 meter aggregates be recognized as the 300 meter national match course. Second by Ray Speer. Carried by hand vote. In connection with this ruling it was decided that 200 yard-300 meter targets fired at Chippewa range in 1963 be measured and these would be records for the above course. These to be followed with targets from the 200 yard – 300 meter match held in 1964 on the Chippewa range.

Discussion was held on “Co-holder” of records. A possible co-holder record in for recognition was denied. (Targets fired by Nolan Jackson at Hot Springs, Ark. On July 27, 1963, and officially measured at .3465 MOA for five, 5-shot groups at 200 yards with heavy varmint rifle. The existing record held by Barbara Schellert at .3462).

Carden made a motion to issue a certificate to one who equals a record. Second by Spencer. Carried.

Motion by Carden that any target or aggregate of targets that break any record will be a new record. Records must be broken by one-tenth on aggregates or .001 on individual targets. Second by “Doc” Garcelon. Carried.

Discussion held on rifle fired by “red” Cornelison at the National Varmint & Sporter Championship matches at Abilene, Texas. This rifle was fired under protest at that tournament. The directors all agreed that the stock on the Cornelison rifle was legal and by hand vote was ruled as legal.

Discussion on the question as to whether we define stock rule for all varmint and sporter classes as one or individually. Decision made to delay action on this.

Sand bags were brought into the meeting by H. W. Spencer with explanation that they were ruled as illegal at Abilene Championship Matches. The competitor using these bags however did not fire them under protest at Abilene but quit and left the matches. George Kelbly moved that this protest was handled improperly and could not be acted upon. Second by Speer. Decision by unanimous vote. (Illegal protest)

Bruno Boroszewski moved to adjourn and reconvene at 9:30 Tuesday morning. Adjourned.

Tuesday A. M. B. Boroszewski presiding.

In answer to a protest on time shortage on a match at Abilene, Bud Carden moved to dispose of protest by acknowledging receipt of letter and after having given it full discussion, came to the decision that it would have to stand as an official act of a range officer. (Club timer had

been stolen a day or so previous to match and a stop watch had been used instead.) Second by H. Spencer. Carried.

A letter was read from Frank Muriel, St. Louis, Mo., concerning the Kansas State Championship shoot on July 4 & 5, 1964, in which he stated there was no weigh-in of rifles and no running backers. Henry Spencer moved that since this letter should have been sent to the director of the region in which the match was held and not to the president of the association it must be ruled an illegal protest and therefore the directors can take no action. Second by Ray Speer. Carried. Bud Carden appointed to write letter of explanation to Mr. Muriel.

Motions were made and properly seconded to "Publicize the facts that there is only one class of unrestricted rifle, but two classes of rests". Regions should be notified to hold only one championship in the heavy bench rifle class and not two.

Henry Spencer moved to drop discussion of restricted or unrestricted rests and change no "rests" rules on all classes. Second by J. B. Sweany. Carried.

Ray Speer moved to open 300 meter course for all classes. In heavy varmint, light varmint and sporter classes, individual 5 shot groups (at 300 M) and aggregates and 200-300 combined aggregates. Second by Spencer. Carried.

In the measurement for 300 meter targets, to reduce to MOA, multiply by .31 for single target and by .062 for five match aggregates.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Larry Englebrecht was called in to give report on hunting rifle class. With nothing very concrete to report, Larry left his material and excused himself.

At this point Bud Carden's writing of the stock rule for heavy varmint rifle was read. On page 2, paragraph (3) to be replaced with Bud's wording, as follows: "Any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism weighing not more than thirteen and one-half (13 ½) pounds, inclusive of sight; with a stock having a flat or convex forearm, and total stock width not more than three inches (3"), having a toe formed by an acute angle, not greater than that formed by a straight line drawn from the toe of a substantially vertical butt starting at a point at least four (4) inches below the axis of the bore and extending forward to the bottom of the barrel at a point eighteen (18) inches forward of the bolt face, and a barrel not less than eighteen (18) inches long. A diameter at and not more than four (4) inches ahead of the receiver ring of not more than 1.250 inch and a diameter at any point between the muzzle and a point four (4) inches ahead of the receiver ring not greater than would be defined by a straight taper between such point four inches in front of the receiver ring at 1.25 inch diameter and the muzzle at .900 inch diameter, at 28 inches.

Also paragraph 14, on page 4 be removed. So moved, seconded and _____.

Discussion on the increase to P. S. was held and "Doc" Garcelon gave a report on change of officers at the head of Precision Shooting, and he felt that perhaps our best policy would be to trust in Creighton Audette, the new president of P. S. to help the situation along.

Spencer moved to grant the increase of 48 cents per member per year to P. S. Second by Speer. Carried. "Doc" Garcelon was asked to carry the message to P. S., and give a report on the discussion held at the directors meetings.

At this point a motion was introduced that the president of NBRSA be authorized to enter joint project with P. S. Inc., to prepare series of articles to be presented to P. S. for publication with the understanding that the publication is to be printed in regular monthly publication only and all rights including copyrights, but not limited thereto, remain with NBRSA, Inc. Motion by Spencer, second by Speer and Garcelon. Carried.

Ray Speer moved to raise annual dues to \$6.00 Second by A. Freund. Carried. (Individual annual membership only).

Referees for the 1964 National matches were selected as follows:

Bud Carden named Larry Engelbrecht
"Doc" Garcelon named Bob Hart
J. B. Sweany named Allen Hobbs
H. Spencer named J. L. Bonner

George Kelbly introduced the thought that clubs should be notified to pay off on group size and not score in all registered matches. This was deferred as part of Part II. (See Part II, Section 3,D).

Discussion was opened on Part II of rules book and Bob Hart, as one of a committee working on Part II was called in to go over Part II. As Ray Speer read Part II paragraph by paragraph, all directors had a chance to comment on all parts. A copy of Part II will be attached to the 1964 minutes.

Meetings adjourned at 6:45 Tuesday afternoon with an evening meeting to follow.

Meetings reconvened at 7:30 Tuesday evening, September 15, 1964.

After being called to order by vice president Bruno Boroszewski, George Kelbly moved that Part II be accepted, except for Section 9, paragraph (B), which should be held over for further work. Second by Spencer. Carried.

Dr. Garcelon, Henry Spencer and Ray Speer as a committee, with "Doc" as chairman were appointed to come up with a solution of the problem of printing the results bulletin for the National matches.

Bob Hart reported that missing papers belonging to the association had been turned over to Irven Mohnkern by Ed McNally. These included two files and one box.

Bob also discussed what he termed "Charlie Kingsley's Special". This is a report on rewritten by-laws. Henry Spencer moved that the report be accepted and filed in #13. Bud Carden seconded. Carried.

Ray Speer moved that at all registered matches time limits should be determined by a timer calibrated in seconds. Second by Kelbly. Carried.

After discussion by all directors, Henry Spencer moved to establish a standing advisory committee made up of past presidents of NBRSA, Inc., who might act in an advisory capacity as called upon by the directors. Second by Art Freund. Carried.

After discussion on the subject of "proxy voting", "Doc" Garcelon moved to set up a committee with Bruno Boroszewski as chairman and another attorney, possibly David Whittington along with the past presidents committee to come up with recommendations for next directors meetings. Seond by Ray Speer. Carried.

Election of Officers:

"Doc" Garcelon nominated Bruno Boroszewski for president. Second by Ray Speer. Henry Spencer moved the nominations be closed. Second by Bud Carden. Carried by hand vote. B. Boroszewski president.

Carden nominated Ray Speer as Vice president. Second by George Kelbly. Ray Speer nominated Bud Carden. Second by A. Freund.

Garcelon moved the nominations be closed. Second by Freund. By written vote Bud Carden was elected vice president. Vote was 6-3.

Garcelon nominated B. McMullen for office of secretary-treasurer. Second by H. Spencer. "Doc" moved the nominations be closed. Second by Freund. Carried. B. McMullen elected.

George Kelbly moved that the presidents term of office remain at one year. Second by Garcelon. Carried.

H. Spencer moved to appoint Bud Carden to work on rule book and Part II. Second by Garcelon. Carried.

All directors unanimously moved that all changes or new rulings take effect on January 1, 1965.

Henry Spencer moved to adjourn with the understanding that if any of the directors felt another meeting was necessary they could call a special meeting any time before the end of the matches. Second by Ray Speer. Meeting adjourned 11:30 p.m.

At a final “clean-up” meeting called for Friday evening, September 18, 1964, all those attending the other meetings were present except the secretary and Dr. Garcelon.

Meeting was convened at 9:40 p.m.

Discussion was held again on the subject of restricted and unrestricted classes and the Formation of new class with weight limits. All those present had a chance to voice their opinions and after lengthy discussion the matter was left as at present with no action taken.

A motion by Bud Carden to further clarify the new rule written by Bud on the Heavy Varmint class. To add the sentence, “having a flat or convexed forearm”. Second by A. Freund. Carried

Motion by Bud Carden : On page 7, (G) Varmint & Sporter Rifle, “Rests”; add after rule, “Supporting the rifle between the rear of the pistol grip and the toe of the buttstock.” Second by Speer. Carried.

Motion by Spencer: To eliminate the last sentence of rule 13-D, page 3. Second by Freund, Passed.

Motion by Speer and seconded by Spencer to add to rule 13-D, page 3, behind “bag”, the words, “without addition or container”. Passed.

Bud Carden moved that the protest fees on the matters of protest not handled correctly and therefore not acted on by the directors shall be returned to the persons paying the protest fees. Second by Spencer. Carried.

In connection with the \$1.00 per day per competitor remitted by the sponsoring club of a championship shoot, to NBRSA and not paid by the Abilene club, the directors reached the decision that Abilene need not remit the fee and NBRSA need not pay the received statement for services of scorer and statistician.

Further discussion was held on the ruling made on the heavy varmint barrel. No further action taken.

With a special vote of thanks and appreciation for a job well done by president Al Walter for the past two years, the 1964 annual meetings of the directors and officers of the National Bench Rest Rifle Shooters Association came to an end at 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning, September 19, 1964.

A true report,

/s/ Alfred W. Walter, President

/s/ Brunon Boroszewski, Vice President

/s/ Bernice McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the 1966 Directors Meetings
NBRSA, Inc.
Held at Cottage at Reed's Run Rifle Range, Augusta, Ohio

August 1, 1966—Monday—10:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Brunon Boroszewski, President, NBRSA, Inc.
Dr. A. H. Garcelon, Director Eastern region
George Kelbly, Deputy Director Eastern region –Great Lakes Division
L. E. Cornelison, Director Mid Continent region
T. H. Boughton, proxy for G. Arnold, Deputy Director E. Seaboard division E. region
Bill Kappel, Deputy Director elect E. Seaboard division E. Region
R. W. Hart, former president and attending in an advisory capacity
B. McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer, NBRSA, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President Boroszewski, who opened by reading a report on the final meeting of the 1965 director's meetings. A copy of these minutes reads as follows:

Final Directors Meeting—September 3, 1965

Members present:

Arnold
Kelbly
Hobbs
Freund
B. V. Boroszewski
Dr. Garcelon

Guests Present: Tom Gillman
Don Hill

Meeting called to order at 9:25 when B. V. B. arrived 25 minutes late. Discussion on election in Mid Continent region—discussion was that matter is being taken care of by the director and no executive board action is required.

Discussion on record shot by Allen Bench, Yakima, Washington. Motion by Kelbly, seconded by Hobbs that record be allowed in the limited rest class. Motion carried.

Motion by Hobbs, seconded by Freund to allow members Wilson and Smith to purchase replacement championship patches at cost. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelbly, seconded by Garcelon that proxies to the National meeting be allowed the same expenses as the directors.

Motion by Garcelon, seconded by Freund that the one member in Hawaii be allotted to the Southwest region, 4 members in Alaska to the Northwest region and 1 member in Mexico to the Gulf Coast region. Motion carried.

Secretary instructed to notify C. C. Hankins to submit bill for travel expenses to meeting.

Motion by Kelbly, seconded by Freund that all forms listed in Part II of rule book be made available to clubs at cost.

Motion by Garcelon, seconded by Kelbly that our 10% discount on targets to affiliated clubs, be – 10% if paid in 30 days, otherwise no discount. Motion carried.

Dr. Garcelon will speak to Audette about making extra copies of P. S. available to send as samples.

Motion by Freund, seconded by Arnold that we continue the practice of giving lariat ties at National matches. Motion carried.

After the reading of the minutes of the final meeting of 1965, all present were asked to renew anything they could remember of the 1965 meetings. The following items were brought out:

1966—Varmint and Sporter Championship matches—awarded to the Gulf Coast region.

1967—Bench Rest rifle Championship matches—option to Mid Continent region, with the Gulf Coast region also bidding.

50 cents per class, per gun, per day changed to 50 cents per day.

Discussion held on disqualification rule with no changes made.

Moved and passed that on January 1, 1967, the light varmint and sporter classes be combined with the result that we have a 10 ½ lb. Varmint and 13 ½ lb. Varmint class.

Moved and accepted the treasurer's report as read.

On request by J. Sweany, southwest region director advised that they had authority to establish Vice-Director in their region to assist the Director. Such Vice Director was not however, a member of the NATIONAL Board of Directors and had no vote.

J. J. Tucker protest disallowed and fee forfeited.

Motion to accept the above review of the 1965 meetings was made by Garcelon, seconded by Boughton. Carried.

Treasurer's report (1966) read by secretary. Motion by Boughton to accept, second by Garcelon, Carried.

Copy of the bequest of Paul O. Gottschall to NBRSA, Inc., read by President Boroszewski.

Motion by Garcelon, seconded by Boughton that copy of bequest be attached to minutes and letter of appreciation sent to the executor, Chester Lucas, and the widow, Mrs. Mildred Gottschall.

B.V. B. turned over to secretary check in the amount of 50 cents for rule book sent out.
(Morris G. Owen)

Regional reports of finances furnished by:
Garcelon—Eastern
Cornelison—Mid Cont.
Speer—Northwest

In regard to a target for the hunter rifle, Bob Hart is to send sample to Wisler Western Arms and to Kenneback Journal, Augusta, Maine and get full particulars as to price. Leave discussion on 200 yard targets for hunter class until 1967.

Ray Speer arrived at this point.

Discussion started on hunter class rules. After some discussion it was decided that for the present we do not recognize the hunter rifle as a class nor do we have championship matches, but do adopt a set of rules to be used with scores published in P. S. Using the Richmond Rod and Gun club committee's hunting rifle bench rest match rules of Jan. 23, 1966, some changes or revisions were made and the resulting sheet of proposed rules for trial with the hunter rifle is printed on a separate sheet.

By unanimous voice vote these revisions were passed and carried.

Again, discussion was held on the three classes of varmint and sporter. Garcelon made motion to carry the three classes and rescind the action taken at last years meeting. Cornelison seconded. Carried.

President Boroszewski was asked to get committee to go over previous minutes for inconsistency on election of directors.

The use of the Gottschall measuring device in the 1966 nationals was brought up and due to the fact that Mrs. Jean Howard, head scorer for the nationals was accustomed to this particular device, Garcelon made the motion that it be the official scoring device for these matches. Seconded by Speer and carried by voice vote.

Garcelon also moved and Ray Speer seconded that B. Boroszewski assign someone to design a new measuring device. Carried. Bruno suggested that he ask Al Abramow to design it.

It was brought out that California was holding their West Coast Regional Championship Match on the same days as Varmint and Sporter Championship matches at Midland, Texas. It was stated as the wish of the board to notify the Southwest region that their match will not be a registered match. Carried by majority vote.

Awarding of 1967 Nationals to Regions

Gulf Coast—Heavy Rifle

Eastern—Varmint and Sporter

1968 Nationals—Heavy Rifle—Eastern Region—Carried.

V. & Sp. Mid Cont. (option)

S. W. (option)

Cornelison stated that John Zink will furnish range and facilities for NBRSA home range. After some discussion there was no action taken.

All present agreed the Eastern and Gulf Coast regions should be asked to set dates for the 1967 nationals soon. Garcelon to call a meeting at Fassett shoot (Sept 24, 25-1966) to state place and time.

Dr. Nadler, as Gulf Coast representative be instructed for Nationals at Midland. Voted and carried to keep present system of Nationals—separated by regions. Further discussion and decisions postponed for 1967 meeting.

Motion to eliminate Stool Shooter patches to those who have one in good condition. Motion by Ray Speer, second by Kelbly. Carried.

Discussion of furnishing patches for “Top-Ten” in three gun aggregate of V. & Sp. Nationals. Speer moved not to add patches, second by Boughton. Carried.

Motion by Cornelison to continue lariat ties. Second by Garcelon. Carried.

Motion by Speer with second by Boughton that a new supply of Colonel Whelen “keeper” trophies be purchased. Carried.

All business before the board having been disposed of the annual election of officers was held. Nominations for president were opened with Cornelison nominating Bruno. Bruno declined the nomination. Boughton nominated Garcelon. Ray Speer seconded the nomination. Cornelison moved the nominations be closed. Speer seconded. Carried. George Kelbly moved to instruct the secretary to cast one vote for Garcelon.

Vice President

Speer nominated Cornelison, second by Boughton.

Kelbly nominated Speer, second by Cornelison.

Vote taken by written ballot.
Tie vote with decision by Bruno
Ray Speer will serve as Vice-president.

Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer.

Garcelon nominated Bernice McMullen
Second by Boughton. Carried.

Referees chosen for 1966 Nationals as follows:

Ray Speer—M. M. Oakley
Dr. Garcelon—Bill Kappel
Cornelison—"Bud" Carden
Speer chose as alternate—Larry Englebrecht

With a vote of thanks to Brunon Boroszewski for his service the past two years, the 1966 meeting came to a close.

Ray Speer moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Signed: President _____ (unsigned)
Secretary /s/ Bernice E. McMullen

Copy of statement from the Will of Paul Gottschall

Item 2

I give the following items to the Bench rest Shooters Association, the office of which is now at 607 West Line St., Minerva, Ohio.

(a) One heavy .308 Caliber rifle, complete with scope and accessories. This is the only one of its kind and cannot be mistaken.

(b) One heavy 222.5 caliber rifle complete with scope and accessories, made by Paul Gottschall, serial #1.

© One heavy varmint class 222.5 rifle complete with scope and accessories, made by Shilen, serial #49.

(d) One Sporter class rifle, caliber 6 X 47, complete with scope and accessories, Remington model 40X, serial #18206.

(e) Also, a small bullet machining device I have made, which has proven of interest to my friends in the shooting game.

A voucher signed by the secretary of the association shall be a sufficient voucher to discharge my executor hereinafter named, from further obligation in this connection. I wish to make it clear that I do not require that the association keep these items, but rather, I specifically authorize that these items shall be sold and the proceeds kept for furthering shooting, or, used in any way to further the organization.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Secretary-Treasurer, Bernice McMullen
607 West Line Street, Minerva, Ohio

August 15, 1966

Very humbly and with deep and sincere appreciation, The National Bench Rest Shooters Association, it's President, directors, officers and all members wish to convey their thanks.

Paul was very much a part of our organization and to those fortunate enough to know him he will be remembered always. To those who did not meet or know Paul he will become a legend.

Sincerely,

The National Bench rest Shooters Association, Inc.
Mrs. Bernice McMullen, Sec-treas.

CC: Mrs. Mildred Gottschall
Mr. Chester Lucas, exec. Estate
Copy on 1966 minutes of NBRSA, Inc.

RICHMOND ROD AND GUN CLUB COMMITTEE'S HUNTING RIFLE BENCH REST
MATCH RULES as of January 23, 1966

CHANGES and REVISIONS made by NBRSA, Inc. DIRECTORS at ANNUAL
MEETING—1966

1. Purpose
 - a. To attract shooters not previously engaged in competitive target shooting.
 - b. To improve hunting rifle accuracy and effects of components used therein.
 - c. To better acquaint the rifleman with his rifle and competitive sportsmanship.
2. Rifles
 - a. Stocks must be conventional hunting design and shape, not over 2 ½ inches wide.
 - b. Re-barreling, re-stocking and special triggers permitted. Must have operative safety.
 - c. Bore diameter, .236 inches (6mm) or more. Case capacity not less than 30-30 measured level full of water. (Ted Boughton to compile list of eligible cases).
 - d. Rifle's working magazine able to hold 2 or more loaded rounds of ammo.
 - e. Any sights—Scopes must be 6X or less—Variables must be set and taped. Target mounts not allowed.
 - f. Rifle and scope not to exceed 10 lb. in weight.
3. Course of fire
 - a. Target for hunter class to be NBRSA, Inc. supplied hunter target (6bull)
 - b. Clubs interested only in hunter rifle matches may pay an affiliation fee of \$5.00 to NBRSA and have approved hunter rifle matches. Clubs already affiliated may pay the added \$5.00 and hold approved hunter rifle matches. Each affiliated club holding these approved hunter matches will be provided by NBRSA, classification cards to issue to their competitors. Three classifications with three card colors. Classes are; 1- Novice Hunter, 2- Hunter, 3- Master Hunter. (Bob Hart to develop these cards). Prices of targets and rule sheets to be furnished later.
 - c. Optional "warm-up" match. Matches to be fired separately with twenty minutes elapsing from the end of relay to start of same relay in next match, if required by competitors. Ten minutes allowed to fire five shots, on five bull target; one shot each bull. If more than one shot on each bull the lowest score shot will be counted.
 - d. More than required 5 shots on target: competitor will receive penalty of 10 points for each shot in excess of 5 on 5 bull target.
 - e. Matches fired on 5 bull targets may be considered as individual matches or a number of them for an aggregate at the option of the sponsoring club.

- f. Rifles fire from benches: (Single Loads Only) On non-conforming pliable sandbags; both front and rear. Adjustable pedestal with sandbags under forearm OK. Blocks, boxes or such to raise sandbags to get proper elevation OK. No machine or other rests that can return rifle to battery or which restrain recoil.

4. Rules for Procedure

- a. The Stat Officer will provide registration cards to be filled out by competitor who will draw for or be assigned to a bench and relay.
- b. Firing more than one rifle permitted. Range Master or Referee may permit the firing of a different rifle for record with the payment of an additional fee and a new registration card made out to cover.
- c. In case of a malfunction of his original rifle and a replacement rifle is to be used, he must, within the time allotted, complete the match.
- d. Range Master is in charge of shoot and with referees will rule on all matters of the shoot and their decision is final. They have authority to disqualify a shooter for cause, or if his rifle or equipment is not within the rules.
- e. Any change in the program must be posted in advance of the relay.
- f. Scores will be posted and thirty minutes allowed for protests.
- g. Safety rules of the NBRSA and the NRA and the host club will apply. No shooter will be at a bench or handling a gun while anyone is in front of the firing line.

(Skips from #4 to #7)

7. Classification

- a. 228-250 Master Hunter
200-228 Hunter
199-less Novice Hunter
- b. Any competitor firing in first competition shall fire in Master Class.
- c. Lowering of classification: On firing a score less than his classification, competitor will be re-classified at the end of that tournament.
- d. Raising of classification: Any competitor who fires in a higher class in one tournament will be re-classified at the end of the tournament.
- e. Competitors upon registration must leave cards with stat officer until end of tournament when they will either be marked and returned or a new class card issued.
- f. Anyone may elect to shoot in Master class, but a master is not eligible for Hunter class awards. Awards will be provided and the number of all awards will depend on number of class entries.

By unanimous voice vote these hunter rifle rules were passed for present use.

Minutes of Annual Directors Meetings
NBRSA, Inc.
Held at Colonial Inn, Abilene, Texas

October 14, 1967

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. in room 144.

Meeting was called to order by President A. H. Garcelon.

Directors present: M. H. Walker, L. E. Cornelison, A. K. Hobbs, J. L. Bonner, A. Bench (proxy for R. Speer), Dep. Dir. Wm. Kappel and Dir.-elect D. B. Whittington. R. W. Hart, acting secretary.

Minutes of 1966 meeting read. Moved by Kappel and seconded by Hobbs that they be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Kappel and seconded by Cornelison that the member ship dues be increased to \$8.00 per year, associate membership to \$3.50 per year and Life Membership to \$100.00. Effective date January 1, 1968, for new and renewed memberships. No provision is made for multiple year reductions. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hobbs and seconded by Walker that the target for sporter class be the standard bench rest target. (Old supply may be used until exhausted). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hobbs, seconded by Bench that the second sentence in the last paragraph on page 6 (1967) rule book) be changed to read: "No date for a registered tournament may be approved if within eight (8) days of the first day of National Championship Match, unless approved by the president. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Bonner, that H. Walker supply a membership list to all directors annually at a cost of not more than \$5.00 per list. List to be obtained from Precision Shooting. Motion carried.

Moved by Hobbs, seconded by Bench that NBRSA secretary be allowed a maximum of \$300.00 to purchase equipment requested in letter of October 5, 1967, addressed to President Garcelon, and equipment to be marked with suitable plates indicating gift of Paul Gottschall. Money to be taken from Gottschall fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Kappel that a weekend meeting be held at some point, time and place to be set by the directors, and that travel expenses be paid by the NBRSA, plus additional expenses that the directors feel the NBRSA treasury can support. Vote yes: Kappel, Hobbs, Walker and Bonner. Opposed: Bench and Cornelison. Motion carried by majority.

It was decided by all present that this motion be reintroduced in the meeting on October 15, 1967, when all members would be present.

The next paragraph has been extracted from minutes of October 15, 1967, and placed here for continuity.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Bonner that annual meetings of the directors present and members at each National Match be held to obtain information and recommendations and a central directors meeting be held in 1968 on a trial basis as per previous motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Garcelon appointed a committee of Hobbs, Kappel and Hart to write an instruction sheet for measuring record targets. When completed and approved it shall be forwarded to chairman of measuring committee, Mr. A. H. Angerman for distribution to all official measurers.

R. Hart assigned job of developing a standard reticule size and further development of measuring machines.

10:45 p.m. Director A. J. Freund arrived.

After a discussion on scales and weighing R. Hart was requested to produce seven sets of weights (one for each region) consisting of 1-13 lb. and 1-10 ½ lb. weight in suitable box. Ste__ to be 416 stainless if possible and all weights to be checked by official weight and measure inspector.

Secretary B. McMullen to try and locate set of weights made by Paul Gottschall and donated to NBRSA, and have same returned to her office. From information available it is believed that B. Boroszewski may have them.

The Eastern region bid for the Varmint and Sporter National Matches for 1969 and Match was assigned to them.

Bids for Heavy Bench Rest Rifle Championship for 1969 were requested and no bids were received. All regions to consider, if no bid is received the Eastern Region will accept.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 A.M. and to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. Sunday, October 15, 1967, at same place.

9:00 A. M. Sunday October 15, 1967. Meeting reopened with all listed membership present.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Precision Shooting should publish the winners of 100 yard, 200 yard and grand aggregates of all past National Championship

Matches in the same issue with the Annual National Match Reports. An asterick be used to mark the best aggregate fired in a National Match and in the heavy bench rifle _____ or note indicating when match course was changed from five (5) to ten (10) shot matches. Angerman to be contacted to see if he can supply this information for all classes.

10:00 A. M. George Kelbly arrived.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Kelbly that heavy bench rifle rules stand as they are except, that the words (illegible) _____ and _____ be removed from page one (1) Section B, paragraph 2 and the word _____ be changed to "safely". Motion carried unanimously.

Referees for the 1967 Heavy Bench Rifle Championship Nationals were nominated as follows:

- Bench nominated Oakley
- Hobbs nominated Pindell
- Cornelison nominated Berger
- Kelbly nominated Scafuri
- Bonner nominated Hansen

Bench will contact to see who will serve. Three to be referees and two as alternates.

Moved by Kelbly, seconded by Kappel that a new revised rule book be mailed to each member as soon as available. And that these rule books and mailing costs be paid from the Paul Gottschall fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Moved by Hobbs, seconded by Cornelison that in the event of a backer for a potential record not clearly showing the required number of shots, the target backer be forwarded to the chairman of the measuring committee who shall forward it to all directors together with the target, for a decision and their decision shall be final. Vote yes: six (6); vote no: two (2). Motion carried by majority.

Secretary to notify A. H. Angerman to include backers with all targets circulated for record measuring.

Lunch Break

Discussion on hunter class: Moved by Hobbs, seconded by Walker that the scoring of the Hunter class target be as corrected in Precision Shooting Magazine September 1967 issue. Vote yes: seven (7); No: Kelbly. Motion carried by majority.

Motion by Hobbs, seconded by Cornelison that the minimum Hunter rifle case capacity (fired) shall be not less than 45.5 grains of water level full. (Note: This is the approximate capacity of a 30-30 case) Motion carried.

Motion by Kappel, seconded by Hobbs that Hunter rifle stocks be convex on all bottom surfaces perpendicular to the barrel. Motion carried unanimously.

Directors request that hunter rifle clubs develop a target for iron sights with information to be submitted at the 1968 directors meeting. They also recommend that shooting at other distances, targets for same and other items not covered by the rules be developed and reported to the directors.

Motion by Kelbly, second by Bench that no change in the weight of the hunter rifle be made. Voting yes: seven (7); No, Kappel. Carried.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Kappel that hunter rifle barrel and action can not be constructed in one piece. Voting, Yes, seven (7); No, Bench. Carried.

Moved by Kappel, second by Walker, Method of connecting hunter rifle barrel to receiver shall not be greater length than 1.50" (or Savage rifle length which ever is greater). This shall include recoil lug, barrel rung, barrel bracket, sleeve or blocking or combination thereof. Motion carried unanimous.

Moved by Walker, second by Hobbs: That in the hunter class, rifle bolt action receivers be no larger in diameter than 1.400 inches and no longer than 10 1/4" *(See Note Below) Projections on diameter not included ; such as; recoil lug, sight bases, safety and similar items. Custom actions produced in quantities of less than 1000 per year shall not be legal, unless approved by the directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Kappel that a hunger rifle barrel not less than 18 inches long, measured from the bolt face, a diameter at and not more than four inches ahead of the bolt face, of not more than 1.250 inches and a diameter at any point four inches ahead of the bolt face not greater than would be defined by a straight taper between such point four inches in front of the bolt face at 1.250 inches and the muzzle at .750 inches (diameter at 26 inches) from the bolt face.

*Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelbly, seconded by Walker that in the Hunter Class, no blocking or sleeving, 180' degree or otherwise of barrel or action allowed. Barrel and action must be removable from the stock without destruction of stock. Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights and sight bases and original manufacturers attachments. Voting, Yes: seven (7). No: Bench. Carried by Majority.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Walker that hunter class stocks must be conventional hunting design, shape and material. Maximum width 2 ¼ inches at any point. Motion carried.

Preamble for all classes: To be added to rules Part 1, Section 1.

Motion by Kappel, seconded by Bench, that safe guns not qualifying under the definition of various classes set out, herein, may be fired in any tournament, provided the shooter and the competitors be informed that he is not eligible for any awards, records, prizes, or place in the aggregate and provided that the range facilities are conveniently available. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kappel, seconded by Hobbs: Should any person develop any rifle and/or equipment that does not meet existing rules and classifications, he may submit the rifle or equipment to the directors for evaluation and approval or disapproval. Motion carried unanimously.

To be added to rules part 1, section 1.

Note: this does not mean to exclude any quantity produced receiver.

Moved by Hobbs, seconded by Kappel that article 3, section D, page 18, of 1967 rule book be stricken and replaced with, "When an excess of five (5) shots appear on the record targets the low scoring five (5) shots will be counted for record. When identifiable cross fires occur the low value or identified shot shall be transferred to the offenders target and a penalty of one point deducted. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting suspended for dinner at 7 P. M.

Meeting resumed at 10 P. M.

The following actions apply to the Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter rifle classes only.

Moved by Hobbs, seconded by Bench that the so-called bedding devices be allowed as long as they contact on more than the lower 180' of the barrel for a length not to exceed 4" forward of the receiver, and that it is not permanently affixed. Voting: Yes, three (3); No, five. Motion lost.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Bonner that the barrel may be attached to the receiver, blocks or sleeve or combination thereof for a distance of no more than four (4) inches measured from the face of the bolt. The overall length of the receiver, sleeve or blocks or combination thereof not to exceed fourteen (14) inches.

Voting yes: Cornelison, Bonner, Bench, Hobbs, Kelbly and Freund.

Voting No: Walker and Kappel. Motion carried by majority.

Moved by Cornelison, seconded by Bench to amend the above motion to include the word bedding before the word block. Two places, Voting yes, Cornelison, Bonner, Bench, Hobbs, Kelbly and Freund. Voting No: Walker & Kappel.

Motion carried by majority.

Walker and Kappel requested it be recorded that they objected to the above changes applying to the light varmint and sporter rifles.

Election of Officers:

Secretary-Treasurer: Kelbly nominated Mrs. Bernice McMullen. Freund moved and Hobbs seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point President Garcelon retired and appointed the secretary to take the chair. Cornelison nominated Garcelon, Kelbly nominated Carden. Hobbs moved and Kelbly seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Result of voting—Garcelon elected President.

Vice President Walker nominated Ray Speer. Hobbs moved, Walker seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Hobbs moved, Walker seconded that secretary cast a vote for election of Secretary and Vice President. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 A. M.

/s/ A. H. Garcelon DDS, President

/s/ Robert W. Hart, Acting Secretary

1967 Minutes
Abilene Rifle Range October 19, 1967

By the consent of all directors (5) present a meeting was called on October 19, 1967 at 4:45 P. M. to discuss the vote on the following items that were not covered in the regular meeting.

Directors present were: Cornelison, Bonner, Dep. Directors Kelbly and Kappel with Dir. Bench giving his proxy to Kappel with voting instructions on the matters to be considered, he, not being able to attend.

By unanimous agreement Bonner was appointed acting chairman.

Kappel moved, seconded by Cornelison that the attached letter of recommendations for reporting of registered matches be made a part of the rules for conducting a match. That two (2) copies of all registered match reports be sent to P. S. and 1 copy to the NBRSA secretary. National Championship match reports to be supplied to the following, P. S. 2 copies, Secretary, President, all Directors and Deputy Directors to receive one copy. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Kappel, seconded by Cornelison that R. W. Hart (secretary by proxy) receive the regular secretary's pay for work at the annual directors meeting. Motion passed, unanimous.

Motion by Kappel, seconded by Kelbly that all classes in the National Varmint and Sporter Championship matches receive "Top-Twenty" patches and that the patches be reworded accordingly. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bonner, second by Kelbly that no type of muzzle break or port be allowed on any bench rest barrel. Motion passed, unanimous.

Motion by Cornelison, second by Kappel that the penalty rule for cross firing be changed as follows (rule book 1967 issue, page 10, Sec. N. Para., 3) "The cross-firing shall be transferred to his target and shall be measured as if fired in that position on that target, and shall be eliminated from the target on which it was actually fired. To this measurement shall be added a penalty of one quarter of an inch for each one hundred yards of range." Motion passes unanimously.

Kappel moved, second by Bonner that these motions be forwarded to Pres. Garcelon immediately for him to obtain vote of absent directors and if approved that they become a part of the new rule book. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kelbly, second by Bonner that meeting be adjourned. Passed.

s/s Robert W. Hart

It was noted that an error still exists in the 1967 rule book, page 12, para B.

Registration fee: At a past directors meeting a Maximum fee of \$7.50 was approved for National Matches where a complete course of fire at 100 and 200 yards is fired. This should be included in the new book.

1968 Directors Meeting, NBRSA
Held at cottage at Reed's Run

Meeting was called to order by President A. H. Garcelon at 7:30 on the evening of Monday, August 26, 1968.

Present were:

Dr. A. H. Barcelon, President
M. H. Walker, Director Eastern Region
George E. Kelbly, Deputy Director Great Lakes Div. Eastern Region
Robert W. Hart, proxy for Wm. Kappel, Dep. Dir. Eastern Seaboard Div. East. Reg.
David B. Whittington, Director Mid Continent Region
J. L. Bonner, Director Gulf Coast Region
A. J. Freund, Director Miss. Valley Region
L. E. Cornelison, visitor
Mrs. Bernice E. McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer, NBRSA, Inc.

The treasurer's report was read by Dr. Garcelon. Walker moved and Whittington seconded that treasurer's report be accepted as read.

The following is a review of the 1967 minutes of the meetings held at Abilene.

Membership list from P. S. was paid for by the Eastern region instead of NBRSA.

Motion by Dr. Garcelon that B. McMullen as continuing officer to have record of all NBRSA possessions. Secretary has been unable to locate set of weights made by Paul Gottschall and donated to NBRSA. Motion of Garcelon met with approval of all present. Suggestion made that the new weights being made by R. W. Hart be explained and displayed by picture in P. S. Hart reported that 3 sets are now completed and 2 sets have been delivered. Whittington, as Director of the Mid Continent region expressed appreciation to the Eastern region for delivery of same. Hart reported that the cost of the bar of steel for said weights cost \$117.00 and NBRSA has agreed payment of completed weights and boxes for them.

In 1967 a committee of Hobbs, Kappel and Hart was appointed by Garcelon to write an instruction sheet for measuring record targets. Nothing has been done on this and due to the ill health of Wm. Kappel, Cornelison has now been named to this committee in Kappel's place.

The work on developing a standard reticule rule will be continued by Hart hoping to accomplish it during the winter of 1968-69.

1969 National Matches:

Bob Hart bid for the Varmint & Sporter Championship Matches.

Heavy Rifle Nationals already awarded to Mill Creek Rifle Club at Kansas City, Kansas to be held on August 26, 27, 28 & 29, 1969.

1969 Speer Matches awarded to Tulsa, Oklahoma—July 4th week-end.

1970 Varmint & Sporter will go to the West.

Mike Walker placed bid for Heavy Rifle Nationals to be held in the East.

Whittington suggested that it might be an excellent idea to get NRA to interest themselves in a bench rest installation to accommodate National Championship Matches.

1968 Directors Meeting

The appointment of referees for the 1968 Heavy Rifle Championship Matches were as follows:

George Kelbly appointed Roger Powers

Bob Hart appointed George McMullen

D. Whittington appointed Larry Englebrecht

Alternates were: A. Freund appointed Bill Schellert

Whittington appointed Walter Berger or A. Freund

Whittington moved and Hart seconded that appointments be accepted. Passed by voice vote.

Bob Hart reported that Classifications of Hunter class competition are too low, but wants to hold the line on any changes until other regions get the same problem. Directors were in agreement to let the situation ride, with the suggestion that clubs might try out other systems and report at a later date.

Freund suggested that the same target might be used at 200 yards.

A motion was made by Hart with a second from J. L. Bonner that NBRSA order 50,000 hunter targets printed. Passed unanimously.

David Whittington moved and M. H. Walker seconded that the hunter class rule concerning the magazine found on page 19, para: (g) in the 1968 rule book, be amended to read: "A magazine shall hold two or more loaded rounds of ammunition that will feed, chamber and fire." Rounds loaded for competition may be longer than magazine. Passed by voice vote.

No action taken on development of target for iron sights. Continue as at present and take action when necessary.

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Whittington and seconded by Kelbly. Passed by voice vote.

Secretary asked to write Wm. Kappel a letter of thanks for all past services to NBRSA and especially for serving as Eastern Region Deputy Director. Good wishes from all of us, come visit us often—attach all names.

Bob Hart asked to write an obituary for Clifton Carr for print in P. S. All regions are hereby advised to send obituary notice of all deaths in region to P. S. for publication.

Report on Australian matches. Madden from Australia would like to get postal matches started. Mike suggested that this might be done and put handicap on NBRSA competitors. Whittington moved and Freund seconded that we carry on correspondence and authorize incoming president to keep things going with Australia. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Some changes to be made in next issue of rule book, but effective now. Motion by Kelbly, second by Hart—page 5 © last line to read: “The rear rest shall be a sandbag as defined under (d). Passed.

Kelbly moved, Whittington second—page 8 (f); add © in next to last line. Passed.

Kelbly moved, Bonner seconded—page 5—14—eliminate 3 words in second line—“the stock of”. Passed.

Bob Hart as referee at Varmint and Sporter Nationals at Tulsa reported on front rests used. Metal rests with approximately 2 ½ inches square sandbag in center. Passed as legal. Present rules permit.

Whittington introduced the subject of awards from clubs. The feeling was that competitors wanted something for places other than first in National Championship aggregates. Freund suggested that there should be something established as to what clubs should be required to furnish. Revere plates or goblets were suggested. Whittington moved that the Host Club at all National Matches be required to award trophies to 2nd and 3rd places in all aggregates but not limited to 2nd and 3rd places, if not supplied by region. Second by Walker and passed by voice vote.

Whittington moved. With a second from Hart that all region records and region weights, along with all properties of region be transferred to succeeding director. Receipt obtained and forwarded to NBRSA secretary. Passed.

Whittington volunteered to make copies and get them to all directors for either their acceptance or corrections and return them to NBRSA for final copy for all minutes books.

5 minute break.

Freund offered for consideration a complaint from a member of his region who felt that those firing 30 caliber rifles should be squadded on one relay. Rule enforcement of placing muzzle over bench should take care of the situation.

Freund brought up subject of too many classes. Would like to see L. V. & S. classes combined. Whittington suggested that this matter be brought up before members and report made at next directors meeting.

Review to be made of Kingsley's writing of the By-Laws. Mike Walker volunteered to get a copy to each director. Directors to study them and consider at next meeting.

Freund on the subject of conduction of matches. Shooters get rifles weighed and taped as legal. The chance of changes on weight of rifles should not be ignored. Freund moved to recommend that referees at Nationals spot-check rifles. No action taken as feeling was that the rule is adequate and referees can spot-check.

Walker gave report on P. S. saying that they had had some difficulty with previous editor and that finances were such that they would be unable to pay the present editor as contracted to do. (\$4,000.00). He reported that at present NBRSA is not paying cost of magazine and they do not have enough circulation to support. (2200). Promotional packages had been sent out but not much accomplished.

Whittington suggested getting National Matches listed in NRA might help by the added advertisement.

Walker suggested that NBRSA might pay total amount of a members magazine per year as soon as his membership reaches NBRSA office. Cost of magazine quoted at 36 cents. Bob Hart made motion to pay 36 cents per copy. Second by Whittington. Passed.

Whittington suggested that all clubs send interesting full reports on all matches to P. S.

Election of officers:

Bob Hart nominated Mrs. Bernice McMullen for Secretary-Treasurer. Second by Kelbly. D. Whittington moved nominations be closed. Elected.

Bonner nominated Ray Speer for President; second by Whittington. Walker nominated Whittington. Bonner moved the nominations be closed. Second by Kelbly. Speer elected.

Walker nominated Whittington for Vice President. Second by Freund. Hart moved nominations be closed. Whittington elected.

A true Report

President
Secretary

1969 Directors' Meeting NBRSA Inc. held at Hodgen's Bullet Hole Meeting Room.

Meeting was called to order by President Ray Speer at 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 25, 1969.

Present were:

Ray Speer, President

David B. Whittington, Mid Continent Region Director

J. L. Bonner, Gulf Coast Region Director

Ralph Pickens, Great Lakes Division – Eastern Region Deputy Director

Ralph Stolle, Sr., Eastern Seaboard Division – Eastern Region Deputy Director

Earl Stroup, Southwest Region Director

A. J. Freund, Mississippi Valley Region Director

George Kelbly, Visitor

Walter Berger, Director Elect of Mid Continent Region and Acting Secretary in absence of
Bernice McMullen

Not Present were:

Bernice McMullen, Secretary – Treasurer

Nels A. Nelson, Jr., North Central Region

M. H. Walker, Eastern Region Director

Stuart H. Harvey, Southwest Region Vice Director

The minutes from the August 26, 1968 meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Earl Stroup and seconded by Ralph Pickens that the minutes stand approved as read.

President Ray Speer requested a financial report be submitted by each Regional Director.

President Ray Speer asked each Director to comment on the status of his region.

Earl Stroup of the Southwest Region reported that it looked favorable for his region to show an increased participation in the NBRSA.

David Whittington commented on the increased activity of the heavy gun in the Mid Continent Region.

J. L. Bonner reports that the Gulf Coast Region is broke but has had a very good increase in the heavy gun.

Ralph Pickens reports no problems in his division.

Ralph Stolle reports no change in his area.

Treasurer's report was read and a motion by Whittington and a second by Stolle that the report stand as read. Passed by a raised hand vote.

A discussion was held pertaining to the ridicule on the various measuring devices throughout the various regions. Al Angerman had informed President Ray Speer that no apparent problem existed. Since no apparent problem existed a motion was made by Whittington and seconded by Pickens that the discussion be tabled. The motion was passed by a 5 to 1 vote by a show of hands. The negative vote was cast by A. Freund.

New business consisted of:

A discussion pertaining to the postal matches with Australia was held. It was felt by the Directors present that very little good would come of this type of match. President Ray Speer will discuss this match with Bob Hart and authorize him to continue negotiations with Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia.

Proposed by President Ray Speer that the restricted rest classification be eliminated. Motion by David Whittington that the President appoint a committee to propose the necessary changes in the wording of the rule book to accomplish this change. Ralph Pickens and Earl Stroup were appointed to this committee and are to report to the Board of Directors Tuesday, August 26, 1969.

President Speer went on record as opposing the proposed Kinsley by-law changes. The present by-laws with minor changes were read by David Whittington. It was determined that all Directors would think about these minor changes and report their thinking on these changes at the Tuesday, August 26th meeting.

A discussion of the wording in the present rule book pertaining to the hunting rifle stock was held with no discussion agreed upon.

A proposal by President Speer that no person be allowed to participate in a NBRSA match unless they were a member of NBRSA or the additional entry fee be raised to approximately the NBRSA entry fee. This was tabled for future discussion.

President Ray Speer informed the Directors that Dave Wolf, Publisher of Rifle Magazine has proposed that the Rifle Magazine be the official magazine for the NBRSA. All Directors received a proposal that was submitted by the Wolf Publishing Company. A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Stolle that Wolf be invited to the Tuesday meeting to present more information on the proposed change. Passed 6 – 0 by a hand vote.

The combining of the Secretary – Treasurer of NBRSA with the editor of Precision Shooting was submitted for the Directors' consideration. A motion by Pickens, seconded by Stroup not to combine the two jobs. Passed – 6 affirmative, 1 negative. Negative vote cast by M. Walker.

A motion by D. Whittington that the Secretary – Treasurer keep all directors advised as to the names, addresses, expiration dates of all members applying for new membership or renewal membership on a quarterly basis. Seconded by Earl Stroup, passes unanimously.

President Ray Speer presented to the Board of Directors the following for their consideration.

1. National range to be presented to the NBRSA by the John Zink Foundation.
2. All national matches to be held at this location and at the same time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Acting Secretary: /s/ Walter Berger

1969 Directors' Meeting NBRSA Inc. held at Hodgdon's Meeting Room Tuesday, August 26.

Meeting was called to order by President Ray Speer at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 26, 1969.

Present were:

Ray Speer, President
David B. Whittington, Mid Continent Region Director
J. L. Bonner, Gulf Coast Region Director
Ralph Pickens, Great Lakes Division – Eastern Region Deputy Director
Ralph Stolle, Sr. Eastern Seaboard Division - Eastern Region Deputy Director
A. J. Freund, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Walter Berger, Director Elect of Mid Continent Region and Acting Secretary in absence of
Bernice McMullen

Not present were:

Bernice McMullen, Secretary – Treasurer
Nels A. Nelson, Jr., North Central Region
M. H. Walker, Eastern Region Director
Stuart H. Harvey, Southwest Region Vice Director

A discussion was held on the merits of splitting the Eastern Region. It was determined by Ralph Pickens and Ralph Stolle that a decision on splitting the Eastern region should be tabled until there is an opportunity for this to be presented to the members of the Eastern Region.

The revisions of the by-laws were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Earl Stroup and seconded by Ralph Pickens that the by-laws be approved as amended and effective January 1, 1970. Motion passed unanimously.

Directors appointed the following referees for the 1969 Bench Rest Rifle Nationals:

B. Geenens Mid Continent region
J. Lyons Eastern Region
M. Oakley Northwest Region
W. Crail and L. Engelbrecht, Alternate

Motion made by D. Whittington and seconded by Ralph Stolle that the following changes be made in the definitions of the Bench Rest Rifle to read:

Part II, Section III E 8, words Bench Gun Rest or Unrestricted Rest amended to read Bench Rest Rifle.

(Part I) Section III Tournaments, Paragraph F shall read Bench Rest Rifles Rests: that all registered matches be conducted permitting shooting with unrestricted rests. Unrestricted rests to comply with the definitions of Section I B 13 a and b of these official rules. Passed unanimously.

Dave Wolf and Neal Knox of The Rifle Magazine presented the advantages to be gained by NBRSA if The Rifle Magazine becomes the official magazine of NBRSA. A question and answer period followed their presentation.

Motion made by D. Whittington and by J. Bonner that our President Ray Speer be authorized and directed to terminate the connections between NBRSA and Precision Shooting and to enter into an agreement with the owners of The Rifle Magazine to be the official publication of NBRSA. Motion passed with 6 affirmative and 1 negative vote. Negative vote cast by M. Walker.

General discussion pertaining to the feasibility of the John Zink National Range for NBRSA. It was agreed that this should be presented to the members at the 1969 National Bench Rest Rifle Matches.

Motion made by Earl Stroup and seconded by Ralph Stolle that the NBRSA conduct negotiations and enter into an agreement with the John Zink Foundation to establish adequate facilities for a NBRSA National Range subject to a vote of approval at the 1969 National Bench Rest Matches. 8 affirmative votes and 1 negative vote. Negative vote cast by M. Walker.

President Ray Speer opened the meeting to nominations of officers for 1970. Ralph Pickens nominated Bernice McMullen for Secretary-Treasurer, nomination seconded by Ralph Stolle. E. Stroup moved nominations be closed, seconded by R. Stolle, elected by unanimous vote.

J. Bonner nominated D. Whittington to Vice President, seconded by Earl Stroup. Earl Stroup moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by A. Freund, elected by unanimous vote.

D. Whittington nominated R. Speer for President, seconded by R. Stolle, Earl Stroup moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Ralph Pickens, elected by unanimous vote.

J. Bonner submitted a request for the Gulf Coast Region to hold the 1970 Varmint and Sporter Nationals. Earl Stroup moved and seconded by Dave Whittington that the Gulf Coast Region be awarded the 1970 Varmint and Sporter Nationals. Approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Earl Stroup that meeting adjourn, seconded by Ralph Stolle. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:15 p.m.

Acting Secretary: /s/ Walter Berger

1970 Directors Meetings, held at Cottage at Reed's Run Rifle Range
Augusta, Ohio

Meeting called to order by President Ray Speer at 8:30 p.m., Monday evening, August 3, 1970.

Those present were:

R. G. Speer, President
M. H. Walker, Director Eastern Region
R. Stolle, Deputy Director Eastern Seaboard Division, Eastern Region
R. Pickens, Deputy Director Great Lakes Division Eastern Region
A.J. Freund, Director Mississippi Valley Region
Walt Berger, Director Mid Continent Region
E. R. Stroup, Director Southwest Region
J. L. Bonner, Director Gulf Coast Region
B. McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer

L. E. Cornelison and A. L. Day, as former Directors of the Mid Continent Region, and George Kelbly as former Deputy Director of the Great Lakes Division of the Eastern Region attended as observers.

Minutes of 1969 meetings held at Kansas City were read. Motion to approve minutes as read by A. J. Freund. Second by Pickens. Passed.

Under old business, one rule book change discussed and approved, but not entered in the 1969 minutes, was resolved in form of motion by Freund to change word "requested" to "required" in Sec. III, J (4), page 10 of present rule book. R. Pickens second. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on warm up matches. Followed. Motion by Freund with second by Stroup to delete last sentence para (4), page 10 and replace with; "Also each change of range or class." Passed unanimously.

Appointment of referees for 1970 National Championship Matches.

W. Berger nominated Red Cornelison
R Pickens nominated M. Oakley
W. Berger nominated G. Kelbly
W. Berger nominated Al Angerman
Bonner nominated L. Englebrecht
Cornelison, Oakley and Kelbly to act as referees and Angerman and Englebrecht to act as alternates. W. Berger asked to contact each of them.

Passed by voice vote.

A discussion followed on National Championship Match Fees.

Fees already published by Permian Basin Club of Midland, Texas for National Varmint and Sporter matches not in line with fees allowable under present rule book. Motion to disapprove fees being asked by Midland made by . Second by W. Berger. Passed. One no vote by Bonner.

Further discussion followed on Match Fees and feeling it necessary that work be done on the subject, President Speer appointed Bonner, Pickens and Freund as a committee to determine club fees and break down of same. Also to determine responsibilities of NBRSA and Host club, and to be prepared to give report at second meeting of directors 1970.

Treasurer's report read and approved with explanation by R. Speer that he had as President directed secretary to hold all funds for Eastern Region in National Treasury until Eastern Region matters resolved.

R. Pickens introduced discussion on 50 cents fee returned to regions, feeling that money should be kept in National Treasury with limited payment going to region for expenses as accrued. M. Walker reported that Eastern Region money voted to IBS at winter meeting, was still there, being very vague about where "there" might be. He also stated Eastern Region awards for 1970 were furnished by anonymous donations.

Discussion held on By-Laws, old and new. Due to split in eastern Region, it was felt "New By-Laws" needed some changes.

President Speer appointed Stroup, Stolle and Berger to work on sections of by-laws.

Motion by Pickens to rescind portion of new by-laws, pertaining to election of directors for the purpose of allowing a "special election" in the Eastern Region. Second by Bonner. Passed.

Motion to hold "special election" to be conducted by committee appointed by present director, M. H. Walker. Director elected at this special meeting of Eastern Region members to take office immediately after election. Second by Stolle. Passed.

M. H. Walker appointed as committee to hold "special election", Bernice McMullen and George McMullen representing Reed's Run Rifle Range and George Kelbly representing Chippewa Rifle Club, these being the only two active NBRSA clubs in the Eastern Region NBRSA. Walker requested a slate of nominees be made up and further nominations made from the floor.

R. Pickens reported that he had been informed that Jesse Corder would accept the responsibilities of Chairman of the official NBRSA measuring committee.

M. Walker presented property of Eastern Region Director, to be transferred, along with set of weights already in possession of B. McMullen to new director when elected.

E. Stroup made motion to adjourn. Second by Stolle. Passed.

First meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Second Meeting – Directors – 1970

Called to order by President Speer at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon, August 4, 1970.

Present were:

R. Speer
E. R. Stroup
Walt Berger
A. J. Freund
R. Stolle
R. Pickens
J. L. Bonner
M. Oakley as Director Elect from N. W. Region
B. McMullen

Report of committees.

Stroup, Stolle and Berger of By-Laws Committee after study on Art. III, Section II “Election of Directors” offered the following: Delete paragraphs a, b, c, and portion of d.

Replace with:

Regional Directors

- A. The director of a region and each deputy director shall unanimously appoint a committee of two (2) to nominate a minimum of two (2) candidates for each officer of the region. The present director shall determine if the election of the officers will be at one of the regular Championship Matches or by mail ballot or at the annual region meeting, provided that a thirty (30) day notice is given to members of the region.
- B. Nominations from the membership-at-large may be made at any time prior to the election.
- C. The director of each region shall be fully responsible for securing nominations for the officers to be elected, and for the conduct of the election.

Motion to adopt (a), (b), and (c) as written made by Bonner, second by Stroup. Passed by voice vote.

W. Berger made motion to change word “shall” to “may” in Art. II, para. I under “Meetings of Members” Second by Stroup. Passed.

Report of committee on “Fees for National Championship Matches.”

Bonner as spokesman presented the following figures:

\$10.00 per day for NMC complete in any class

Maximum \$7.50 for one range.

(apportionment of 10.00 fee--\$9.00 to club, \$1.00 – NBRSA

\$15.00 for Heavy Varmint fired in two (2) days

(apportionment of \$7.50 fee--\$6.50 to club--\$1.00—NBRSA)

Maximum fee \$7.50 per rifle per range. Additional \$2.50 provided

NMC is finished in one (1) day.

Motion by Pickens that Host Club absorb all match costs; range help, statistical help, match result bulletins, pre-match announcements and advertisements. Insert in rule book to replace Section V.

NBRSA to provide; “Top Twenty” patches, Championship patches, lariat ties and Col. Whelen “keeper” trophy or all appropriate trophies at National Heavy Gun Championship Matches. Second by Freund. Passed.

On page 14B Registration Fees.

Bonner made motion to change \$5.00 to \$7.50, delete (Varmint Rifle Only), and add, “The Host Club shall pay to NBRSA, Inc. one dollar (1.00) per competitor for each day of a National Championship Tournament.” R. Stolle second. Passed by voice vote.

Bonner moved to delete Sec. V “Pay of Officials and Workers” completely. Passed by voice vote.

Motion by Bonner that it be customary of Host Club to furnish awards to second and third places at least, of each class fired in National Championship Matches. Second by R. Stolle. Passed.

On the subject of Life Members and magazines, Bonner moved that Life Members will receive the official publication of NBRSA, Inc. Second by Berger. Passed.

Ray Speer reported that Al Angerman agreed to take care of all targets now in for official measurement as possible new records. He also will turn over to Jesse Corder, appointed by Ray Speer as new chairman of the official measuring committee, all materials of the office.

Stroup moved to add the word “type” after Sweany in second sentence para (L) page 10 under “Group Measurements”. Second by Pickens. Passed.

Motion by Pickens that secretary's salary be set at \$140.00 per month. Second by Stroup. Passed.

Awarding of 1971 Championship Matches.

1971 Heavy Rifle. Berger entered bid for Springfield Club in Mid Continent Region. Stroup stated that he had come to the meetings to enter bid for S. W. region but would defer to M. C. region, provided he got option on 1972 heavy gun matches. Stroup moved to award to Mid Continent region. Second by Stolle.

After discussion on customary awarding of matches to East one year and west next year, Stroup withdrew his deferment to M. C. region and entered bid for 1971. By hand vote, 1971 Heavy Gun Nationals were awarded to S. W. region. Hand vote S. W. 7; M. C. 1.

1971 Varmint and Sporter Nationals.

Pickens bid for Eastern region. Second by Bonner. Tentatively awarded to Eastern region, provided it is confirmed by January 1, 1971. Passed.

After discussion on possibility of Tulsa range as home range for NBRSA, President Ray Speer appointed Cornelison, Bonner, Berger and Ed Garrott as a committee to further investigate possibilities. W. Berger asked that each director submit what he personally feels is necessary for a National Home Range.

Wording of cross fire rule to be correctly transferred from 1967 minutes to page 11, para N under "Disqualification of Targets and Competitors." (3rd para. Under N.)

Actual wording; "The crossfiring shall be transferred to his target and shall be measured as if fired in that position on that target. To this measurement shall be added a penalty of one quarter of an inch for each one hundred yards of range."

Election of officers.

Vice President: Bonner nominated D. Whittington. Stroup moved nominations be closed. Second by Pickens. Carried. President Speer instructed secretary to cast one vote. Whittington elected Vice President.

President: Pickens nominated Bonner. Stolle nominated Kelbly. Berger moved nominations be closed. Second by Stroup. On written ballot—Kelbly 5; Bonner 3. Kelbly elected.

Secretary-Treasurer: Berger nominated B. McMullen. Stroup moved nominations be closed. Second by Stolle. Carried.

Walt Berger thanked Ray Speer for his services on behalf of NBRSA, conveying thanks and appreciation of all directors and officers. Stroup moved to adjourn. Second by Stolle.

1970 NBRSA Directors Meetings came to a close at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 1970.

Signed _____ President (No signature)

_____ Secretary (No signature)

May 1, 1971

The National Bench Rest Shooters Association, its president, directors, officers and Members wish to extend our sincere sympathy on the death of Bruno Boroszewski.

Bruno was an avid bench rest shooter and was well known to our membership,

Having served both as eastern region director and as our president during 1965

And 1966.

Apologies are extended for the tardiness of our recognition of his passing.

Sincerely,

_____ President

/s/Bernice E. McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer

Eagle Rock Club House
Boulder Creek, California
Wednesday Evening, July 28, 1971

Present:

George E. Kelbly, President NBRSA, Inc.
Earl Stroup, Dir. S. W. Region
M. M. Oakley, Dir. N. W. Region
John Lyon, Deputy Dir. Great Lakes Div. Eastern Region
R. W. Stolle, Dep Dir. Eastern Seaboard Div. Eastern Region
George McMullen, proxy for R. Pickens, Dir. Eastern Region
L. E. Cornelison, proxy for J. L. Bonner, Dir. G. C. Region
R. Stultz, proxy for W. Berger, Dir. M. C. Region
Stuart Harvey, Vic Dir. S. W. Region (no vote)
Jim Ridings, observer
A. J. Freund Dir. Miss. Valley Region

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Kelbly.

Meeting interrupted by Roy Norman to deliver message concerning J. L. Bonner, Director of the Gulf Coast Region who had suffered a heart attack on previous Friday night.

Minutes of 1970 meetings read by secretary. Approved as read.

Treasurer's report given by Secretary. Motion to accept as read by E. Stroup. Accepted by all present.

President Kelbly stated that Neal Knox would like to come in and present facts on the possibility of computerizing the membership listing of NBRSA.

Neal Knox was invited in and gave very thorough report on the possibility of Wolfe publishing Co. printing computerizing slips to be used by NBRSA secretary instead of the current method of notifying members of their expiration dates. During the course of discussion several ideas were suggested as to how NBRSA might help bridge the gap of late comers missing their issues of Rifle. The outcome of this was that Neal Knox agreed to send ten (10) copies each month to the secretary and three (3) copies to each of the directors of NBRSA.

After discussion of computerizing Neal asked for help in getting information for articles for Rifle magazine. He stated that he wanted good factual information from folks who know what they are talking about. Plain facts are all that are needed and stories will be written from the actual facts.

After Neal Knox left the meeting a discussion was held on the pros and cons of computerizing and John Lyon made motion to hold fire on any definite decision on it and do a little investigating on the merits of such a move. Second by Stroup. Passed.

George Kelbly stated that the agenda for the meeting was made up of questions and ideas coming out of the various regions.

Discussion was held on changing the 300 meter to 300 yards. After a lengthy floor discussion, Red Cornelison made a motion to change meter to yards in 300 meter courses. As a part of this the 300 meter existing records will be retired. The scores of these existing records will be scaled down to 300 yards and this score will need to be broken to set records for the 300 yard range. The 300 meter targets will be scaled down to 300 yards. The existing 300 meter targets may be used for one year or until exhausted. Second by R. Stolle. Passed.

Next, a discussion was held on standardizing match result sheets. Red Cornelison presented sample of sheets used by Grand Prairie Club. Motion was made by M. M. Oakley that clubs should use reasonably standard sheets but not necessarily as many pages as the samples presented. Second by Stroup. Passed.

President Kelbly stated that at the Eastern Region winter meeting the feeling was that a competitor must be a member of NBRSA to shoot in registered matches. Stroup felt it a good idea stating it was done in other organizations. M.M.. Oakley stated the N. W. Region was of the same opinion. Bob Stultz reported that members of the Mid Continent region were not in favor of this idea. Earl Stroup made motion to require all who compete in NBRSA registered tournaments to be members of the association. Passed by hand vote. 7-2.

Rule book changes were the next subject of discussion, with the following changes to be made.

Page 17, (J)

Delete the words, "the equipment data" and add the following sentence. "At all registered and National Championship Tournaments, an equipment data sheet shall also be required." Motion by Freund. Second by Oakley. Passed.

Page 25, last paragraph. Motion by Cornelison that range officer be required to give time warnings at two minutes before "cease-fire", one minute before "cease-fire" and thirty seconds before "cease-fire". Second by Stroup. Passed.

Stroup made motion on wording of warnings; to wit: The range officer shall be required to make the following announcements; quote. " You have two minutes left to complete your firing" – "You have one minute left to complete your firing" and "You have thirty seconds left to complete your firing", at the proper intervals. Second by Cornelison. Passed.

On the matter of the John Zink Range as a home range for NBRSA. Red Cornelison stated that he didn't believe that Mr. Zink would build anything, but, that NBRSA could have the use of the range as a home range, feeling that it would mean a great deal to John Zink to have the name of having the Tulsa range as home range for NBRSA.

Stroup made motion to accept as home range, maintained by Zink Foundation with opportunity to make improvements, such as sanitary facilities, camping area, etc., as NBRSA might feel necessary for Championship matches. All improvements subject to the approval of John Zink. Second by Stolle. Passed.

Following action was taken on the matter of record targets.

Jesse Corder as chairman of the measuring committee is to send all record targets to the Wolfe Publishing Co. for pictures.

Stroup made motion that once targets are certified as new records they shall be returned to owners. Second by G. McMullen. Passed.

Referees selected for the 1971 National Championship Matches being held at Eagle Rock Range.

M. M. Oakley nominated Roy Norman
John Lyon nominated Buck Walters
Earl Stroup nominated Henry Harkness
Bob Stultz nominated Ed Garrott (alt.)

Passed by hand vote.

1972 Nationals (Unrestricted)

Red Cornelison, as proxy for Pokey Bonner of the Gulf Coast region entered bid for the unrestricted Nationals to be held on the Delta Rifle & Pistol Range at New Orleans, La.

George McMullen, as proxy for Ralph Pickens, director of the Eastern region entered bid for the eastern region with range to be selected at winter meeting of eastern region. Vote taken with 6 voting for the G. C. region and 3 voting for the eastern region. Awarded to the Gulf Coast region.

1972 Nationals (Varmint & Sporter)

Red Cornelison entered tentative bid for Mid Continent region. G. McMullen entered bid for eastern region. Vote 6 – 2 in favor of M. C. Region. (Tentatively awarded to M. C. Region with a thirty day limit on notice to president.)

Election of Officers:

Vice President: Stolle nominated A. J. Freund. Stroup nominated R. Cornelison. Stroup moved nominations be closed. Second by Stolle. Written ballot. Art Freund elected.

President: John Lyon nominated G. Kelbly. Stolle moved to close nominations. Kelbly elected.

Secretary-Treasurer: Stroup nominated Bernice McMullen. Stolle moved nominations be closed. B. McMullen elected.

Stroup moved to adjourn. Second by Stolle. Approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 a.m., Thursday July 29, 1971.

NBRSA Director' Meeting
Travel Lodge West
2200 West Bank Expressway
Harvey, Louisiana
July 31, 1972
2:00 p.m.

The following items of business will be on the Agenda for discussion and action.

1. Secretary – Treasurer's reports.
2. Regional Directors' reports.
3. Handling protests and appeals.
4. Discuss Articles 10 and 11, Page 2, 1954 Minutes and bring up to date.
5. Bench rotation of heavy guns at Nationals.
6. Establish emergency equipment rules for all registered shoots.
7. Any member in good standing is to be considered, if qualified, for President.
8. Standardize all wind flags and placement.
9. Eliminate competitors from placing wind flags or other devices within shooting area.
10. Come up with method of rotating the Nationals among the different regions.
11. National Board should set dates as well as places for National Championship Matches.
12. Discuss disqualification rule.
13. Discuss contract and policies between NBRSA and Rifle Magazine.
14. Zink Range Proposal.
15. Award 1973 Nationals.
16. Rule Book changes.
17. Election of Officers for 1973.
18. Any other business that may properly come before the directors.

The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 31.

Room 152 – TraveLodge West
Harvey, La.
Monday afternoon, July 31, 1972

Present were:

George E. Kelbly, President, NBRSA, Inc.
J. L. Bonner, Dir. Gulf Coast Region
M. M. Oakley, Dir. Northwest Region
J.D. Hale, dir. Mid-cont. Region
J. P. Lyon, dep-dir. Eastern Region
A. J. Freund, dir. Miss. Valley Region
Earl R. Stroup, dir. Southwest Region
George McMullen, Proxy for Ralph Pickens, dir. Eastern Region
J. Ridings, dir. Elect Gulf Coast Region
Al Angerman, dep-dir. elect Eastern Seaboard div. Eastern Region
(also proxy for Ralph Stolle, present dep-dir.)
Bob Simonson, dep-dir. elect Great Lakes div. Eastern Region
L. E. Cornelison, past director
Walt Berger, past director
B. McMullen, Sec-Treas.

Meeting was called to order by President Kelbly at 2:15 P. M.

Treasurers report was read by the secretary. Motion to accept treasurers report made by Art Freund. Second by E. R. Stroup. Report accepted as read.

Regional reports were made by:

Eastern Region \$401.11
Southwest Region \$225.00
Miss. Valley Region \$50.00
Northwest Region \$68.50

A discussion was held on policies between Rifle magazine and NBRSA. Due to articles written in Rifle, members of the NBRSA board of directors felt NBRSA might be heading for situations similar to what we had experienced with the previous magazine.

President Kelbly reported on conversations he had held with Dave Wolfe, Neal Knox and Jim Gilmore at Tulsa, Oklahoma during the Varmint & Sporter Nationals. Kelbly stated he had told them that mail for NBRSA should not be answered by the publishing company but should be forwarded to the director of the region, to the president or to the secretary. Also, the Wolfe Publishing Company is not to furnish membership lists to anyone.

Walt Berger stated it was his feeling that we had seen controversial writings in P. S. for many years and it had done NBRSA no good. He stated he felt that policies and writings should be controlled in some way.

Manley Oakley stated he felt NBRSA and Wolfe Pub. Co. should have some level of agreement on policies.

This discussion and statements were the result of the article on bench rotation written by Jim Gilmore in the July-August (#22) issue of Rifle. (Last Relay section)

After reading of the Wolfe contract with NBRSA, president Kelbly asked if the board wished to call Knox and Gilmore in for a discussion and explanation of their policies so far as NBRSA was concerned.

After some further discussion J. L. Bonner made a motion to call Knox and Gilmore into the meeting. Motion seconded by E. R. Stroup. Passed by showing of hands.

Knox and Gilmore were called and arrived at 3:50 p.m.

Kelbly told them they had been called in for discussion and explanation of policy between Wolfe Publishing Company and NBRSA.

Neal Knox gave a report on first taking the proposal to the NBRSA Board of Directors at their annual meeting held in 1969 at Kansas City, Kansas, based on a supposition that Precision Shooting was about to fold. He stated they (Wolfe Pub. Co.) did not expect any definite results on their proposal at that time, but basically Rifle became the official publication of NBRSA at that meeting. Wolfe was to furnish 8 pages for NBRSA, so they added eight pages to the magazine. It has cost Wolfe more than they have received as present membership does not pay for expenditures.

Neal stated further - quote "As to policy, everyone here knows both Dave Wolfe and me - we will do nothing to hinder NBRSA, but we will do everything we possibly can to help NBRSA grow. We have to have 2,000 NBRSA members to break even. From a business standpoint it would be foolish to do anything to hinder the growth of NBRSA".

Neal went on to say that on the subject of controversy, there is no way to avoid it. Problems arise when a magazine sets policy on any subject. He said there would never be a time when either Dave Wolfe or I will promote policy. The very worst thing would be to print a single side of any issue. I (Neal) think no organization can long survive without controversy. I would like to see IBS and NBRSA get together.

In further comment Neal stated that Rifle is not going down a line. Neither Dave Wolfe or I would take a directors job (if asked).

Neal would like to have more articles for "Member's Views".

Walt Berger stated that Rifle has done a tremendous job for NBRSA, both in magazine coverage and in establishing the Rifle Bench Rest Hall of Fame. You are to be congratulated highly for these acts. I, personally, want to thank you for coming in and explaining your stand on matters and I think we all appreciate it and feel much better for your visit. Thank you.

George Kelbly stated he could have acted in haste because of his knowledge of past policies of P. S.

Neal Knox stated Rifle has a situation and they have to have some help. We are going to come out with a book on bench rest and what it is all about and we need help on articles. This book as planned will be 100-125 pages in paper back.

George Kelbly thanked Neal and Jim for coming in to the meeting and said he was sorry if he had offended anyone.

Knox and Gilmore retired from meeting.

Meeting continued with matter of two protests.

Protest#1--Written protest from Wayne Lynch, 5530 E. Alder Ave., Mesa, Ariz. Mr. Lynch had missed his relay at the Vt. & Sp. Nationals at Tulsa and was allowed by the range officer to fire in the next relay. After discussion a unanimous decision was given that the matter had been handled incorrectly and the rule book covers the situation, therefore the protest was denied and the protest fees were forfeited.

Protest#2--A target having no bearing on the subject was signed by ten competitors at the Vt. & Sp. Nationals with protest written on back to the effect that A. J. Freund, dir. of the Miss. Valley region had done damage to a target fired at the Nationals by measuring it. Charges were denied by Mr. Freund and after discussion this protest was denied and fees forfeited to NBRSA.

At this point Walt Berger stated that the NBRSA Board of Directors should have more control on the workings of National Championship Matches.

Jim Ridings was asked to talk with Don Geraci on the fees charged for Nationals to be fired on the Delta range.

A discussion was held on bench rotation at the Nationals. Earl Stroup made a motion that the bench rotation system remain as is. Second by G. McMullen. Passed by hand vote.

On the subject of safety it was decided that regional directors should suggest to range owners that they have a phone on the premises or have availability to a phone reasonably close to the range.

A break was called at 6 p.m. for dinner.

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

J. D. Hale brought up the idea of making any member in good standing eligible for election as president. After discussion on the floor Mr. Hale asked that the idea be dropped.

John Lyon introduced the subject of wind flags. After thorough discussion J. D. Hale made a motion that, shooters be allowed to place wind flags on the range, with no movement of flags after they are set, unless a competitor complains and it is rules by range officer to change a flag until days shooting is completed. Second by M. M. Oakley. Passed.

On the subject of rotating the Nationals among the different regions. Stroup commented: There are hard feelings about rotation of Nationals. Why not draw regions from a hat for a list. Start at top of list and if region drawn passes the region must wait until his turn comes up again in the list. George McMullen - Shouldn't take the Nationals away from the majority of the active shooters. Jim Ridings - Create greater membership in regions and also establish responsibility in regions. George Kelbly - Should be a form to bid for the Nationals, giving all statistics on the range. Forms should be filled out, sent to regional director and then to the president in time to include form on the agenda for the annual directors meeting at which the nationals will be awarded.

J. D. Hale made a motion that bid sheets be furnished to clubs wishing to bid for the Nationals. Forms be filled out and returned to director region and from the director be sent to the president well in advance of making up the agenda for the directors meeting at which the Nationals are to be awarded. Second by Stroup. Passed. (Handwritten note: Bids for 1974 & 1975 Nationals)

After discussion on the possibility of the National Board setting the dates for Nationals and the possibility of combining the Nationals in two weeks time with meetings of board and members meeting held between the Heavy Gun and the Varmint & Sporter Nationals, John Lyon made a motion that the subject be tabled for this year and put on the 1973 meeting agenda. Second by Stroup. Passed.

After much discussion on disqualification of targets, a motion was made by J. D. Hale that, anything above top line of sighter target is disqualification area for shot falling outside of borderline of record target. Second by Stroup. Passed.

On the John Zink proposal - nothing new to report.

Motion made by John Lyon that the Zink proposal be dropped and not brought up again, unless John Zink, his representative or a representative of the John Zink Foundation contact the Board of Directors of NBRSA. Second by George McMullen. Passed.

Following referees were chosen for service at the 1972 Nationals.

Stroup appointed Bob Brackney
Mullen appointed Ken Gilbert
J. L. Bonner appointed A. G. Rogers
A. J. Freund appointed Leo Harrison
J. D. Hale appointed Walt Berger

Brackney, Gilbert and Rogers to serve as referees and Harrison and Berger as alternates.

On rule book changes: eliminate "Precision Shooting" from page 30.

Awarding of 1973 Nationals.

Varmint & Sporter

(Only bid entered by the Eastern Region). Awarded to Eastern Region.

Heavy Gun

Bids from Eastern Region and the Mid Continent Regions.

By hand vote it was awarded to the Mid Continent Region for the Springfield Rifle Club at Springfield, Mo. (Vote 5-3)

Under safety rules.

Motion by Stroup--At all registered matches a competitor be required to remove bolt from rifle except during actual firing time of matches. Second by . Passed.

Kelbly appointed Art Freund and Walt Berger as a committee to take a good look at the rule book Part II and present changes if any are needed.

1973 Directors meeting to be held at the Heavy Gun Nationals at Springfield, Mo.

Election of Officers - 1973

President:

G. McMullen nominated George Kelbly

E. Stroup nominated Red Cornelison

Bonner moved the nominations be closed. Second by Stroup. By written ballot Cornelison was defeated 6-3. George Kelbly elected President.

Vice President:

J. Lyon nominated A. Freund

M. Oakley moved the nominations be closed. Second by Bonner. By count of hands A. Freund was unanimously elected Vice President.

Secretary-Treasurer:

A. Freund nominated Bernice McMullen. J. Lyon moved the nominations be closed. Second by Stroup. Passed by hand vote. B. McMullen elected.

Under other business:

Walt Berger suggested that a measuring device should accompany all targets in the mill as possible records, so that all targets might be measured on the same device.

Al Angerman as past chairman of the official measuring committee stated that he didn't think it was so much a difference in measuring devices as perhaps a human error involved, due to the measurer not knowing where to measure from and to on a given target.

John Lyon stated on the part of Jesse Corder, current chairman of the official measuring committee, that he would like to see the sighter cut off because of bulk and postage cost.

George Kelbly suggested that NBRSA have rules made up for all members of the measuring committee to remain the property of NBRSA. (Nine (9) rules in all).

This matter was left in the hands of George Kelbly to investigate having nine (9) identical rules including three (3) reticules made up.

Motion to adjourn by George McMullen. Second by Stroup. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 A. M., August 1, 1972.

Delta Rifle & Pistol Range
Marrero, La.
August 1, 1972

SPECIAL MEETING

Present were:

George Kelbly, President, NBRSA, Inc.

J. L. Bonner, Dir. G. C. Region

J. D. Hale, Dir. M. C. Region

E. R. Stroup, Dir. S. W. Region

A. J. Freund, Dir. M. V. Region

M. M. Oakley, Dir. N. W. Region

Also present were J. Ridings, Al Angerman, Bob Simonson and Nick Young.

This special meeting was called for discussion and consideration of forming a new region in the southeastern section of the U. S.

After much discussion, Earl R. Stroup, Director of the Southwest Region made a motion that: "The Board of Directors of NBRSA, establish a new region to be designated as the Southeast Region of NBRSA and that a said region be comprised of the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Mississippi.

By appointment of the directors present at this special meeting, Mr. Nick Young will serve as director of the new region until January 1, 1974, at which time there will have been an elected director.

Motion was seconded by J. D. Hale. Passed unanimously. Meeting closed.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Secretary-Treasurer: Bernice McMullen

607 W. Line St. Minerva, Ohio 44657

Area Code 216 868-6132

Account #14599 - "Special Savings Trust" - Minerva Banking Company

Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00), donated to NBRSA, Inc. by Clyde E. Yockey of Apollo, Pa., with following stipulations for its use.

1. Money to be held in trust by NBRSA, Inc.
2. One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be awarded to anyone firing an aggregate of .300 MOA or less for five (5), ten (10) shot groups in registered competition, during a member's first two (2) years of membership, starting ten (10) days after becoming a member of NBRSA. To be awarded at 100 yards, 200 yards or 300 meters (now converted to 300 yards), in unrestricted rifle class.
3. One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to any member, who has been a member continuously since first joining, and fires a new World Record in unrestricted rifle class.
4. At the Eastern Region Championship shoot, there may be paid out of said fund twenty five dollars, (\$25.00), for each the 100 yard aggregate and the 200 yard aggregate, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the Grand Aggregate by the Eastern Region to said winners, but only if they have been members of NBRSA continuously since first joining. Unrestricted Rifle class only.
5. If needed by Eastern Region, interest from fund may be used for regional expenses while Bernice McMullen is Secretary-Treasurer. However, when new secretary is elected said interest shall be added to principal. Unless donor is living and personally authorizes that interest from fund may be used if needed.
6. Anyone wishing to add to this fund may do so, but must abide by the terms set forth herein.
7. In the event that NBRSA, Inc. dissolves or joins any group now competing in the same field, this fund must be turned over to The Salvation Army as a gift from the donor, Clyde E. Yockey.
8. In the event NBRSA headquarters are turned over to a new Secretary-Treasurer, then that new officer and any succeeding Secretary-Treasurers are charged with the administration of this account as set forth herein.
9. At the termination of fifteen (15) years after January 1, 1972, if NBRSA has not reached a membership of fifteen hundred (1500), any balance left of this fund shall be given to The Salvation Army as a gift from the donor.

10. All awards to be for matches held after January 1, 1972.

Signed by: _____ Donor

_____ President NBRSA, Inc.

_____ Secretary-Treasurer NBRSA, Inc.

Lamplighter Motel
Springfield, Mo.
Monday, August 6, 1973

Present:

George E. Kelbly, Sr., President
A. J. Freund, V. Pres. and Dir. M. V. Region
(also proxy for N. A. Nelson, Dir. N. C. Region)
Jim Ridings, Dir. G. C. Region
(also proxy for N. Young, Dir. S. E. Region)
Bob Brackney, proxy for E. R. Stroup, Dir. S. W. Region
J. D. Hale, Dir. M. C. Region
M. M. Oakley, Dir. N. W. Region
John Lyon, Dir. Eastern Region
Al Angerman, Dep. Dir. Eastern Region
Bob Simonson, Dep. Dir. Eastern Region
J. C. Malsby, Dir. Elect M. C. Region
L. E. Cornelison, Past Director
Bernice McMullen, Sec-Treas. NBRSA, Inc.

President Kelbly called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m., at which time he stated that Neal Knox had asked to be called in at 4:30 to talk over a proposal from Wolfe Publishing Co.

Treasurer's report read by Secretary-Treasurer. Accepted as read. Passed by voice vote.

Kelbly asked for financial reports from the regions and received the following:

N. C. Region	85.53
Eastern Region	122.90
N. W. Region	126.57
M. V. Region	57.50
G. C. Region	59.50
S. W. Region	200.00 approx.

Discussion concerning measuring committee. Majority of the directors present felt that if the chairman of the measuring committee received an annual payment he could send targets under a more secure way of mailing.

John Lyon made a motion to pay the chairman of the measuring committee the sum of \$100.00 on January 1, each year to take care of the years mailing charges. It was further recommended that the chairman inquire as to most secure way of mailing targets and use that method. Second by Jim Ridings. Passed by hand vote.

George Kelbly read a letter from Winchester Press concerning the possibility of NBRSA selling Warren Page's book, "The Accurate Rifle". After thorough discussion it was decided to ask Neal Knox for his opinion on the matter.

Motion by A. Freund: The Chairman of the measuring committee should notify all directors of all regions of new records as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary mailing of targets. Second by M. Oakley. Passed.

George Kelbly as a committee of one to investigate a source of supply of measuring devices reported that he had talked with John Dewey and asked that a sample be made up and sent to him. Never received sample.

Jim Ridings moved that a committee be appointed to investigate measuring devices to be used in measuring NBRSA targets. Second by J. D. hale. Pased.

Com. Appointed: A. J. Freund, Al Angerman, B. Simonson.

Attempt to get samples from Dick Saunders and Sam Lair.

Discussion held on revising registration cards. During the discussion the secretary asked how long the registration cards should be retained at the office. (Cards stored since 1960).

Al Angerman made a motion that registration cards be held for a period of two years. Second by J. Ridings. Passed.

At this point Neal Knox was called in. He gave the directors details on a proposal concerning a change in the format of Rifle Magazine. Neal stated that the cost of the eight (8) pages for NBRSA, Inc. far exceeds what they are paid by NBRSA, Inc. He said that they (Wolfe Pub. Co.) had received complaints that many subscribers do not want bench rest reading. Proposal from Wolfe to put coverage of Nationals and the Speer Match in main part of magazine, still having a few pages at back for bench rest with 2 - 4 pages in center, but magazines with center pages would go to NBRSA members only.

If possible, Neal stated, they would like to change for the Jan-Feb. issue of 1974 or the Mar-Apr. issue, but again they might want to wait a year.

George Kelbly stated that this was not a spur of the moment thing, and that NBRSA will make no decision without looking it over thoroughly.

Kelbly gave Neal the letter from Winchester Press to read, after which Neal stated that Winchester Press, Warren page and Rifle magazine were already selling Page's "The Accurate Rifle" and he felt there was no way NBRSA and Rifle could both handle it.

Neal Knox left the meeting with thanks from all directors.

Recessed for dinner at 6:30.

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Kelbly reported on meeting held between Carl Lynn and Jack Deming of IBS and George Kelbly and John Lyon of NBRSA at Kelbly's residence early in May. An amiable meeting was held with door left wide open for IBS members to join NBRSA at any time. For the time being matters are left as is.

Discussion on shoot agreement sheets.

J. Ridings suggested that sample copies of sheet be made up and sent to all directors for their approval or suggested changes.

Discussion on registration cards.

J. Ridings proposed to make samples of registration cards--send to all directors and perhaps they will be sent second time after all have noted errors or desirable changes.

A. J. Freund made motion to rescind his own motion of 1971 with new motion to read as follows: "At all Regional and National Championship Matches an equipment data sheet shall be required." Second by M. Oakley. Passed.

Discussion of fees at National Match.

Kelbly stated no one should pay over allowable fees.

Discussion of dates for new officers to take office.

Kelbly was of the opinion that officers should take office 30 days after election and not wait until start of calendar year.

Bob Simonson made a motion that president, vice president and all officers take office 30 days following the annual directors meeting. Second by John Lyon. Passed.

After a lengthy discussion J. D. Hale made a motion that each director vote his regions membership (one man-one vote) and that no proxy to annual meeting be appointed from outside his region. Second by J. Ridings. Passed.

J. Ridings held a discussion on a percentage split of regions to equalize the voting power. Met with opposition.

J. D. Hale made a motion to vote on proxy portion of previous motion. Passed with M. Oakley opposed.

J. Ridings made a motion that the North Central Region be combined with Northwest Region. Second by J. D. Hale. Hand vote. 7 voting. 4 opposed. Failed.

J. Ridings wanting to see count on vote made a motion that director vote his membership. Second by J. D. Hale. 7 for with Bob Brackney opposed. Passed.

J. Ridings made a motion that all directors get a copy of total membership list. Second by Brackney. Passed. HANDWRITTEN NOTE: (I'm in doubt on this one. This did not pass.)

Discussion on rule book.

George Kelbly stated the rule book should have an index, this avoiding looking through entire book to find something needed. Weighing of varmint rifles. J. Ridings against weighing rifles. A. J. Freund feels rifles need to be weighed.

Discussion on disqualification.

B. Simonson made motion that there be no disqualifications, that group on target plus penalty of 1" at 100 yards and 2" at 200 yards, whether on target or on board. Penalty to apply to all missing shots. Second by J. Lyon. Passed.

Kelbly appointed Red Cornelison and Al Angerman as committee to really re-group and index the rule book. Send data to all directors for approval.

Referees for 1973 Nationals.

J. Lyon appointed Herb Stark

J. D. Hale appointed Larry Englebrecht

J. Ridings appointed T. J. Jackson

B. Brackney appointed Neal Knox (alt)

G. Kelbly stated he felt there should be mandatory pre-registration at National Championship Matches or pay double registration fees at time of match. Registration should be made 2 weeks prior to matches.

1974 Nationals (B. R.)

S. E. Region bid for the Vol. R & P. Club, Knoxville, Tenn.

(J. Ridings, proxy for Nick Young)

E. Region bid for the Reed's Run Rifle Range, Augusta, O.

(Kelbly bid for Marie Brown)

M. V. Region bid for Beeson's Gun Store Range, Etna Green, Inc.

(A. J. Freund)

Bids were voted on with award to Reed's Run.

Reed's Run (4) Knoxville (3) Beeson's (2)

1974 Nationals (Vt. & Sp.)

S. E. Region (J. Ridings for N. Young) Knoxville, Tenn.

(Only 1 bid--awarded to Knoxville).

1975 Nationals (B. R.)

A. Freund Beeson's Gun Store Range

G. Kelbly Kelbly's Range Awarded to Beeson's with 7 votes.

1975 Nationals (Vt. & Sp.)

Eastern Region Kelbly's Range

Only 1 bid - Awarded to Kelbly's Range
George stated there would need to be 100% pre-registration.

J. Ridings made a motion to try 100% pre-registration at 1975 Nationals. HANDWRITTEN NOTE: "I THOUGHT THIS WAS TO START IN '74".

Charge double entry fees at time of matches. Try for 1975 only. (Total refund if not present.) Registration to be made 30 days prior to date of matches. Second by M. Oakley. Passed.

A. Freund made motion that 3 gun aggregate patches be made round to conform with other patches awarded. Second by J. D. Hale. Unanimous vote to change. (1973 patches to be returned and replaced with round ones.)

Election of officers.

President:

J. D. Hale nominated Walt Berger

J. Ridings moved nominations be closed. Unanimous. Nominations closed. Walt Berger new president.

Vice-president

J. Ridings nominated Red Cornelison

J. Lyon moved nominations be closed. Unanimous. Nominations closed. Red Cornelison new vice-president.

Secretary-treasurer

A. Freund nominated Bernice McMullen

J. Lyon moved to close nominations. B. McMullen re-elected.

Motion by G. Kelbly that president receive \$100.00 per calendar year for postage, phone calls, etc. Second by J. Lyon. Passed.

The annual meeting of the directors and officers of NBRSA, Inc. was adjourned at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, 1973.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

M. M. Oakley, Director, Northwest Region
7230 South 116th, Seattle, Wash. 98178

October 17, 1973

Dear Bernice:

I would like to correct the figure listed in the meeting minutes of the directors meeting at Springfield this year. The Northwest Region had \$20.57 instead of \$106.57.

Have you received the results of the varmint nationals yet? George either forgot me or They were lost in the mails. I let him know about three weeks ago I had not received the Results and I still haven't heard from him.

Got over your made at wind flags yet? Hope to see you at Knoxville.

Best regards,

/s/ Manly

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Walter S. Berger, President
8915 Grant, Overland Park, Kan. 66204

September 12, 1974

Mrs. Bernice McMullen
Secretary/Treasurer
NBRSA
607 West Line Street
Minerva, Ohio 44657

Dear Bernice:

I believe the following six items should be put in the 1974 Minutes. Per our by-laws, motions must receive a 2/3 majority vote; and the motions in question did not receive this 2/3 majority.

I have marked the copy of the Minutes, and attached a copy of the six items that I think should be added or changed.

If you disagree on this, or have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Walt Berger

WB/ac

ATT.

September 12, 1974 (Attachment)

- I. THE BOOKS WILL BE AUDITED ON A YEARLY BASIS, STARTING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR, 1974.
- II. ADD MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE THE 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. MOTION FAILED.
- III. THE I. B. S. MEMBERS WERE ASKED ABOUT THE \$1,700.00 THAT WAS IN THE EASTERN REGION'S TREASURE AT THE TIME OF THE SPLIT. NO ANSWER WAS RECEIVED ON THIS QUESTION.
- IV. ADD MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE THE 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. MOTION FAILED.
- V. ADD MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE THE 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. MOTION FAILED.
- VI. M. OAKLEY NOMINATED RED CORNELISON.

Holiday Inn Motel, North Canton, O.
Monday, July 29, 1974

Present were:

Walt Berger, President, NBRSA, Inc.
L. E. Cornelison, Vice President
M. M. Oakley, Director Northwest Region
J. C. Malsby, Director Mid Continent Region
A. J. Freund, Director Miss. Valley Region
Jim Ridings, Director Gulf Coast Region
John Lyon, Director Eastern Region
A. H. Angerman, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Stan Buchtel, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Jeff Fowler, proxy for Nick Young, Director Southeast Region
Bernice McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer NBRSA, Inc.
G. Kelbly

Also present was Bob Hart, attending as a member of the invited IBS committee.

President Berger called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Minutes of the 1973 Directors' Meeting held at Springfield, Mo., were read by Stan Buchtel. By hand vote the minutes were accepted as read.

Some discussion was held on the rules book committee, after which President Berger stated the committee would stand as appointed in 1973 and there would be further discussion on the matter later in the meeting.

Angerman and Freund of the measuring device committee reported on their progress with further discussion to be held later.

At this time Carl Lynn and Bill Dunn arrived to complete the 3 man committee from IBS.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary-Treasurer. It was accepted as read.

The Secretary gave a report on her attempt to get an audit on the NBRSA books. She stated there had been no audit when she received the office material on September 1, 1960, and although she had asked on two separate occasions to get an audit, no sanction was given.

She reported having talked with several accountants and been turned down on a fourteen year audit. One man did look at all books and records and advised that it would be a long and very expensive task, but that he would do it if requested. (Cost estimated at \$500.00) to \$700.00 as the very minimum.)

He suggested that there should have been an inner auditing committee and an audit held at the time of the annual meeting. The books will be audited on a yearly basis, starting with the fiscal year, 1974.

The rules committee at this time requested that the rule book be reviewed by all the directors.

After discussion Jim Ridings made a motion that proof copies of the rule book , including updated "By-Laws", be sent to all directors. Second by Red Cornelison. Passed by unanimous hand vote. (Copies to be in the hands of all directors by Sept. 30, 1974)

Rifle Insert:

Discussion pro and con on the insert in Rifle magazine. Neal Knox came into the meeting and explained that due to cost rise in materials, the subscriptions for NBRSA must be raised to \$5.00 per year instead of the current \$4.00 per year. Neal also added that if NBRSA wanted to change back to the 8 page original arrangement, it would cost approximately \$4,400.00 per year. Neal left after giving his report and the discussion was continued. Jim Ridings made a motion to continue the insert at least the remainder of 1974 and the calendar year of 1975. Second by Stan Buchtel. Passed by hand count.

Discussion on dues increase with Walt Berger suggesting that NBRSA try operating one year on an increase of \$2.00 per member.

Jim Ridings made a motion that Life Membership increase to \$125.00 effective June 30, 1975. In the meantime, Life Membership may be obtained at present rate of \$100.00, which may be paid in four payments of \$25.00 each. Four payments to be made in the span of one year. Certificate and Life Membership card to be issued only on payment in full. Second by M. M. Oakley. Passed.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase annual membership fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 and associate membership fee from \$3.50 to \$4.00. Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed. (Effective date January 1, 1975)

Doubling late registration fees at National Matches.

Stan Buchtel entered motion that a mandatory penalty of \$10.00 be firmly established for late registration at National Matches. Fees must be paid 30 days prior to starting date of matches. Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed by hand vote.

Al Angerman made a motion to eliminate physical drawing of benches at all matches where proper bench rotation is part of the program. Second by Stan Buchtel. Passed.

Discussion on new match registration forms.

Jim Ridings introduced a new form of registration blank. Stan Buchtel made a motion to accept edited form, use it for one year. Check on top 10 or 20 competitors and see if the form is feasible. Second by J. Ridings. Passed.

Super Shoot:

Walt Berger stated that there had been such a hassle over the Super Shoot that it should be determined just how it was to be handled.

Stan Buchtel stated he felt it should not have been registered because:

1. NBRSA had to forfeit limit on fees.
2. NBRSA cards are not reciprocal.
3. Matches under NBRSA have to be bid for by clubs.

Walt Berger asked for comments from the attending IBS committee. Carl Lynn stated he had no approval on the Super Shoot from any of his members. He had a report from two people who both said, quote, "I feel I've just been had." Carl was in full agreement with John Lyon on registering the 1974 Super Shoot.

Bob Hart commented, "Blame me for registration of the Super Shoot. I stated it would never be fired on my range unless it was registered." Bob went on to say that Skip Gordon is a real promoter. He (Gordon) has had the two biggest bench rest shoots ever fired. They have proven they can beat us. They have a 100 bench range in the making now. Bob felt the Super Shoot had done bench shooting a great service in that they have caused the manufacturers to furnish us with necessary components.

Walt Berger stated he felt NBRSA is obligated to maintain our small shoots or there can be no Super Shoot.

Red Cornelison made a motion that NBRSA will not register a Super Shoot. Second by Malsby. By hand vote the motion did not receive the 2/3 majority vote. Motion failed.

Joint Records discussion held.

George Kelbly stated, quote: "NBRSA World Records are fired on NBRSA affiliated ranges, on official NBRSA targets, under NBRSA rules and regulations and are therefore strictly official NBRSA World Records.

Jim Ridings recommended that we hear from the IBS committee. Jim felt World Records should be smallest groups and aggregates fired regardless of where or under which organization they were fired.

Carl Lynn stated that he felt he was too young a member of either organization to know all background and said further he did not want to know. Carl said he would like to see a joint measuring committee. He stated, "We came to this meeting in a position to settle things tonight." Is that right, Bob, he asked of Bob Hart. Bob Hart replied, "Yes, it is."

Stan Buchtel to Carl Lynn -- "Define what you mean by, "settle things tonight." What things, Stan asked, "Can you re-affiliate with NBRSA tonight?"

Carl Lynn replied, "No, we are not in a position to say we will re-incorporate with NBRSA tonight. We are with another corporation with Precision Shooting." Carl turned to Bob Hart and asked, "Did I say that right, Bob?" Bob answered, "That's right."

When the IBS members were asked about the \$1,700.00 that was in the Eastern Region Treasury at the time of the split, no answer was received on this question.

Bob Hart stated, "Two organizations can grow faster by being separated. We shouldn't right, but have a good time. Bob went on to say, there have been two big mistakes made.

1. Calling it Benchrest Shooting. Should have been Precision Shooting.
2. Disqualifying competitors.

Walt Berger commented: After listening to all comments it would appear that two organizations are fairly well established and we should retain our format and records.

Walt continued: NBRSA might at some future date consider a joint measuring committee, but not joint records. NBRSA will make no hasty decisions. We appreciate the IBS committee came to our meeting, as we have now talked things over in an amiable way and know where we stand.

Carl Lynn complimented President Berger on his summary of the discussion and stated further that so long as he was president of IBS his members were God to him and he would do as they asked.

Break for dinner at 7:45.

1974 Directors' Meeting reconvened at 9 p.m.

Discussion on measuring record targets.

Malsby reported on a measuring device from a firm in Virginia. Would do a fine job but the device is very expensive. (\$3,000) Malsby felt there were companies who might do the measuring for us.

Walt Berger recommended further investigation and having some targets measured in an attempt to come up with a better way of measuring record targets. Walt appointed a committee of two to work on measuring devices. (Committee-Malsby and Freund)
Time limit December 1, 1974.

M. M. Oakley appointed to look into target paper and prices.

NBRSA delegates to IBS winter meeting.

Walt asked the IBS committee, "quote) "Do we have an invitation?"

Carl Lynn replied (quote) "Always, the site is not confirmed as yet. It could be held at Lost Greens at Painted Post. (Dates are Jan. 11 & 12, 1975)

Berger asked for comments on attending IBS meeting. He inquired, "Do you think we should have a committee go?" Cornelison and Buchtel volunteered. Walt stated it might be possible for him to go.

Nationals: Back to Back or geographically located?

Biggest complaint on Back to Back seemed to be too many days shooting. Walt Berger asked that all directors give it thought and it would be placed on the 1975 meeting agenda.

Jerry Bowen letter:

Good points in his letter- NBRS should have more information to give new members. After further discussion Stan Buchtel moved that each affiliated club designate one individual to represent the club at directors meeting and take things back to members. Second by Red Cornelison. Passed by hand vote.

Wind Flags:

John Lyon stated: Flags should be furnished by ranges with a limited number to 100 yards and a limited number to 200 yards. No individual flags.

Walt Berger felt we should use the existing rule; that a competitor could place his flag before the warm-up match and after the warm-up flags could not be moved except by the range officer on complaint of a competitor. The range officer on complaint of a shooter will drop the flag to the ground.

Jim Ridings moved that wind flags be considered personal equipment and the range need not be responsible for flags but may furnish if they wish. Second by Jeff Fowler . Passed by hand vote.

At this time Bob Hart excused himself, thanking NBRSA for having him and for a delicious meal.

Walt Berger appointed J. Ridings and G. Kelbly to make up packet of information for new clubs to get started . Time limit. 1/1/75.

Junior Program:

Malsby stated that we do nothing to encourage junior shooters. Should reduce match fees for junior shooters.

J. Ridings suggested that part of increase in dues be used to sponsor junior programs. Some manufacturers might help.

Walt Berger stated: "We have someone who wants to give something to NBRS - perhaps we could interest them in a junior program. Walt appointed a committee of Buchtel and Freund to work on a junior program. (By Jan. 1, 1975)

J. Ridings felt we should get some advertising in Rifle magazine after Jan. 1, 1975, on the junior program.

Increase in Match Fees:

Ridings moved to increase National Match Fees to \$12.00 per day and registered matches to \$10.00 per day. Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed.

Morton Letter:

J. Ridings made a motion that Perry Morton may use the NBRSA insignia for not more than 100 pieces. Second by Red Cornelison. Passed.

S. Buchtel made a motion to reduce two existing group records to bring them to 300 yard measurements. Second by M. M. Oakley. Passed.

(J. Lyon to contact J. Corder.)

Walt Berger reported that IBS had a booth at the NRA convention in 1973 and had been invited again for 1975.

Carl Lynn said that IBS has no membership in the area of the 1975 convention (San Diego, Cal.) and felt that NBRSA should have the booth and also felt a written invitation would come from NRA.

Jim Ridings made a motion, "If the invitation is offered, NBRSA should accept it." Second by Stan Buchtel. Passed by hand vote.

Carl Lynn said it was necessary to have a draped table and some type of floor covering. He also suggested NBRSA establish amount of money to be spent per day for expenses. He stated IBS established no limit and it turned out to be costly for them.

Berger appointed J. Ridings and S. Buchtel to work on the project.

At this point the secretary asked to be excused and left the meeting.

Motion by J. Ridings: That directors meeting be changed from time of National Matches and held at another time of the year with NBRSA paying the transportation to and from the meeting. The president and secretary to set place and dates by Jan. 1, 1975. Second by Red Cornelison. Passed by hand vote.

J. Ridings made a motion that the deputy-directors be eliminated in the eastern region and have what would be equivalent to 3 regions with 3 directors. Second by Red Cornelison. Lacking the 2/3 majority vote, the motion failed.

Jim Ridings made a motion that the terms of office of directors and NBRSA officers be limited to a maximum of four years. Second by Malsby. Motion did not receive 2/3 majority vote. Motion failed.

Awarding of 1976 Nationals

1976 Bench Rest Nationals

Tulsa, Okla. (only bid) Awarded to Tulsa.

1976 Vt. & Sp. Nationals
Bids from Austin, Texas
Knoxville, Tenn.
Votes were Austin - 5 Knoxville 3
Awarded to Austin, Texas

Referees for 1974 Nationals at Reed's Run

L. Englebrecht - Mid continent Region
T. J. Jackson - Gulf Coast Region
B. Dryfield - Eastern Region
G. E. Kelbly, Sr. - Alternate

Election of Officers

President:

J. Lyon nominated Walt Berger
M. Oakley nominated Red Cornelison
S. Buchtel moved the nominations be closed. J. Ridings seconded the motion.
Walt Berger elected by unanimous vote.

Vice-President:

J. Ridings nominated Red Cornelison (Red declined the nomination)
S. Buchtel nominated A. J. Freund
M. Oakley nominated J. C. Malsby

J. Lyon moved the nominations be closed. Second by A. Angerman. Malsby elected by 4-1 vote.

Secretary-Treasurer:

S. Buchtel nominated Bernice McMullen
J. Lyon moved to close nominations
Second by M. Oakley. Unanimously elected.

Stan Buchtel made a motion on behalf of George Kelbly, past president, that the secretary-treasurer be given a Life Membership in NBRSA, Inc. for services rendered to the association.

The 1974 directors meeting came to a close at approximately 2 a.m., Tuesday, July 30, 1974.

TO ALL DIRECTORS & OFFICERS OF NBRSA, INC.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, both past and present Officers, for the vote of confidence given me each year for the past fourteen years. Also, I wish to thank the present board of directors for the gift of Life Membership in NBRSA, With a special "thank you" to George Kelbly and Stan Buchtel. It will be one of my prized possessions.

Also, a big thank you to John Lyon for furnishing me with notes on the 1974 meeting after I left the meeting.

Very sincerely,

Bernice E. McMullen

The National Bench Rest Shooters Association, it's President, Walter S. Berger, all directors, officers and members very humbly extend their sincere sympathy and condolences to the widow and family of Robert W. Hart, past president of the National Bench Rest Shooters Association.

(Mrs.) Bernice McMullen, sec-treas.

Holiday Inn, Warsaw, Inc.
Sunday, Aug. 3, 1975
NBRSA, Inc. -- Annual Director's Meeting

Present were:

Walt Berger, Pres. NBRSA, Inc.
J. C. Malsby, V. Pres. and proxy for J. Knox, Dir. Mid-cont. region
Allen Bench, Dir. N. W. region
Robert Brackney, Dir. S. W. region
Tom Metzger, Dir. M. V. region
Nick Young, Dir. S. E. region
Everett Amundgaard, Dir. N. C. region
A. G. Rogers, Dir. elect & proxy for J. Ridings, G. C. region
George Kelbly, Dir. E. region
Stan Buchtel, Dep-dir. E. region (Great Lakes Div.)
Bill Dryfield, Dep-dir. E. region (Eastern Seaboard Div.)
Bernice McMullen, Sec-treas.

The 1975 annual meeting of the NBRSA, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Berger.

The 1974 minutes were read by Stan Buchtel. W. Berger asked for questions on minutes. The 1974 minutes were approved as read.

Fiscal year 1974-1975 treasurer's report was read by the secretary-treasurer.

Nick Young moved to accept treasurer's report as read. Second by Bill Dryfield. Passed by hand vote.

Bob Brackney was asked to do an audit of books for fiscal year of 1974-1975. Bob consented to do so. Vote taken. Passed by unanimous vote.

Walt Berger introduced discussion on back to back Nationals as a matter of old business.

Malsby felt it was good due to inflation in general and price of gas in particular.

Brackney stated time wise it was good because not all workers could get time off twice in a shooting season.

Stan Buchtel stated it was good all the way around and felt it would be good to have them both at one range if the range were capable of handling them.

Bill Dryfield moved that the National Matches be held annually the last week of July and the first week of August, with the Varmint matches in July and the unlimited matches in August. (Rule Book)

Motion seconded by Tom Metzger. Passed by hand vote.

Walter Berger to contact president of the IBS on this arrangement.

Packet for New Clubs:

Bob Brackney brought up for discussion the need for packets of information for prospective new clubs and prospective new individual members.

Walt Berger felt the packet, along with all information on details of range construction and procedure, rule book, membership blank etc., should contain slip to purchase Warren Page's book, "Accurate Rifle". He felt packet could be made up for roughly \$1.50 - \$2.00.

Bill Dryfield moved that Skip Gordon should be approached to co-ordinate a packet from material and suggestions furnished by NBRSA, Inc. After Skip's work packet should come back to the NBRSA Board of Directors for approval or change. Second by Nick Young. Passed by hand vote.

Pres. Berger appointed G. Kelbly, as a committee of 1 to finalize material for range packet. Each regional director to submit material on their ranges to George. Deadline of Nov. 1, 1975. George to compile info on 10 bench - 20 bench or larger ranges. W. Berger to receive copy of all material.

Pres. Berger also appointed. Nick Young, J. C. Malsby, Allen Bench and Bob Brackney to submit promotional material on individual memberships to Skip Gordon with copies of all material to Berger. Request Gordon to return material to committee for final approval. Time limit, Nov. 1, 1975. Back from Skip by Jan. 1, 1976.

Nick Young suggested Walt Berger as president, contact Skip Gordon as to possibility of complying with request.

Bill Dryfield moved that a limit of \$500.00 be placed on Gordon's endeavor. Anything over that amount would need approval of all directors. Second by T. Metzger. Passed by hand vote.

Walt Berger gave a report on the booth at the NRA convention at San Diego, Cal. He entered for discussion the possibility of having a booth at the 1976 NRA convention to be held at San Antonio, Texas.

During the discussion which followed, Nick Young stated he was opposed to participation at the NRA convention unless NBRSA could get more coverage of our activities in American Rifleman.

Walt Berger to contact Skip Gordon on handling material and ideas as to how we might get more coverage in the Rifleman.

George Kelbly reported that there have been anonymous persons at our Nationals, for very nominal fees from NRA, covering our matches.

Walt stated he would furnish copies of all replies from Skip, to the directors.

Nick Young moved we continue negotiations on NRA convention booth, if offered, until such time as we see it is not feasible. Second by Bill Dryfield, stating if it is offered, we cannot turn it down. Passed by hand vote.

Bill Dryfield moved to put a limit of \$2000.00 on NRA booth. The motion died for lack of second.

George Kelbly stated he felt there were persons who would volunteer their services at an NRA booth.

Walt Berger entered for consideration, the changing of time of the annual directors meeting.

Stan Buchtel moved that the motion of J. Ridings at the 1974 annual meeting, quote "to have the meeting at a time & place other than the Championship Matches." Unquote be rescinded. Second by N. Young. Passed.

T. Metzger asked if the meeting was going to be held at the unrestricted matches each year.

S. Buchtel stated a specific time for National Meeting should be set up.

Bill Dryfield moved that meeting be held Sunday preceding the Unrestricted Matches at site of matches, with pay to be set at 12 cents per mile with limit of \$200.00. Second by J. C. Malsby.

Before vote on the above, Dryfield withdrew the motion to restate it.

B. Dryfield moved the Director's Meeting 1976 be held on Sunday before Unrestricted Nationals at site of matches, each director to receive 12 cents per mile, home to site of meeting and return. Second by N. Young. Passed unanimously.

End of old business.

Berger had asked each of the directors to present to him points needing discussion or action.

Started with letter from N. Young.

(1) Inquiry as to why 5 shot matches were not held for unrestricted rifles.
(Cleared by rule book)

(2) N. Young moved that the words, "Bench Rest Rifle" be changed to Unlimited Rifle" in all places in rule book. Second by T. Metzger. Passed by hand vote.

(3) Inconsistency of penalty ruling.

T. Metzger felt there should be a difference between "crossfire" and "misfired shots."

N. Young felt there was a need to make stationary backers a mandatory item.

G. Kelbly stated he did not like the penalty of 1/4" per shot, especially when done by mail. One thing in favor of it is, a competitor will not return to his own target if he is only going to receive penalty for one shot.

N. Young moved to leave cross-firing rule, including penalties as it is now written. Second by T. Metzger. Passed with A. G. Rogers opposed.

S. Buchtel moved that all new members be given rule books. Renewals buy books. Second by A. G. Rogers. Passed.

Change membership blanks to include space for ordering rule book and stating price.

N. Young suggested that effective when rule books are reprinted, loose leaf type be adopted and changes would affect only individual pages.

A. G. Rogers moved to leave rule book format as it is now. Second by A. Bench. Passed 9 for S. Buchtel opposed.

N. Young suggested all regional directors be elected from ballots in official publication.

N. Young also suggested that a regional director vote the number of registered match competitors in his region.

N. Young stated, quote "We all received measuring devices, but have no standard for verifying the accuracy of the device. Should be some method of checking instruments." Unquote.

N. Young asked why are there no 300 yard Championship Matches? W. Berger answered by stating, there are very limited facilities for holding 300 yard matches.

B. Dryfield inquired about changing scores of 300 meter to 300 yards.

S. Buchtel assured him this had already been done.

A. Bench stated he had been asked by members of the Northwest region who competitors didn't get patches for attending a National Match.

S. Buchtel moved that a patch be designed for all competitors attending National Matches in 1976. Second by A. G. Rogers. Passed.

G. Kelbly moved to have reciprocal CBS-NBRSA cards with Canadian shooters as long as they are Canadian residents. Second by A. Bench. Passed.

A. Bench inquired about possibility of having 8 pages of Rifle go out to everyone.

N. Young asked, "Have we ever asked to have publication of 8 pages put in Handloader so we would have monthly publication? Discussion followed with no action taken.

A. Bench-on 30 minute time limit between relays - some ranges don't give it. Discussion held. Feeling was that shooters should be protected and full time allowed if needed, but, if circumstances permitted, shorter time could be used.

T. Metzger reported on phone call from T. Seitz concerning mix-up in awarding of trophy at 1974 Vt. Nationals.

Stan Buchtel--from Eastern region winter meeting.

- (1) Motion that wind flags not be placed higher than the line of the flight of the bullet between firing line and target frames. Second by T. Metzger. Passed. Effective Jan. 1, 1976.
- (2) Would like By-Laws reviewed and up-dated. Examples:
 - (a) Pg. 38 Annual meeting of members changed from "shall be held" to "May be held".
 - (b) Pg. 39 Change to "former and current directors of the association in good standing".

W. Berger appointed S. Buchtel as committee of one to review by-laws to present at 1976 meeting. Stan accepted.

S. Buchtel asked for discussion on bedding blocks or devices. Limit of 13 1/2" restricts too much addition. After a short discussion W. Berger said it was not the time to proceed further on the subject.

S. Buchtel moved to remove wording top-center of diagram (pg. 41-rule book). Keep rule as it is stated on pg. 3 rule book. Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed with Rogers abstaining.

Bob Brackney entered discussion on illegal bags. Protest rules to cover situation.

S. Buchtel moved to add two (2) minutes to remaining time if match is stopped for any emergency. Second by N. Young. Passed. B. Dryfield abstained.

S. Buchtel questioned the permission given P. Morton to make T-Shirts with NBRSA emblem- feeling anybody can pick it up. Buchtel to investigate possibilities and cost of copyrighting the NBRSA, Inc. emblem and targets. Second by Malsby. Passed. Brackney abstained.

S. Buchtel questioned rule changes by mail ballot--felt all rule changes should be discussed at annual meeting. Buchtel moved that no rule changes (New or Old) be made by mail ballot. G. Kelbly seconded. Passed. B. Dryfield abstained.

S. Buchtel entered motion that awards be made to past presidents, retro-active to Ray Speer, in appreciation of service to NBRSA, Inc. Second by N. Young. Passed unanimously.

T. Metzger - from members of Mississippi Valley Region.

Range fees:

\$10.00 per day plus \$2.50 if both yardages fired and an additional \$2.50 for the second rifle. (Change in next printing of rule book.)

Possibility of 10 shot varmint matches.

Life membership Patches.

T. Metzger moved that Life Membership patches be given to all Life Members. Second by S. Buchtel. Passed.

S. Buchtel appointed to choose color and design.

T. Metzger reported on protest by P. Morton at a shoot on Beeson's Range. Sudden very intense storm with all competitors leaving their benches. Range officer inquired, "Has everyone completed their firing?" He got no answer. Later Perry reported to the range officer that he had not completed his firing. Matter was given to referees and they ruled according to the rule book. Penalty for each shot not on target. W. Berger stated that the referees acted in proper manner. Directors unanimously agreed with decision of referees.

B. Dryfield inquired about rubber bands or recoil springs attached to rifle.

After lengthy discussion S. Buchtel moved that recoil springs, rubber bands, etc., may be used to restrain recoil, providing the rifle may be lifted six (6) inches free of rests, with attachments in place. Second by T. Metzger. Passed. A. G. Rogers abstained.

B. Dryfield suggested 1 year experimental period on connecting front and rear rests. W. Berger objected. S. Buchtel said it would widen gap with IBS. N. Young objected. G. Kelbly - only a scare tactic.

B. Dryfield moved that 1 year experimental period be given on connecting front and rear rests. Second by S. Buchtel. Vote Opp. 9. Defeated unanimously.

S. Buchtel on correction on Hunter Rifle scores. Pg. 29 rule book. Correct to 0 - 199 Novice Hunter, 200-227 Hunter and 228-250 Master Hunter.

B. Dryfield moved to revert to former registration cards. Second by T. Metzger. Passed.

R. Brackney - On time call by range officer - what recourse does a shooter have if range officer forgets. (Carry time watch).

A. G. Rogers reported that Bob Pease has been doing a fine job with Hunter Rifle Postal Matches but getting no publicity although reports have been sent to Rifle.

Pres. Berger reported that the federal people want safety precautions taken. He went on to say that no range wants lawsuits because of eye or ear damage. N. Young suggested that ranges post warnings that, "Shooting may be dangerous to eyes and ears."

B. Brackney questioned, quote, "Would NBRSA be within their rights to make such a request of ranges?"

A. G. Rogers suggested putting warning to wear glasses and ear protectors inside cover of rule book.

W. Berger asked N. Young to research what can be done on warnings.

W. Berger asked for other matters of discussion. No answers.

Referees for 1975 unrestricted championship matches.

G. Kelbly - Eastern reg. - appointed B. Simonson
N. Young - Southeast reg. - appointed N. Young
J. C. Malsby - M. C. reg. - appointed L. Engelbrecht
A. G. Rogers - G. C. reg. - T. J. Jackson (Alternate)

Bids for 1977 national Matches
Vt. & Sp.

N. Young for Knoxville, Tenn.
G. Kelbly for Kelbly's
A. G. Rogers for Midland, Texas

Vote - Knoxville, Tenn. (2) Midland, Tex. (2) Kelbly's, Ohio (5)
1977 Vt. & Sp. Matches awarded to Kelbly's Range.

Unlimited Nationals

N. Young for S. E. reg.
(3 choices, Knoxville, Tenn., Gallatin, Tenn., Wautauga, Boone, N. C.)
Kelbly for Kelbly's Range
Vote S. E. (6) E. (2)
1977 Unlimited Matches awarded to S. E. region.

Election of Officers:

G. Kelbly moved to retain current officers for another year. Second by B. Brackney. Passed.

S. Buchtel moved to adjourn.

Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed by hand vote.

Meeting came to a close at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon, August 3, 1975.

Walt Berger asked for time to read a letter from Wm. H. Motley on the construction of a new range at or near Genoa City, Wisc. They were asking for donation to aid their endeavor.

Walt Berger asked the secretary to answer the letter.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors at Beeson's Range on the evening of August 7th, the following rule clarification was made. Page 12- last sentence of 14c (Required number of shots) to read as follows: "A shot above the top line of the sighter target will be a record shot. Any shot outside the borderline will not be measured and will be penalized as a missing shot."

Also, at this meeting Bob Brackney asked to be excused from doing an audit on the books. Stan Buchtel agreed to contact someone to do the audit for the fiscal 1974-1975 year.

National Benchrest Shooters Association, Inc.

Minutes - 1976 Director's Meeting - Tulsa, Okla.

Camelot Inn, Tulsa, Okla.

August 1, 1976

Present were:

Walt Berger, Pres.

J. C. Malsby, V. Pres.

A. G. Rogers, Dir. G. C. region

T. Metzger, dir. M. V. region

N. Young, dir. S. E. region

E. Amundgaard, dir. N. C. region

A. Bench, dir. W. W. region

H. Miller, dir. S. W. region

J. Knox, dir. M. C. region

G. Kelbly, dir. Eastern region

B. Dryfield, dep-dir. Eastern region

S. Buchtel, dep-dir. Eastern region

M. M. Oakley, dir.-elect N. W. region

G. Price, Vice-dir. S. W. region

Bob Pease, invited by W. Berger to discuss Hunter Rifle Class.

Meeting was called to order by President Berger at 9:30 a.m.

Treasurer's report was read by secretary-treasurer. Accepted as read.

Discussion was held on return of \$200.00 to A. Bench. Bench had returned \$200.00 of the mileage payment for the 1975 meeting at Warsaw, Inc.

After this discussion Stan Buchtel introduced motion to set the mileage payment at \$200.00. His motion died for lack of a second.

Nick Young moved to return the \$200.00 to Allen Bench. Second by S. Buchtel. Passed with Bench abstaining.

Report of regional questions and problems. Allen Branch, director Northwest Region.

1. Discussion was held on having an up-to-date rule book on January 1, each year any changes were made. Bench said it should never be necessary to wait until May for a new issue of the rule book. Bench said the secretary should be directed to up-date rule books immediately after any change.

2. Rifle Stocks: Stocks used at the 1976 Varmint & Sporter Championship Matches at Austin, Texas were discussed.

2. (continued) Walt Berger felt that aluminum stocks such as used by Australian competitors at Austin should have been ruled out - not because of the concave front end in particular, but they need to conform to the present rule.

George Kelbly felt it was not right that these stocks were permitted at the 1976 Varmint & Sporter Nationals. George stated he had entered a protest with the referees at Austin that the Australians be informed that they would not be permitted to use them again in US competition.

Walt Berger stated that the interpretation of the present rule covers the situation.

Tom Metzger moved that winners of each range aggregate should be checked by referees for legal equipment at all registered matches. Second by S. Buchtel. Passed.

George Kelbly asked, "Aren't we at a point where we can say, 3 inches wide, 10 1/2 pound and 3 inches wide, 13 1/2 pound?"

Nick Young commented, "George's idea has a lot of merit, we may be at that point. We have too many restrictions, let's keep it simple."

At this point Bob Pease, invited by President Berger, was asked to bring the Board of Directors up-to-date on Hunter class activities.

Bob reported he had been involved in the Hunter Class since 1964 in the east and the last 5 years in the west.

Bob is Director of Central Texas Benchrest Shooters and heads the Hunter Class programs.

He reported attendance at hunter matches is excellent and that three-fourths of the shooters starting in the last 5 years have a large percentage shooting heavy varmint also.

Bob says they do not wish to be a part of any 3rd class, but want to be accepted by NBRSA and IBS. They now have 18 clubs with 8 new clubs requesting admission. May well have 27 or 28 clubs in 1977.

"We need publicity" quoted Bob. The only magazine which has printed any news for us was GUN WEEK. Rifle magazine failed us completely.

Bob reported on a poll taken from CTBRS (hunter class), with the following results.

300 questionnaires sent out

160 returned

82 were returned by members of NBRSA

Bob made the following observations:

1. NBRSA through recognition of the hunter class would receive revenues.
2. Hunter shooters want recognition by NBRSA, with registered matches and records.

Walt Berger asked, "Can we handle this and give hunter shooters deserved recognition?"

Nick Young observed, "Recognition should be on state level".

Allen Bench: Perhaps State Championships.

Jimmy Knox asked, "As soon as we recognize - how can we avoid regional handling?" If we recognize, we have control, why not make it beneficial to NBRSA.

George Kelbly made a motion to recognize Hunter Rifle Class on state, local and regional level; receive records and registered championships. Second by T. Metzger. Passed.
Effective date: Jan. 1, 1977.

A. G. Rogers asked Bob if the rules were sufficient.

Bob replied, "Present rules are sufficient until difficulties arise. At that time the rules will need to undergo revision." May be questions over stocks.

George Kelbly observed, "Make no rule changes, they kill classes".

Motion by B. Dryfield that Bob Pease be appointed chairman of a Hunter Rifle committee for program. Second by S. Buchtel. Unanimous.

At this point Stan Buchtel presented designs for new emblems.

1. A patch for all competitors attending National Championship Matches. Directors had a choice of designs and chose #1 by unanimous vote.
2. A patch for all life members to be silver and black. Again, all directors had a choice and chose #2, by unanimous vote.

Stan Buchtel to have the official emblem copyrighted after first redesigning it.

Stan Buchtel reported that the By-Laws have not been revised due to illness of the person appointed to do it.

N. Young made motion that all ranges post warning that eye and ear protectors be used. Second by B. Dryfield. Passed unanimously.

Tom Metzger asked if according to 1975 minutes, the agreement by S. Buchtel to get someone to do an audit for the 1974-1975 year had been done. Stan replied that it had.

Under new business introduced by T. Metzger.

1. After discussion T. Metzger moved that, Jesse Corder as chairman of the measuring committee be advised to send information on all new records to: record holder, host club, director of region, national secretary and the president. Second by J. C. Malsby. Passed by unanimous hand vote.
2. Tom asked whether or not regional winter meetings are worth while. Reports given by A. Bench, H. Miller, A. G. Rogers and G. Kelbly.
3. T. Metzger moved that each director be furnished with a map of the continental United States, with regional boundaries plainly marked. Map also to be included in future rule books. Second by N. Young. Passed unanimously.

Harvey Miller of the Southwest region inquired about holding matches on a range where the 100 yard and 200 yard ranges are separate and both yardages shoot concurrently and then reverse. No objections entered.

G. Kelbly moved that NBRSA purchase 10 measuring devices to be held at headquarters for sale to clubs. Second by S. Buchtel. Passed unanimously.

G. Kelbly moved that the penalty rule on crossfiring be one quarter (1/4) inch per 100 yards and not one quarter (1/4) inch per shot. Second by B. Dryfield. Count by hand vote.

For: Rogers, Buchtel, Dryfield, Knox. Bench, Kelbly

Against: Young, Metzger, Amundgaard, Miller

Ruling on crossfire to be changed in rule book.

George Kelbly moved that the complete amount of time be allowed to run out on time clock at all registered and National Matches. Second by Bench. (Unanimous).

B. Dryfield moved to eliminate warm-up match and add 3 minutes to time of first record match. Second by N. Young.

Before vote was taken on above motion T. Metzger observed that it might be wise to table the matter, gather information on the subject until next directors meeting.

B. Dryfield withdrew the above motion.

T. Metzger moved to reduce time limit on warm-up match to regular match time. S. Buchtel seconded. Passed.

George Kelbly stated that the Super Shoot seems to show that money is a factor influencing attendance. It might be wise to hold one match per year where the fee would be set by the

host club. All fees over \$10.00 per day would be returned to the shooters. Fees would be mandatory to compete.

B. Dryfield moved that every range be permitted to hold 1 money match per year. Motion died for lack of a second.

S. Buchtel moved to allow each region to hold 1 money match per year with mandatory fees. \$10.00 per day to the club and balance of fees to the competitors 100%. NO REGIONAL or CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES included. Second by T. Metzger. Hand vote 9-2. (N. Young - B. Dryfield)

N. Young -- "I would like to go on record as saying that the Super Shoot not be registered."

B. Dryfield -- "Do not oppose money shoots, but do oppose limit of one to a region.

On the subject of "Project 76" promotion kit, G. Kelbly stated the "Project 76" book to shooters should be an entirely separate book from the book on ranges. W. Berger felt they would be separated.

N. Young moved that all ranges have mandatory stationary backers. Second by B. Dryfield. For 3 Against 7 Kelbly abstained.

S. Buchtel said a problem came up at last Nationals of too many targets to be remeasured. This should be considered a protest and the \$3.00 protest fee should be required. He said there should be some measure of difference at which targets should be remeasured.

Buchtel went on to move that the measurement of any target suspected of being larger or smaller than it's stated measurement can be protested by any competitor. Second by T. Metzger. Passed.

N. Young moved that a meeting of the members of NBRSA be held in 1977 and that it shall be the duty of the president to notify the membership of such meeting. Tentatively set for the Varmint and Sporter Nationals 1977. Second by B. Dryfield. Passed unanimously.

N. Young entered for discussion the time involved in the measuring of potential world record targets. He felt one man could be official record measurer, thus eliminating the wasted time and postage involved.

S. Buchtel offered to contact the University of Akron for person who might be interested in measuring NBRSA record targets. N. Young offered to contact Bausch & Lomb. J. C. Malsby to contact Kansas City University. All to have answers by October 1, 1976. Pay for service to be determined later.

W. Berger stated NBRSA could retain J. Corder to scan targets for potential measurement.

N. Young inquired why regions holding less matches have voting strength greater than those regions holding a larger number of matches.

N. Young moved that voting strength of each region be predicated on number of matches held in the region. Motion died for lack of a second.

B. Dryfield entered for discussion requirements he thought necessary for ranges bidding for National Matches. At the end of a discussion period it was felt that ranges should have water available, showers if possible, proper benches on a stationary base.

W. Berger - Any competitor registered 60 days prior to date of match guaranteed a bench to shoot from. Anyone registering after 60 days will be assessed a \$10.00 penalty and face the possibility of not being able to compete. Second by B. Dryfield. Passed.

S. Buchtel proposed that since two directors (Metzger-Amundgaard) had to leave for flights, the election of officers be held.

President:

S. Buchtel nominated W. Berger

N. Young nominated B. Dryfield

B. Dryfield nominated A. G. Rogers (Jerry declined)

T. Metzger nominated L. Englebrecht

G. Kelbly moved to close nominations. Second by S. Buchtel. Vote by ballot resulted in: W. Berger 9 L. Englebrecht 2 W. Berger elected president.

Vice-president:

S. Buchtel nominated L. Englebrecht; N. Young nominated B. Dryfield; T. Metzger nominated J. C. Malsby; S. Buchtel moved to close nominations. Second by G. Kelbly. Nominations closed.

By vote of ballot: L. Englebrecht 5 J. C. Malsby 4 B. Dryfield 1
L. Englebrecht elected Vice-president.

Secretary-treasurer:

S. Buchtel nominated Stella Buchtel

G. Kelbly nominated B. McMullen

Malsby moved to close nominations. Second by N. Young
Vote by ballot. Stella Buchtel 5 B. McMullen 6

Awarding of National Matches for 1978

Unlimited Rifle

A. G. Rogers bid for Gulf Coast Region - New Orleans or Austin
N. Young bid for Southeast region - Knoxville, Tenn.
T. Metzger bid for Mississippi Valley Region - Beeson's Range

By hand vote the 1978 Unlimited Nationals were awarded to Austin, Texas over Beeson's Range by a count of 9-1.

When the Southeast region lost in this bid N. Young withdrew his bid for Varmint & Sporter Nationals as Knoxville wanted back to back Nationals.

Varmint & Sporter Nationals 1978

After N. Young withdrew his bid for the VT. & Sp. Nationals, they were awarded to the Gulf Coast Region at Midland, Texas. This was the only other bid.

N. Young wanted to go on record as requesting that a poll be made to see how the membership feels about back to back Nationals on the same range.

B. Dryfield moved to poll membership before '78 schedule awarded. Second by N. Young.
By hand vote. 2 for - 8 against.

In 1977 the Unlimited Nationals will be fired on the Volunteer R. & P. Club range at Knoxville, Tenn.

The 1977 Varmint 7 Sporter Nationals will be fired on the Kelbly Range, Marshallville, Ohio.

B. Dryfield on behalf of a request from A. Angerman, moved that a 3 gun aggregate record be recognized. Bill could not explain from the letter just what was meant and his motion died for lack of a second.

J. Knox questioned possibilities of both Nationals on same range.

W. Berger questioned as to possibilities for best schedule for National matches. Walt also reported that Kansas City is to build a 50 bench range which could possibly be in operation for the 1977 season.

Jerry Rogers stated the combined Nationals would be good for him, but questioned whether it would be good for the game. He said other ranges need a share in the Nationals.

W. Berger suggested the L. V. and Sporter classes might be combined, keeping all records of both classes with sporter equipment being eligible to get records in both classes, but light varmint could not get records in the sporter class.

A Bench reported he had polled 7 competitors who said they would rather give up one-third of the shooting as shoot 12 - 13 hours a day.

S. Buchtel suggested that the unlimited be cut to 2 days and have 6 days competition in the varmint and sporter classes.

N. Young wanted to know why the unlimited has four days for one class and the three classes of varmint and sporter are limited to four days.

G. Kelbly explained that to have only two days for the unlimited Nationals would constitute only a week-end two day shoot and could hardly be a Championship Match. George felt that the Varmint Nationals could go to 5 days with 8 matches per day.

J. Knox suggested that President Berger bring this up in his column and consider results.

W. Berger observed that 5 days was the best answer as yet.

J. C. Malsby moved to have 5 day Vt. & Sp. Nationals on a trial basis in 1977, shooting on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A. G. Rogers seconded. Passed 8 - 1. B. Dryfield abstaining.

President to put explanation of change for 1977 in Rifle.

Discussion held on letter from Neal Knox.

S. Buchtel said, "We are on our way back to Precision Shooting, Neal is ready to dump us."

G. Kelbly felt we should wait and talk with Neal before we discuss this further.

W. Berger asked if the directors wanted to set up a meeting with Neal.

J. C. Malsby -- Let's set it up for Tuesday evening.

B. Dryfield said "We have no alternative."

Meeting with Neal Knox set for Tuesday evening, 6 PM at the "Top Rail Steak House".

Referees for the 1976 Unlimited Nationals, Tulsa, Okla.

Arthur Girard - Eastern Region

Ed Watson - Southeast Region

M. M. Oakley - Northwest Region

H. Broughton - Gulf Coast Region

Motion to adjourn by Stan Buchtel. Second by Bill Dryfield.

First meeting 1976 directors adjourned at 6 PM, August 1, 1976.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes - 1976 Director's Meeting (Revised)

The Annual Board of Director's Meeting was held August 1, 1976 at the Camelot Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Present were:

Walt Berger, President
J. C. Malsby, Vice President
A. G. Rogers, Director G. C. Region
T. Metzger, Director M. V. Region
N. Young, Director S. E. Region
E. Amundgaard, Director N. C. Region
A. Bench, Director N. W. Region
H. Miller, Director S. W. Region
J. Knox, Director M. C. Region
G. Kelbly, Director Eastern Region
B. Dryfield, Deputy Director Eastern Region
S. Buchtel, Deputy Director Eastern Region
M. M. Oakley, Director-elect N. W. Region
G. Price, Vice Director S. W. Region
Bob Pease, Director of Central Texas Benchrest Shooters

President Walt Berger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Treasurer's report was read by Secretary-Treasurer and accepted as read.

Discussion was held on return of \$200.00 to A. Bench. Bench had returned \$200.00 of the mileage payment for the 1975 meeting held at Warsaw, Indiana.

Nick Young moved to return the \$200.00 to A. Bench, seconded by S. Buchtel.
Motion passed with Bench abstaining.

After this discussion Stan Buchtel introduced a motion to set the maximum mileage payment at \$200.00, motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion was held on having an up to date rule book on January 1 each year if any changes were made. A. Bench stated it should never be necessary to wait until May for a new issue of the rule book. Bench said the secretary should be directed to up date rule books immediately after any changes.

Discussion was held on rifle stocks used at the 1976 Varmint & Sporter Championship Matches at Austin, Texas. Walt Berger felt that aluminum stocks such as used by Australian competitors at Austin should have been ruled out because of the concave front end, and they need to conform to present rule.

George Kelbly felt it was not right that these stocks were permitted at the 1976 Varmint & Sporter Nationals. He had entered a protest with the referees at Austin and they informed the Australians that they would not be permitted to use them in U. S. competition again in their present form.

Walt Berger stated that the interpretation of the present rule covers the situation.

Tom Metzger moved that winners of each range aggregate should be checked by the referees for legal equipment at all registered matches. Motion was seconded by Stan Buchtel. Motion passed unanimously. (Rule Book)

Bob Pease, invited by President Berger, was asked to bring the Board of Directors up to date on Hunter Class activities. Bob is Director of Central Texas Benchrest Shooters and heads the Hunter Class programs.

Bob reported he has been involved in the Hunter Class since 1964 in the East and the last 5 years in the West. He reported attendance at Hunter matches is excellent and three-fourths of the shooters starting in the Hunter Class the last 5 years are also shooting Heavy Varmint.

Bob stated they do not wish to be part of any third organization, but want to be accepted by the NBRSA. They currently have 18 clubs and 8 new clubs are requesting admission. By 1977 they may have 27 to 28 clubs. He further stated they need publicity. The only magazine which has printed any news for them was "Gun Week" and "Rifle" magazine has not printed anything to date.

Bob reported on a poll taken from CTBRS Hunter Class with 300 questionnaires sent out and 160 returned, of which 82 were members of NBRSA.

1. Majority requested registered matches on a state and regional level and wanted record scores recognized.
2. Hunter Class shooters want recognition by NBRSA and through this recognition NBRSA would receive revenues generated.

Discussion was held on the Hunter Class being recognized by the NBRSA and if the current rules were sufficient. Bob replied "present rules are sufficient until difficulties arise, at that time the rules will need to undergo revisions."

George Kelbly made a motion to recognize Hunter Rifle Class on a local, state and regional level; receive records and registered championships. Seconded by Tom Metzger. Motion passed--to be effective January 1, 1977. (Rule Book)

Bill Dryfield made a motion that Bob Pease be appointed Chairman of a Hunter Rifle Committee for programs. Seconded by Stan Buchtel. Passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel presented designs for new emblems:

1. A patch for all competitors attending National Championship Matches. Directors had a choice of designs and chose #1 by unanimous vote.
2. A patch for all Life Members to be silver and black. Again all Directors had a choice and chose #2 by unanimous vote.

Stan Buchtel reported on registering the official NBRSA emblem as a Trademark and was given permission to proceed with the registration. (Rule Book Notation)

Stan Buchtel reported that the By Laws have not been revised due to a long illness of the person appointed to do it.

Nick Young made a motion that all NBRSA affiliated ranges post a warning that eye and ear protectors be used. Seconded by Bill Dryfield. Passed unanimously.

Tom Metzger asked if according to 1975 minutes, the agreement by Stan Buchtel to get someone to do an audit for the 1974-75 year had been done. Stan replied that it had.

Tom Metzger moved, after discussion, that Jesse Corder as Chairman of the measuring committee be advised to send information on all new records to: Record holder, host club, Director of Region, National Secretary and the President. Second by J. C. Malsby - passed unanimously.

Tom Metzger asked whether or not regional winter meetings are worthwhile. A discussion followed in which the consensus of opinion was that they are worthwhile and allow the shooters to discuss matters they wish presented at the Directors meeting and to also schedule forthcoming matches.

T. Metzger moved that each Director be furnished with a map of the continental United States, with regional boundaries plainly marked. Map also to be included in future rule books. S. Buchtel to provide. Second by Nick Young. Passed unanimously. (Rule Book)

Harvey Miller inquired about holding matches on a range where the 100 and 200 yard ranges are separate and both yardages shoot concurrently and then reversed. No objections entered.

George Kelbly moved that NBRSA purchase 10 measuring devices to be held at headquarters, for sale to affiliated clubs. Seconded by S. Buchtel. Passes unanimously.

George Kelbly moved that the penalty rule on crossfiring be one quarter (1/4) inch M. O. A. for total crossfiring and not one quarter (1/4) inch M. O. A. per shot. Second by B. Dryfield. Count by hand vote.

For: Rogers, Buchtel, Dryfield, Knox, Bench, Kelbly

Against: Young, Metzger, Amundgaard, Miller (Rule Book)

Motion passed: Ruling on crossfire to be changed in rule book.

George Kelbly moved that the complete amount of time per match be allowed to run out on the time clock at all Regional and National matches. Seconded by A. Bench and passed unanimously. To be placed in rule book.

Bill Dryfield moved to eliminate the warm-up match and add 3 minutes to time of the first record match. Second by N. Young.

Discussion was held before vote was taken on this motion. T. Metzger observed that it might be wise to take the matter, gather information on the subject until next Directors Meeting. Bill Dryfield withdrew his motion.

Tom Metzger moved to reduce the time limit on warm-up matches to regular match time. Seven (7) minutes for Varmint and Sporter and ten (10) minutes unrestricted. S. Buchtel seconded. Motion passed - ruling on time limits to be changed in rule book.

George Kelbly stated that the Super Shoot seems to show that money is a factor influencing attendance. It might be wise to hold one match per year where the fee would be set by the host club and all fees over \$10.00 per day would be returned to the shooters. The fees would be mandatory to compete.

Bill Dryfield moved that every range be permitted to hold one money match per year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Stan Buchtel moved that each region be allowed to hold one (1) money match per year with mandatory fees. \$10.00 per day to the club and the balance of fees (100%) to be returned to the competitors.

No Regional or Championship Matches to be included. (Rule Book)

Second by T. Metzger - Passed 9 for and 2 against (Nick Young and Bill Dryfield)

N. Young stated: "I would like to go on record as saying that the Super Shoot is not to be registered."

B. Dryfield: "I do not oppose money shoots, but do oppose limit of one to a region per year."

On the subject of "Project 76" promotion kit, G. Kelbly stated the "Project 76" book to shooters should be an entirely separate book from the book on ranges. W. Berger felt they would be separated.

Nick Young moved that all ranges have mandatory stationary backers. Second by B. Dryfield - Did not pass - For: 3; Against: 7; Abstained: Kelbly.

Stan Buchtel moved that all ranges should consider stationary backers at registered shoots in fairness to all competitors. Second by N. Young - no action.

Stan Buchtel stated that a problem came up at the 1976 Nationals of too many targets returned to be remeasured. He said there should be some measure of difference at which targets should be remeasured.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the measurement of any target suspected of being larger or smaller than it's stated measurement can be protested by any competitor, with a fee of \$3.00 per target and the measurement will be changed if there is a difference of .020 inches from the original measurement. If the measurement is changed the fee will be returned to the shooter. If the measurement is not changed the fee will be sent to the NBRSA.

The official scorer will make the remeasurement in the presence of the referees, with the same vernier as originally used and the dial of the vernier must be covered during any remeasurement.

Second by T. Metzger - Passed unanimously - Rule to be placed in rule book.

Nick Young moved that a meeting of the Members of NBRSA be held in 1977 and that it shall be the duty of the President to notify the membership of such meeting. The meeting to be set for the Varmint and Sporter Nationals in 1977. Seconded by B. Dryfield - Passed unanimously.

Nick Young entered for discussion the time involved in the measuring of potential world record targets. He felt one man could be official record measurer, thus eliminating the wasted time and postage involved. After discussion on this subject S. Buchtel offered to contact the University of Akron for person who might be interested in Measuring NBRSA record targets. Nick Young offered to contact Bausch & Lomb, J. C. Malsby to contact Kansas City University. All to have answers by October 1, 1976 and any fees required for service to be determined later. Walt Berger stated that NBRSA could retain J. Corder to scan targets for potential measurements.

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Nick Young moved that voting strength of each region be predicated on the number of matches held in the region. Motion died for lack of a second.

Bill Dryfield entered for discussion requirements thought to be necessary for ranges bidding for National Matches. At the end of a discussion period it was felt that ranges should have water and electric available, showers if possible and proper benches on a stationary base.

Walt Berger entered for discussion the problems of too many shooters showing up at the National Varmint matches, who had not pre-registered, and may face the possibility of not being able to shoot because of lack of benches or time.

Walt Berger suggested that any competitor registered 30 days prior to the date of the National Matches will be guaranteed a bench to shoot from. Anyone registering after 30 days will be assessed a \$10.00 penalty and face the possibility of not being able to compete. If a shooter does not show up to compete after pre-registering his money will be refunded 100% by the Host Club.

Stan Buchtel proposed that since two Directors, Metzger and Amundgaard, had to leave for plane flights, the election of officers be held.

President:

- S. Buchtel nominated W. Berger
- N. Young nominated B. Dryfield
- B. Dryfield nominated A. G. Rogers (declined)
- T. Metzger nominated L. Englebrecht

George Kelbly moved to close nominations. Stan Buchtel seconded.

Vote by ballot: Walt Berger 8
 Larry Englebrecht 2
Walt Berger elected President

Vice President:

- S. Buchtel nominated L. Englebrecht
- T. Metzger nominated J. C. Malsby
- N. Young nominated B. Dryfield

S. Buchtel moved to close nominations. George Kelbly seconded.

Vote by ballot: Larry Englebrecht 5
 J. C. Malsby 4
 B. Dryfield 1

Larry Englebrecht elected Vice President

Secretary-Treasurer:

- G. Kelbly nominated Bernice McMullen
- S. Buchtel nominated Stella Buchtel

J. C. Malsby moved to close nominations. Nick Young seconded.

Vote by ballot: Bernice McMullen 5

Stella Buchtel 5

Tie vote cast by President to: Stella Buchtel - 1

Stella Buchtel elected Secretary-Treasurer.

AWARDING OF NATIONAL MATCHES FOR 1978 UNLIMITED RIFLE:

A. G. Rogers bid for: Gulf Coast Region - New Orleans or Austin

N. Young bid for: Southeast Region - Knoxville

T. Metzger bid for: Mississippi Valley Region - Beeson's Range

By hand vote the 1978 Unlimited Nationals were awarded to Austin, Texas, over Beeson's Range by 9-1.

When the Southeast Region lost in this bid, N. Young withdrew his bid for the Varmint & Sporter Nationals at Knoxville, because he wanted only back to back Nationals.

VARMINT & SPORTER NATIONALS:

N. Young bid for: Southeast Region - Knoxville (withdrawn)

A. G. Rogers bid for: Gulf Coast Region - Midland, Texas

The 1978 Varmint and Sporter Nationals were awarded to Midland, Texas.

Nick Young wanted to go on record as requesting that a poll be made to see how the membership feels about back to back Nationals on the same range.

B. Dryfield moved to poll membership before '78 Nationals were awarded. Second by N. Young - Did not pass 2 for and 8 against.

Discussion was held on ways to change our National Match Program to allow all persons entered to compete and not have a 12 hour daily marathon.

Suggestions were offered to eliminate the warm-up matches, combine the Sporter and Light Varmint classes, allow the Sporter and Light Varmint to compete together, hold the Varmint National and Unlimited National on the same range in a two week period.

George Kelbly explained that the Varmint National could go to 5 days with 8 matches per day, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until a better decision is reached. J. C. Malsby moved to have the Varmint and Sporter Nationals for 1977 held on a trial basis for five (5) days. Shooting on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A. G. Rogers seconded - Passed 8-1. Bill Dryfield abstained.

President to put explanation of change in Rifle Magazine.

Discussion held on letter from Neal Knox in regard to a different program with the NBRSA inserts in the Rifle Magazine. It was felt that all concerned would be better served if we

discussed this directly with Neal Knox, and a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m. at the "Top Rail Steak House".

Referee's for the 1976 Unlimited Nationals, Tulsa, Oklahoma:

Arthur Girard - Eastern Region
Ed Watson - Southeast Region
M. M. Oakley - Northwest Region
H. Broughton - Gulf Coast Region

Motion to adjourn by Stan Buchtel - second by Bill Dryfield.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. August 1, 1976.

Minutes -1976 Directors Meeting with Neal Knox - Rifle Magazine

This meeting was held at the Top Rail Steak House in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 8, 1976.

Present were: Walt Berger, J. C. Malsby, A. G. Rogers, N. Young, A. Bench,. George Kelbly, Bill Dryfield, S. Buchtel and Neil Knox, Editor Rifle Magazine.

Meeting was called to order by President Berger at 6:00 PM.

N. Knox stated that due to new capabilities recently arranged, they will be able to prepare and print the NBRSA news in a way that will solve some of the problems we have had in the past.

He suggested the NBRSA hire a part-time editor to receive and prepare the NBRSA news, type the copy, proof the printer copy and make dummy layout and send to printer for final "blue line proof" and then make corrections or okay as is for final printing and binding into current issue of Rifle Magazine. In between months would be separately folded and mailed to members.

Therefore members would be receiving NBRSA news every month, either bound in the Rifle or mailed separately.

The cost to the NBRSA would be the salary of the part time editor.

Nick Young made a motion that we accept the plan presented by Neal Knox which would result in a news report every month and hire a part time editor to manage the copy.

Motion seconded and passed unanimously. The Rifle magazine is to advertise for an editor and interview prospects.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

October 25, 1976

Mrs. Stella Buchtel
5735 Sherwood Forest Drive
Akron, Ohio 44319

Dear Stella:

In order to "tell it like it is," I believe I should explain that I'm certainly in favor of facilitating the change in the secretary-treasurer position from Bernice to you in the best, possible manner for the best of the organization (as well as you and Bernice). Since you were not elected at the meeting on Sunday, the minutes from the secretary-treasurer who attended the Sunday Meeting must stand, or cast doubt on something of the meeting or upon the person of Bernice or you. I do not agree with any need to revise the minutes we previously received from Bernice. They were reported correctly unless I'm badly mistaken, although apparently Malsby voted at least one other time, but there would have been no change in the outcome of the vote.

By placing the minutes of the special meeting, held after the Sunday adjournment which has already been submitted by Bernice, on a separate page followed by the director's meeting with Neal, our organization will not be open to criticism. We simply didn't catch the mistake til later, and then had to correct the situation. At that time Bernice no longer attended our meetings and an orderly progression will occur.

The following is the only difference I noted from Bernice's Minutes and the revised ones you sent:

President.....	Walt Berger	9
	Larry Englebrecht	2
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Bernice McMullen	6
	Stella Buchtel	5

My suggestion follows:

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m., August 1, 1976.

Special Meeting, August 3, 1976

An additional meeting was called by President Berger on August 3, at the conclusion of the days shooting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In attendance were President Berger, Vice President Malsby, Rogers, Young, Bench, Kelbly, and Buchtel. Absent were Dryfield, Metzger and Amundgaard.

(At this point I can only report what I have understood to have happened since I was not in attendance. Also I'm not sure of those in attendance, but am sure those mentioned above did not attend.)

It had been discovered that the 6-5 vote for secretary-treasurer included a ballot by Vice President Malsby, and according to the by-laws of the organization only directors and deputy directors are eligible to vote. Malsby stated that his ballot had been cast for Bernice McMullen, thus placing the matter into a tie vote.

At this point President Berger exercised his right to cast the tie breaking vote for Stella Buchtel who was then elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Special meeting was then adjourned

Somewhere else too there are two mistakes:

1. Stan Buchtel stated that all ranges should consider stationary backers; Nick agreed. He couldn't have made a motion-A motion could not really have been taken from the floor (without a vote), or no new motion could be made until the floor was clear. (No action necessary).
2. Concerning Pre-registration...President Berger must not have made a motion-duly seconded. Call it a strong suggestion or whatever, but rules of order don't allow him to do so. "The directors concurred with President Berger's suggestion."

As to Metzger's question about the audit for 1974-1975, Stan replied that it had been done and found to be in order. This will clear the air about any uncertainty on anyone's part.

At several other places in the minutes were included concerning feelings expressed by the directors. I did make the following statements and would sincerely like to see them included for the record.

This concerns Malsby and the Nationals on a five day trial basis- I stated my objection to an increase in entrance fees and abstained from the vote. The vote allows an increase of 25% of the registration fee, without offering additional shooting or scoring of targets, etc., to the shooters.

That's about it except to change the subject completely; I need some stationery. I have plenty of envelopes. Thanks.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill Dryfield

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE - KNOXVILLE, TN
JULY 31, 1977

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Walt Berger at 9:00 AM, Sunday, July 31, 1977.

The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

Walt Berger, President
Larry Englebrecht, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Director, Eastern Region
Bill Dryfield, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Art Girard, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
A. G. Rogers, Director, Gulf Coast Region
Jimmy Knox, Director, Mid Continent Region
Tom Metzger, Director, Mississippi Valley Region
Everett Amundgaard, Director North Central Region
Manley Oakley, Director, Northwest Region
Ed Watson, Director, Southeast Region
Harvey Miller, Director, Southwest Region

The Treasurer's Report was distributed for review and discussion. A. G. Rogers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Manley Oakley seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Report to be filed for audit.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the fiscal year be changed to end June 30th, in order to have more time for preparing Treasurer's Report before the annual Director's meeting the last week in July. It is almost impossible to close the books and have the report prepared for July 30. The motion was seconded by Bill Dryfield and passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the Treasurer's books be audited on an annual basis and each time that the books are transferred from one treasurer to another and that the secretary-treasurer's official term to begin August 1st. The motion was seconded by Art Girard and motion passed unanimously.

Harvey Miller made a motion that the Secretary-Treasurer's term be extended to two years and in the event that the secretary is incompetent, Director's have the authority to replace her or him. Tom Metzger seconded the motion. Motion was lost by a membership count.

Bill Dryfield made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 1976 minutes. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON:

CLYDE YOCKEY FUND (Awards) - After a lengthy discussion on the Clyde Yockey Fund, Tom Metzger made a motion that the \$35.66 balance in the account be donated to the Salvation Army, in accordance with Clyde Yockey's request, and the account be closed. Motion was seconded by Manley Oakley. Motion passed with Bill Dryfield abstaining.

BENCH ROTATION - Discussion on this subject resulted with bench rotation being used in the same manner as at the present time.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND - After a discussion as to the purpose of this account, Ed Watson made a motion that the earned interest on this account be withdrawn and placed in the general operating fund. Motion seconded by Manley Oakley and passed unanimously. A. G. Rogers made a motion that interest earned on the Life Membership fund be used for the expenses of Life Members. Ed Watson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

IBS BY-LAWS - Manley Oakley entered, for our information, the IBS By-Laws, Article 3, Section 7, "An International Organization member shall consist of any national shooting group, representing that nation, outside the U. S. A. The decision as to which shooting group actually represents a nation will be made by the IBS Directors. Registration fees charged by an International Organization member for non-member registration shall be waived for individual members from other nations."

INCREASED MATCH FEES - Increased match fees were discussed for Registered Matches, following discussion of financial problems of some of the privately owned ranges. Bill Dryfield made a motion that match fees remain the same. Tom Metzger seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

ELECTRICAL TRIGGERS - Stan Buchtel made a motion that electrical triggers, containing an arming feature and fully contained within the rifle be allowed in the Varmint-Sporter and Hunter Classes. This system must be manually operated. Motion was seconded by Art Girard and motion passed. Article 7 of rule book to be changed as stated in this motion.

WINTER VARMINT MATCHES - Discussion was held on Winter matches and it was decided that if a range wants to bid for nationals in the Winter, it can be handled at the time bid is made since matches are scheduled two years in advance.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR FAILURE TO DECLARE CALIBER CHANGE - Discussion only, no action taken. Larry Englebrecht was appointed as a Committee of One to come up with a form with competitor number, caliber, class, etc., card to be red so that it will immediately call attention to the caliber change and weight.

PREREGISTRATION - After discussion of consequences of 60 day registration requirement for the 1977 Varmint Nationals, Stan Buchtel made a motion that preregistration be reverted back to 30 days instead of 60 days. Motion was seconded by Art Girard and passed unanimously.

RULES OF CONDUCT OF MEASURING COMMITTEE - Stan Buchtel made a motion that Rules of Conduct of measuring committee be adopted and a copy to be furnished with all sets of record targets being measured by the committee. A. G. Rogers seconded the motion and motion passed. Larry Englebrecht to prepare Rules of Conduct.

WOLFE PUBLISHING - RIFLE MAGAZINE - Walt Berger is to contact Neil Knox about off month publication. It was brought to the attention of the Directors that records were not in the January-February issue of the magazine. In the future records are to be in the first issue of the year. Some discussion was held on the new NBRSA Editor job. It was decided that he is doing a fine job but needs more cooperation.

RANGEMASTER DIALOGUE CHANGE - "No bolts placed in rifle until range is clear". After discussion, Stan Buchtel made the motion that the following command be inserted in the rule book, before "Ready on the right and ready on the left" command should be ---- "place bolts in rifles." Art Girard seconded the motion. Motion passed with two against, Tom Metzger and A. G. Rogers. Discussion was held on the Rangemaster to announce "half-time" during match. No action taken.

TROPHYS - Discussion was held on rotating trophies and keeper trophies. It was decided that NBRSA will supply keeper trophies for all current rotating trophies starting with 1977.

REGISTRATION CARDS - Tom Metzger made a motion that the next printing of registration cards include a space for the name of bullet die manufacturer. Decision was unanimous to incorporate this item in the next printing of registration cards.

BENCH CONSTRUCTION - Manley Oakley was appointed to prepare a guideline for bench construction. Many requests have come in for this information and some ranges are having problems along this line.

HUNTER RIFLE - Tom Metzger made a motion to allow "glue in" actions in Hunter Rifle, seconded by A. G. Rogers, the motion did not pass, 2 for the motion - 8 against. A. G. Rogers made a motion to delete "per year" in paragraph 29 (2c) "custom actions produced in quantities of less than 1,000 per year shall not be recognized unless approved by the Directors". Motion was seconded by Tom Metzger and passed with two abstaining, Art Girard and Bill Dryfield. "Per year" will be deleted from the rule book.

MATCH APPROVAL DATED - Motion was made by Ed Watson and seconded that no match date may be approved 7 days prior to Nationals. Article D-3, 8 days to be changed to 7. Motion passed.

RULE BOOKS - Ed Watson made a motion that a rule book be sent with each Shoot Agreement Contract, seconded by Bill Dryfield. Motion passed 6 for - 3 against, Stan Buchtel abstained.

VOTING PROCEDURE FOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR - Stan Buchtel made a motion to change voting procedure for Directors and Deputy Directors as follows:

1. Ballots for all regions to be prepared by the National Secretary and mailed to all life, annual and associate members in the region where the election is taking place, with a self addressed return envelope marked "BALLOT" to be mailed back to the National Secretary for tabulation.
2. When the election is for the region that the National Secretary resides in, then the ballots are to be returned to another region for counting. They will be sent to the Vice President or a person appointed by the President.
3. Ballot to be preprinted and embossed with the NBRSA Corporate seal so it cannot be duplicated. Ballot must state office being filled, term of office, list nominees, have write-in provision, dead-line date for mailing back to National Secretary and date ballots will be counted.
4. In case of a tie winning vote election must be re-run with only the nominees which are tied to be on the ballot. A letter from the Secretary is to be included explaining that election is being re-run because of a tie vote.
5. Advise members in the Official Publication of person elected. All nominees and NBRSA officers are to be advised by letter of the results of election by actual account, stating number of ballots sent out, total ballots returned and total votes accrued by each nominee.
6. Nominee's may furnish a letter stating qualifications, which will be included with the Ballot. The letters are to be printed by the nominees and must be delivered to the National Secretary in time to be sent with the ballots. All nominees must be advised in writing that they can furnish a letter of qualifications to be included with the ballot.
7. The costs of the paper, envelopes, postage and printing for the ballots of each election of Regional Director or Deputy Director shall be the responsibility of NBRS. The costs for nominees qualification letters are the responsibility of the Region or the nominee.
8. Regional Directors to advise National Secretary of Regional Director candidates to be printed on Ballots by March 30 of election year.

BY-LAWS - Walt Berger appointed a committee, Art Girard, March Lyons and Harvey Miller, to review minutes and update By-Laws.

FIRING BEFORE COMMAND OF "LOAD AND LOCK" - Bill Dryfield made a motion and Stan Buchtel seconded, to add rule that ---"if competitor fires before Load and Lock command, he shall be disqualified from that match and the range aggregate." Motion passed, 9 for and 1 against. Page 12, paragraph B (PENALTY) - Walt Berger appointed Larry Englebrecht to prepare rule book revisions.

CROSSFIRES - Manley Oakley went on record as saying the first shot on an aggrieved competitors record target to be discounted as a first shot fired and ruled accordingly.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Larry Englebrecht read notes from General Membership meeting held at Kelbly's Range on July 28, 1977. It was decided that a General Membership meeting would be held again at the end of 100 yard Varmint National matches in 1978.

RESTRICTIONS FOR LIGHT VARMINT AND SPORTER CLASS RIFLES - Bill Dryfield made a motion to restrict Light Varmint to 22 caliber and Sporter Class to 6MM. After a lengthy discussion Bill withdrew his motion.

CHANGE IN SHOOT AGREEMENT - At next printing, Shoot Agreements to include a notice that Range MUST POST NOTICE REGARDING EYE AND EAR PROTECTORS.

FEES OTHER THAN REGISTRATION - Discussion held on advance notice for any charges that may occur during a shoot other than participation fees. Bill Dryfield made a motion that if fees are to be incurred, other than registration fees, they shall be listed in the program. Motion seconded by Stan Buchtel and motion passed.

PROJECT 76 KIT - Project moving along and bringing in additional members. Bill Dryfield made a motion that a kit be sent to each Director and Deputy Director, Stan Buchtel seconded and motion passed.

PROTEST FEES FOR REMEASUREMENT - Fee to be collected from competitor be referee and sent to the National Secretary by the Referee.

WINDFLAGS - Discussion was held on wind flags and competitors adjusting flags after first match. Rule regarding flags should cover.

WARM UP MATCH - Discussion was held on warm up matches during the 1977 National Rule regarding this is TO BE OBSERVED.

BIDS FOR 1979 NATIONALS - Discussion held on range accommodations and efficiency. Bids were submitted as follows:

Stan Buchtel, on behalf of the Eastern Region, submitted a bid for Kelbly's Rifle Range for back to back Nationals or the Heavy-Varmint-Sporter Nationals. He also submitted a bid for the Unlimited Nationals for Fairfield Sportsmen's Club.

Tom Metzger submitted a bid for Unlimited Nationals to be held at Beeson's Range.

Ed Watson submitted a bid for Volunteer Rifle Range to hold the Varmint-Sporter Nationals.

Discussion followed these bid and Jeff Fowler was present to answer questions put to him about range facilities, efficiency of statistical crew, conditions for campers, etc. He stated that many improvements have already been made and more are being made.

Vote was taken for the 1979 Nationals and they were as follows:

Volunteer Rifle Club - Knoxville, TN Varmint-Sporter Nationals 9 in favor 1 against
Fairfield Sportsmen's Club - Fairfield, OH Unlimited Nationals 9 in favor 1 against
Kelbly's Range - Marshallville, OH Varmint-Sporter Nationals 1 in favor 9 against
Beeson's Range - Warsaw, IN Unlimited Nationals 1 in favor 9 against.

1977 UNLIMITED NATIONAL REFEREES - Walt Berger selected A. G. Rogers, Larry Englebrecht and Stan Buchtel as referees. These referees are to appoint an alternate referee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Nominations were made for all present officers to continue for another year and all officers were re-elected by unanimous vote:

President - Walt Berger
Vice President - Larry Englebrecht
Secretary - Treasurer - Stella Buchtel

OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER - Stella Buchtel stated that when a new person is being considered for this office that they be made fully aware of what is really involved. Requirements should include accounting and secretarial experience. This individual should have plenty of time, as well as office and storage space. It would be unfair to understate the responsibilities and time required to perform in this capacity to a prospective candidate.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

/s/ Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer
NBRSA

MINUTES
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
CHARIOT MOTOR INN - AUSTIN, TEXAS
JULY 30, 1978

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Walter Berger at 9:15 AM on Sunday, July 30, 1978.

The following officers and members were in attendance:

Walter Berger, President
Larry Engelbrecht, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Director, Eastern Region
Bill Dryfield, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Art Girard, Deputy Director, Eastern Region
Frank Wilson, Director, Gulf Coast Region
Jimmy Knox, Director, Mid-Continent Region
Tom Metzger, Director, Mississippi Valley Region
Manley Oakley, Director, Northwest Region
Ed Watson, Director, Southeast Region
Harvey Miller, Director, Southwest Region
Marcy Lyons, Chairman, By-Laws Committee
Don Geraci, Member, Gulf Coast Region

Secretary's report for annual 1977 meeting was read and approved.

By-Laws were reviewed and discussed from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM. Stan Buchtel made a motion that previous 1970 By-Laws be suspended and adopt new By-Laws submitted on July 30, 1978 by By-Laws Chairman, Marcy Lyons, to become effective September 1, 1978. Art Girard seconded the motion. All seven Directors and two Deputy Directors present voted to approve and accept new amended By-Laws as presented. Everett Amundgaard, North Central Director absent from meeting.

Walt Berger discussed off-month publication and advised that it has been agreed to have 12 pages in the NBRSA insert in Rifle Magazine instead of the present 8 pages. There will be no off month publication.

Walt Berger appointed Manley Oakley, a committee of one, to compile a list of magazines and forward to Stella Buchtel who will then contact same to see what it would cost to publish NBRSA monthly news insert for one full year.

CALIBER CHANGE CARDS to be same as regular registration card with the exception omit "I hereby release..." And replace with "CALIBER CHANGE". This change will still provide all necessary information for equipment data. (Handwritten note: & put in rule book)

LOGO TRADEMARK - Stan Buchtel read letter from Patent Attorney regarding status of logo trademark. Logo will be officially registered within the next few months.

HUNTER CLASS - Marcy Lyons was appointed Chairman of the Hunter Rifle Class of NBRSA.

All registered Hunter Class matches are to be published in Rifle magazine. Trans-Continental Hunter League results are not to be published. Hunter Class Records are to be published annually along with Bench Rest Records.

Bill Dryfield, on behalf of the Association, expressed appreciation for Marcy Lyons efforts and Marcy was excused from the meeting.

RULE CHANGES - Jimmy Knox expressed the need for longer time to consider any proposed rule changes. It was suggested that any proposed changes be submitted to all Directors prior to the annual meeting to allow more time for consideration before bringing up for a vote.

REGIONAL BOUNDARY CHANGES - Study to be made of membership concentration and range concentration for the possible re-dividing of regions. Walt Berger appointed Manley Oakley and Ed Watson to conduct this study with Larry Engelbrecht as Chairman. This study to be completed and results reported at board meeting in 1979.

SPORTER CLASS - Discussion held on possible changes in sporter class. The general feeling of the Directors and Deputy Directors, representing their membership, was to leave the Class as it now stands, with no changes.

NATIONAL PUBLICATION - Any Director who has a problem with match results, or any other matter that pertains to the publication, should contact the President of the organization who will then get in touch with the Editor to get matter resolved. It was suggested that deadlines for match results, etc., being submitted to the Editor, be published in Rifle magazine.

Walt Berger gave the following example for lead time required for publishing results in the magazine:

January - February issue - November 15 Deadline

March - April - January 15

May - June - March 15

July - August - May 15

September - October - July 15

November - December - September 15

ETHICS FOR HANDLING RECORD TARGETS - Larry Engelbrecht was appointed Chairman to come up with ethics of conduct for measuring committee to follow in measuring record targets.

Ed Watson made motion that possible record targets are not to be sent to Regional Director in region where record holder resides for measurement and that backers accompany all targets, including 300 yard targets. Tom Metzger seconded. Eight voted for this procedure. Jimmy Knox was absent from meeting room at time of vote.

OFFICIAL MEASURING AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE - President is to investigate the possibility of having an official group of qualified individuals act as official measuring person and statistical personnel to take charge at all National matches.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Election of officers was held at this time so that Tom Metzger could be excused from the meeting to catch his plane.

Art Girard nominated Walt Berger for President, Walt declined the nomination.

Manley Oakley nominated Larry Engelbrecht for President, seconded by Tom Metzger.

Art Girard nominated Stan Buchtel for President, Bill Dryfield seconded. Art Girard then made a motion to close the nominations and Bill Dryfield seconded. Election was then held with Larry Engelbrecht getting five votes and Stan Buchtel four.

Nominations were then made for Vice President. Art Girard nominated Stan Buchtel, who declined the nomination. Manley Oakley nominated Tom Metzger, Stan Buchtel seconded the nomination and nominations were closed. Tom Metzger was elected Vice President by a unanimous vote.

Art Girard nominated Stella Buchtel for Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Bill Dryfield. Nominations were then closed. Stella Buchtel elected Secretary-Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

Officers for the year 1978-79 are:

Larry Engelbrecht - President
Tom Metzger - Vice President
Stella Buchtel - Secretary-Treasurer

After completion of election, Tom Metzger was excused and the meeting continued on.

WINDFLAGS - Discussion held on wind flags. It was decided rule to be left as is.

HALF TIME COMMAND - Discussion held on adding "Half-Time" to range master's command during course of fire. After considerable discussion matter was dispensed of with no change in command.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Distributed for review and was accepted as presented. Report to be filed for audit.

AUDIT - 1977-78 Audit report was read by Walt Berger. Report was prepared by Steve Chase, CPA - Akron, Ohio

DUES INCREASE - After review of finances and lengthy discussion of same, Bill Dryfield made a motion in increase dues \$2.50 per year - Motion died for lack of second.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase dues \$5.00 per member per year, effective January 1, 1979, since no increase has been effected since 1970. Art Girard seconded the motion.

For Dues Increase: Art Girard, Frank Wilson, Jimmy Knox, Manley Oakley, Ed Watson, Harvey Miller, Stan Buchtel.

Against Dues Increase: Bill Dryfield

Tom Metzger had been excused; Everett Amundgaard absent.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase Life Membership from \$125.00 to \$150.00 effective January 1, 1979, payable within one year. Jimmy Knox seconded the motion. Art Girard amended original motion from \$150.00 to \$175.00, Manley Oakley seconded the amended motion. After discussion, vote was taken. Six were in favor of the increase; two were against, Bill Dryfield and Ed Watson. Increase for Life Membership motion passed.

TOP 20 PATCHES - Discussion for changing top 20 patches for National matches to include the place number "1", "2", etc. resulted in no change being made.

RECORDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - Walt Berger read letter of resignation from Jesse Corder. Mr. Corder has been chairman of this committee since 1969. A few suggestions were made for filling this chairmanship and Walt asked that any names for this chairmanship be submitted to him by August 15, 1978 at which time a new chairman will be appointed.

1979 NATIONALS - Ed Watson stated that Knoxville Volunteer Rifle & Pistol Club would like the Nationals to begin July 30 and end August 3. Discussion held and since Nationals have always been held the last week of July and the first week of August no change in date was granted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER SALARY INCREASE - Bill Dryfield made a motion to increase salary for this position by \$1,000 per year. Art Girard seconded the motion and after a lengthy discussion motion was passed by all present. Annual salary to be \$3,700.

RULE BOOK CHANGES - To be incorporated in new rule book "National Match fees are \$12.00 per day maximum". This fee was in previous minutes but never put in the rule book.

ELECTRIC TRIGGERS - Frank Wilson made a motion to delete the use of electric triggers in the hunter rifle ONLY. Seconded by Ed Watson. Six for the motion, Bill Dryfield abstained. Rule book to be changed.

LYMAN-SIERRA LEISURE GROUP - It was requested that NBRSA and IBS submit a list of names for "Bench Rest Shooter of the Year". It was suggested that President send out ballot with limit of three names for this award. Walt will send a letter advising that NBRSA will work with them on this selection.

BIDS FOR 1979 NATIONALS - Stan Buchtel made a bid for 1980 Nationals to be held at Kelbly's range in Marshallville, OH. Bid was for Heavy Varmint and/or Unlimited. Frank Wilson made a bid for Lafayette, Louisiana for the Unlimited. No other bids were offered.

Jimmy Knox made a motion that the 1980 Nationals be held back to back on Kelbly's range, seconded by Art Girard. Six voted for the back to back Nationals, two voted for Louisiana; Harvey Miller and Frank Wilson.

The 1980 Heavy Varmint and Unlimited Nationals will be held back to back at Kelbly's range.

REFEREES FOR 1978 UNLIMITED NATIONALS - Walt Berger appointed Jerry Rogers, Harvey Miller, Leo Harrison as referees and Frank Wilson alternate referee.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION - At this time Southeast Region Director, Ed Watson, submitted his resignation as Director and asked that a temporary Director be appointed until an election could be held. No reason given for resignation. Walt Berger regretfully accepted Ed's resignation.

At approximately 6:15 PM Walt Berger thanked everyone for five years of cooperation and made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Stan Buchtel and the meeting was adjourned.

S/s Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: Walt Berger, President
Larry Engelbrecht, Vice President
All Directors and Deputy Directors

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LaQuinta Motor Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio
July 29, 1979

The annual NBRSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Larry Engelbrecht at 9:00 AM, Sunday, July 29, 1979, at the LaQuinta Motor Inn in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In attendance were:

Larry Engelbrecht, President
Tom Metzger, Vice President
Harvey Miller, Southwest Region Director
Frank Wilson, Gulf Coast Region Director
Ron Wyman, North Central Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Manley Oakley, Northwest Region Director
Jim Beeson, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Ken Gilbert, Eastern Region Deputy Director
Joe Lockhard, Eastern Region Deputy Director
Marcy Lyons, Hunter Class Chairman

Dick Cameron, Mid-Continent Region Director was absent

Minutes of the 1978 meeting were read by the Secretary. Frank Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ed Watson. Minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Stan Buchtel, referring to 1978 minutes, further advised that our NBRSA logo has been officially registered and that all targets, etc. bearing NBRSA logo must bear the registered mark outside the logo and permission must be obtained to use our logo. If registration is not used properly we could lose it in six years.

Treasurer's report for the fiscal year July 1, 1978 thru June 30, 1979 was distributed for review and comments. Ed Watson made a motion to accept treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Stan Buchtel. Motion was passed unanimously. Report to be filed for audit.

Larry Engelbrecht read 1977-78 Audit report prepared by Chase & Associates of Akron, Ohio, and passed same around for review by all Directors, and Deputy Directors in attendance. In accordance with audit report accounting procedures have been accepted and we will continue handle in same manner.

Larry Engelbrecht turned the floor over to March Lyons, Chairman of the Hunter Class, at 9:36 AM. Marcy informed the directors of the current status of the Hunter Rifle Class and requested that a "Hunter National" be held in 1980. Marcy stated that he would accept the responsibility of coordinating a "Hunter National" if same is approved by the Board.

While Marcy was present Ed Watson made a motion to start a "Hunter National" in 1980. Ron Wyman seconded the motion. Motion to be discussed and voted upon later in the meeting.

Suggestions for a Hunter Class Chairman for 1980, while Marcy coordinates the 1980 Nationals, were:

Tony Hildalgo, Englishtown, NJ
Ed Brown, Houston, TX
Nelson Berger, Marshallville, OH
Frank Wilson, Austin, TX

In the event a 1980 "Hunter National" is approved by the Board, Marcy submitted a bid for Central Texas Bench Rest Shooters to conduct the match. Marcy advised that the range is owned by Howard Dietz and is located in New Braunfels, TX. The range has 25 benches.

At this time Marcy excused himself from the meeting and was thanked by all for his presentation and interest in the Hunter Class.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Combine the light varmint and Sporter class at the National matches, having a 13 1/2 lb. and a 10-1/2 lb. class. Combine the Unlimited class and the 10 1/2 and 13 1/2 lb. class for a three-gun aggregate. Shoot in 6 days - begin in 1980.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to take a membership survey on this matter, Harvey Miller seconded the motion. After a very lengthy discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

Stan Buchtel and Ken Gilbert were appointed to work up original membership survey format. They will send format to all Directors, who in turn will forward to Larry Engelbrecht (with copies to all Directors) with their approval or suggested changes. Survey to be prepared and inserted in Rifle magazine, postage paid. Membership survey will be scrutinized and any changes will be based on active shooters reporting in survey.

Regional Reorganization Committee Report - 13 Regions - one Director only from each region, any assistants, associates or deputies to be appointed by the Director and have no vote and will receive no financial assistance from NBRSA.

Regional changes, per sectioned map submitted by the committee, were discussed for approximately 50 minutes. Stan Buchtel made a motion to table the regional changes proposed, seconded by Frank Wilson.

Votes were as follows:

Ed Watson - No	Ken Gilbert - Yes
Harvey Miller - Yes	Stan Buchtel - Yes
Ron Wyman - Yes	Frank Wilson - Yes
Joe Lockhart - Yes	Manley Oakley - Abstained
Jim Beeson - Not present at time of vote	

PROPOSAL TO BE TABLED

Stan Buchtel made a motion to have the State of Virginia become part of the Southeast Region and Kentucky become part of the Eastern Region so the could be better represented because of geographical location. Seconded by Joe Lockhart. Motion was withdrawn after Ed Watson declined the trade.

Joe Lockhart made a motion to take the Northeast proposed section and make that a region by itself, with the exception of Canada. The Northeast region to consist of the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. Ken Gilbert seconded the motion.

Stan Buchtel abstained. Balance of Directors were for the motion and motion passed.

Larry Engelbrecht to appoint a Director for new Northeast Region until such time that an election can be held.

Hunter Rifle Nationals - change relay time; allow Wichita actions.

Stan Buchtel read minutes from annual membership meeting held in Knoxville regarding Wichita action. Frank Wilson made a motion that we approve the magazine Wichita action. Harvey Miller seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Frank Wilson made a motion to change rule, FOR HUNTER CLASS ONLY, to reduce time on relays from 10 minutes to 7 minutes. Ed Watson seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held at this time regarding a "Hunter Class National", including NBRSA reimbursing coordinator for expenses incurred in setting up the first 1980 National (one time only). Since motion had been made and seconded while Marcy was present, President Larry Engelbrecht now called for vote on holding of a Hunter Class National. Motion passed unanimously.

Include all of North America in the NBRSA

Larry read letter from Bench Rest Shooters of Canada regarding records. Letter was discussed and it was the feeling of the Board of Directors that a Canadian shooter shooting a record group in the United States should be an NBRSA member and likewise for a United States shooter shooting a record group in Canada. Larry to write letter advising of the Board's decision.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Steve Lam, of Hawaii, be appointed as an Associate Director reporting to Harvey Miller, Southwest Region Director. Motion was seconded by Ed Watson and passed by all present. Manley Oakley absent at time of vote.

Manley Oakley to appoint an Associate Director for the State of Alaska.

Submittal of match schedules to "Rifle" (Bob Morris) by Directors only

More cooperation is needed between Directors and Clubs regarding match schedules. If Bob Morris, Editor, receives match schedules from a club it will be returned to the club requesting that they resubmit through their Regional Director.

Clarify Guidelines for World Records and handling of such

Discussion held on "World Records" and some examples given as to a World Record being broken and immediately being broken again. Recognition to be given to final person breaking record and previous one not listed---ANYTIME a record is broken, even if same day, same match, record is to be recorded and published as such.

Ed Watson made a motion that ties to existing records be listed as co-holders. Seconded by Ken Gilbert. Stan Buchtel and Ron Wyman were against a co-holder, balance of Directors for listing co-holders. Motion passed.

National championship ring or belt buckle for the Champion

Harvey Miller and Tom Metzger were appointed as a committee of two to collect information on ring or belt buckle for National Varmint Champion and Unlimited National Champion.

Re-define Target Measurements concerning the .019 and .084 inch reduction for 6mm & 308

Larry explained this problem. Stan Buchtel made a motion that calibers will be marked in the upper right hand margin of targets at all registered matches. Ron Wyman seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Rule book to be changed.

A twenty minute break was taken at this time. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM and reconvened promptly at 2:00 PM.

Elimination of some of the warm-up matches at the Nationals

Stan Buchtel made a motion to eliminate warm-up matches at National Match if a match is discontinued one day and continues the next day at the same yardage. Manley Oakley seconded the motion. Votes were as follows:

Opposed: Ed Watson, Ron Wyman, Frank Wilson

For: Stan Buchtel, Harvey Miller, Manley Oakley, Joe Lockhart, Ken Gilbert

Jim Beeson abstained. Motion carried by a membership count.

Windflags

Discussion on wind flags; referees and Directors to check with clubs to make sure windflags are according to rule book! Refer to page 27 of rule book, "Flags must be no higher than the line of the flight of the bullet from bench to target frames.

Amendment to By-Laws

Ed Watson made a motion to amend the By-Laws to allow president power, with Board of Directors approval, and with substantial proof in writing or witnesses to prove dereliction of performance, to replace any Director not fulfilling responsibility of his office to the best interest of NBRSA. Manley Oakley seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Article 5, page 37 of By-Laws to be amended in accordance with motion.

Complaints regarding Rests

Ed Watson stated that Referees in Knoxville, at the Nationals, had complaints regarding front and rear rests. Commencing in 1980 rule will be strictly enforced regarding the use of rests.

Numbering of Benches

Stan Buchtel made a motion that all NBRSA affiliated ranges have benches numbered the same, from left to right, facing down the range toward the targets, starting with bench "1", "2", "3", etc. Motion died for lack of second.

Combine words "Bench Rest"

Manley Oakley made a motion to combine the words "Bench Rest" to one word "Benchrest wherever it is used. Motion died for lack of second.

National Board Meeting Date

Ed Watson made a motion to hold the National Board meeting the 1st Sunday in August with previous week for Varmint Nationals and the following week for Unlimited Nationals. Roy Wyman seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

1981 Nationals will be July 28 thru August 1st Varmint and August 5 thru August 8 Unlimited. Board meeting will be August 3, 1981.

Referees for Varmint Nationals

Directors are to meet the day before Nationals begin and select referees for current year Varmint National Matches.

New Publication Proposal

New publication proposal was distributed for review and discussed for approximately 40 minutes. It was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

Re-organize membership on a calendar year basis

Stella Buchtel to pursue possibility of addressograph or computer service to change membership over to an annual basis.

Increase President's yearly expense account of \$200

Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase President's expense account of \$250.00 per year. After discussion, Manley Oakley seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer salary increase

Ed Watson made a motion to increase Secretary-Treasurer's salary to \$4200.00 per year. Frank Wilson seconded motion and motion passed unanimously. Further discussion on the responsibilities and time involvement in this position continued and a new motion was made by Harvey Miller to increase salary to \$4500.00 per year instead of \$4200.00, Manley Oakley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Registered Match Fee Increase

Discussion was held regarding increasing match fees. Frank Wilson made a motion to increase match fees to \$12.00 per day plus \$3.00 for additional rifle. Ken Gilbert seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Page 14 of rule book to be changed.

Bid for 1981 National Matches

Stan Buchtel submitted Kelbly's range for back to back Varmint & Unlimited Nationals.

Ed Watson submitted Volunteer Rifle Club for back to back Varmint & Unlimited Nationals.

Frank Wilson submitted Austin Rifle Range for Varmint and Lafayette, LA for Unlimited.

Votes were as follows:

Kelbly's Range - Stan Buchtel

Knoxville - Ed Watson, Jim Beeson, Ron Wyman, Joe Lockhart

Austin/Lafayette - Frank Wilson, Harvey Miller, Ken Gilbert, Stan Buchtel

Manley Oakley abstained.

1981 Nationals were awarded to Knoxville * (See Addendum)

Referees for 1979 Unlimited Nationals

George Kelbly, Scott Hunter, Allan Hall were selected as referees.

Jimmy Campbell, selected as alternate referee. Referees to select Chief Referee.

Election of Officers

President, Larry Engelbrecht, called for nomination of officers.

Ken Gilbert made a motion to retain same officers for 1979-1980. Ed Watson seconded the motion.

Ron Wyman made a motion to close nominations. Ed Watson seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

With no further business on hand, Joe Lockhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harvey Miller seconded and motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

S/s Stella Buchtel

Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: Larry Engelbrecht, President

Tom Metzger, Vice President

All Directors and Deputy Directors

ADDENDUM TO 1979 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING AT FAIRFIELD SPORTSMAN CLUB - Cincinnati, OH - August 3, 1979

Present were:

Larry Engelbrecht, President
Frank Wilson, Gulf Coast Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Director
Manley Oakley, Northwest Director
Harvey Miller, Southwest Director
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Director
Ken Gilbert, Eastern Deputy Director
Joe Lockhart, Eastern Deputy Director

Absent were:

Jim Beeson, Mississippi Valley Director
Ron Wyman, North Central Director
Dick Cameron, Mid-Continent Director

This meeting was called by President Larry Engelbrecht, to further stress the importance of the Nationals being traditionally alternated between the East and West. Larry asked for a re-consideration of the location of the National Varmint and Unlimited Matches for 1981.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the Varmint and Unlimited Nationals be rebid for 1981. Frank Wilson seconded the motion, a quorum was present and the motion passed.

Frank Wilson bid: Austin, TX for Varmint Nationals
Lafayette, LA for Unlimited

Ed Watson bid: Knoxville, TN for Varmint and Unlimited Nationals back to back

Votes were:

Austin/Lafayette: Frank Wilson, Stan Buchtel, Ken Gilbert, Harvey Miller.
Abstained: Manley Oakley

Knoxville: Ed Watson, Joe Lockhart

1981 Nationals were now awarded to Austin (Varmint) and Lafayette (Unlimited).

During this meeting the Directors examined two types of front rests/sand bags and based on the rule book definition of the sand bag, approved both as being legal to use in the Varmint/Sporter registered matches. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*SECRETARY'S NOTE: The vote on the Varmint National and Unlimited National at the original meeting was misunderstood and awarded to Knoxville, but a membership count by region gave the majority vote to Austin/Lafayette making the second meeting unnecessary.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
George Kelbly's Rifle Range - Marshallville, Ohio
August 3, 1980

The annual NBRSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Larry Engelbrecht at 8:07 AM Sunday August 3, 1980 at Kelbly's Rifle Range in Marshallville, Ohio.

In attendance were:

Larry Engelbrecht, President
Tom Metzger, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Joe Lockhart, Eastern Region Deputy Director
Kenny Gilbert, Eastern Region Deputy Director
George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director Elect
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Deputy Director Elect
Orlin Gilkerson, eastern Region Deputy Director Elect
Frank Wilson, gulf Coast Region Director
James Beeson, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Donald Creach, Mid Continent Region Director
Ron Wyman, North Central Region Director
Manley Oakley, Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Harvey Miller, Southwest Region Director
Walt Berger, past President
Art Girard, Past Eastern Region Deputy Director

APPROVAL OF 1979 MINUTES

It was unanimously agreed to dispense with the reading of the 1979 minutes and they were approved as published.

Larry Engelbrecht read the 1979-80 Audit report and passed it for the Directors to review.

A discussion was held on the duties and responsibilities of a Director, which are defined in the rule book and are to be followed.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the problems in the Southwest Region. It was agreed that the Director acted in accordance with the rule book and is doing a good job. His re-election verified the fact.

HUNTER CLASS RULE CLARIFICATION, ADDITIONS, ETC.

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed Marcy Lyon's letter. Considerable discussion resulted in a motion made by Stan Buchtel that Marcy Lyon's revised changes, as presented and reviewed by the Directors, be accepted and be inserted in the rule book effective January 1, 1981. Ken Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW PUBLICATION (PRECISION SHOOTING)

Tom Metzger officially announced that the NBRSA members would not be missing any magazines. Rifle magazine ended with the July-August issue and Precision Shooting begins with the September 1981 issue. He further stated that we will have eight (8) full pages of NBRSA news, not counting advertising. Magazine will be a monthly publication. Precision Shooting will be paid on a monthly basis. Marcy Lyons is to prepare a formal contract which is to be submitted for approval and acceptance by NBRSA and Precision Shooting. Bob Morris will continue as Editor.

NBRSA will have the cover page of Precision Shooting every other month, October to be the first NBRSA cover.

EDITOR

A discussion was held regarding the remuneration paid to the editor for his service in preparing the copy for Precision Shooting. A motion was made by Frank Wilson to increase his retainer fee to \$300.00 per month effective September 1, 1981. Motion was seconded by Harvey Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Guidelines for the Editor were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that all correspondence and communications must go thru the NBRSA President, prior to any action being taken on any problems he might encounter.

Phil Sauer made a motion that it become a standard procedure at the annual meeting to confirm the appointment of whoever is to be the editor for the year, his remuneration as well as the Director's remuneration and the Secretary's salary. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL TROPHIES

Frank Wilson advised that Harold Broughton would like to provide a 3-Gun Junior traveling trophy as a memorial to Ruth McMillan. Ed Watson made a motion to accept his offer. Don Creach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Stan Buchtel then made a motion that NBRSA supply the keeper trophy for the 3-Gun Junior trophy. Phil Sauer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Frank Wilson made another motion the NBRSA accept Ed Phillips offer to contribute a memorial trophy for his son. This to be a traveling trophy for 2-Gun LV and SP aggregate. Ed will also furnish keeper trophies for 10 years. Ron Wyman seconded the motion and motion was passed unanimously.

Ed Watson made a motion that NBRSA replace the traveling LV trophy that disappeared in Knoxville, as near as possible to the original, complete with names and dates of winners. Phil Sauer seconded and motion was passed.

Don Creach made a motion that Larry Englebrecht be appointed to handle all traveling trophies. Ron Wyman seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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point. The portion which contacts the rifle shall contact the entire surface under the fore-end. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed.

The rear bag, shall be a sand bag, or combination of bags complying to the above specifications. This motion was made by Stan Buchtel and seconded by Joe Lockhart, motion passed.

HALL OF FAME POINT SYSTEM

After a discussion on this subject and being advised that Rifle magazine was no longer handling the Hall of Fame, a motion was made by Stan Buchtel that the Hall of Fame be turned over to Skip Gordon and controlled totally by Skip Gordon. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed.

CHANGE IN VARMINT-SPORTER CHAMPIONSHIP TO FOUR DAYS AND UNLIMITED NATIONALS TO TWO DAYS AND BACK TO BACK NATIONALS

Considerable discussion on this subject resulted in Ed Watson making a motion to change the Varmint-Sporter National Championship to four days - Monday thru Thursday, prior to the first Sunday in August and the Unlimited course of fire to 5 - 10 shot matches at 100 yards and 5-10 shot matches at 200 yards on Friday and Saturday following the completion of the Varmint-Sporter competition and prior to the first Sunday in August. The motion was seconded by Don Creach.

Stan Buchtel amended the motion to leave the Unlimited Championship at four days with no change. Seven opposed the amendment, three for the amendment. Amendment did not pass. Harvey Miller made a motion to amend Ed's motion to 8 - 10 shot matches for each of the two days. James Beeson seconded the motion. Seven for the amendment, two opposed. Joe Lockhart abstained. Ken Gilbert then amended the motion to state the matches be started on Sunday at the discretion of the range. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Stan Buchtel amended the motion to state that this change be for two years, if not successful it goes back to four days. Seconded by Ken Gilbert, motion passed - Joe Lockhart abstained.

The motion, after amendments, now states "change the Varmint-Sporter National Championship to four days, Wednesday thru Saturday with the Unlimited National Championship to be changed to two days and to start on Sunday or Monday preceding the Varmint-Sporter Nationals (at the discretion of the range). The Unlimited to be changed to 8-10 shot matches at 100 yards and 8-10 shot matches at 200 yards course of fire. These Nationals to be held the week preceding the first Sunday in August and to be for a trial period of two years. If unsuccessful the Unlimited course of fire will revert back to the current four days of competition and course of fire." This will be effective at the National matches for the years 1982-1983. This is the motion as passed.

WARM UP MATCHES AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Don Creach made a motion to eliminate warm up matches at the Nationals for all classes. Ron Wyman seconded. Two were opposed, motion passed. This was also in agreement with vote taken at general membership meeting and will be effective at the 1981 Nationals.

TOP TEN EQUIPMENT LIST

Frank Wilson made a motion that all registered Regional Championships furnish a top ten equipment list. At the National Championships, equipment list to be furnished for the top 20. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

SAND BAG RULE

The sand bag rule was discussed at the annual membership meeting with 42 members agreeing that the rule should be left as it is presently written. Eleven members wanted to revert back to old rule. After a discussion by the Board of Directors it was agreed that the rule should remain as it is presently written.

CROSSFIRES

Frank Wilson made a motion to change crossfire penalties to include a penalty for each shot fired on a crossfire = 1/4" minute of angle for each shot crossfired at 100 yards, 1/2" minute of angle at 200 yards and 3/4" minute of angle at 300 yards. Don Creach seconded the motion. Motion passed with Stan Buchtel being the only one against the rule.

HUNTER CLASS

Frank Wilson advised that the Hunter Class Committee has agreed not to form a new factory hunter class.

Marcy Lyons took a survey on using red instead of black for the hunter targets. Survey indicated shooters preferred the red. Frank Wilson made a motion to change hunter target

from black to red after current inventory is depleted. Motion passed with Phil Sauer abstaining.

A discussion was held on safety for hunter rifle with a specific photo being passed around for opinions. Harvey Miller then made a motion to eliminate the requirement of safety for the hunter rifle. Stan Buchtel seconded and motion passed with Don Creach opposed.

COURSE OF FIRE

Course of fire in rule book to be changed to include Regional Championship Matches.

Page 9 - Item 10 COURSES OF FIRE: The following courses of fire shall be required for Championship Tournaments.

1. The National Unlimited Rifle Championship Matches shall cover four days of shooting and will be held the first week of August. The first and second days shall provide five ten-shot matches at 100 yards. The Third and fourth days shall provide five ten-shot matches at 200 yards. First Day Aggregate; Second Day Aggregate; 100 Yard Aggregate, the winner of which shall be the National One Hundred Yard Champion; Third Day Aggregate; Fourth Day Aggregate; 200 yard Aggregate, the winner of which shall be the National Two Hundred Yard Champion; Grand Aggregate, combining the 100 and 200 yard Aggregates, expressed in minute of angle, the winner of which shall be the National Unlimited Champion.

A discussion was held regarding the President's decision to hold joint Unlimited Nationals without prior approval of Directors. No action taken.

DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

Ed Watson made a motion that anytime a Special Director's meeting is called to consider any subject discussed and voted on in the Annual Directors Meeting, it is mandatory that all Directors present at the annual Meeting be contacted for a re-vote before any decisions resulting from the Annual Meeting can be altered. James Beeson seconded. Motion passed with Stan Buchtel abstaining.

RULE D-11

Ed Watson made a motion to improve wording of rule D-11 (page 10) to require all competitors to fire all matches during the firing of their original assigned relay, and/or the same relay they fire their warm-up match. Manley Oakley seconded the motion. After a discussion the motion was withdrawn. This item covered on page 15 under Drawing for Benches.

RULE D-14 (b)

Ed Watson made a motion to change paragraph to read "Targets will not be hung for unoccupied benches." Frank Wilson seconded the motion. Discussion was held and Frank Wilson withdrew his second. Ed Watson ultimately withdrew his motion.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BELT BUCKLE

Ed Watson showed samples of belt buckle to be given to 3-Gun National Champion. Discussion on prices, etc. was held. Frank Wilson made a motion to give belt buckles to Grand Aggregate Champion for each class and 3-Gun Grand Aggregate Champion. Manley Oakley seconded the motion and motion passed. NBRSA to provide.

STATIONARY

Discussion on personalized stationary for Officers and Directors resulted in a motion being made by Frank Wilson to leave the stationary as it is. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ken Gilbert and Ed Watson abstaining.

4-GUN CHAMPION

Stan Buchtel made a motion that NBRSA adopt a 4-Gun National Champion in 1982, 3-Gun Champion to be retained. Ken Gilbert seconded the motion. After considerable discussion Ken Gilbert withdrew his second and motion died with the withdrawal of the second.

WINDFLAGS (con't)

Stan Buchtel made a motion that flags must be no higher than the line of the flight of the bullet from the bench top to target frames. The Range Officer may order a flag lowered if possible; if not possible to lower flag, it is to be removed upon verification of two referees that the flag is interfering with a shooter. Motion seconded by Manley Oakley and motion passed.

BENCH ROTATION

Rotation of benches at State and Regional Championships is optional but must be stated in the program.

WORLD RECORDS

A discussion was held on a grand aggregate for world record purposes for 100-200-300 yard aggregate. Must be same match and consecutive days. Don Creach made a motion to combine grand aggregate for 100-200-300 yard aggregates for world record purposes. Ed Watson seconded. Motion passed with Stan Buchtel abstaining.

DIRECTOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase directors mileage allowance from 12 cents to 18 cents per mile based on Rand McNally mileage schedules, to be effective with 1981 Board meeting. Manley Oakley seconded, motion passed unanimously.

EASTERN TARGET SUPPLIER

Stan Buchtel is to check for a target supplier in the East and samples are to be sent to Directors for approval before any action is taken.

RIFLE RESTS

Stan Buchtel made a motion to eliminate restrictions on rest for the unlimited rifle. Orlin Gilkerson seconded and motion passed with Manley Oakley opposed.

MATCH FEES

A discussion on increasing match fees for regional and registered matches from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per day resulted in no change, fees to stay the same.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to increase match fees to \$15.00 per day at the National Championship matches with \$1.00 going to the National organization. Manley Oakley seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Don Creach made a motion that no alcoholic beverages will be consumed on a range during a match until the last match of the day is completed. Violators of this rule will be disqualified. Ed Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken Gilbert nominated Art Girard for Vice President, Frank Wilson moved that nominations be closed.

Ed Watson nominated Bill Hall for Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Lockhart nominated Stella Buchtel. Roy Wyman moved that nominations be closed. Second by Manley Oakley.

Ed Watson invited Bill Hall into the meeting for him to advise the board of his qualifications and objectives. After Bill was excused a ballot vote was taken and the results were Bill Hall 2, Stella Buchtel 8.

The new officers are Tom Metzger, President; Art Girard, Vice President; and Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer. President and Vice President term to expire August 31, 1981, Secretary-Treasurer term to expire August 31, 1982.

REFEREES FOR UNLIMITED NATIONALS

The following referees were selected for the 1980 Unlimited:

George Suess, Alan Hall, Art Fruend, Fletcher Williams.

Don Creach made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ken Gilbert seconded and motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

S/s Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

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Cc: All officers & Directors
Editor

Approved: s/s Larry Engelbrecht, President 11/3/80

NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CHARIOT MOTOR INN

Austin, Texas
August 2, 1981

President Tom Metzger called the Annual Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:30 AM on August 2, 1981, at the Chariot Motor Inn in Austin, Texas.

In attendance were:

Tom Metzger	President
Art Girard	Vice President
Stella Buchtel	Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel	Proxy for Eastern Region Director
Orlin Gilkerson	Deputy Director Eastern Region
Phil Sauer	Deputy Director Eastern Region
Frank Wilson	Gulf Coast Region Director
Howard Dietz	Gulf Coast Region Director Elect
Don Creach	Mid-Continent Region Director
Roy Wyman	North Central Region Director
Manley Oakley	Proxy for Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson	Southeast Region Director
Harvey Miller	Southwest Region Director
Walt Berger	Associate Southwest Region Director
Larry Englebrecht	Past President

The Board of Directors agreed to dispense with the reading of the 1980 minutes.

Tom Metzger read the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980. Some discussion was held regarding suggestion made by the auditor and the Life Membership fund.

Tom Metzger read proxies from George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director, and Denton Andrews, Northwest Region Director. Ed Watson made a motion to accept the proxies with no restrictions, motion passed unanimously.

RIFLE HALL OF FAME:

After reading several letters regarding the Rifle Hall of Fame, the President called for a discussion. After a lengthy discussion Stan Buchtel made a motion that the Rifle Hall of Fame remain an NBRSA function except for honorary members. Ed Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

President Tom Metzger then appointed Larry Englebrecht, and he accepted, the responsibility of the Rifle Hall of Fame.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that NBRSA purchase all trophies, jackets, etc. required for the Rifle Hall of Fame winners. Don Creach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Larry will contact Dave Wolfe, Skip Gordon, and Bob Morris to obtain all data compiled to date on the Rifle Hall of Fame.

A sample target from Marcy Lyons was shown and explained. Permission was requested to try this target on non-registered matches. It was agreed to let him try the target and to advise the board next year on the results of this trial.

Stan Buchtel asked who operated the trans-Continental League and suggested that whoever is operating it be advised the NBRSA is not responsible for this league. He further advised of people being upset about a rumor that the hunter target will be changed and that they should be advised that this is only a trial.

CLUB AFFILIATION DUES INCREASE:

Ed Watson made a motion to increase Club Affiliation Dues to \$15.00 and to include all classes. Frank Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. New printing of membership applications to include Club Affiliation also.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE:

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Associate Memberships be increased to \$5.00. Joe Lockhart seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

STANDARD MAILING CONTAINER FOR RECORD TARGETS:

A discussion on proper containers for mailing record targets resulted in Manley Oakley being appointed to find suitable containers, large enough to accommodate 300 yard targets, and send one to each Director. NBRSA will pay for the containers.

WINDFLAGS:

A discussion, as occurs every year, resulted in Ed Watson making a motion that no flags may be posted or adjusted after the first match of the day except for changes in yardage. Harvey Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BENCH ROTATION:

Stan Buchtel made a motion that at National Championship Tournaments a system of bench rotation shall be used. All bench numbers will be drawn and assigned by at least two Directors as soon as practical. A bench rotation system may be used at any NBRSA registered tournament when so elected by the match sponsors. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

SAND BAGS, FRONT AND REAR:

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the front sand bag shall be a bag without additions, containing sand only, and at least 1/2" thick over it's entire surface. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least 1/4" with finger pressure at any___.

Frank Wilson will duplicate and NBRSA buy a heavy varmint trophy to replace the Sierra rotating trophy.

Stan Buchtel was appointed to see that all rotating trophies are properly appraised and value of same certified for insurance purposes. Stan Buchtel then made a motion that once appraisals are made an insurance policy premium is to be submitted for approval by the President. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Larry Englebrecht to research minutes of previous meetings to find out how far back we were to go for 3-Gun Keeper trophies. He is to further advise the National Office and the President of his finds so that keeper trophies can be purchased if necessary.

Phil Sauer made a motion that a traveling All Gun Trophy be sanctioned as an official trophy and that NBRSA furnish keeper trophy. Don Creach seconded and motion passed unanimously. Jerry Rogers to receive a keeper trophy for 1980.

Larry Englebrecht left the meeting at 11:15 AM.

WARM-UP MATCHES:

A discussion was held on warm-up matches. Ed Watson then made a motion that warm-up matches be optional at all registered shoots but all clubs must state in the magazine and program whether or not there will be a warm-up match. Phil Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed. Rule to become effective January 1, 1982.

NATIONAL 300 YARD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES:

Ed Watson made a motion to sanction a National 300 Yard Championship match beginning in 1982, with matches being held over a single weekend; unlimited and Sporter on Saturday and Heavy Varmint on Sunday. Ron Wyman seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken and the results were 2-1/3 for and 6-2/3 against.

DIRECTORS EXPENSE ALLOWANCE:

Ed Watson made a motion to increase Director's expense allowance to \$.75 annually per member including Life members. Payment for Life members to be paid in January of each year. Manley Oakley seconded. The motion passed and will become effective January 1, 1982.

HEAVY VARMINT 4-MAN TEAM TROPHY:

Ed Watson ask that we make sure that all Heavy Varmint 4-man team aggregates are engraved on the team trophy for the years not presented to winners. Larry Englebrecht to research and advise 1981 winners of 4-man team trophy to have trophy engraved and send bill for same to NBRSA National Office for reimbursement.

COURSE OF FIRE:

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Ranges holding Nationals must allow practice firing at the end of each day after the last record match is fired and early morning before matches start if possible. Motion seconded by Don Creach and passed with no opposition.

Ed Watson made a motion that the first match of the Varmint-Sporter Nationals is to be 10 minutes at each distance and Unlimited 15 minutes at each distance. Ken Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REALIGNMENT OF REGIONS:

Ron Wyman presented a proposal based on membership. Stan Buchtel made a motion to again table this proposal and Frank Wilson seconded. Information to be sent to Directors for further study. Votes for this motion was 9 for tabling and Ed Watson abstained.

Discussion on the states of Virginia and Kentucky resulted in Stan Buchtel's motion that the State of Virginia be transferred to Southeast Region for Kentucky. Ed Watson seconded. Ed withdrew second and motion was withdrawn. Stan then made a motion to transfer Virginia to the Southeast Region. Seconded by Ken Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously and becomes effective January 1, 1981.

EDITOR:

Ed Watson made a motion the NBRSA "Rifle" Editor's name, address and phone number be added to Officers and Director's listing which appears in each issue of "Rifle". Harvey Miller seconded the motion and motion passed.

Editor, Robert Morris, was invited into the meeting at this point to present his proposal for an NBRSA publication. Jim Beeson also presented a proposal. Jim is to investigate his source further. Larry Englebrecht to contact Rifle magazine to see if they will continue until we can find another publication for NBRSA.

BY-LAWS CHANGE - DIRECTOR VOTE:

Stan Buchtel made a motion to change By-Laws to have a Director's vote count as one vote rather than membership count. Ed Watson seconded the motion. Everyone in favor except Frank Wilson. By-Law to be changed.

NORTHEASTERN REGION DIRECTOR:

Discussion on this subject indicated a problem trying to get a Director from this Region because it is IBS Country and there would be a conflict of interest. Will still pursue this matter until a director is chosen.

COURSE OF FIRE (con't):

2. The National Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter rifle Championship Matches will be held the last week of July. Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter Championship courses of fire shall be five five-shot matches at 100 yards and five five-shot matches at 200 yards. 100 Yard Aggregate for each class, the winner of which shall be the One Hundred Yard Champion; 200 Yard Aggregate for each class, the winner of which shall be the Two Hundred Yard Champion; Grand Aggregate for each class, the winner of which shall be the Two Hundred Yard Champion; Grand Aggregate for each class, combining the 100 and 200 Yard Aggregates expressed in minute of angle, the winner of which shall be the Champion. At National Championship matches, the competitor with the lowest average aggregate for all three classes shall be the Three Gun Champion. There will be no warm-up match at the start of each day. Ranges holding Nationals must allow practice firing at the end of each day after the last record match is fired and early morning, before matches start if possible.

3. Regional Unlimited Championship Tournaments shall be five ten-shot matches at 100 yards and five ten-shot matches at 200 Yards. 100 Yard Aggregate, the winner of which shall be the One Hundred Yard Regional Champion; 200 yard Aggregate, the winner of which shall be the Two Hundred Yard Regional Champion; and Grand Aggregate, combining the 100 and 200 Aggregates expressed in minute of angle, the winner of which shall be the Regional Unlimited Rifle Champion. Registered Unlimited Class tournaments will use the same course of fire as the Regionals.

4. Regional Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter Class tournaments shall be five five-shot matches at 100 yards and five five shot matches at 200 yards. The winner of the 100 Yard Aggregate for each class will be the One Hundred Yard Champion; the winner of the 200 yard Aggregate for each class will be the Two Hundred Yard Champion. The winner of the Grand Aggregate will be determined by combining the 100 and 200 yard aggregates expressed in minute of angle and will be the Grand Aggregate Champion for each Class. Registered Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter Class tournaments will use the same course of fire as the Regionals.

VERTICAL SPACER:

Phil Sauer made a motion to allow vertical spacer under the rear sandbag as long as they incorporate no adjustments for windage or elevation. The vertical spacers shall not contain any protrusions which can be inserted into bench top or the sand bag. The rear bag shall not be contained in any manner. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed with Manley Oakley opposed.

WIND FLAGS:

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD AGAIN ON WINDFLAGS. Don Creach advised that at the annual membership meeting 48 competitors were in favor of retaining the flag rule, only 7 were against. Ed Watson made a motion to table this subject for another year. Don Creach seconded. Three board members were for tableing and 5 were against.

REVISE BY-LAWS REGARDING TERM OF DIRECTORS:

Stan Buchtel made a motion to restrict term of Director to 4 years to get new blood into the organization. Individual could run again after a two year period. Jim Beeson seconded the motion. After discussion Jim Beeson withdrew his second and the motion died.

JUNIOR CHAMPION PATCHES:

Frank Wilson made a motion to give a patch to Junior Champion for Heavy Varmint and 3 Gun (Patch to say "Junior Champion". Harvey Miller seconded and motion passed unanimously to become effective January 1, 1981.

TROPHIES BEING PRESENTED AFTER EACH CLASS:

Discussion was held on presenting trophies after each class - no action taken.

1981 NATIONALS:

Since LaFayette declined the 1981 Nationals for Unlimited it was given to New Braunfels. The Varmint Nationals to still be held in Austin, Texas.

1982 NATIONALS:

Stan Buchtel submitted a bid for 4-Gun National to be held at Kelbly's Range. Ed Watson submitted a bid for Knoxville indicating the World's Fair would be held there in 1982 also. A vote taken gave the 1982 Nationals to Knoxville, back to back.

1981 HUNTER NATIONALS:

Frank Wilson bid for Hunter Nationals to be held in LaFayette October 3 & 4, 1982. Discussion was held on why Hub City Rifle Club in Lafayette did not accept the 1981 Nationals. This was the only bid for Hunter Nationals so they will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ed Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ken Gilbert seconded the motion and motion passed. Report to be filed for audit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ed Watson nominated Tom Metzger for President. Joe Lockhart nominated Stan Buchtel. Ken Gilbert moved that nominations be closed. Jim Beeson seconded. A ballot vote taken and the count was Tom Metzger 7, Stan Buchtel 3.

REDISTRICTING OF REGIONS:

The subject was discussed again and maps prepared by Ron Wyman and Ed Watson were reviewed. Stan Buchtel made a motion to shelve this matter until a more suitable time. Motion passed 5 to 1. However, Don Creach made a motion to give the Mississippi Valley Region of Iowa to the North Central Region. Phil Sauer seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

PROTEST AT UNLIMITED NATIONALS:

Tom Metzger read a protest from T. J. Jackson regarding windflags at the Unlimited Nationals in 1980. Six agreed with referees, two did not. Protest fee of \$3.00 will be deposited into National account.

Surveyors tape used as windflags will be discussed at the 1983 board meeting to decide whether it will be allowed or not.

1982 NATIONALS:

Don Creach brought up the subject of changing the 1982 Nationals because of the World's Fair being in Knoxville at the same time, thus making costs prohibitive. Rooms normally available at the rate of \$32.50 will be around \$80.00 per night. Motels would not commit to dates for him. A show of hands at the membership meeting indicated 32 were for moving the Nationals, 18 were for keeping them in Knoxville.

After considerable discussion, the possibility of just changing the date to October was considered but it was still not feasible because the World's Fair would not be over until October 31.

After this discussion bids were submitted for the 1983 Nationals, based on a possible trade with Knoxville.

Bids were as follow:

Kelbly's Range	3
Midland Range	4

Midland's bid for the 1983 Nationals were with the stipulation that "they provided water and restroom facilities which meet with the Regional Director's approval."

At this time a trade was offered to Knoxville, if they wish to trade. Tom Metzger is to check with Knoxville to see if they wish to trade or take their chances on a very low attendance. Decision is to be made within two weeks from the date of this meeting.

Hunter Nationals Bids for 1982 were made at this time. Don Creach bid St. Louis and Frank Wilson bid Corsicana. The results were:

St. Louis	4-2/3
Corsicana	1-1/3

The 1982 Hunter Nationals will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

DRAWING FOR BENCHES:

Stan Buchtel stated that the assignment for benches in Austin at the Varmint Nationals was not done according to the rule book. Phil Sauer (speaking for the referees) advised that the bench selection had been made by computer and that it was not feasible to draw benches according to the rule book because cards had already been made up and it would necessitate redoing all this and would result in a considerable amount of lost time.

At this time Don Creach made a motion that at National matches as soon as enough registrations are received to complete first relay, registrations are to be taken to a notary public to have the benches assigned at random and to certify that this has been done. As other registrations come in they are to be treated in the same manner. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S SALARY:

Don Creach made a motion to maintain the Secretary's salary at the present \$4500.00 per year. Harvey Miller seconded the motion and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was distributed for review and approval. Report was approved and will be filed for audit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Don Creach nominated Walt Berger for Vice President. Stan Buchtel nominated Art Girard. Vote was taken and the results were 5 to 2 in favor of Walt Berger for Vice President.

Stan Buchtel nominated Tom Metzger for President. Frank Wilson moved that nominations be closed and Ed Watson seconded. Motion passed and Tom Metzger will remain President for another year.

Don Creach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Wyman seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

S/s Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: s/s Tom Metzger, President

NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 1982
BEST WESTERN MOTEL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Tom Metzger at 7:34 PM on Tuesday, July 27, 1982, at the Best Western Motel in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In attendance were:

Tom Metzger, President
Walt Berger, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director
Phil Sauer, Deputy Director Eastern Region
Orlin Gilkerson, Deputy Director Eastern Region
Howard Dietz, Gulf Coast Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director Elect
Lee Euber, Northeast Region Director
Ron Wyman, North Central Region Director
Gene Harwood, Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Harvey Miller, Southwest Region Director

Other members present were:

Denton Andrews, Former Director
Stan buchtel, Eastern Region Director Elect
Jim Folwell, Associate Northwest Region Director
Manley Oakley, Former Director
Larry Englebrecht, Chairman Hall of Fame

Tom introduced members attending a Board meeting for the first time and advised that Ron Hoehn had a Proxy for James Beeson, Mississippi Valley Region Director and would be representing him at this meeting.

Larry Englebrecht showed the board of Directors the plaques he had made up for the Hall of Fame winners and advised the cost was \$52.00 each. He also presented a sample jacket for the winners and was advised to pursue the type of jacket previously awarded to Hall of Fame winners.

Phil Sauer made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Howard Dietz seconded and the motion passed.

Tom read the audit report from the auditing firm of Lukuch and Associates for the fiscal year 1981-82 and passed it for review.

The annual financial report and membership report were distributed. Financial report was accepted as presented and will be file for audit.

Howard Dietz brought up the subject of the missing Light Varmint Trophy and asked if it had been replaced. To date it had not been. Tom will delegate a Director to pursue the replacement of this trophy.

Board meeting and match dates for 1983 were discussed. Meeting was set for Sunday, July 24, 1983 to begin at 1:00 PM, with the place to be decided later. National matches will be held July 25th, 1983, thru July 30th, 1983. This will be the second year of the two year trial on holding matches back to back on the same range within a one week period. These dates will be published in Precision Shooting magazine.

Howard Dietz reported on range improvements at Midland, Texas. They have complied with the conditions set forth by the Board of Directors at their 1981 annual meeting. The 1983 Varmint-Sporter Nationals will be held in Midland.

George Kelbly mentioned that the article about reciprocal cards between NBRSA and IBS in the Precision Shooting magazine was incorrectly stated. Tom Metzger will get this matter corrected. The club hosting the match will get the fees collected, i.e., IBS holding match, they get the fees; NBRSA holds match, they get the fees.

Gene Harwood requested that a committee to promote closer ties between IBS and NBRSA, with special emphasis on consistency of rules regarding equipment, be formed. The Board elected not to form a committee at this time.

Gene Harwood made a motion to do something about the two 10.5 pound classes. After discussion, Howard Dietz made a motion to table this matter. Don Creach seconded and the motion passed.

Gene Harwood brought up the outlawing of the "V" rest. A discussion was held, but no vote was taken. Rule will remain the same.

Gene Harwood suggested a simpler rule for windflags be written. After a discussion the following motion was submitted by Phil Sauer:

"That the windflags shall be no higher than a straight line from the center of the bore of the rifle, in a shooting position, to the bottom line on the sighter target." Ed Watson seconded the motion and motion passed.

Gene Harwood was asked, and he agreed, to prepare and submit a paragraph to clarify the procedure for world records to the Board of its 1983 meeting.

Gene Harwood suggested an acknowledgement be sent for target orders received by NBRSA. No action was taken at this time.

Roy Wyman requested a discussion on the "Cruiser Class". It was agreed by all present that another class would not be created at this time.

Howard Dietz questioned awards for the Hunter Class and was advised that the same awards are given that are given for other classes.

Howard Dietz requested that stationary backers be mandatory at all Regional and State Matches. After discussion, it was decided to leave this matter up to the individual clubs.

George Kelbly suggested that if Nationals stay 3 classes of Varmint, that Light Varmint be required to be 22 caliber. Matter was tabled after discussion.

George Kelbly made a motion to eliminate Eastern Region Deputy Directors. Howard Dietz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Director may appoint associate directors as needed as is being done in other regions. By-Laws to be changed accordingly.

The three minute period before a match was discussed. George Kelbly made a motion that if any shots are fired in the three minute period, above the top line of the sighter target, target and backer shall be marked or replaced. Howard Dietz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

George Kelbly made a motion to increase annual membership dues for members and clubs to \$20.00 per year from the present \$15.00 per year. After considerable discussion, Howard Dietz seconded the motion and motion carried. This is the first dues increase since January 1979. This increase will become effective January 1, 1983.

Gene Harwood made a motion to increase Life membership to \$200.00 effective January 1, 1983. George Kelbly seconded and motion passed with Ed Watson abstaining.

Phil Sauer made a motion to increase allowable fees at registered matches to \$15.00 + \$5.00; \$15.00 for the first match each day and \$5.00 for an additional gun or yardage that same day. Don Creach seconded and after discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed 6 to 3. Note: It is not required that the \$15.00 be charged, this is the amount now allowable as a maximum fee.

Ed Watson made a motion that the Unlimited Nationals continue to be fired over two days prior to and during the same week of the 4 day Varmint-Sporter National Championship providing the 1982 attendance showed a 100% increase over the past three years, which it did. George Kelbly stated that Ed's motion was out of order since the Nationals are being held according to last years Board approval for a 2 year moratorium.

Motion died for a lack of second.

Ed Watson made a motion to adopt an NBRSA sanctioned 300 yard National Championship Match. After considerable discussion on this subject, and noting that only a few clubs hold 300 yard matches, and these clubs are primarily in the Southeast and Northwest, that it should be considered as a Regional Match and not a National Match. Motion was seconded by Gene Harwood but failed to pass.

Ed Watson questioned the "write-in" space on the Director election ballots. He did not believe it should be there. Since NBRSA is incorporated under the laws of New York, and all elections are to provide for write-in votes, it will not be eliminated from the ballot.

Ed also questioned dates shown on ballots. After discussion it was agreed that all ballots would carry the same dates and will be mailed out by the first of June and must be returned postmarked no later than July 1st.

The Corporate Seal will no longer appear on the ballot but some form of official identification must replace the seal to verify that the ballots received are the ones actually mailed out to the membership and not reproductions.

Phil Sauer presented, for the Boards' consideration, a plan which might help to encourage development of calibers other than the current big three. The plan consists of a sliding scale of handicapping 25, 6.5 & 7 mm by allowing a deduction of 25 thousandths for the first year, 20 thousandths the second year and so on until there was no handicap at all. The schedule of handicaps here is intended as an example. In practice, the size of the handicap and the rate of equalization could be whatever the board or the membership wanted to try.

Phil also presented a suggestion that the Board consider implementing a plan to develop sponsorship of our principle matches as a means of augmenting shooter participation in our sport. Tom ask Phil to research these two subjects further and submit his findings to his Director to be presented at the next Board meeting.

The Board of Directors was advised that Sonny Malsby, Chairman of the Measuring Committee, would be resigning. Tom is to talk with Francis Broussard to see if he is interested in taking over this chairmanship..

Tom Metzger advised that Precision Shooting will be increasing the subscription rate from \$8.50 per year to \$9.50 per year effective September 1, 1982. Phil Sauer made a motion to authorize this increase. George Kelbly seconded and motion carried.

Members not receiving their magazines was discussed, and will be brought up at the general membership meeting. This problem is improving and will be corrected as soon as possible. The secretary asked that all changes of addresses be submitted to the National Office as well as to the magazine.

George Kelbly made a motion for NBRSA to purchase a computer with balance of Paul Gottschall & Clyde Yockey funds being used to help purchase it, and set a limit of \$10,000. Phil Sauer seconded. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken. Three were for the computer and three were opposed. Don Creach and Lee Euber abstained. Tom Metzger cast the tie breaking vote and the motion to purchase a computer was passed. A committee was formed to research the purchase to determine the type of computer to be purchased. Phil Sauer will act as chairman of the committee and communicate with Tom Metzger for final approval. Other members of the committee are George Kelbly, Ron Wyman, and Ed Phillips. After all suggestions and recommendations are received from each committee member.

Kelbly bid the 1984 Nationals to be held back to back at Kelbly's Rifle Range. Ed Watson seconded, no other bids were submitted. Motion carried.

Howard Dietz bid the Central Texas Benchrest Shooters Association for the Hunter Nationals for 1983. Don Creach seconded. No other bids were submitted. Motion carried.

Election of officers resulted in retaining the same slate officers for another term.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:14 AM.

/s/ Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: s/s Thomas Metzger

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO: David Brennan

FROM: Thomas Metzger

SUBJECT: Voting Results

DATE: December 2, 1983

The results of the voting at the Annual membership Meeting--Midland, Texas--July 29, 1983

	FOR	AGAINST
1. Annual Directors' Meeting to be held after Annual Members' meeting.	89	0
2. Unlimited Nationals-Continue with 8-10 shot matches each distance.	44	36
3. Continue with Nationals as is-all guns in 6 days of same week.	78	14
4. Continue to shoot all 4 classes at Nationals	77	19
5. Approval of 4-Gun Awards-Trophies, Patches & H. O. F. points	86	0
6. Change Windflag Rule: Flags to be below line sight (straight line) from top of bench to bottom of target.	49	16

/s/ Thomas Metzger
NBRSA President

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 1983

The annual Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Metzger at 9:11 AM on Sunday, July 24, 1983, at the Best Western Motel in Midland, Texas. In attendance were:

Tom Metzger	President
Walt Berger	Vice President
Stella Buchtel	Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel	Eastern Region Director
Howard Dietz	Gulf Coast Region Director
Ron Hoehn	Mississippi Valley Region Director
Don Creach	Mid-Continent Region Director
Lee Euber	Northeast Region Director
Mike Prokosch	North Central Region Director
Gene Harwood	Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson	Southeast Region Director
Dennis Thornbury	Southwest Region Director
Jim Folwell	Northwest Associate Director
Manley Oakley	Former Northwest Region Director

Each board member introduced himself and stated what region he represented. The annual Treasurer's Report was distributed for review and comments. A motion was made by Howard Dietz to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mike Prokosch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Report to be filed for audit.

The 1981-82 Audit prepared by Lukuch and Associates was read by Tom Metzger and passed for directors review and comments.

Membership report was distributed and discussed.

A discussion was held on holding board Meeting before the annual membership meeting. Tom gave his views on the subject and stated that members he had heard from think the board Meeting should be held after the membership meeting and that he agreed with them. Tom read from the By-Laws that Officers are elected at the annual meeting by the Board of Directors and are to serve at the will of the Directors. This By-Law was read to clarify his position on any action he may take in any given situation and to be made a part of the minutes just for the record. He further stated that Directors are to know what the membership of their region want and are to represent them at the Directors Meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held on National Championship Match format. Six days as have been done for the two year trial or revert back to separate Varmint and Unlimited Nationals. The two year trial showed a definite increase in the Unlimited Class participation as well as

overall attendance. After the discussion the Directors were asked what their membership want. The following were their replies:

Ed Watson	For Six Day National
Ron Hoehn	For Six Day National
Dennis Thornbury	For Six Day National
Gene Harwood	For Six Day National
Howard Dietz	Region split to the point where they would like to go to 3 gun and 2 gun but do like a one week National. They do not like the endurance test.
Stan Buchtel	Unlimited Shooters would like to go back to 4 day Unlimited And Varmint Shooters would like 2 gun or 3 gun.
Mike Prokosch	Fox Six Day National
Don Creach	Unlimited Shooters would like to revert back. Varmint Shooters like the Six Day National.
Lee Euber	For Six Day National

Walt Berger then made his comments. Thinks 6 day format should be retained, two weeks is also an endurance contest. Further stated that you can forget the Unlimited Class if we go back to a 2 week National. When Unlimited was separated only 30 - 50 shooters participated. In the past two years participation has doubled. He also stated that he feels economics is a big factor in six days vs. 2 weeks; motel bills, gasoline, food, etc. He further stated that changing classes was not the issue at this time. Our decision must be to weigh the results of the two year trial Six Day National and decide whether or not it should be continued. The people attending Nationals every year should be the people to decide how Nationals would be held. The fact is that no matter where the Nationals are held you would draw more shooters from the immediate area than from one coast to the other coast. Few clubs have the facilities to handle a National Match. More clubs are to be encouraged to offer bids. Directors have always honored National bids. Midland is a good example. There were some requirements to be met. They met them. A club has to want to hold Nationals for them to be successful.

Stan Buchtel stated that although not originally for the Six Day National, and his region is divided into segments, he feels it was the best thing that happened to the attendance for Big Gun. While we lost a few shooters, we gained a lot more.

Don Creach then made a motion to retain the Six Day National. Ed Watson seconded, stating that if the membership did not agree another meeting would be held. All directors agreed to this statement. Howard Dietz stated he felt the general membership is important. We need to listen to them. Each vote taken around the table individually resulted in all the directors being for the Six Day National.

Walt expressed thoughts on making changes and emphasized that we need to be real careful about making any changes.

Agenda items were presented by each director as submitted to Tom Metzger, prior to the meeting, for Board discussion.

Howard Dietz asked that possible record targets be measured by Regional Director before sending to Measuring Committee Chairman and that the Measuring Chairman double check measurement before sending to other directors for them to measure. In the past year many targets had been sent around for measurement that were not even close to being a world record. Ed Watson stated that he feels director should submit targets to the Measuring Chairman. Howard Dietz stated that range officer should be trusted in his approval of record target to be submitted for possible world record. Stan Buchtel stated that the rules were created over a period of time and that no one should handle targets or backers except directors and Measuring Chairman. Directors will check and forward possible record targets as in the past.

Howard Dietz wanted to freeze all five shot records shot with Unlimited Rifle. He feels that Unlimited guns should shoot 10 shot groups and 10 shot groups only for world records. Ed Watson then made a motion to retain 5 shot group. Mike Prokosch seconded. All voted for this except Stan Buchtel who abstained and Howard Dietz.

Howard Dietz asked to increase Hunter Rifle matches from 5 matches per yardage to eight matches per yardage, i.e. as is being done with Unlimited Rifle. This item was tabled and will be submitted to a Hunter Class Committee.

Howard Dietz asked that NBRSA furnish attendance patches and location bars for Hunter rifle Nationals, which are now being furnished by Steve Gibbons. Stan Buchtel made a motion for NBRSA to purchase these patches. Dennis Thornbury seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Howard Dietz suggested that we let ranges bid dates on National Matches as to weather conditions prevailing in their local. This is already in effect, but not stated in the rulebook. Howard Dietz made a motion to add to rule book Page 9 - National Championship Matches to be held last week of July. "If a date variance is desirous it should be submitted two years in advance to the directors, along with their bid, for Director approval." Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Tom Metzger appointed a rule book committee of three to update rule book; Stan Buchtel, Chairman; Howard Dietz and Ed Watson. Update to be submitted to President for final approval before new rule book is printed.

Mike Prokosch referred to Page 7, Item 7 - "Approval of Tournament Dates" of the rule book and asked that we eliminate "No date for a Registered Tournament may be approved if within 7 days of the first day of a National Championship match, unless approved by the President." He was advised that directors can request permission and permission will be granted if match is to be held in a part of the country that will not affect a National Match attendance. No change in the rule book is to be made as the present rule covers this situation.

Mike Prokosch referred to page 11, Item 4 of the rule book "Disqualifications and Penalties", and asked that rule be changed to agree with one minute of angle rule for required number of shots (Pg. 12, Item 14 ©. Mike made a motion to change rule book from a quarter minute of angle to one minute for each shot. Ed Watson seconded the motion and motion passed with Stan Buchtel against.

Mike Prokosch brought up a request for definition of target mounts for hunter class. This was tabled and will be handled by Hunter Committee.

Mike Prokosch asked for a modification of target and submitted an illustration. After some discussion Tom Metzger appointed a committee on Targets to review paper, etc. with Mike Prokosch as Chairman; Ed Watson, Gene Harwood and Steve Gibbons as committee members.

Mike Prokosch made a motion to add to rule book Page 13, Item E (1) "Occupancy of Benches" that "No competitor shall leave the bench until the Range Officer commands "Cease Fire. Remove your bolts. Clear the benches." This motion died for lack of a second as it is already covered in the rule book in "Sportsman like conduct". Range officer is to enforce this issue.

Ed Watson made a motion to change Unlimited Nationals course of fire to five ten shot matches 100 yards and five 10 shot matches at 200 yards. Mike Prokosch seconded the motion. A show of hands indicated Gene Harwood, Ed Watson and Howard Dietz were in favor of change. Dennis Thornbury abstained, rest of the directors were against the change. Motion did not pass and is to be brought up at the general membership meeting.

Dennis Thornbury asked for a discussion on sand bag rule. Discussion resulted in no change being made.

Dennis asked if computer mailing labels could be purchased by regions. He was advised that it would be possible but program would have to be amended as labels are not being provided by zip code or alphabetically for entire membership.

Dennis also asked about rotating benches after each yardage instead of after each match. It was felt changing after each match is an equalizer and this will remain the same.

Gene Harwood stated a problem occurred in his region on removing targets from the range that were possible world records and a discussion followed. Rule book covers this procedure. Gene had been requested to submit a procedure for handling world record targets. He submitted to Tom Metzger a copy of the procedures used in his region.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to change group measurement protest rule from .020" to .009" And increase protest fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Howard Dietz seconded. Five were for this change, three against and Ed Watson abstained. Motion passed.

Stan Buchtel asked for Board approval on IBS-NBRSA reciprocal cards and that it be recorded in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ron Hoehn and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to change classes at Nationals to Unlimited, 13 1/2 # and 10 1/2# with two days for each class. Motion died for lack of second.

Stan Buchtel asked for a better definition of 3 minute warm up rule. Discussion on use of this rule in various regions took place. No change in the rule to be made.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to change term of President and Vice President from one year to two years and the secretary and president be alternate years so that officers are not all new at the same time. Gene Harwood seconded and motion passed.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Board authorization of payments to President, Measuring Committee Chairman, Editor and Secretary be placed on the agenda each year for verification and authorization so recorded in the minutes for audit purposes and that approval for 1984 payments be authorized to be paid the same as 1983. Don Creach seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that 3 referees and an alternate referee be selected for each class. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel read a letter he had received from Skip Gordon regarding Hall of Fame. A discussion followed, including steps to be taken to get two organizations together again. Stan is to respond to Skip's letter advising him it has been discussed at the Board meeting.

Tom Metzger asked that By_Laws be amended to cover "Directors to approve appointment of Editor, Measuring Committee Chairman, and Hall of Fame Chairman annually. This was put into a motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Gene Harwood read a letter from Jim Farley. He will respond to Jim's letter advising that the Board has no intention of changing Hunter Class rules at this time.

Mike Prokosch was appointed Chairman of a Hunter Class committee and each Director is to appoint a hunter Class Shooter in his Region to this committee.

Annual meeting date was discussed again. Howard Dietz made a motion that meeting be held the day following the last day of the Unlimited-Varmint Nationals. Ed Watson seconded the motion. Stan Buchtel abstained. The other eight directors agreed. Motion passed.

Bids were submitted for 1985 Nationals. For Unlimited and Varmint 6 Day National Howard Dietz bid for Midland Range; Stan Buchtel bid for Kelbly's Range.

Votes were fRon Hoehn, Dennis Thornbury, Don Creach, Mike Prokosch, Howard Dietz and Gene Harwood for Midland; Stan Buchtel, Ed Watson and Lee Euber voted for Kelbly's Range. The 1985 Unlimited-Varmint Nationals were awarded to Midland.

Bids for the 1984 Hunter Nationals were made only by the St. Louis Bench Rest Rifle Club by Ron Hoehn. 1984 Hunter Nationals were awarded to St. Louis.

Election of Officers were held. Stan Buchtel nominated Tom Metzger for President. No further nominations, Howard Dietz moved that nominations be closed and that Tom Metzger is President by acclamation.

Don Creach nominated Walt Berger for Vice President. No further nominations. Howard Dietz moved that nominations be closed and that Walt Berger is Vice President by acclamation.

Tom Metzger stated that his efforts for the coming year would be to work with Jim Borden, President of IBS, to come up with a 5 point plan to get the two organizations back together.

Howard Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gene Harwood seconded and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 PM.

/s/ Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: /s/ Thomas Metzger

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28-29, 1984

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 28, 1984, at Kelbly's Rifle range. In attendance were:

Tom Metzger, President
Walt Berger, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Howard Dietz, Gulf Coast Region Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Lee Euber, Northeast Region Director
Mike Prokosch, North Central Region Director
Gene Harwood, Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Steve Gibbons, Chairman Target Committee
George Kelbly, Past President & Past Director

Tom Metzger, President, ask Steve Gibbons to give a report on the status of the target committee. He advised that he had targets printed in red, green and black and had tested each of them, and that he was given a price of approximately \$4.60 per thousand.

There was a problem with measuring shots in the sample paper. Steve stated that he would work with Jay Fouts, who works for the 5th largest paper mill in the U. S., to locate a better paper as all paper can be waterproofed. Steve further stated he had not discussed warehousing or drop shipping with the printer. The Board of Directors asked Steve to pursue the target problem as to a new source, type of paper and get samples of new format. A motion was made by Don Creach to pursue same target, same color printing, removing writing, add line across center of target and small adjustments such as the square. Motion was seconded by Mike Prokosch and passed with two abstaining.

Ed Watson made a motion at this time to name Steve Gibbons as Chairman of the Target Committee. Mike Prokosch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion on safety at a rifle range Ed Watson made the following motion:

If during a match a live round is stuck in the chamber and cannot be extracted or fired, bolt is to be removed, notify range officer to call a cease fire immediately. At this time rifle shall be cased and held by the range officer until the end of that relay. It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up rifle and remove it to a safe place.

Any violation of safety rules will result in disqualification. This motion to be included in Range Officer's duties. Gene Harwood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Considerable discussion took place relative to the NBRSA/IBS merger.

It was noted that some steps have been taken successfully in an attempt for merging the two organizations. Precision Shooting magazine and reciprocal cards are two examples. Records for National and World were discussed as another step forward as was the Hall of Fame, and the use of the same targets which could bear the logo of NBRSA, IBS and Canada.

Tom Metzger will talk with Jim Borden, IBS President, regarding Hall of Fame and NBRSA adoption of IBS targets.

Don Creach made a motion to turn over NBRSA hall of Fame to Skip Gordon for administration and would welcome IBS to do the same. Mike Prokosch seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Tom Metzger contact Larry Englebrecht and advise him that Skip Gordon will be administering the Hall of Fame independently from NBRSA and that all Hall of Fame material in his possession should be forwarded to Tom Metzger for turning over to Skip no later than September 1, 1984. Motion was seconded by Howard Dietz and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that Steve Gibbons and Skip Gordon be reimbursed for expenses involved in committee activities upon receipt of statement of expenses. Don Creach seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ed Watson made a motion to allow IBS or NBRSA targets to be recognized for records at NBRSA registered matches. Gene Harwood seconded the motion, which passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM and reconvened at 9:00 AM on Sunday, July 29, 1984, at the Ramada Inn in Akron, Ohio.

Howard Barry and Alan Euber attended the Sunday meeting as guests.

Tom read the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, and the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, was reviewed and discussed. Mike Prokosch made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Dennis Thornbury seconded and motion passed unanimously. Report to be filed for audit.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that we try to locate the individuals named in the Yockey trust and issue life memberships to them to close out this account. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on the Life Membership Fund. Don Creach made a motion to increase Life Membership for \$200 to \$300 effective September 1, 1984.

Howard Dietz made a motion to increase yearly dues to \$25.00 effective September 1, 1984 and Stan Buchtel seconded. Motion passed with Gene Harwood and Don Creach against.

Howard Dietz made a motion to recognize the 4 Gun Championship at the NBRSA Nationals retroactive to 1982 and furnish patches for Top 20. Ed Watson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lee Euber called for a discussion on records for 9 - 10 shot groups for the Unlimited Class at the Unlimited Nationals only. Stan Buchtel made a motion to recognize Unlimited Class at Nationals for 8 ten shot groups at 100 yards; 8 ten shot groups at 200 yards and 16 ten shot groups for the aggregate. Lee Euber seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lee Euber made a motion to recognize eight 10 shot group records at 100 yards, 200 yards and grand aggregate for records established at the 1985 Nationals. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Walt Berger asked if the minutes could be published sooner in the magazines. He was told that this would not be a problem. They would be considered priority over other articles printed in our eight pages of the magazine.

The Board of Directors acknowledge their thanks to Larry Englebrecht for a fine job done as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee and to Steve Gibbons for the excellent job he has done and the results reported on the accomplishments of the target committee.

Mike Prokosh called for a discussion on the hunter targets. Ron Hoehn made a motion to adopt IBS style hunter target for 100--200 and 300 yard effective January 1st, 1985. Gene Harwood seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mike Prokosh made a motion to add an item © to item B. TIES, to read Miss and Out means any miss i.e. 10X is better than 10, etc. Ron Hoehn seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Ron Hoehn made a motion to change item (b) of item B to read "For match winners, ties will be broken by reverting to the first record bull of that match and progressing to each succeeding bull until a miss and out eliminates one of the shooters, then use total aggregate score for tie breaker to determine match winners who have identical scores" to become effective January 1, 1985. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

An official hunter scoring device was discussed. The hunter committee is to pursue this.

Ed Watson made a motion that stationary backers be required at registered NBRSA matches to become effective January 1, 1985. Lee Euber seconded. Four were for the motion, four were against. Tom Metzger cast the tie breaking vote for the motion and motion was passed.

Bench rotation was brought up by Ron Hoehn suggesting to use the same bench at each yardage. Discussion resulted in bench rotation remaining as it is currently being used.

Stan Buchtel advised that Skip Gordon has requested the Super Shoot to become an NBRSA registered event. The Regional Director has the right to register one money shoot and he further advised that he would register the 1985 Super Shoot.

A discussion was held on the weighing of rifles at Nationals. Stan Buchtel made a motion that at the National Matches the method of weighing rifles be changed by calling 5 to 10 competitors, at random, to weigh rifles and for equipment inspection during every relay all day long. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Don Creach seconded. Seven were in favor of the motion. One (Lee Euber) opposed and Ron Hoehn abstained.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that at National Matches no competitor shall remove his targets from the wailing wall until the aggregate is figured. If the target is to be protested only a referee is permitted to remove and rehang the target from the wailing wall. Gene Harwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gene Harwood made a motion to delete the last sentence in each of the last two paragraphs on page 9 of the rulebook, Item D - 10. Mike Prokosch seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Gene Harwood made a motion to change the wind flag rule to read no higher than level of benchtop to bottom of target. Motion was seconded by Stan Buchtel. Five were in favor, 4 opposed, motion passed.

Mike Prokosch made a motion to allow Falling Block/Rolling Block single shot rifles in Hunter competition. Don Creach seconded and motion passed unanimously.

A bid was submitted for the Unlimited-Varmint nationals to be held at Kelbly's Rifle Range in 1986. No further bids presented. 1986 Unlimited-Varmint Nationals were awarded to Kelbly's Rifle Range.

Ed Watson asked if more electric outlets could be available at Kelbly's Range to accommodate the campers. George Kelbly stated that would be no problem.

Hunter National bid for 1985 was submitted for Hub City Rifle and Pistol Club in Lafayette, Louisiana for the 1st week in October. No further bids presented. 1985 Hunter Nationals were awarded to Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club.

Hunter National bid for 1986 were submitted for Prairie Dog Target Club in Porcupine, South Dakota and St. Louis Bench Rest Club in St. Louis, Missouri. Eight directors voted for Prairie Dog, one voted for St. Louis. The 1986 Hunter Nationals were awarded to Prairie Dog Target Club.

The Board of Directors approved the retention of the Editor for another year and remuneration to remain at \$3,600 per year.

Gene Harwood made a motion to change secretary's term back to one year in order to accomplish the change over of the President and Vice President to terms of two years each and election to be on the off year of the secretary's term. At the end of this one year secretary term to revert back to two year period. Six approved this method of change over and two abstained. The motion passed.

The Board of Directors approved the remuneration for the secretary to remain at \$4,500 per year. The board further approved the payment of \$100.00 per year to the Chairman of the Measuring Committee and reimbursement for expenses beyond this amount to be reimbursed when substantiated expenses are submitted. The Board also approved the payment to the President of \$200.00 per year for expenses.

Nominations were held for the office of President. Don Creach nominated Walt Berger and Howard Dietz called for nominations to be closed and Walt Berger be President by acclamation.

Nominations were held for the office of Vice President. Gene Harwood nominated George Kelbly, Mike Prokosch nominated Don Creach. With no further nominations, ballots were distributed and collected for tabulation. George Kelbly had seven votes, Don Creach had two. George Kelbly is the new Vice President.

Both of the above terms of office will become effective September 1, 1984.

Stella Buchtel was reelected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

With no further business, Gene Harwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Prokosch seconded and the meeting was closed at 1:19 PM.

/s/ Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: /s/ Thomas Metzger
President

Note: Leaflet updating new rule book will soon be available. Contact Stella Buchtel.

GENERAL NBRSA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MIDLAND, TEXAS
August 2, 1985

1. Change in match format.

Show of hands indicated that 28 members approved the format used at this shoot, 27 did not. Rest of membership abstained.

2. Closed Club - Club having NBRSA affiliation should not be allowed to hold registered matches if operated as a closed club. Director to check into this and bring up at Board Meeting.

3. Suggestion made that it was time to change classifications.

19 members indicated they would like to see a change. Majority of membership satisfied to stay the same.

10 members indicated they would like to see Sporter and Light Varmint combined. Majority opposed.

4. Asked for Agenda Items for Board Meeting - Walt was not prepared to go into this. Will be prepared for this question next year.

5. Steve Gibbons showed the new targets and explained changes. He advised that a 300 yard hunter target had been added to the group of targets now available.

6. Limit Directorship to two consecutive terms - to be discussed at Board meeting.

7. Walt advised that he would not have a President's Message in every issue of Precision Shooting, only when necessary.

8. Voting for Directors --- Everyone should vote. If you don't vote you can't complain about how Director runs his region.

9. Weighing in of rifles --- Discussion on the result of junior shooter being disqualified. Rule applies to everyone, whether 2 ounces over or 5 pounds over. Shooter will be disqualified for overweight.

10. Leaving targets on wailing wall was discussed and will be discussed further at Board meeting.

11. All registered matches should have state sheet posted.

12. Doping sandbags was discussed. Referees to check bags. Sandbags were checked at this match and ruled legal. To be discussed further at Board meeting.

13. NBRSA - IBS merger doesn't look favorable. IBS not in agreement with way our Officers and Directors are elected. They do not want to give up their Nationals and they want to keep their own rules.

/s/ Stella Buchtel
Secretary

NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MIDLAND, TEXAS
AUGUST 3, 1985

The Annual Board Meeting of NBRS was called to order at 4:15 PM at the Best Western Motel in Midland, Texas, by President Walt Berger.

All Directors were present with the exception of the Northeast Director. Dave Brennan was designated as his proxy and was present. Francis Broussard, Measuring Committee Chairman and Tom Hexum, Northwest Region Director Elect were also present.

Before the actual Board Meeting convened at 6:42 the Directors discussed several protests that had been presented and ruled upon them at that time.

The annual financial report was distributed prior to the meeting. After review and discussion Mike Prokosch made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jim Fowell seconded and motion passed unanimously. Report to be filed for audit.

The Directors were advised by President, Walt Berger, that a new printer had been found in Barberton, Ohio, for printing NBRSA targets. A one year supply has been printed and is now available through NBRSA. After some discussion on the costs and how the targets would be handled Ed Watson made a motion to charge the following prices for the targets:

BR-100 100 YARD BENCHREST TARGETS - \$ 40.00 PER 1,000
BR-200 200 YARD BENCHREST TARGETS - \$ 40.00 PER 1,000
BR-300 300 YARD BENCHREST TARGETS - \$ 160.00 PER 1,000
HBR - 100 100 YARD HUNTER TARGETS - \$ 70.00 PER 1,000
HBR - 200 200 YARD HUNTER TARGETS - \$ 70.00 PER 1,000
HBR - 300 300 YARD HUNTER TARGETS - \$ 160.00 PER 1,000

Prices are guaranteed for one year and are f. o. b. Barberton, Ohio. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

A suggestion was made to write a thank you letter to Steve Gibbons for his efforts in the target project. It was also suggested that a thank you letter be written to Coors Beer for sponsoring the Nationals in Midland. Secretary will prepare letters and submit to Walt Berger for signature.

It was suggested that targets and rule books be listed in Precision Shooting magazine. David Brennan to handle this.

The reading of the 1984 minutes were dispensed with. Stan Buchtel made a motion to accept the 1984 minutes as published. Jim Fowell seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The question came up on how a world record was handled at last years Nationals at Kelbly's Rifle Range. This was discussed and it was agreed that future possible world records will be handled according to the Rule Book. At this time it was brought to the attention of the Directors that a portion of this rule had been dropped inadvertently from the Rule Book somewhere along the way during changes made in prior years. Part omitted was "targets shall not be removed from the range if is considered to be a possible world record."

Francis Broussard was called upon to discuss the problems he is having with world record targets and backers. After his presentation he requested the Board to rule on how to handle the particular two sets of targets in question. This was done and Francis was advised the Directors will do a better job in the future.

Francis also discussed equaling of Hunter records and suggested that targets be held for one year to determine a real World Record.

Ron Hoehn made a motion that because of the increased difficulty of the "X" on the newer style IBS 200 yard hunter target we now use, that all 200 yard aggregates fired in 1985 of 249-any X be submitted for new world record 200 yard aggregate. At the end of 1985, the best set of targets submitted, shot on the new style target, would be the new record holder. Do the same thing for the 300 yard aggregate, 100-200 yard aggregate (499 more than 16 X's), 200-300 yard aggregate, and the 100-200-300 yard aggregate. Mike Prokosch seconded and motion passed.

Patent coverage of NBRSA Logo was discussed. Trademark coverage has been renewed for another six years. Again, it was stressed to use the registered mark anytime the Logo is used.

Walt Berger stated that he had received a letter from Bill Forrester, of the Mississippi Valley Region, requesting that the State of Kentucky become part of the Eastern Region. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Thornbury made a motion to reduce match time from 7 minutes to 5 minutes and from 12 minutes to 10 minutes. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Discussion was held on a 3 minute sight in period. Each Director is to check with their clubs and advise David Brennen whether clubs will be having a warm up match or 3 minute sight in time so that it can be published in the match schedules. During this 3 minute time period a referee is permitted to help shooter get on the paper.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to amend Item 5, Section "E" EMERGENCY COMMANDS: add to end of sentence: Two minutes will be added to the remaining time--"but not exceed the original time limit of 7 minutes or 12 minutes." Ed Watson second and motion passed.

Mike Prokosch made a motion to correct item "G" on page 25 of the Rule Book to read 3 minute "sight in period" instead of 3 minute match". Jim Folwell seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Sandbags were again discussed. Howard Dietz made a motion to insert at the end of Item 7 on Page 8 of the Rule Book the following sentence. "The rifle must be able to be lifted freely from the sandbag in a vertical direction with all attachments in place. Stan Buchtel seconded and motion passed unanimously. The Directors were in agreement that tape on the sandbag is legal.

Dennis Wagner made a motion that if a competitor feels a remeasurement is not handled properly, three referees would remeasure and the average of the three referees measurement will become the official score. Ron Hoehn seconded. Seven Directors approved the motion. One opposed and one abstained. The motion passed.

Jim Folwell asked some questions on the Life Membership Fund. How is the fund invested and if it is supporting Life Members. He was advised that the Life Membership Fund is invested in Certificates of Deposit and that the interest earned at this time does not cover the total cost of Life Members subscriptions. Life Members subscriptions are paid on a monthly basis just like all other memberships. Life Memberships represent 16% of the total membership at this time.

Jim Folwell made a motion to enter into a two year contract with Precision Shooting for a fixed subscription rate for a specified period of time. Discussion followed and David Brennan expressed his Board of Directors feelings and statement of financial condition and what some of the future plans for the magazine are. Jim's motion died for a lack of a second.

Mike Prokosch made a motion that Course of fire (as sent out to Directors by mail ballot) be included in the Rule Book, Page 28, Item 4:

(a) Targets (100, 200 & 300 yards) for hunter class to be NBRSA approved.

(b) The course of fire shall be five record matches at each range aggregate of 100, 200 and 300 yards. The total of the two or three range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner. A "warm-up" match is optional at the discretion of the participating club.

© Matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from the end of relay to start of same relay in next match. Seven minutes allowed to fire (5) shots.

(d) Remains the same except for last sentence, which should read: If there is more than one shot on the record bull, except 300 yard, then only the lowest shot on that bull will count.

Jim Folwell seconded this motion and motion passed unanimously. Mike Prokosch made a motion to add to page 29, under Item 4. Course of Fire an item (f): Course of fire for regional tournaments to be the same as National match course of fire. Jim Folwell seconded and motion passed.

Jim Folwell made a motion that when revisions to the Rule Book are made that revisions are made available to members of the organization by January 1st of the new year.

A copy of final draft of changes are to be sent to all Directors who will note any corrections that are to be made, without changing the intent of original rule change motion made at Directors Meeting, and return to secretary within 30 days. Dennis Wagner seconded. Ed Watson amended the motion to change 30 days to 10 days. Five Directors were in favor, four opposed. Motion passed.

Jim Folwell sighted several items that were incorrect in the Rule Book and that it be brought up to date. Mike Prokosch volunteered to put the entire rule book into his word processor and submit a copy to all Directors for their review and comments. This is to be done before printing new rule books. This is to be done as soon as possible as only 1000 rule books were printed at the last printing and the supply is getting low.

It should be noted that the insert printed from 1984 Director's meeting incorrectly stated a change under "SAFETY", page 13. This change should have been under "RANGE OFFICER" ON page 18 and in to be included in the Range Officer's Command at the beginning of the day.

The Board approved the adoption of the IBS 100/200/300 yard hunter targets at the 1984 Board Meeting and those clubs who purchased IBS targets should be aware that they are still acceptable and that NBRSA targets can be purchased when their present supply of IBS targets is depleted.

Mike Prokosch made a motion that all protest fees be \$5.00. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Penalty for removing targets from walling wall before aggregate is posted as discussed. It was agreed that no action was required on this subject as it is adequately covered under both Range Officer Commands and Sportsman like conduct.

Ron Hoehn made a motion to change Page 26, Item 6 - RECORDS (a) to read: The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and grand aggregate. Mike Prokosch seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Measuring device for Hunter Class was discussed. Lines should be as thin as possible. Circles to be exact caliber size. Jim Folwell will contact Manley Oakley to make prototype. Prototypes to be brought to next National for Directors to try. Mike Prokosch made a motion to have the measuring device the exact caliber. Ed Watson seconded and motion passed.

Mike prokosch made a motion to have stationary backers at all regionals. Motion died for lack of a second.

Walt Berger reported on status of NBRSA-IBS merger and stated that there were several factors that could not be reconciled. They want to keep their own rules, they want to hold two nationals - one East and one West, and they do not like our policy for electing Directors.

Mike Prokosch suggested a need for a tape backup for NBRSA data in the computer. No action taken.

Mike Prokosch made a motion that NBRSA recognize any member of any Benchrest Association in the world that we recognize. David Brennan seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Howard Dietz made a motion to remove the sentence "Target covers should be used to cover all targets not being fired during the active relay." In first paragraph on page 12. Stan Buchtel seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Howard Dietz made a motion that at least one Director act as Chief Referee for each class at future National Tournaments. Stan Buchtel seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mike Prokosch made a motion to change page 16 top paragraph the words "prior" to "at". Dennis Thornbury seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to retain present Editor at present remuneration. Howard Dietz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mike Prokosch made a motion to keep Secretary salary at present amount. Dennis Thornbury seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bids were submitted for 1987 Hunter Nationals.

Howard Dietz bid for Central Texas Benchrest Shooters Association in New Braunsfels, Texas.

Ron Hoehn bid for St. Louis Benchrest Shooters in St. Louis, Missouri

Vote was taken: Central Texas Benchrest - 7
St. Louis Benchrest - 2

1987 Hunter Nationals were awarded to Central Texas Benchrest Shooters Association . No date set at this time.

Bids for 1987 Varmint & Unrestricted Nationals were submitted:

Ed Watson bid for Long Creek Rifle Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Stan Buchtel bid for Kelbly's rifle Range in N. Lawrence, Ohio.

Vote was taken: Long Creek - 8
Kelbly's Rifle Range 1

1987 Varmint & Unrestricted Nationals were awarded to Long Creek Rifle Club.

Election of Officers were held with only one office being voted at this time.

Jim Folwell nominated Mike Prokosch for Secretary-Treasurer. Howard Dietz nominated Stella Buchtel.

Vote taken: Mike Prokosch -2
Stella Buchtel -7

This term is for two years, expiring August 31, 1987.

The Office of President and Vice President will be voted in 1986 for a two year term.

With no further business on hand, Stan Buchtel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Watson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 AM.

Stella Buchtel
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved_____.

TO: ALL NBRSA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RULE CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

DATE: November 15, 1985

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THE FOLLOWING WERE EXTRACTED FROM THE 1985 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES AND ARE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1985:

NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
RULEBOOK CHANGES

Page 10 -- Item 13: Prospective record groups and aggregates targets, together with backers (except provisions of C-5) and sighter targets, having been properly identified and signed by a match referee and range officer shall be turned over to the Regional Director with duplicate letters stating all information furnished on the competitors registration card. The Regional Director will retain one copy of letter for regional file and forward identified targets and backers with one copy of letter to chairman of official measurement committee. The Chairman will send them to Directors of three regions other than the one in which they were fired. There they will be measured by persons selected by such Regional Director. All measurements will be returned to the Chairman, who will compute an average of .0901" on individual groups and .0001" on aggregates, and this will be the official measurement. Prospective record groups and aggregate targets shall not be removed from the range until the above rules have been complied with.

Page 29 - RECORDS (Hunter):

All 200 yard aggregates fired in 1985 of 249-any X will be submitted for new world record 200 yard aggregate. At the end of calendar year the best set of targets submitted, shot on the new target, would be the new record holder. The same thing applied for the 300 yard aggregate, 100-200 yard aggregate (499 more than 16 X's), 200-300 yard aggregate, and the 100-200-300 yard aggregate.

Page 37 - To be changed to include the entire State of Kentucky.

Page 40 - To be changed to delete the portion of the State of Kentucky now included in the Mississippi Valley Region.

Page 44 - To be changed to delete the portion of the State of Kentucky now included in the Southeastern Region.

Each Director is to check with their clubs and advise editor whether clubs will be having a warm up match or 3 minute sight in time so that it can be published in the match schedules. During this 3 minute time period a referee is permitted to help shooter get on the paper

Page 13 Item 5, Section "E" EMERGENCY COMMANDS: Add to end of sentence: Two minutes will be added to the remaining time--"but not exceed the original time limit of 7 minutes or 12 minutes.

Page 28, Item "G" Correct sentence to read 3 minute "sight in period" instead of 3 min. match.

Page 8, Item 7 "VARMINT AND SPORTER RIFLES, RESTS"

Insert at the end of Item 7 on Page 8 of the Rule Book the following sentence. "The rifle must be able to be lifted freely from the sandbag in a vertical direction with all attachments in place. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

Page 10 - Item 12 "Group Measurements"

If a competitor feels a remeasurement is not handled properly, three referees would remeasure and the average of the three referees measurement will become the official score.

Page 28, Item 4:

(a) Targets (100, 200 & 300 yards) for hunter class to be NBRSA approved.

(b) The course of fire shall be five record matches at each range aggregate of 100, 200 and 300 yards. The total of the two or three range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner. A "warm-up" match is optional at the discretion of the participating club.

© Matches to be fired separately with twenty (20) minutes elapsing from the end of relay to start of same relay in next match. Seven minutes allowed to fire (5) shots.

(d) Remains the same except for last sentence, which should read: If there is more than one shot on the record bull, except 300 yard, then only the lowest shot on that bull will count.

Page 29, Item 4. Course of Fire: Add item (f): Course of Fire for regional tournaments to be the same as National Match Course of Fire.

Page 29 - Item 5 - RECORDS:

(a) Change to read - "The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and grand aggregate."

Page 18, Item H (1) - "RANGE OFFICER"

To be included in the Range Officer's Command at the beginning of the day, "If during a match a live round is stuck in the chamber and cannot be extracted or fired, bolt is to be removed, notify range officer to call a cease fire immediately.

At this time rifle shall be cased and held by the range officer until the end of that relay. It is the competitors responsibility to pick up rifle and remove it to a safe place. Any violations of safety rules will result in disqualification."

Page 10 - "Group Measurements" - Paragraph 3
Protest fees - \$5.00 per target

Page 10 - Item 11 "TIME LIMITS" - Second sentence should read "At the Unlimited Nationals 15 minutes is to be allowed for the first match of the day and first match after a change in distance.

Page 26, Item 6 - RECORDS (A) The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and grand aggregate.

NBRSA will recognize any member of any Benchrest Association in the world that we recognize.

Page 12 - Paragraph 1:
Remove the sentence "Target covers should be used to cover all targets not being fired during the active relay." In first paragraph on page 12.

Page 13 - Item 4 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE - Paragraph 1.
REGISTRATION (First Sentence):

All competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of NBRSA or any NBRSA recognized Benchrest Association and complete a registration form supplied by NBRSA , and must produce for inspection a current membership card.

Page 20 - REFEREES:
At least one Director will act as Chief Referee for each class at future National Tournaments.

Page 16 top paragraph REPLACE the words "prior" with the word "at".

25 November 1985

Stella Buchtel
Secretary NBRSA
5735 Sherwood Forest Drive
Akron, Ohio 44319

Stella,

I have received your letter entitled "RULE CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS". After examining it, I have several disagreements with the rule changes when they are compared to the "BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 1985" issued recently.

The motion concerning Hunter Class Records need not be added to the rulebook as it is a direction to the Records Chairman and not a permanent rule. This motion was made to cover a temporary discrepancy caused by a change in target format and will be no longer necessary by the time the rule book updates are printed.

The motion to change the recognized records for Hunter Class should be on page 29 - item 6, not page 26 - item 6 or page 29 - item 5. (Sorry, I missed that in the minutes.)

The change "At least one director will act as Chief Referee for each class at future National Tournaments" would be more appropriate if added to page 17 - item 10©. Also to fit the paragraph more precisely, the wording "The Chairman Referee shall be a Director of NBRSA, other referees need not be a Director." may be more acceptable.

The change to page 10 - item 13 was discussed at the meeting but was not presented as a motion. If the wording was in past rule books and had been inadvertently dropped, it was prior to 1972 (I have reviewed to that date). Due to the extensive time period since this was "dropped", it may require proof as to its previous existence and a motion to reinstate it into the present rulebook.

I offer these suggestions in order to circumvent any possible misinterpretations and hopefully to bring a more coordinated rulebook to the membership.

Respectfully,

Michael Prokosch
1501 East Highway 96
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110

Dc: Walt Berger

RULEBOOK (Revised Edition No. 26) CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1986
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Page 10 - Section D - No. 11 -- Change to read as follows: "For the first match of the day or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be ten (10 minutes for a Sporter-Varmint match and fifteen (15) minutes for an Unlimited match. For subsequent matches the time limit will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match. It is mandatory that the Host Club have supplementary targets down range to help competitors "get on paper" for the above format.

The Host Club may elect to have a separate warm up match or one three minute sight-in period for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this warm up match and subsequent matches will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match.

Not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between the end of one relay of one event and the start of the same relay of the next event. There shall be no exception to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all registered matches time limits shall be determined by a timer calibrated in seconds.

Page 11 - Section D - No. 13 --Add "The targets and backers to be submitted for official record measurement shall not leave the range until properly signed and identified but must be turned over to the range officer or a referee after the match is finished."

Page 14 - Section F - No. 2 -- Change "0.50 per competitor per day" to "\$1.00 per competitor per day"

Page 15 - Section F - No. 6 -- Add "For a two-run, three-gun or four-gun aggregate, the Host Club may elect to have only one drawing for benches. However, they must rotate after each match or after each class and/or range change. This is to facilitate the statistician in computing these multiple class aggregates."

Page 17 - Section F - No. 9 -- Replace paragraph with "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 Ten Equipment list must be furnished and at a National Championships, a Top Twenty Equipment List. A copy of the bulletin must be mailed to each competitor and the NBRSA headquarters within four weeks after the match is completed. 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."

Page 21- Section H - No. 3 -- Delete the paragraph that starts with "After the completion of bench assignments...".

Page 25 - Section I - No. 1-- Change (g) to read as follows: "Warm-up matches will be optional at all registered matches, but clubs must state in publication or program whether or not there will be a warm-up match, 3 minute sight-in period or a 10 (or 15) minute match for the first match at each distance."

Page 25 - Section I - No. 1 -- Delete (h) and (i) and add new (h) as "The Host Club shall signify if bench rotation is to be used either after each match or at a class and/or range change."

Page 27 - Section J - No. 2 -- Modify © as follows: change "no larger in diameter than 1.400" and no longer than 10.25" to "no wider than 1.400" and no longer than 10.25".

Page 30 - Section J - No. 7 -- Change the present paragraph (d) to become paragraph (e) and add new paragraph (d) as "Member clubs must submit a bid for a Hunter Nationals two years in advance at the annual meeting of the directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for holding these Hunter Nationals, which must be approved by the directors."

Page 30 - Section J - No. 8 -- Change (b) to read "For match winners, ties will be broken by reverting to the first record bull of that match and progressing to each succeeding bull until a miss and out eliminates one of the shooters, then use the total aggregate score for tie breaker to determine match winners who have identical scores."

Page 30 - Section J - No. 8 -- Add item "(d) In the case of the 300 yard target, ties will be broken by measuring the smallest 5 shot group, center to center in one thousandths of an inch. For group measurements refer to page 10, section 12."

Page 34 - Bylaws - Article IV - No. 2 -- Change "first Sunday in August" to "first Saturday in August".

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2-3, 1986

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order at 3:15 PM on Saturday, August 2, 1986, at Kelbly's Rifle Range. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
George Kelbly, Vice president
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Marcy Lyons, Gulf Coast Region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Lee Euber, Northeast Region Director
Tom Hexum, North Central Region Director
Jim Fowell, Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Mike Prokosch, past Director

Walt Berger, President, read a protest received from Allan Hall (see attachment 1) as to a penalty received at this year's Nationals. Mr. Hall had received a one inch penalty when he had fired his first shot between the record and sighter targets and failing to see that shot fired another shot between the same targets before notifying the range officer. Ed Watson commented that the penalty received was only one half of the penalty defined by the rulebook. Marcy Lyons made a motion to uphold the decision of the referees. Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Walt Berger read a letter from Francis Broussard, Chairman of the Measurement Committee, concerning the distribution of official weights and hunter Class scoring devices (see attachment 2). Marcy Lyons made a motion to purchase the required weights for the North Central Region. Ed Watson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dennis Wagner made a motion to purchase any weights required by the regions. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Lee Euber stated that it was not necessary to supply weights to his region at this time due to the lack of any registered matches in that region.

Walt Berger started a discussion about the additional three minute period for the first match at the Nationals and of the problems encountered by several shooters with this process. After much discussion the topic was tabled until later in the meeting (motion by Stan Buchtel; seconded by Tom Hexum. The motion passed unanimously).

AGENDA ITEMS: Jim Fowell made a motion to change the rule book, page 30, section 8, Ties, to read; "D. In the case of the 300 yard target, ties will be broken by measuring the smallest 5 shot group, center to center in one thousandths of an inch.

For group measurements refer to page 10, section 12." Marcy Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed with only Tom Hexum opposing the motion and Dennis Thornbury abstaining from the vote.

Jim Fowell made a motion that the NBRSA develop a spiral bound or ring type binder rule book in order to facilitate revision. After much discussion the motion died for lack of a second. Due to the defeat of this proposal, Jim Fowell withdrew the next two items on his agenda as they were based upon passage of this motion.

Jim Fowell presented a prototype Hunter Class scoring device for inspection by the Directors. Manley Oakley had made the prototypes and several of the Directors had previously been able to use the devices. Jim stated that Manley did not want to produce the device and the NBRSA would need to find someone to produce it if they accepted the design. Ron Hoehn discussed the need for a thicker scribe mark for the .308" scoring ring. He suggested that a ring with an 0.281 internal diameter would be better. Jim Fowell made a motion to accept the device as the official Hunter Class scoring device. Marcy Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Fowell agreed to find a producer for the device.

Marcy Lyons made a motion that this device become official for the 1986 Hunter Nationals. Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to add the following sentence to the rule book, Section D, page 11, under #13 (Official Target Measurements (World Records), "The targets and backers to be submitted shall not leave the range with the competitor but must be turned over to the range officer or a referee after the match is finished." The motion was seconded by Ed Watson. Ed Watson made a motion to amend the previous motion by adding "and then turned over to the Regional Director." After much discussion, both the amendment and the motions were withdrawn by the appropriate directors.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to add the following sentence to the rulebook, Section D, page 11, under #13 (Official Target Measurements (World Records), "The targets and backers to be submitted for official record measurement shall not leave the range until properly signed and identified but must be turned over to the range officer or a referee after the match is finished." Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to add the following paragraph to Section F. Tournament procedure, 6. Drawing for Benches.

"For a two-gun, three-gun or four-gun aggregate, the Host Club may elect to have only one drawing for benches. However, they must rotate after each match or after each class and/or range change. This is to facilitate the statistician in computing these multiple class aggregates."

Dennis Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to delete the paragraph on Page 17, Section F. Tournament Procedure, 9. Official Score Bulletins and to substitute the following:

"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 Ten Equipment list must be furnished and at National Championship a Top Twenty Equipment List. A copy of the bulletin must be mailed to each competitor and the NBRSA headquarters within four weeks after the match is completed. 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."

Dennis Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to delete paragraphs h) and I) of Section I, 1. Programs on page 25 of the rulebook and to add a new paragraph h) to be as follows:

"The host club shall signify if bench rotation is to be used, either after each match or at a class and/or range change."

Dennis Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to add to page 30, Section J, 7. National Match as paragraph (d), and moving the existing paragraph to (e) , the following:

"Member clubs must submit a bid for a Hunter Nationals two years in advance at the annual meeting of the directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for the holding of these Hunter Nationals, which must be approved by the directors." The motion was seconded by Dennis Wagner. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons asked that a rule change for tie-breakers in Hunter Class be added to the rule book. The ruling had been accepted at the 1984 Director's meeting and had been inadvertently left from the rulebook. He was informed that the error will be corrected.

Marcy Lyons made a motion that Section D, Tournament Rules, II. Time Limits (Page 10) be modified to read:

"For the first match of the day of the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be ten (10) minutes for a Sporter-Varmint match and fifteen (15) minutes for an Unlimited match. This shall cover all registered matches including regional and National Championships. For subsequent matches the time limit will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match. It is recommended that the Host Club have at least one large supplementary target down range to help competitors "get on paper."

The Host Club may elect to have a separate warm-up match for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this warm-up match and subsequent matches will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match.

Not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between the end of one relay of one event and the start of the same relay of the next event. There shall be no exception to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all registered matches time limits shall be determined by a timer calibrated in seconds."

The motion was seconded by Ed Watson.

After much discussion, Stan Buchtel made a motion to table the motion until the following day. Jim Fowell seconded the motion. The motion to table was defeated; 3 yes to 6 no.

Ron Hoehn made a motion to proceed to other items and reconsider this motion later in the meeting. Dennis Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Hexum made a motion that 'Bolt action receivers produced in quantities of 1000 or more annually.' Be added to page 27 Section J. 2.©. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Tom Hexum made a motion to increase the maximum scope power for Hunter Class from 6X to 6.5X (page 28, Section J. 2. (j)). The motion died for lack of a second.

Tom Hexum withdrew the final item of his agenda.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to change the Section J. 2. © to include "no wider than 1.400" and no longer than 10.25" in place of "no larger in diameter than 1.400" and no longer than 10.25". The motion was seconded by Ron Hoehn. The motion passed with only Tom Hexum opposing the change.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the NBRSA affiliated clubs be permitted to use the NBRSA logo on trophies and awards if prior approval is given by the Director of the region and the registered mark is used. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Thornbury started a discussion concerning the amount paid to the directors for mileage to the National Meeting. Several suggestions as to changes in procedure and/or rate were forwarded. George Kelbly stated that the NBRSA could put a limit on the compensation received by any director or that the rate could be reduced temporarily if a need arose. Tom Hexum suggested that the mileage rate could be reduced, but that the return from the membership fee to each region could be increased to cover rising costs. Jim Fowell made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting and that the topic be entered into the minutes. Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons re-introduced his motion that Section D Tournament Rules, II. Time limits (Page 10) be modified to read:

"For the first match of the day or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be ten (10) minutes for a Sporter-Varmint match and fifteen (15) minutes for an Unlimited match. This shall cover all registered matches including regional and National Championships. For subsequent matches the time limit will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match. It is recommended that the Host Club have large supplementary targets down range to help competitors "get on paper". The Host Club may elect to have a separate warm up match for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this warm up match and subsequent matches will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match. Not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between the end of one relay of one event and the start of the same relay of the next event. There shall be no exception to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all registered matches time limits shall be determined by a timer calibrated in seconds."

Lee Euber seconded the motion.

After much discussion, Marcy Lyons withdrew this motion and made a motion that Section D Tournament Rules, II. Time limits (page 10) be modified to read:

"For the first match of the day or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be ten (10) minutes for a Sporter-Varmint match and fifteen (15) minutes for an Unlimited match. For subsequent matches the time limit will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match. It is mandatory that the Host Club have supplementary targets down range to help competitors "get on paper" for the above format.

The Host Club may elect to have a separate warm up match or one three minute sight in period for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this warm up match and subsequent matches will be seven (7) minutes for a five shot match and twelve (12) minutes for a ten shot match.

Not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between the end of one relay of one event and the start of the same relay of the next event. There shall be no exception to the requirement that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all registered matches time limits shall be determined by a timer calibrated in seconds."

Lee Euber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion that Section I. 1. (g) be changed to read "Warm-up matches will be optional at all registered matches, but clubs must state in publication or program whether or not there will be a warm up match, 3 minute sight in period or a 10 (or 15) match for the first match at each distance." Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Watson made a motion that the paragraph in H. 3. THE TARGET DETAIL (page 21) stating "After completion of the bench assignments...and to avoid preparing targets for inactive benches." Be deleted. Marcy Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Walt Berger announced that the Editor's compensation from the NBRSA was now at \$300 per month. After some discussion, no motion to change the compensation was presented.

The secretary's salary was also discussed, but no motion to change the amount was presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Stan Buchtel nominated Walt Berger for President. Dennis Thornbury seconded the nomination.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to close nominations for President. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel nominated George Kelbly for Vice President. Dennis Thornbury seconded the nomination.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NATIONALS:

Stan Buchtel made a bid for the 1988 Unlimited/Varmint Nationals at Kelbly's Rifle Range.

Marcy Lyons made a bid for the 1988 Unlimited/Varmint Nationals to the Midland, Texas, range for either the normal dates or preferably for the week of 3 October, 1988.

The directors discussed the two ranges and the dates involved. The two dates for Midland were voted upon first with the October date winning the vote (8 for October, 1 for July).

The vote for location for the 1988 Unlimited/Varmint Nationals was won by the Midland range (8 for Midland, 1 for Kelbly's).

The 1988 Unlimited Nationals will be at Midland, Texas, during the week for 3 October, 1988.

Ron Hoehn made a bid for the 1988 Hunter Nationals for the St. Louis range on the weekend of 17, 18 September, 1988.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to accept this bid. Jim Fowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Watson reported that the Long Creek Club has made most of the preparations for the 1987 Nationals, but has not removed some butts that may block the view of wind flags beyond 100 yards from some benches. Walt Berger said he would contact the club to check their progress.

Ed Watson reported that he had received complaints from his members that people were allowed to draw the same bench on different relays, such as a husband/wife or father/son who wished to share equipment. George Kelbly stated that such requests were common on his range and that they made it difficult to assign benches. Stan Buchtel made a motion that; "it be published in the magazine that benches are to be drawn for ALL competitors, requests for shooting on a particular bench are not allowed. Only physical hardship will be allowed for the reassignment of benches. However, a competitor may request to shoot a particular relay if space is available." Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to recess the meeting until the following morning. Tom Hexum seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 AM on 3 August 1986 in the same location as the previous day. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
George Kelbly, Vice President
Stella Buchtel, Secretary/Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Marcy Lyons, Gulf Coast region Director
Tom Hexum, North Central Region Director
Jim Fowell, Northwest Region Director
Ed Watson, Southeast Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Mike Prokosch, Past Director

Stella Buchtel presented the financial report to the directors.

Marcy Lyons asked about the expenditures for targets. Stella Buchtel reported that the expenditures were for two printings this year due to higher than expected sales volume.

Marcy Lyons commented on the life membership fund and the inability of the interest gained from this fund to support the expenses incurred for the life members. Stella Buchtel reported that \$2500 (of the \$10000 borrowed) had been repaid to the life membership fund.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to raise the cost of a life membership to \$500.00. Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that the increased cost of the life membership be effective August 3, 1986. Tom Hexum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion that the NBRSA fee (Section F. 2. ©, Page 14) be increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per competitor per day. Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stella Buchtel reported that the cost incurred in supporting a foreign membership is slightly more than the present membership fee. Discussion followed.

Walt Berger reported that PPC Corp. (Dr. Palmisano) had donated \$250.00 to the NBRSA. Stan Buchtel made a motion that the money be kept in trust towards the purchase of a large plaque for the listing of all the National Champions. Marcy Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Watson suggested that the winners of the rotating trophies (at the Nationals) should receive a letter reminding them to return the trophy and it's packing box to the club hosting the next Nationals. Walt Berger said he would follow up on this matter.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to change the end of the NBRSA fiscal year from June 30 to May 31. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to accept the fiscal report as presented. Jim Fowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion to accept the 1985 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (with the correction of one typographical error). Ed Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Fowell made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion to adjourn. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Prokosch

ATTACHMENT 1

August 1, 1986

TO: The Board of Directors, NBRSA

RE: An Official Protest, regarding the 1986 NBRSA National Championships, at Kelbly's Range, N. Lawrence, OH, in the 100 yard Heavy Varmint Stage, relay #1, Match #__, Competitor # 2, (Allan Hall).

When I fired my first shot on match #1 in the Heavy Varmint, I thought the shot hit the bottom of the target. I aimed higher on the second shot and saw it appear between the sighter square and the record square. I then went to the range officer, Mr. Jim Kelbly, and told him that there was a shot on my target between the squares, and possibly two shots, one of which could have been on the large black competitor number, making it impossible to see. The range officer looked through his spotting scope and observed only one shot in the area. I again told him there could be two shots, to which he replied, "There's no problem". When the target was measured, the other shot was found in the large black competitor number, and one inch was added to my group for one of the "No Problem" shots. I feel that I have been unfairly penalized by the range personnel and procedures.

/s/ Allan Hall

ATTACHMENT 2

July 24, 1986

To All Officers and Director of the NBRSA:

The following list shows the results of a questionnaire I handed out late last year. The list shows what weights (official) that each director has in his possession.

	10#	10 1/2#	3#
1. Dennis Wagner	X	OK	OK
2. Lee Euber	X	X	X
3. Dennis Thornbury	X	OK	OK
4. Ron Hoehn	OK	OK	OK
5. Ed Watson	OK	OK	OK
6. Tom Hexum	OK	X	X
7. Stan Buchtel	OK	OK	OK
8. Jim Folwell	X	OK	OK
9. Marcy Lyons	OK	OK	OK

Alvin Davidson has some ten (10) pound weights that already belong to the NBRSA. Any director who needs one should be able to get it from Alvin. Alvin said he could also quote us prices on any other weights we might need.

Jim Folwell should have a prototype scoring device for Hunter Rifle on display. Some directors have already tried this device. It appears the device would be a big improvement over what we are now using. Any comments made by the directors that have used the device should be given consideration. In the next few months hopefully we can get the scoring device and weights to all the directors who need them.

Good Shooting,

/s/ Francis Broussard

(Handwritten note: See Stella on weights)

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 1987

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Walt Berger at 6:40 PM on Saturday, August 1, 1987, at the Hilton Inn in Charlotte, North Carolina. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
Geroge Kelbly, Vice President
Stella buchtel, Secretary-Treasurer
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Marcy Lyons, Gulf Coast region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley region Director
Lee Euber, Northeast Region Director
Tom Hexum, North Central Region Director
Jim Folwell, Northwest Region Director
Larry Earp, Southeast Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Howard Dietz, Gulf Coast Region Director Elect

Dennis Wagner asked that previous minutes be corrected on Page 1, line two, "Dennis Wagner abstaining from the vote". Upon motion duly made by March Lyons and seconded by Dennis Wagner the minutes were unanimously approved a corrected.

The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed. Upon motion duly made by Ron Hoehn and seconded by Marcy Lyons the treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented and will be filed for audit.

Jim Folwell followed through on the Official Hunter Class measuring device as described in the 1986 minutes. However, the device was not available for the 1986 Hunter Nationals. The measuring device is now available from the Association for \$45. Marcy Lyons made a motion that effective January 1, 1988, this device be the official scoring device for Hunter Class registered matches. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Lee Euber brought up the subject of drawing benches for husband and wives and people that travel together. Discussion followed, and subject died for lack of a motion.

Jim Folwell made a motion to include all of the State of Montana in the Northwest Region. Tom Hexum seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Folwell made a motion to eliminate Sporter Class and to have a 10 1/2 and 13 1/2# class. Motion died for a lack of second.

After discussion regarding the time frame for Hunter Nationals Ron Hoehn made a motion to hold the Nationals between August 15 and October 15. Jim Folwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Discussion of Registration Cards resulted in a motion being made by Stan Buchtel that the all clubs retain registration cards for a period of one year with the exception of registration cards for National Matches which will continue to be forwarded to National Headquarters. Marcy Lyons seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel made a motion that all clubs will be required to send a copy of their match report along with voucher and check for match fees to the National Office to be matched to the Shoot Agreements. Larry Earp seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion on the status of the Northeast Region, which was created in an effort to bring IBS and NBRSA back together. Stan Buchtel made a motion to include the Northeast Region in the Eastern Region since there are no affiliated clubs in this region and membership has been stagnant. Jim Folwell seconded the motion and a vote was taken---two were in favor, seven opposed.

After considerable discussion on the Secretary-Treasurer office of NBRSA Stan Buchtel made a motion to eliminate the elected office of Secretary and make this a hired position (Business Manager) paid on a monthly basis and furnished a 1099 IRS form at the end of the calendar year. Combine the office of Vice President and Recording Secretary. Business Manager to be responsible for all other operating functions not covered by Recording Secretary and attend all Director's Meetings. Dennis Wagner seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Wagner made a motion that Business Manager fee to be no more than \$500.00. Stan Buchtel seconded. Motion passed with Larry Earp abstaining. Walt Berger will talk with Pat Baggett about assuming these responsibilities and transition will be made as smoothly as possible.

A motion was made by Ron Hoehn to pay \$500.00 per month . Motion passed unanimously.

Precision Shooting magazine was discussed. David Brennan has published a survey in the August issue of the magazine querying all readers. This is a direct result of a rate increase request from Precisions Shooting from \$13.00 to \$17.00 per year per member which was contested by both organizations.

An annual dues increase was discussed but not brought to a vote. Based on fiscal year 86-87 figures the average cost per member was \$24.96. Annual dues are \$25.00 with \$13.00 of that going for Precision Shooting subscription leaving \$12.00 per member to cover all other operating costs.

It was also noted that earnings of the Life Membership fund were low and for the past few years has not been sustaining because so many of the 336 Life Members bought the Life Membership at very low rates. Life Members represent 16.2% of the total membership. As of June 30, 1987 total membership was 2,080, which includes 62 clubs and 75 associate members. It was further noted that the last dues increase for membership was on September 1, 1984 when annual dues were increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00; no increase was made for associate members or foreign memberships.

Target paper and target consumption was discussed and current inventory figures were furnished to Directors for review. Sales of targets were greater than projected for the initial order placed for target paper. Again, a new source for target paper had to be found and targets are available except HBR - 2 which will be available before the end of August.

A discussion was held on publishing the term of each Director in the official publication. Editor to be advised to publish this information.

Directors were reminded that nominations for Director for all regions except Gulf Coast and North Central are to be received at the National Office by March 1, 1988. refer to rulebook for information on submitting nominations.

Super Shoot match fees were discussed. A motion was made and seconded limiting the maximum fee a range must pay to the National Office to \$100.00 per day. With all Directors in favor, this motion was passed unanimously.

Marcy Lyons made a motion that the 1988 Nationals begin on the last Monday in July. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion and motion passed with Jim Folwell opposed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the BYLAWS on Page 24 ARTICLE IV - No. 2 shall be changed to read "After completion of Varmint Nationals".

The 1988 Annual board Meeting will be held after the completion of National Varmint matches, July 30th and July 31st if necessary.

1988 Hunter Nationals will be held in St. Louis September 17-18.

Stan Buchtel bid Kelbly's Rifle Range at North Lawrence, Ohio for the 1989 Varmint Nationals. No other bids were offered. Kelbly's Rifle Range was awarded the 1989 Varmint Nationals.

Jim Folwell bid Entiat Bench Rest Club at Wenatchee, Washington for the 1989 Hunter Nationals. No other bids were offered. The Entiat Bench Rest Club will hold the Hunter Nationals on August 19-20, 1989.

A discussion was held on clubs wishing to hold a National Match. The Regional Director will be responsible for checking out and monitoring the progress of clubs as they prepare their range for a National Match.

With no further business on hand Jim Folwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marcy Lyons seconded, with all being in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 AM.

Stella Buchtel

Secretary-Treasurer

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NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 30, 1988

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Walt Berger at 4:45 PM on Saturday, July 30, 1988, at the Leisure Colony Hotel in Midland, Texas. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
George Kelbly, Vice President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Region Director
Howard Dietz, Gulf Coast Region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Keith Hakeman, North Central Region Director
Jim Folwell, Northwest Region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director "Proxy"
Dennis Thornbury, Southwestern Region Director
Dan Lilja, Northwest Region Director Elect

Joe Howell discussed the current rules and regulations of Smallbore (Rimfire) Benchrest Shooters, which were drawn up by the Springfield Benchrest Rifle Club, Springfield, Missouri. He explained the four different classes:

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| 1. Sporter Class | Under 8 1/2 lbs.
12x Scope Maximum (Variable power to be taped by range official at 12x)
Factory sporter rifle. |
| 2. Unlimited Sporter Class | Under 8 1/2 lbs. No scope power limit.
No flat forearm stocks.
Muzzle diameter .625 maximum
(Plus or minus 5/1000's) |
| 3. Target Class | Under 14 lbs. No scope power limit.
Factory production target rifle. Target rifle with silhouette stock still in target class. |
| 4. Unrestricted Class | No limits. (i.e. rail guns) |

Sand bags and rests must meet NBRSA rules. Shooter who wishes to shoot the same gun in an upper class must first shoot the gun in the class in which it belongs. (i.e. Sporter must be

shot in sporter class before target class). Matches consist of 4 five shot groups at 50 yards and 4 five shot groups at 100 yards, with aggregates of the eight groups. Scoring is figured by the minute of angle at 100 yards. (Double 50 yard groups; add to 100 yard groups; and divide by 8). Rifles not fitting into one of the four classes will be determined by the discretion of the range official at the match.

Joe Howell then requested that the Rimfire Benchrest Shooters would like to become affiliated with NBRSA. If NBRSA does accept the Rimfire Shooters affiliation, they would like to hold a registered match in September, 1988. They would also like to put in a bid for the National 22 Benchrest Match in 1989. At present, the Springfield Benchrest Rifle Club has 18 covered benches at 50 yards and 18 covered benches at 100 yards.

Ron Hoehn made a motion that the Smallbore (Rimfire) Benchrest Shooters be allowed to become affiliated with NBRSA and that they be allowed to hold a registered match in September, 1988. Keith Hakeman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Walt Berger appointed a committee to study the Rimfire classes, rules, etc. Chairman is to be Dennis Thornbury, with assistance from Ron Hoehn and Dennis Wagner.

Fletcher Williams presented a proposal concerning his job as editor for NBRSA. He indicated that NBRSA now has an eight-page format in "Precision Shooting" magazine. This is a total of 8976 square inches per year. After deducting for the header; mailing space; officer panels; varmint and hunter national ads; match schedules; NBRSA world records; membership form; varmint and hunter nationals coverage; and coverage of the "Super Shoot", NBRSA is left with only 4571 square inches or 51% of the total format inches for actual NBRSA news and/or articles. After talking with "Precision Shooting" regarding additional pages for NBRSA News, and talking with a local printer near his home, he felt that we could get more for "our" money by printing "our" own magazine.

After a discussion, Dennis Wagner made a motion that NBRSA pay Fletcher \$600.00 per month for services rendered. In addition, Fletcher will receive 50% of profits from all advertising revenue. He is to pay for all of his expenses as editor, is to solicit advertising for the magazine, and is to bill for the advertising. He is to publish a minimum of 16 pages each month, which are to include at least one article. There is to be an agreement drawn up between Fletcher and NBRSA. This agreement will be negotiable after one year. The magazine is to be "owned solely by NBRSA" with NBRSA paying all of the expenses of the magazine, including the cost of printing and postage.

NBRSA will always have "control of" and have "the final say in" any matter concerning the magazine. The ruling board of the magazine will be the "NBRSA NEWS" and the first issue will be published in September, 1988. Stan Buchtel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. It was decided that the advertising rates are to be competitive and will be set by the NBRSA Board of Directors. Some of the articles need to be non-technical for the non-shooters since this is to be more than just a match reporting magazine. Money for the ads is to be mailed to Pat Baggett, NBRSA Business Manager. Fletcher is, however, to keep up with the ads that have been sold and will send Pat a bill for his 50% of the advertising profits. The printer will bill directly to Pat Baggett.

Walt Berger will notify Dave Brennan and/or "Precision Shooting" of our plans. First there is to be a phone call and then that is to be confirmed with a letter. Walt will also supply a "cover letter" for the first issue to explain the change from "Precision Shooting" magazine/insert to "NBRSA NEWS". The cost of this magazine will be included in the \$25.00 NBRSA annual dues and life members will not have to pay an additional charge in order to receive "NBRSA NEWS".

Ron Hoehn made a motion to make a change in the NBRSA Official Rulebook (Rev.Ed.#27) on page 11, Item D - 13 in order to lessen the possibility of any misunderstanding concerning the signing of backers. His motion was to add: "All targets and all backers must be properly signed to be considered for possible world records." This is to be inserted following the sentence, "...information furnished on the competitors registration card" and preceding the sentence, "The Regional Director will retain...". This was seconded by Stan Buchtel and was passed unanimously.

Stan Buchtel suggested that there needs to be a change in the directors' terms so that five directors' terms would expire one year with the remaining four directors' terms expiring the following year. This would insure that NBRSA would always have experienced directors serving on the board. It was discussed and decided that the most simple way to accomplish this would be for Dennis Wagner (Mid-Continent Director) and (incoming Northeastern Director) Ira Farnsworth to volunteer to serve for one rather than two-year terms at this time. This was agreed as most fair. Therefore, Howard Dietz's (GC), Dennis Wagner's (MC), Keith Hakeman's (NC), and Ira Farnsworth's (NE) terms will expire 9/1/89. While Phil Sauer's (ER) Ron Hoehn's (MV), Dan Lilja's (NW), Larry Earp's (SE), and Dennis Thornbury's (SW) terms expire 9/1/90.

Ron Hoehn moved that the NBRSA editor receive mileage to attend the Varmint Nationals in 1989 as do the directors. Dennis Thornbury seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

Ron Hoehn suggested that something needed to be done about late and early firing at matches. This was discussed and noted that there were already rules covering this in the rulebook. However, the rule does need enforcing.

Ron Hoehn made a motion to delete the fourth paragraph from the Range Officer's general instructions to shooters of each relay of the first match of each day. Refer to the NBRSA Official Rulebook (Rev.Ed. #27) on page 19, Item H - 1, sixth paragraph from the top. DELETE: "All competitors must be cleared from the benches before the target detail enters the range." Dennis Wagner seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ron Hoehn suggested that we discuss the duties of the referee and add an additional responsibility of scanning all measured targets for scoring errors and submitting errors over (+ or -) .025" for remeasurement. Jim Folwell stated that the director of each region can deal with any clubs with that problem. A discussion followed, using the Crawfish Shoot as an example of poor measuring. If such matters are not corrected immediately, there is the possibility of withholding permission for regional and/or registered matches in the future until the director of that region feels that the situation is corrected.

Jim Folwell made the motion that NBRSA discontinue honoring IBS membership cards at NBRSA registered matches. This motion died for lack of a second.

Pat Baggett requested an increase in her monthly pay for services rendered. At the present time, she is earning \$500.00 per month. This breaks down to \$3.70 per hour. She asked that the board consider giving her \$600 per month to increase her earnings to at least \$5.00 per hour. Stan Buchtel said that he was well aware of just how much work is involved in the job. While his wife, Stella, held the position, he felt that he had no right to speak up for her in her bid for a raise in pay. He noted that Pat had only listed 30+ hours per week devoted to NBRSA, and suggested that at least 40 hours per week devoted to NBRSA, and suggested that at least 40 hours per week is closer to the actual number of hours worked. (Stella made \$375.00 per month or only \$2.34 per hours worked.) He mentioned the phone calls that come in at any hour or on any day (no days off for holidays). He also pointed out that if the business manager was doing a good job, it would be advantageous for NBRSA to keep her/him for as long as possible, since the job is rather complicated, and it is costly to move. Stan made a motion that the monthly pay for the position of business manager be raised to \$600 per month. Howard Dietz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was mentioned that Francis Broussard is resigning as Records' Chairman as of December 31, 1988. Directors were encouraged to give some thought to this matter and to come up with a suitable replacement for the position.

The financial statement was read and discussed. It was noted that we do need to increase our yearly income by some means in the near future. This will be tabled until later. Stan Buchtel made a motion that the financial statement be accepted; Ron Hoehn seconded it; and the motion passed.

The target inventory was discussed. More targets have been ordered. Our HBR-1 target inventory was depleted briefly during June, 1988. Davis Printing Co. used up the rest of the target paper on hand to print more of the HBR-1 targets. They were available by mid-July. Since the remainder of the target paper had been printed, Davis Printing had to order more paper. The remaining targets ordered to be printed will be ready by mid-August, 1988.

A notice from Precision Shooting, Inc. was read and discussed. Precision Shooting, Inc. offered to re-purchase any shares of PS stock that are tendered to them in the months of July, August, and September, 1988, at a price of \$50.00 a piece. All shares sold to date have been sold at a price of \$25.00 a piece. NBRSA currently holds five PS shares. Stan Buchtel made a motion to sell the PS stock shares back to Precision Shooting, Inc. Jim Folwell seconded and the motion passed.

Stan Buchtel suggested that we need to establish minimum standards for ranges desiring to hold NBRSA Nationals (i.e. benches should be on same plane as bottom of target frames, etc.) Considerable discussion was held regarding these suggestions, and Jim Folwell suggested that we table this until later. Stan withdrew his suggestion, but he recommended that the directors need to keep these suggestions in mind for the future.

Walt Berger then asked for bids for the 1990 Hunter Nationals. Howard Dietz bid Lake Charles, Louisiana for the third week in September, 1990. (They have 20 benches.) There were no other bids. This bid was accepted. The 1990 Hunter Nationals will be held in Lake Charles, Louisiana during the third week in September, 1990.

Walt Berger then asked for bids for the 1990 Varmint and Unrestricted Nationals. Dennis Thornbury bid Phoenix, Arizona, for the first part of October, 1990. Howard Dietz bid Midland, Texas. Phoenix has 50 benches, restrooms, 5 covered loading areas, more parking space than before, and a campground 3/4 mile from range with showers and hook-ups for 52 trailers. There are 48 more spaces for trailers without complete hook-ups. The camp is willing to take reservations and shooters will have priority. During October in Phoenix, the temperature ranges for 67 - 86.7 degrees F. Walt mentioned that at the current time, we do not have permission for anyone to spend the night inside the range. He is in the process of obtaining permission for this with the shooters who wish to stay inside the range (without hook-ups) over night can get in and out of the gate (which will be locked each night). A vote was called for. Phoenix received a total of 4 votes; Midland received none; with 3 directors abstaining (Keith Hakeman; Stan Buchtel; and James Messer, proxy for Southeastern Region). If Phoenix does not get everything done that they need to do, the bid will be reopened again at a later time.

Walt Berger then called for the election of officers. Howard Dietz nominated Walt Berger for President. Jim Folwell seconded the motion and Dennis Wagner made a motion that the nominations cease and that Walt be elected by acclamation. Walt Berger was re-elected as NBRSA President. Next, Stan Buchtel nominated George Kelbly for Vice President, and Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion. Howard Dietz made a motion that the nominations cease and that George be elected by acclamation. George Kelbly was re-elected as NBRSA Vice president.

Dennis Wagner made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and the board meeting adjourned at 1:55 AM Sunday, July 31, 1988.

Pat Baggett

Business Manager

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 25 & July 29, 1989

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Walt Berger at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 25, 1989, at Kelbly's Rifle Range in Marshallville, Ohio. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
George Kelbly, Vice President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Director
Larry Baggett, Gulf Coast region Director "Proxy"
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Dan Lilja, North West Region Director
Larry Earp, South East Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, South West Region Director

Ron Hoehn reported on the progress of .22 Rimfore and also read a letter from Larry Brown requesting that BR-50 be sanctioned by the NBRSA. A brief summary of the BR-50 rules were read: "12 lbs." is to be the "normal rifle weight", with a 1% handicap for each pound above or below the 12 lbs. The scoring shall be as follows:

100 points = bull's eye
50 points = ring next to bull's eye
25 points = second ring from bull's eye
10 points = severed outer ring
-25points = missed target
-50 points = more than one bullet hole in one target.

The "worst" edge of a bullet hole counts. One match consists of 50 targets with only 1 shot in each target. Air Rifles are shot at 25 yards, .22 Rimfire Rifles are shot at 50 yards, and Centerfire Rifles are shot at 100 yards."

Larry Brown is willing to help any club with the registration of BR-50 matches. He requests that the BR - 50 match results be published in the NBRSA NEWS.

After discussion, Ron Hoehn made a motion that BR-50 be sanctioned by NBRSA; that Larry Brown be accepted as the official BR-50 consultant; that NBRSA adopt the existing BR-50 rules; and that NBRSA sell the BR-50 targets. Phil Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Fletcher Williams, NBRSA editor, asked that he be allowed to apply for a "second class" permit for NBRSA NEWS. This would upgrade the present "bulk rate" and should improve delivery of the magazine. Denis Wagner made a motion that Fletcher apply for a "second class" postage permit. Dan Lilja seconded and the motion carried.

Phil Sauer reported that, as the rules now read, the board can only act formally for NBRSA during the annual board meeting. He made the motion that the by-laws be revised to allow directors to act when not in annual meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Phil Sauer discussed the wording of the agreement between NBRSA and its Editor, Fletcher Williams. Last year's minutes read, "...that NBRSA pay Fletcher \$600.00 per month for services rendered. In addition, Fletcher will receive 50% of profits from all advertising revenue." Phil made a motion that we formalize an agreement with our editor and that this agreement should read, "with the Editor receiving \$600.00 per month for services rendered plus 1/2 of the gross advertising revenue for the fiscal year 1989-90. This is to be reviewed each year. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one abstention.

Phil Sauer then made the motion that the following rule be added to the rule book: "No smoking allowed in any loading areas." The motion died for lack of a second. Dennis Wagner made the motion that on page 13 of the rulebook, under the item E., we add: "10. It is recommended that there be no smoking in any loading areas." After a discussion, Dennis withdrew the motion.

Phil Sauer recommended that we postpone acting on setting minimum standards for ranges wanting to conduct NBRSA nationals.

Dennis Wagner opened the discussion on the rubber (or similar coated) rings that are sometimes being used to surround the rear sandbag on the shooting bench. The purpose of the ring being to restrict movement of the bag upon recoil of the rifle. members read and discussed item 14. (c) on pages 4 and 5 of the rule book. They were in complete agreement that the rubber rings are a containment and the rulebook states, "The rear bag shall not be contained in any manner." This rule shall be enforced by the referees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM for the evening. The meeting is scheduled to meet again on Saturday, July 29 at 3:30 PM.

The second session of the annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Walt Berger at 3:30 PM on Saturday, July 29, 1989, at the Kelbly Rifle Range in Marshallville, Ohio.

The General Meeting, which was held on the afternoon of Friday, July 28, was discussed. The first item being the "O" rings for rear sand bags. After considerable discussion, Larry Earp made a motion that in the rule book on pages 4 and 5, the last two sentences of item 14. (c) should read: "The vertical spacers shall not contain any protrusions which can be inserted into bench top or sand bag and the top and bottom surfaces of the vertical spacer must be lat." Dan Lilja seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The second item from the General Meeting to be discussed was a ruling or clarification on the type of sand (synthetic, foundry sand, etc.) to be used in sand bags. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the rulebook should stand as it now reads.

The third item from the General Meeting for discussion was the weighing of rifles. Phil Sauer made the motion that on page 16 of the rule book, the third and fourth paragraphs of item 7. should read as follows: (3rd paragraph) "At all registered matches, rifles will be weighed, the timing of the weighing shall be at the discretion of the referees. Any violation of this inspection rule will result in disqualification." (4th paragraph) "At the completion of all registered matches, the equipment of each range aggregate winner and the grand aggregate winner can be checked by the referees to ascertain that all said equipment have met legal requirements." Dennis Wagner seconded the motion and it passed.

The fourth item from the General Meeting to be discussed was bench assignment. Dennis Wagner made the motion that on page 15 of the rulebook, under item F. 6., the following portion of the second paragraph should be omitted, "As soon as enough registrations are received to complete a relay, registrations are to be taken to a Notary public to have the benches assigned and receive certification that this has been done. As other registrations come in they are to be treated in the same manner." The second paragraph would then read, "A system of bench rotation will be used whereby each competitor will fire his first match on the assigned bench and each following event shall move a pre-determined number of benches to the right. This bench rotation system may be used at any NBRSA Match when so elected by the match sponsors." Then on page 20, item H. 2., the following phrase should be deleted from the first paragraph, "shall help conduct the drawing of benches", so that the sentence reads: "The referees shall inspect the equipment of competitors and pass upon whether such equipment complies with the requirements of the class in which the shooter is competing." Phil Sauer seconded the motion. The motion passed. After further discussion, Larry Baggett made the motion that the following phrase be inserted at the beginning of the second paragraph of item F. 6.: "At National Championship Tournaments". The sentence would then read: "At National Championship Tournaments a system of bench rotation will be used whereby each competitor will fire his first match on the assigned bench and each following event shall move a pre-determined number of benches to the right." This motion was seconded by Dan Lilja and passed.

Phil Sauer led the discussion on the past and future finances of NBRSA. Larry Baggett made a motion that an income and expense statement be published in the NBRSA News for the benefit of the general membership at the close of each fiscal year. Since NBRSA's fiscal year runs from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year, the financial statement should be included in the September issue each year, if at all possible. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Phil Sauer began his presentation on the proposed 1989-90 budget. Ron Hoehn made a motion that, effective immediately, the rule books shall be sold for \$5.00 each. This is to help pay for a new printing of the rule book and to raise more revenue for NBRSA. The motion was seconded by Larry Baggett and it passed.

Discussion of the proposed budget continued. It was suggested that all directors need to make a serious commitment to get monthly articles for publication in NBRSA News. The directors should submit their own articles or ask members from their region to submit articles of interest for publication.

Other ways of raising revenue were discussed. The Business Manager turned down a raise at this time. Dennis Wagner then made a motion that club and NBRSA registration fees be increased, effective January 1, 1990. The rulebook on page 14, under item F. 2. should read: "(a) Club Fees. Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his behalf) a registration fee for each day and for each class in which he competes. At its option, the Host Club may charge a registration fee not to exceed \$20.00 per day, including NBRSA, Inc. registration fees. An additional \$5.00 may be charged for each additional class a competitor competes in, in one day. If both stages are fired in one day, an additional \$5.00 may be charged for each class. (b) National Championship Tournaments registration fees are to be \$20.00 per day maximum, regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in one day. (c) NBRSA Fees. The Host Club shall pay the NBRSA, Inc. \$1.50 per competitor per day for a registered tournament, not to exceed \$100.00, except for a National Championship Tournament, which will be \$1.50 per competitor per day with no limit. Registration Fees are to be sent to NBRSA Headquarters within 30 days of the Match and shall be accompanied by a properly completed voucher and match report." Phil Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Dennis Wagner reported that Francis Broussard will no longer furnish the knives that have previously been given as part of the National Trophies.

While still on the subject of the 1989-90 budget, travel expenses were discussed. Dan Lilja made a motion that all salaried-employees (Business Manager & Editor) be paid the regular \$.18 per mile to and from the Nationals and/or Annual Board Meeting beginning with 1989. Phil Sauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dennis Wagner made a motion that all officers and directors be paid \$.18 per mile to and from the Nationals and/or Annual Board Meeting, effective in 1990, with the stipulation that the board members not take this allowed travel expense for the 1990 Nationals (Phoenix, Arizona). Larry Earp seconded the motion, and it passed. Furthermore, the board voted to not accept travel expense for the 1989 Nationals (Marshallville, Ohio. (The \$4,007.32 listed in the 1988-89 financial statement was for travel to the 1988 Nationals in Midland, Texas. At that time, Walt Berger refused his travel expense check.

Furthering the budget discussion, George Kelbly reported that NBRSA may be able to save some money by switching printers at this time. Walt Berger appointed George Kelbly to further investigate the target-printing situation. Dennis Thornbury made a motion to give George Kelbly the power to find another quality target printer whereby NBRSA could save money. George is willing to store the paper and the printed targets in his warehouse at Kelbly's Rifle Range and would ship the targets UPS to their various destinations. When a competitive printer is found, the Business Manager shall send written authorization for George Kelbly to inspect and pick up all paper and printed targets belonging to NBRSA now being store at Davis Printing. Dan Lilja seconded the motion, and it carried. George is to

also check the cost for printing the 28th edition of the Official Rule Book and By Laws and shall report his findings to the Business Manager, Pat Baggett.

Dennis Wagner made a motion that the proposed budget, along with the changes and corrections made, be accepted. Ron Hoehn seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Phil Sauer will reprint the 1989-90 budget, with corrections, and send copies to Pat Baggett for distribution. Larry Earp made the motion that Phil Sauer monitor the financial situation of NBRSA during 1989-90. Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dan Lilja made the motion to add the following in BOLD LETTERS: "**Varmint, Sporter, and Hunter Class rests**" to the beginning of the paragraph on page 4 of the rule book, under B. 14. (b). Dennis Thornbury seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dan Lilja made a motion to add the following to the end of the paragraph on page 4 of the rule book, under B. 14. (b): "Unlimited rests may be attached to the bench top." The motion died for lack of a second.

Phil Sauer made a motion to add: "An unlimited rest may NOT be attached to a bench by any means what-so-ever." This is to be the last sentence under A. 14. (b), on page 4 of the rule book. Dennis Wagner seconded the motion and the motion carried, with 1 opposing vote.

Dan Lilja suggested that the rules listed under F. 9. need to be enforced. Publication of the equipment list was not furnished to competitors at the 1986 and 1988 Nationals. No rule change was deemed necessary; therefore, no action was taken.

The present 4" x 6" Shooter Registration Cards were discussed. Ron Hoehn made a motion that NBRSA no longer furnish the registration forms to the clubs, and Phil Sauer shall redesign the existing form. He is to send the revised form to the editor for publication in NBRSA News so clubs can make copies of it. Phil shall also send an original form to the directors and the business manager. Dennis Wagner seconded the motion, and the motion passed, with one opposing vote.

Dennis Wagner made a motion that the Business Manager submit a financial report quarterly to the board (with Phil Sauer receiving monthly reports). Ron Hoehn seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one member abstaining.

There was a discussion of item 3, on page 26 of the rule book. Larry Baggett made the motion that the NBRSA Headquarters does not have to retain registration cards, even for Nationals. Item 3. shall read: "All clubs holding registered matches must retain registration cards for a period of one year." Dennis Wagner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Phil Sauer suggested that NBRSA purchase a second computer at this time for less than \$1000. The present computer is slow and we are having problems with it. No action was taken.

Larry Earp made the motion that the Unlimited Nationals be changed to 6 matches instead of 8 matches at each yardage. The motion died for lack of a second.

Larry Earp also asked if anything could be done to change the October date of the 1990 Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona. A discussion followed, but no action was taken.

Dennis Thornbury made a motion that NBRSA have a case capacity limit of not more than 308 Winchester. The motion died for lack of a second.

Walt Berger then asked for bids for the 1991 Varmint and unrestricted Nationals. Larry Baggett bid Midland, Texas, and Larry Earp bid Charlotte, North Carolina. Earp said that the angle between the benches and the targets on the right-hand side of the Charlotte range has been corrected. He said they would also take a foot from the top of the berm on the left-hand side (located 50-60 yards from the benches). A secret ballot was held. Midland received 3 votes and Charlotte received 4 votes. The 1991 Varmint and Unrestricted Nationals will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, during the last week of July, 1991. Earp will report on the improvements made to the Charlotte range at the 1990 Board Meeting.

Walt Berger then asked for bids for the 1991 Hunter Nationals. Ron Hoehn bid St. Louis. No other bids were offered. St. Louis will host the 1991 Hunter Nationals sometime in September and/or October, 1991.

Ron Hoehn discussed a .22 Rimfire at BR-50 Nationals. It is to be published in NBRSA News that there will be Nationals held for these divisions. Bids are to be made. For .22 Rimfire, contact: Peggy Siler; Ozark Shooters; 1719 College: Springfield, Missouri 65806 (417/865-5779). For BR-50, contact: Larry Brown; Targetech; 405 W. Washington, Suite 260; San Diego, California 92103 (619/299-4455). Dr. Henry Cross, of the International Shooters Development Fund, volunteered to donate a trophy to the Rimfire Benchrest Nationals.

Dan Lilja made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Larry Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM Saturday, July 29, 1989.

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The Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition 27" is the edition to which all above changes are to be made. The end results will be published in "The Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition 28".

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 4, & 6, 1990

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Walt Berger at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 3, 1990, at the Ben Avery Benchrest Range Meeting Room near Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM. The Board reconvened at 6:15 PM on Thursday, October 4, 1990 and adjourned at 8:30 PM. They convened for the final time at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 6, 1990, and adjourned at 7:30 PM. In attendance were:

Walt Berger, President
George Kelbly, Vice President (attended 10/3/90 & 10/4/90)
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Director
Larry Baggett, Gulf Coast Region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Mike Prokosch, North Central Region Director
Dan Lilja, North West region Director
Ed White, South East Region Director "Proxy"
Dennis Thornbury, South West Region Director

A protest from the 100 yard Unlimited National Match was presented. The shooter claimed a shot was not his own, but a crossfire. Explanation by Phil Sauer, Referee for that match, followed. Prokosch made a motion to deny the protest, seconded by Baggett. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 1:

Fletcher Williams, Editor, discussed the feasibility of continuing the colored front cover of "NBRSA News". It cost \$900 per year to have the front cover in color. After a discussion, it was suggested that since the board had not previously voted to luse the colored magazine cover, there would be no need for a motion to discontinue the colored cover.

Agenda Item 2:

Fletcher then discussed the possible purchase of a small fax machine by NBRSA for the Editor's use. After some discussion, Thornbury made the motion that NBRSA issue a check in the amount of \$700 to Fletcher (the money to come out of the Promotiional Fund generated by the donations given to the NBRSA Fund). The machine is to be purchased by Fletcher. It is to be Fletcher's personal equipment and he will be responsible for all maintenance of said fax machine. The motion was seconded by Baggett, who pointed out that this purchase could be a revenue generator for NBRSA by possibly increasing the number of ads. The motion carried, with Prokosch opposing.

Agenda Item 3:

Fletcher requested better input from all Directors to improve our magazine. Board members decided that this should be merely a suggestion and not an item on the official agenda. Directors agreed that ALL clubs holding NBRSA registered matches should PROMPTLY send in LEGIBLE match reports to Fletcher for publication in the magazine. Members competing in these matches deserve to see them written up in "their" magazine. When pictures are sent to the editor to be included in the magazine, they should (if at all possible) be black and white. If they are color-printed pictures, they should be taken to a local film developer and be reprinted one "F-Stop" lighter (prior to sending them to Fletcher for publication).

Berger asked Fletcher exactly how the advertising rates are determined. Fletcher distributed a rate brochure which listed the proposed advertising rates beginning 1/1/90. Advertisers, at that time, will be paying \$10.50-\$11.00 per column inch, with clubs paying 1/2 this amount for an ad. The NBRSA Nationals will be given one free page of advertising per year (1 page for the Varmint/Spoter/Unrestricted & 1 page for the Hunter). If more pages are wanted, they will pay 1/2 the regular advertising rate. It was noted that NBRSA has been losing money on the printing of ads under the current advertising rates. Sauer made the motion that effective 1/1/91, the proposed advertising rate schedule (supplied by Fletcher) be accepted, with the exception that NBRSA affiliated clubs be charged 2/3 the regular advertising rate, instead of 1/2 as suggested by Fletcher. Also, in order to receive the special 2/3 rate, the match being advertised must be NBRSA registered. Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

It was then suggested that NBRSA keep the size of the magazine smaller in order to keep the cost down. It was noted that match reports from the Transcontinental Leagues have been previously included in the magazine and these matches have not been NBRSA registered. Baggett made the motion that no match reports be included in the magazine unless they are NBRSA registered matches, and this would mean the Transcontinental League reports would no longer be printed. Wagner seconded the motion; the motion carried, with Hoehn opposing.

Baggett made a motion that the Super Shoot (when not NBRSA registered) be made an exception to the above ruling, yet be treated as an unregistered shoot in all other matters. They should have some limited coverage in the magazine. Hoehn seconded the motion. It was suggested that when printed in our magazine, an "article format" rather than a "match report format" be used in this situation. The motion passed, with Lilja opposing.

Board Members noticed that too much money had been paid to the Editor for his share of the advertising revenue. It was agreed that no motion was needed but simply a statement indicating that we would revert back to the original motion made at the 1988 Board Meeting. That motion stated that the Editor was to receive 1/2 of the advertising revenue profit. The Editor's share of the advertising income will be calculated by a new method, which will probably pay him less. He does expect NBRSA to cover some small expenses he has been covering. A formula was suggested to the Business Manager as how to arrive at this amount.

The profit is to be the gross advertising income minus the advertising expenses. These expenses are to be the overall cost of the magazine, including Fletcher's salary, prorated according to the ad space involved versus the total magazine. Every month, the Editor should furnish the Business Manager with an accurately marked copy of that monthly issue. Every ad should have the actual amount of advertising revenue received, penciled in (right on the ad itself). He should also indicate what percentage of the entire magazine is actually comprised of advertising space each month.

The Directors agreed that the Editor does need some guidelines as to the length of equipment list he is to publish for each match reported. It was suggested that he use the following as the maximum number for published equipment lists:

National Matches - Top 20

Regional Matches - Top 10

Registered Matches - Top 5

It was also suggested that for points matches, the Editor be allowed to use his discretion as to how much will be included in the published equipment list. Also, the Editor is to include in the Match Schedule Listing ONLY matches that are NBRSA registered. Just because a club is NBRSA affiliated, all of their matches are not necessarily registered matches.

Prokosch made the motion that the Editor be advised to print a maximum of 204 pages per year exceeding advertising (averaging 16 pages per issue with an extra 12 pages per year). Hoehn seconded the motion; the motion passed, with White abstaining.

Agenda Item 4:

Baggett made a motion to place an advertisement (to attract new members to NBRSA) in 3 consecutive issues of "Rifle" magazine, with the money to come from the NBRSA Promotional Fund (revenue received from NBRSA Donation Fund). The motion was seconded by Hoehn, and after discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Lilja will place the ads.

Agenda Item 5:

Sauer made a motion to reissue the "Benchrest Shooters' Kit" and to make it available to persons interested in our organization's activities. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 6:

Sauer made a motion to change the course of fire for the National Matches by combining the Sporter and Light Varmint into a single class and that 8 groups per aggregate be fired for all classes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 7:

Sauer made a motion that several days elapse between the General Membership Meeting at the Nationals and the Directors' Annual Board Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 8:

Directors decided to combine this item regarding the revised rule book with Agenda Item #25 and discuss it later.

Agenda Item 9:

Sauer moved that in order to improve inter-Director communications, the Directors, President, and the Vice President should receive a 30% remuneration for telephone calls that they made on NBRSA business, up to a maximum of \$40 per month. This motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 10:

Sauer made a motion to amend the By-Laws to make explicit the prerogative to the Directors to conduct votes by mail at any time. Hoehn seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion failed to pass, with only Sauer voting for it.

Agenda Item 11:

Baggett suggested that the Nationals need to be self-supporting. He made the motion that those shooting in a National Match pay an additional \$10 which would be called a "trophy fee". (This should help NBRSA to stay out of the "red".) Hoehn seconded the motion. After a discussion, the item was tabled until Saturday night in order to have it presented at the General Meeting.

Hoehn brought up the question of world records for BR-50 and .22 Rimfire for the coming year. Originally when these two groups were approved by NBRSA, it was decided that no records would be accepted the first year. In order to retain these shooters and to generate interest, Rich Griffin (Records Committee Chairman) should measure and determine the best targets from the past year and then notify the Business Manager so that World Record Certificates can be sent to the top shooters as of 1/1/91. These new NBRSA sanctioned World Records need to be published in our magazine as soon as possible.

Berger reported that the "Rifle Raffle" generated \$4,705 US and \$20 Canadian. The auction on the rifle barrel, which was held during the 1990 Nationals at Phoenix, raised an additional \$400.

Agenda Item 11 (re-addressed):

Baggett made a motion that every competitor at any NBRSA Nationals pays a \$10 "Trophy Fee" (with the exclusion of the Junior shooters) in addition to the entry fee. Lilja seconded the motion. Sauer moved to amend this motion with fees to be prorated according to the number of classes each shooter enters. Sauer's amendment to the motion died for lack of a second. Baggett's original motion passed, with Sauer opposing.

Agenda Item 12:

After some discussion, Baggett withdrew his agenda item #12 requesting that shooters submitting targets for world records pay \$20 to help offset the postage involved. (This has previously been paid out of the Directors' own pockets.)

Directors then decided to once again accept their quarterly Director payments (.75 per new/renewed member in their region). This money could be used to help with the various expenses the Directors have while conducting NBRSA business.

Agenda Item 13:

Baggett brought up the subject of allowing the clubs to raise their registration fees to help offset the cost of trophies and the cost of running those matches. It was explained that clubs can now charge up to \$25 per day registration fee if 2 classes or 2 yardages are shot on the same day. Baggett made a motion that the maximum dollar limit presently set for match registration fees be dropped, excluding National Matches. Hoehn seconded the motion. After more discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Agenda Item 14:

Baggett withdrew his agenda item # 14, regarding discontinuing the reciprocal membership cards with IBS.

Agenda Item 15

Wagner made the motion that 2 levels of support be established for members that would be higher than ordinary Life Membership. The first level above Life would cost twice the amount of the Life membership does; the next level would be 4 times the cost of Life membership. The names of these 2 higher levels of membership support will be filled in later. Appropriate belt buckles will be issued to each higher support member by NBRSA. Lilja seconded the motion, with the stipulation that the money derived from these dues, would go into the Life membership Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 16:

Wagner made a motion that all competitors competing at NBRSA Nationals be required to be NBRSA members. Prokosch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Lilja and Wagner voted for; Prokosch, Hoehn, sauer, Baggett, and Thornbury voted against; and White abstained. The motion failed to pass.

Agenda Item 17:

Wagner made the motion to drop the exemption of not having to pay NBRSA for all shooters, which had previously been given to clubs hosting large matches. Sauer seconded and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 18:

Prokosch presented his agenda item regarding the fiscal status of the association. He stated that with the revenue from the NBRSA Donation Fund (\$12,938.50); the revenue from the Rifle Raffle (\$4,705); the revenue from the Barrel Auction (\$400); less the \$700 given to the Editor to purchase a fax machine, we have \$17,343.50 on account from the various donations. He made a motion to put 50% of these moneys into the Life Membership Fund to build it back up.

According to an auditor, NBRSA is allowed to take out interest to cover the cost of the Life Members' subscriptions. If there is not enough earned interest, part of the principal may be withdrawn. (Prior to 1986, \$10,000 had been borrowed from Life membership Fund to pay for target paper. As of 8/3/86, \$2,500 had been repaid. This leaves \$7,500 owing to the Life Membership Fund.) Berger suggested that target profits be used to repay the target paper loan from the Life Fund. Prokosch withdrew his original motion, then made the motion that the money from the rifle raffle and barrel auction (\$4,705) be put into a separate interest-bearing account until Directors made a decision at the 1991 Board Meeting. Wagner volunteered to have a CPA look into our Life Membership Fund and explain what must legally be done in dispersing this account. He is to report his findings to the Directors at least 3 months prior to 1991 Board Meeting. Sauer seconded Prokosch's motion. The motion passed, with White abstaining. Wagner then made a motion that profits from target sales for the next 2 years be determined. This amount would be paid into the Life Membership Account to repay the loan for the previous target paper purchase (up to \$9,800). Sauer seconded the motion. Lilja stated that he would not like to see NBRSA tie up the operating money from the target sales. He felt that the report from the CPA regarding the status of the Life Membership Fund should be studied before taking any action. Prokosch said it was originally agreed that target profits would be used to repay the loan from the Life Fund and this was not done as of yet. The motion passed, with Lilja abstaining.

Agenda Item 19:

Prokosch commented that Ira Farnsworth's agenda item #19 refers to the definition of how to measure a barrel length and could be corrected when the rule book is retyped.

Agenda Item 20:

After discussing Farnsworth's item #20, Hoehn made a motion to reword the Range Officer's commands as shown on lower half of page 20 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition #28". The Range Officer's commands should read: "Ready on the Right.....Ready on the Left.....Read on the Firing Line.....Place bolts in rifles.....Commence Firing." Baggett seconded; the motion passed with Prokosch and White abstaining. Prokosch made a motion that the last 5 second pause be removed from the above command and be replaced with a comma. It would then read: "Ready on the Right.....Ready on the Left.....Ready on the Firing Line.....Place bolts in rifles, Commence Firing." Lilja seconded and it passed unanimously. This also called for an additional revision on page 13 of the Revised Edition 28: Under E. SAFETY 2. OPEN ACTIONS. "All Actions shall be open until the command, 'Place bolts in rifle' is given."

Agenda Item 21 & 22:

Prokosch suggested that nothing should be done with Farnsworth's items #21 and #22 at this time.

Agenda Item 23:

Lilja withdrew his agenda item #23, proposing that all competitors in NBRSA competition should be NBRSA members.

Agenda Item 24:

Thornbury discussed item #24, which requested equitable travel allowance for Directors traveling to Annual Board Meetings. Prokosch made the motion that Directors traveling to the Nationals receive no travel fee, and the motion was seconded by Baggett. Baggett later withdrew his second. Wagner then made a motion that a fixed rate of \$200 for each Director's travel expenses (as opposed to the mileage pay) be established. Lilja seconded, and the motion carried with Prokosch opposing and Thornbury abstaining. This ruling goes into effect beginning with the 1991 Board Meeting. The Directors agreed that since they had voted during the 1989 Board Meeting to forgo taking travel allowances for travel to this 1990 Board Meeting, they would honor that agreement.

Agenda Item 25:

Thornbury introduced agenda item #25: Review and act on Rule Book revisions that have been submitted by the Rule Book Committee appointed by Berger. Berger explained that he had expected a few minor changes would be suggested; not a 58 page completely rewritten Rule Book and By-Laws. He said that if this revision was accepted as written, NBRSA would be completely out of step with every benchrest organization in the world: classifications would be different, bags would be different. After a lengthy discussion, Berger volunteered to draft a letter explaining that what he had asked of the Rule Book Committee and what he had received had nothing to do with the Board of Directors Meeting and was much too involved to be handled during the Annual Board Meeting. The letter will be sent to those of the Rule Book Committee and will be published along with the Minutes of the Board Meeting in the "NBRSA News". Prokosch made a motion to not accept the revision package as presented by the Rule Book Committee. The Directors are to review the present Rule Book, incorporating the information presented by the Rules Committee and the past minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings. The Directors should present a revised Rule Book at the 1991 Directors' Meeting for discussion. This motion was seconded by Wagner and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 26:

Kelbly reported on the target printing and administration. All of our paper stock has been printed. Since 2/90, Kelbly has been storing all of the NBRSA target inventory in his storage room and has been shipping these targets to the customers when so authorized by the Business Manager. As of 9/30/90, the amount of targets on hand was:

41,000	BR-1	18,500	HBR-1
36,500	BR-2	10,500	HBR-2
500	BR-3	5,000	HBR-3.

From 1/1/90 through 9/30/90, the following amount of targets have been sold:

42,500	BR-1	14,750	HBR-1
38,250	BR-2	6,500	HBR-2
2,750	BR-3	-0-	HBR-3

During the period from 7/1/89 through 6/30/90, NBRSA has made a \$6,848.66 profit from target sales. (However, \$7,500 is still owed to the Life Fund to repay a target paper loan). In the previous 6 years, NBRSA was losing money on target sales. The Board thanked Kelbly for his efforts with target storing, shipping, and arranging for target printing. Lilja made a motion to pay Kelbly a fee of \$100 per annum for handling target printing, storage, and shipping. Wagner seconded. Kelbly asked that no such payment be made and the motion and second were withdrawn.

Agenda Item 27:

Pat Baggett reported that a total of \$12,938.50 was donated by 310 members/clubs to the NBRSA Fund. She stated that with many of the donations, she had received notes/letters indicating that a dues increase was in order at this time. Larry Baggett suggested that a dues increase did seem appropriate, especially since the members present at the General Membership Meeting so indicated. Prokosch made a motion to raise the dues for NBRSA members and affiliated clubs to \$30 per year beginning 1/1/91. Baggett seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This would also necessitate a \$5 dues increase for the foreign members/clubs, which would mean \$60.00 for Air Mail and \$42.50 for Surface Mail.

Agenda Item 28:

The business Manager displayed a sample copy of an NBRSA decal for displaying on the outside of a surface. The NBRSA decals now on hand are for displaying from the inside of windows only and many requests have been received for decals to apply to loading boxes, etc. It was agreed that this could be a way to help promote NBRSA, but the Directors decided to postpone spending the funds at this time.

Agenda Item 29:

This agenda item requested a salary increase for the Business Manager. At the present time, she is paid \$600 per month (\$3.96 per hr.). Wagner made a motion to increase her monthly salary to \$700 per month with promise to review at the 1991 Board Meeting. Prokosch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 30:

Pat Baggett requested bids for the 1991 NBRSA Nationals for the Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted. This was originally awarded to Charlotte, North Carolina, but was recently declined by Larry Earp (South East Director) since Charlotte cannot be adequately prepared to host the Nationals at that time. Kelbly placed bids for both the 1991 and 1992 Nationals but with a new format. He wanted to conduct a 6 day 3 gun Nationals (Unlimited, Light Varmint, & Heavy Varmint) with a warm-up & 5 matches per day. Since these bids did not agree with the rule book's definition of our National format, and since the general membership had voted on this matter several times in favor of continuing 4 guns, the directors could not consider the bids to be acceptable. Baggett bid Midland, Texas for the week of 8/5/91. Sauer seconded the motion. No other bids were received. Midland, Texas was accepted unanimously.

Agenda Item 31:

Thornbury bid Phoenix, Arizona for the 1st week of 10/92 for the NBRSA Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals. Phoenix, Arizona was accepted unanimously. The directors want the shooters to know that they, the Directors, are concerned about having 3 Nationals in a row in the western part of the country. They want the shooters to know that everything practical will be done to move the Nationals back and forth between the east and the west in an effort to equalize the driving distance for everyone. White mentioned that Charlotte might possibly be able to get back into shape within the near future.

Agenda Item 32:

Wagner bid Northern Colorado BR Shooters for 9/12 & 9/13/92 for the 1992 Hunter Nationals, and Lilja bid Tri-County Gun Club with an open date (probably in 9/92). Northern Colorado BR Shooters won the bid by a split vote: Baggett, Thornbury, Wagner, Prokosch, and Hoehn for Northern Colorado BR Shooters; Lilja for Tri-County Gun Club' and Sauer and White abstained.

Agenda Item 33:

The election of officers was called.

For President:

Hoehn nominated Dan Lilja; Sauer nominated Stan Buchtel; and Wagner moved that the nominations cease. Directors voted by secret ballot. By a split vote, DAN LILJA was elected NBRSA PRESIDENT (term to run 10/7/90-9/1/92).

For Vice President:

Wagner nominated Don Creach. There were no further nominations. Members voted by a showing of hands. By a unanimous vote, DON CREACH was elected NBRSA VICE PRESIDENT (term to run 10/7/90-9/1/92).

Wagner moved for adjournment; Baggett seconded; and the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on Saturday, 10/6/90.

Pat Baggett
Business Manager

Handwritten note: (This version has had Director corrections made).

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9 & 10, 1991

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Dan Lilja at 5:15 PM on Friday, August 9, 1991, in the ROYAL INN MEETING ROOM, MIDLAND, TEXAS. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The Board reconvened at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 10, 1991 and adjourned at 7:00 PM. In attendance were:

Dan Lilja, President
Don Creach, Vice President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Director
Larry Baggett, Gulf Coast Region Director
Gary Sandlin, Gulf Coast Region Director Elect
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Mike Prokosch, North Central Region Director
James Messer, South East Region Director "Proxy for Ed White"
Dennis Thornbury, South West Region Director
Fletcher Williams, "NBRSA News" Editor (attended 8/10/91 only)
Red Cornelison, NBRSA member (attended 8/9/91 only)

Dan Lilja opened the meeting. Ron Hoehn suggested to the Business Manager that the agenda items for the 1992 Annual Board Meeting be mailed to the Board Members 1 week prior to that meeting.

Dan Lilja read a letter from Ed White, South East Region Director, naming James Messer as the "Proxy" for that Region.

Lilja also read a letter from Herve du Plessis from France requesting that we send "complimentary copies" of "NBRSA News" to all (no more than 5) European Directors of the Benchrest Organization each month. These are to be sent as soon as the addresses are available.

Lilja mentioned that some of the members had expressed dissatisfaction because trophies had not been awarded for 100 & 200 yard small groups during the 1991 Nationals in Midland, Texas. After some discussion, Ron Hoehn made a motion to set minimum requirements for the number of places to be awarded trophies by the Club hosting the Nationals:

SPORTER/VARMINT/UNLIMITED

At Least: 3 Places in each Aggregate,
 5 Places in Grand Aggregates,

Small Groups at Each Yardage,
5 Places for 2-Gun, 3 Gun, & 4-Gun.

(To be included in Rulebook, Revised Edition 29, page 26, following paragraph beginning "The Host Club shall absorb all match..." and preceding paragraph beginning "Wind Flags. It is recommended, but..." The paragraph shall read: "National Trophies. The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; Small Groups at Each Yardage; and 5 Places For 2-Gun, 3-Gun, and 4-Gun.")

HUNTER NATIONALS

At Least: 3 Places in Each Aggregate,
5 Places in Grand Aggregates,
Most X's At Each Yardage

(To be included in Rulebook, Revised Edition 29, Page 31, J. OFFICIAL RULES FOR HUNTER RIFLE COMPETITION, 7. NATIONAL MATCH. (f). It shall read: "(f) National Trophies. The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; and for the Most X's At Each Yardage."

James Messer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Wagner suggested that a "professional referee" at all National Matches might be an idea worth trying. The "professional referee" would appoint 2 assistant referees. Mike Prokosch volunteered to serve for 6 days during the 1992 Nationals as the "professional" or "Chief Referee" and receive no compensation for his services. This will be tried for 1 year and then discussed again.

Lilja asked the board for their opinions regarding the adoption of NBRSA by the National Rifle Association. A brief discussion followed; it was agreed that in any event NBRSA would have to have complete control over the bench rest rules, etc. It was decided to do nothing until we hear from the NRA on the Olympic Team proposal.

Lilja explained that Tony Seneca, North West Region Director, had planned to attend this Board Meeting, but could not due to business reasons.

Pat Baggett distributed copies of the Auditor's Report to the Board. The report was explained and discussed. NBRSA is currently in stable financial condition. The Directors suggested that an Audit be done every 5 years.

Agenda Items 1 & 2:

Fletcher Williams reported that we are now on our 4th year of "NBRSA News" and seem to have gotten the magazine cost down. The only way to further reduce the cost of the printing

would be to get more corporate advertisers who would pay higher advertising rates for the same space. He recommended no increase on the current advertising rates. He said he didn't see any reason why we would ever go below 20 pages, and he feels we shouldn't go much over 36 pages an issue while continuing to strive to keep our present quality. He requested more articles and pictures.

Lilja questioned the current status of our "2nd Class Mailing" permit. Williams and Pat Baggett reported that they are still in the process of applying for that "2nd Class" permit.

Williams thanked the board for the FAX machine that was donated to him by NBRSA during the 1990 Nationals. It has been a great help to him.

Prokosch asked what guidelines are being used for printing obituaries. Williams said that whenever he is notified of any NBRSA member's death, he includes the notice in the magazine free of charge.

Williams then questioned NBRSA's method of calculating his share of "NBRSA News" advertising profit revenue. (Should a percentage of his monthly salary be included as an expense for printing the ad space in the magazine each month?) A portion of the 1990 minutes concerning the formula for obtaining the Editor's share of advertising revenue was read: "The profit is to be the gross advertising income minus the advertising expenses. These expenses are to be the overall cost of the magazine, including Fletcher's salary, prorated according to the ad space involved versus the total magazine." Since this was put in writing at the 1990 Board Meeting, the Board decided to leave the matter as is.

Agenda Items 3 & 4:

Mike Prokosch gave a progress report on updating the NBRSA Rulebook. He would like someone more qualified to work on the BR-50 and also someone more familiar with correct or proper wording to help co-ordinate the updating of the By-Laws. Prokosch is incorporating some of the revisions suggested by the Davidson Rulebook Committee into his update. A discussion followed and it was decided that since prokosch is still in the process of retyping, incorporating suggested revisions, and updating the rulebook, the matter will be tabled until 1992 when Prokosch should be completely through with the typing.

Agenda Item 5:

Phil Sauer made a motion to revise the NBRSA logo to the old version, featuring a different type gun & rest. The motion died for lack of a second. He then volunteered to sharpen the image of the current NBRSA logo and send the prints to the Business Manager to be used by printers when reprinting future Rulebooks and NBRSA stationery.

Agenda Item 6:

Sauer moved that NBRSA should lower the current price of \$5 for NBRSA Rulebooks. The selling price should be the actual printing cost of each rulebook plus a minimum of \$.50, and

then rounded up to the nearest half dollar. Hoehn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7:

Sauer made a motion to add the following instruction to the Range Officer's preliminary instructions to the shooters at the beginning of a tournament (on page 19 of Revised Edition 29, under H. 1. RANGE OFFICER.) "Do not place any ammunition in the action or breech of your rifle until the command, 'COMMENCE FIRING' is given by the Range Officer." This instruction is to be a separate paragraph and will follow the paragraph which begins "If a condition should arise...." and precede the paragraph which begins "If during a match....". Larry Baggett seconded the motion and the motion carried, with Dennis Wagner opposing.

Agenda Item 8:

Sauer moved to omit the word "National" from Revised Edition 29 on page 5, under C. TARGETS. 2. The paragraph would then read: "2. At all Matches no competitor shall remove his targets from the display area until the aggregate for that course of fire is figured. If the target is to be protested only a Referee is permitted to remove and rehang the target on the display wall." Dennis Wagner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9:

Hoehn made a motion to delete paragraph E. SAFETY. 1. OCCUPANCY OF BENCHES on page 13 of Revised Edition 29. Wagner seconded. Those in favor were: Ron Hoehn, Larry Baggett, and Dennis Wagner. Those opposing were: Mike Prokosch, Phil Sauer, and James Messer. Dennis Thornbury abstained. Dan Lilja, President, broke the tie by voting in favor of deleting the paragraph; the motion passed.

Agenda Item 10:

After some discussion, Sauer withdrew his agenda item #10 requesting that the command 'LOAD AND LOCK' be put back into the Range Officer's command sequence.

Agenda Item 11:

Sauer moved that the National Match format be changed to the 10 1/2 lb, 13 1/2 lb, and Unlimited. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 12: Sauer made the motion to increase the minimum loading interval for the Unlimited Class to 40 minutes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 13:

Dennis Wagner reported on the progress of the 2 upper levels of support (above Life Member), which had been voted into being during the 1990 Board Meeting. The first level above Life Member will be called the "Patron" and will cost twice the amount of a Life Membership.

The second level above Life Member will be called the "Benefactor" and will cost twice the amount of a "Patron". Appropriate belt buckles will be issued for both levels and the money derived from these dues will go into the Life Membership Fund. Wagner will locate a source

for the belt buckles. These 2 UPPER LEVELS OF SUPPORT will be added to the Rulebook, Revised edition 29 on page 38, under Article I, 2. Dues. (b) at the end of the first sentence ("...term of said member's life.") and before the second sentence ("Said fee for life membership..."). The following sentence will be inserted: "Patron Memberships are available at a cost twice that of a current Life Membership, and Benefactor Memberships at a cost twice that of a current Patron Membership.

Agenda Item 14:

The Board directed the Business Manager to withdraw all interest earned on the Life Membership Fund each year and deposit this amount into the checking account to help cover the cost of the Life Members' magazine subscriptions.

Agenda Item 15:

Mike Prokosch suggested that NBRSA needs to repay the loan taken from the Life Membership Fund. Prior to 1986, \$10,000 had been borrowed from the Life Membership Fund to pay for target paper. As of 8/3/86, \$2,500 had been repaid. This leaves \$7,500 owing to the Life Membership Fund. Dennis Wagner moved that the \$7,500 be repaid to the Life Membership Fund. This money is to come from the General Savings and would be considered to be from the profits of target sales. This transaction is to be shown on the Financial Report printed in the magazine. The motion was seconded by Mike Prokosch. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 16:

Pat Baggett reported that a new batch of targets have been ordered and the supply should be adequate. The Directors acknowledged that they are indeed grateful to George Kelbly for the storage and shipping of NBRSA targets.

Agenda Item 17:

Pat Baggett requested permission from the board to order NBRSA decals (for loading box, etc. display rather than for windows only) since the current inventory (for window only display) is down to less than 800. Wagner moved that the Business Manager be given the authority to purchase at least a two year supply of decals. These are included with every NBRSA I. D. card mailed out and extra ones could be sold at a slight profit to those wishing more than one decal per year.

Agenda Item 18:

The Board voted to give the business Manager a \$100 per month raise. This will bring her monthly earnings up to \$800 per month. One Board Member abstained.

Agenda Item 19:

The Business Manager questioned whether the NBRSA logo (trademark) has been renewed since 1986. It was last reported to be renewed for 6 years at the 1985 Board Meeting.

Wagner suggested that Stan Buchtel be contacted concerning this matter.

On August 10, 1991, Buchtel requested that a copy of the logo file be mailed to him so that he could take care of the renewal. (This was done by the Business Manager on August 16, 1991.)

Agenda Item 20:

Speedy Gonzalez wishes to fulfill his original agreement with NBRSA and continue to make the 7 belt buckles per year to be awarded at the Nationals. Buckles made by him will be awarded through the 1996 Nationals. At that time another source for buckles will be found. Dennis Wagner volunteered to find a source for the NBRSA belt buckles. (Pat is to check with him in a month to see what he's found.)

Agenda Item 21:

Lilja will investigate the possibility of having Joe Valentine produce a video about NBRSA. The money for this will come from the 1990 "Rifle Raffle & Auction". Wagner made a motion to authorize Lilja to use up to \$4,000 to produce a promotional NBRSA video. He is to get back in touch with the Directors before actually spending the money. Sauer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (Lilja sent a letter to Valentine, but had not received a reply as of 9/23/91.)

Agenda Item 22:

Larry Baggett requested help from the rest of the Directors in completing the Life Membership update. A total of 333 questionnaires were mailed out to the Life Members and all but 72 were completed and returned to the Business Office. There are many Life Members that the Business Manager has never had any contact with...they may have moved to another state or may even be deceased. The Directors agreed to investigate those from their respective regions that had not responded. They are to forward this information to the Business Office.

Agenda Item 23:

Lilja reported that he had placed 3 ads in the "Rifle" magazine this past fiscal year at a total cost of \$450.60. He has currently placed an NBRSA advertisement in the "Precision Shooting" magazine. These will run every other month at a cost of approximately \$28 per issue.

Agenda Item 24:

Lilja asked for bids for the 1993 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals. Sauer bid Fairchance, Pennsylvania, to be held the week preceding the first Sunday in August. At the present time, that range, run by Royce Leckemby, has 39 benches but plans to have 45 benches by early 1992 and by 1993 may have up to 50 benches. They have showers, good toilet facilities, covered loading area, and serve food at the range. Lilja then read a note from George Kelbly requesting that Dan Lilja, President, submit a bid for Kelbly's Rifle Range, Inc. for the 1993 Nationals. A vote was taken. Larry Baggett, Mike Prokosch, and Dennis Wagner voted for Kelbly's; James Messer, Dennis Thornbury, Ron Hoehns, and Phil Sauer voted for Fairchance. Fairchance will host the 1993 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals the week preceding the first Sunday in August.

Agenda Item 25:

Lilja asked for bids for the 1993 Hunter Nationals. Larry Baggett bid the Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club in Lafayette, Louisiana, for October 2 & 3, 1993. The Louisiana Club was accepted by a unanimous vote to host the 1993 Hunter Nationals.

Mike prokosch moved that the wording for the scheduled time of the Annual board Meetings be changed from "...shall meet at least once a year after the completion of the Varmint Nationals..." to "...shall meet at least once a year during the week of the Varmint Nationals..." (NBRSA Official Rule Book & By-Laws, Rev. Ed. 29; page 41; By-Laws, Article IV, 2. Duties of Directors.) Hoehn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ron Hoehn made a motion to adjourn. Wagner seconded and members voted unanimously. The board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 10, 1991.

Pat Baggett
NBRSA Business Manager

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8 & 9, 1992

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Dan Lilja at 6:45 PM on Thursday, October 8, 1992, in the BEN AVERY BENCHREST RANGE MEETING ROOM near PHOENIX, ARIZONA. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. The Board reconvened at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 1992, in Wyndham Garden Hotel Meeting Room in Phoenix, Arizona and adjourned at 9:45 PM. In attendance were:

Dan Lilja, President
Don Creach, Vice President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Director
Gary Sandlin, Gulf Coast Region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Mike Prokosch, North Central Region Director
Tony Seneca, North West Region Director
Bob Fritz, North West Region Director Elect (attended 10/10/92 only)
James Messer, South East Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, South West Region Director
Denny Andrews, President Elect (attended 10/10/92 only)
Fletcher Williams, "NBRSA News" Editor (attended 10/9/92 only)
Walt Berger, NBRSA Foreign Representative (attended 10/9/92 only)

Dan Lilja opened the meeting with Agenda Item 1. Fletcher Williams gave his annual report on the "NBRSA News" and indicated that the magazine seems to be doing quite well. The magazine is currently averaging 30 pages per month and the cost per issue is down due to the revenue received from advertising. He reported to the board that his expenses are "up" and that he pays for these out of his own pocket. He is getting requests from several "reputable" gun companies who would like complimentary copies of our magazine for their personnel. Fletcher then asked the board for their "likes/dislikes" regarding the magazine. It was discussed and decided that all match reports should include the name of the range, city & state, and the date of that match. This information could be included anywhere within the actual match write-up when it's published in the magazine. The Directors should make sure that the match reports contain all of the necessary information before sending it in to the magazine. Fletcher indicated that he would like to be able to be flexible, when it comes to the number of pages per issue so that the magazine would remain to look good. It was felt that the Editor should be trusted regarding the number of pages per magazine as long as he keeps everything "in line" with the printing costs of the magazine. Several Directors reported that their membership had requested more "articles" in each issue. Fletcher offered to send letters to more of the membership requesting that they write an article for publication. Fletcher requested a raise in wages. Later, Sauer made a motion to increase Williams' monthly wages by \$200 per month.

This would bring his monthly salary up to \$800 per month, plus his 50% of advertising profit from "NBRSA News". Thornbury seconded; seven voted for; Prokosch voted against; the motion carried. Lilja will instruct Fletcher to improve on his editing of the magazine.

Walt Berger updated the Board on the status of the World Benchrest Championships. He recommended that NBRSA consider sponsoring the 1995 World BR Championship and indicated that the Ben Avery Bench (Phoenix, AZ) wanted to host the event. Walt volunteered his time if Ben Avery BR Range is accepted. It would cost NBRSA some money, but the amount is not known at this time. Dennis Wagner moved that NBRSA authorize Walt Berger to bid for the 1995 World Benchrest Championship with NBRSA serving as the official sponsor. Gary seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. In August, the official sponsor, for the 1995 World Benchrest Championship. Shooters must qualify in order to compete, with a maximum of only 12 shooters per country. The event would not be a NBRSA Registered Match but would be sponsored by NBRSA.

A protest from Guy Wilson for firing a "late" shot was read. He claimed that he fired as the cease-fire command was being given and not after the cease-fire command was given. The matter was discussed. Prokosch made the motion that the Range Officer's disqualification stand; Seneca seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Lilja reported that Mike Volk wanted to purchase a 200 Yard Sporter National Traveling Trophy and was willing to pay up to \$300. The trophy was made at a cost of \$434.70 (including the wooden shipping box). Hoehn moved that NBRSA pay the balance (\$134.70) remaining after Volk's \$300 payment; Prokosch seconded; the vote was unanimous in favor of NBRSA paying \$134.70.

Lilja announced that, in addition to the National 200 Yard Sporter Trophy sponsored by Mike Volk, there are several more new traveling National trophies that have been donated to NBRSA this year:

Bill Brawand donated the Oren Bellows Light Varmint 100 Yard;
Allen Bench donated the Manley Oakley Heavy Varmint 100 Yard;
and Lee Six donated the Pete Callan Heavy Varmint 200 Yard.

Agenda Items 2 & 3

After some discussion, Hoehn withdrew his agenda items #1 & 2 requesting that Canada and Mexico be made 2 new NBRSA regions having their own directors.

Hoehn brought up for discussion the \$10 "trophy fee" which is to be paid by every shooter participating in any of the separate NBRSA Nationals (excluding junior shooters). He felt that the \$10 fee was out of line for the Hunter, Rimfire, and BR-50 Nationals since they do not receive the same number of trophies as does the Varmint, Sporter, Unrestricted Nationals. Hoehn made the motion that the Hunter, Rimfire, and BR-50 Nationals collect only \$2 per shooter (excluding junior shooters) as a "Trophy Fee" retroactive to the 1991 Nationals.

Sandlin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (page 14, Section 2. (b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees).

Agenda Item 4:

Prokosch reported on the progress of the revised rulebook. After a discussion, the board decided that the NBRSA Rulebook is basically adequate at this time and will be updated from time to time as necessary.

Agenda Item 5:

Sauer made the motion that the official NBRSA benchrest targets be changed so that the "ten rings" are the same thickness as the other rings. The motion died for lack of a second.

Sauer pointed out the discrepancy regarding the appointing of Referees between page 18, (c)...The Directors attending the match shall appoint from among registered shooters three Referees and an alternate Referee." and page 21, 2. "REFEREES. At National Tournaments, a Director will act as Chief Referee for each class." (Official Rule Book and By-Laws, revised Edition #30) After discussion, Sauer moved to delete the first sentence on page 21, 2. REFEREES. "At National Tournaments, a Director will act as Chief Referee for each class." The first sentence of page 21, 2. REFEREES. would then be: "The Referees shall inspect the equipment of competitors and pass upon...". The motion was seconded by Prokosch; it carried unanimously.

Wagner then made the motion to reword page 18, Section 10. APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS. (c)...."The Directors shall appoint from among registered shooters three Referees and an alternative Referee." to read: "The Director of the host Region shall appoint from among registered shooters three Referees and an alternate Referee." Sauer seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Sauer suggested that NBRSA should consider some method of subsidizing clubs/people to construct reciprocating moving backers so that all world records that are shot can be substantiated by the moving backer systems. He moved to establish a subsidy of up to \$200 and not more than 50% of the total cost to be paid after approval by the local Director to ranges completing a reciprocal backer system up to a maximum of 18 ranges per year. Sandlin seconded. Sandlin, Seneca, and Sauer voted in favor; the remaining 5 Directors voted against; the motion failed.

Sauer is currently pursuing a technical article with pictures/sketches on reciprocal backer systems with reversing switches. Wagner moved to appoint Sauer to head up a project to put together this backer system and to be reimbursed for any expenses he incurs. This reciprocal backer system plan would then be available to the NBRSA affiliated clubs. Hoehn seconded; all Directors voted in favor; the motion carried. Sauer expects to have this material available in the near future.

Agenda Item 6:

This item was tabled until after the General Membership Meeting in order to hear the members' desires. The following evening, it was decided that since the General Membership seemed to be against changing the Group Type National Match format (to include only Light Varmint, Heavy Varmint, and Unlimited) at this time, that no more time should be wasted by the Directors discussing the matter. The agenda item was dropped by Sauer.

Agenda Item 7:

After a discussion, Sauer moved to put the "Load and Lock" command back into the standard range command sequence. The motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 8:

After a discussion, the Board extended their thanks to Mike Prokosch for serving as the experimental "Professional Referee" for the 1992 Nationals. Lilja pointed out that it had worked well at the 1992 Nationals, but that it would not be practical in other years. The "Professional Referee" will not be used after the 1992 Nationals.

Agenda Item 9:

Sauer read aloud page 28, Section J. OFFICIAL RULES FOR HUNTER RIFLE COMPETITION, 2. Rifles. (a) "Stocks must not be over 2 1/4 inches wide or convex on all bottom surfaces of the stock." He made the motion to change the phrase "wide or convex" to "wide and convex". Hoehn seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10:

Regarding the subject of Directors being able to bring up important items not included on agenda, Sauer decided that this had already been dealt with earlier in this meeting.

Agenda Item 11:

Sandlin suggested that each member, upon his/her renewal, receive a NBRSA Rulebook. These would be paid for by raising the dues enough to cover it. Wagner seconded. More discussion followed. Wagner withdrew his second; Sandlin withdrew his motion. Hoehn moved that Rulebooks be sent to each Director (free of charge) to be distributed to shooters without current Rulebooks. Sandlin seconded and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 12:

Sandlin moved that all future revised editions of the NBRSA Rulebook should include the date of publication on the front cover along with the Revised Edition Number. Hoehn seconded, passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 13:

After discussion, Sandlin moved that NBRSA require clubs hosting the Nationals to award trophies for the first 5 places in each yardage and the first 7 places in the grands. Sauer seconded, only Sandlin and Sauer voted in favor of, the remaining 5 Directors were opposed. The motion failed to pass.

Wagner moved to dispense with reading of previous minutes. Prokosch seconded; passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 14:

Sandlin brought up for discussion the idea of finding a low cost source of official weights to be purchased by affiliated clubs. Lilja appointed Sandlin to be in charge of finding a source for low cost official weights (10 1/2 lb., 3 lb.).

Agenda Item 15:

Sandlin asked for a discussion on amending the Rule Book to allow a "team" (father/son; husband/wife; experienced shooter/new shooter, etc.) who are sharing equipment to use same bench assignments so long as bench assignments are randomly selected by same procedure as for other competitors. Sandlin then moved that the amendment should read: "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." Wagner seconded the motion. Sauer, Sandlin, Wagner, Seneca favored; Messer opposed; Thornbury, Prokosch, Hoehn abstained. The motion carried. (page 15, Section F. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE. 6. DRAWING FOR BENCHES.)

Agenda Item 16:

Sandlin made the motion to make available (at the discretion of Regional Directors) on a "complimentary" basis, a one-year subscription of "NBRSA News" to selected gun shops/sporting good stores to be displayed for the purpose of attracting prospective new benchrest shooters. Limit this to 5 subscriptions per region for the first year and to be re-examined at a later date. Hoehn seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 17:

Sandlin moved that the following amendment be made to the Rule Book on page 17, Section 9. PROTEST AND APPEALS. at the end of the third sentence of that section, add: "and the equipment list must be forwarded to the editor." The third sentence would then read: "A copy of the bulletin must be mailed to each competitor and the NBRSA Headquarters within four weeks after the match is completed and the equipment list must be forwarded to the editor." Wagner seconded; Sauer, Sandlin, Wagner, Seneca, Thornbury, Messer, Hoehn favored; Prokosch opposed; the motion carried.

Danny Andrews was then introduced to the Board. He had been invited by Lilja to sit in on this portion of the Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 18:

Wagner displayed a gun weighing 8 1/2 lbs. in a wood stock, but could weigh 8 lbs. if in a fiberglass stock. It was a 2600 Junior Target Rifle with a smaller barrel. This is the type gun that Rimfire wants to shoot as a Light Custom Class of .22 Rimfire.

Wagner made the motion to add a fourth .22 rimfire Rifle Class; the Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifles. For this class, the Sporter Class rules that are now in effect would basically

be the same, but restricting the weight to 8 1/2 lbs. Sandlin seconded; approved unanimously. (Page 33, Section K. OFFICIAL RULES FOR .22 RIMFIRE COMPETITION. 2. CLASSIFICATIONS. (a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle, (b) Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle, (c) Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle, and (d) Unrestricted .22 Rimfire Rifle).

Wagner then made the motion to adjust the records to reflect the appropriate classes that they were actually shot in. Seconded by Hoehn. These will then be submitted to Rich Griffin (Records Committee Chairman). It was a unanimous decision.

Wagner moved that the Sporter .22 Rimfire Class be an unmodified factory sporter rifle weighing not more than 8 1/2 lbs. It can be bedded and have the trigger reworked. If it needs to be crowned, it can be no shorter than 1/2" from the original factory barrel length. It's the shooter's responsibility to document the rifle's original length. Sandlin seconded; passed unanimously.

Wagner then made the motion to add the following phrase (to be on page 33, Section K.2. (b) Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle): "factory stock or stocks that meet varmint class rules must be used." The last sentence of K.2. (b) on page 33 of the NBRSA Rulebook would then read: "Return to battery shall NOT be permitted and factory stocks or stocks that meet varmint class rules must be used." Sandlin seconded; passed unanimously.

Agenda Items 19 & 20:

Wagner gave a brief report on his progress in finding a source for the 7 NBRSA National trophy belt buckles awarded each year at the Hunter & Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals. He also reported on appropriate buckles for NBRSA's 2 upper levels of support: Patron and Benefactor Life memberships. Lilja appointed Wagner to further pursue the search for the best source of NBRSA belt buckles. He is to get back to the Directors with the cost, etc. and get a verbal approval by phone before going ahead with any buckle order.

Pat Baggett reminded the Board that anything bearing the NBRSA Logo must display the trademark sign R along with the logo. Also, anyone wishing to use the NBRSA Logo on their business cards, stationary, jewelry, caps, clothing, trophies, etc., for their own use or for selling, must have written permission from NBRSA. NBRSA can charge a fee for allowing this use of the logo if it so desires.

(The NBRSA Logo registered trademark comes up for renewal on August 15, 1997.) According to Denny Andrews, an attorney, "If NBRSA does not closely govern the use of the logo and people use it without permission, it will be converted to the public domain and will no longer be a legitimate trademark."

Wagner noted that Ron Radke has donated a ring to NBRSA (bearing the nBRSA Logo) to do with whatever the Board decides. The ring will be raffled at the 1993 Nationals. 1,000 tickets will sell for \$5 each. An ad is to be placed in the "NBRSA News" describing the ring and raffle. The ring is valued at \$2,000. Wagner will ask Fletcher Williams to "put together" the 1993 NBRSA Ring Raffle.

Agenda Item 21:

Pat Baggett read a report from Jim Kelbly on the NBRSA target status. The report indicated that the following targets are on hand in the Kelbly warehouse: 10,000 BR-100; 2,500 BR-200; 3,750 BR-300; 5,000 HBR-100; 6,000 HBR-200; and '0' HBR-300. The following amounts are currently on order: 45,000 BR-100; 55,000 BR-200; '0' BR-300; 20,000 HBR-100; 10,000 HBR-200; 5,000 HBR-300. The targets on order should be on hand by October 25, 1992. The following amounts were sold during 1992 through 9/22/92; 54,000 BR-100; 51,000 BR-200; 500 BR-300; 19,250 HBR-100; 10,250 HBR-200; 500 HBR-300.

Jim Kelbly had asked Prokosch to present a suggested target change for the 1994 year to the Board. Prokosch indicated that it would be advantageous to the clubs to move the sighter bulls inward one ring to prevent damage to the target frames. Prokosch, then made the motion to move the small sighter bulls located in the lower Right and Left corners inward and upward one ring for both the BR-100 and BR-200 targets. Sandlin seconded; a unanimous decision.

A question regarding shots fired to the left of the sighter bull on the Hunter Target (when it's the first shot fired) is covered by the Rulebook on page 11, 14. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES. (a), and that it would be considered the record portion of the target.

After some more discussion, Hoehn moved to add to page 30, section 4.: "(g) There shall be no penalty for the first shot when it hits outside the sighter bull, if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot." Seneca seconded; 7 voted in favor; Sauer opposed; the motion passed.

Wagner moved to change the wording on page 11, Section 14. (a) No Penalty: from "Any competitor whose first shot of the event..." to "Any competitor whose first shot of any match..." Sandlin seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sandlin moved that the Board change the existing term expiration dates for all NBRSA Officers to the first Monday following the conclusion of the Annual Board Meeting. This is to be amended to page 41, Article IV. DIRECTORS., 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS., (a) and on page 43, Article V., OFFICERS., 2. Sauer Seconded; 7 in favor; Prokosch opposed; motion passed.

Agenda Item 22:

Pat Baggett began her yearly report to the board. She reported that she had just recently been advised that NBRSA had been approved for "Second Class" mailing of the "NBRSA News" at the Business Office, Levelland, Texas Post Office as of March 27, 1992. However, the separate application for "Second Class" mailing at the additional entry (Camden, South Carolina), was still pending. (On October 23, 1992, she did receive a letter from Gordon S. Proud, Gen. Mgr. Rates/Classification, indicating that both the original application for Second-Class mail privileges (Levelland, TX) and the application for additional entry to mail at Camden, SC were approved and became effective October, 1991. "NBRSA News" was assigned the USPS # 008-006.)

Pat Baggett reported that the new NBRSA decals designed to stick to the outside of loading boxes, etc. have been popular. Originally 6,000 pair of decals were ordered at a cost of \$1,600. As of August 31, 1992, \$123 have been received from those sales. (With every new membership/membership renewal, a pair of decals is enclosed free of charge.)

Baggett then asked the Board if she needed to order lariat ties, and/or silver bowls for the 1993 Rimfire and the BR-50 Nationals. The Board felt that since the turnout for these 2 Nationals is so low at this time, the \$2 "Trophy Fees" collected from them would not be adequate enough to be any help in paying for the cost of the ties/bowls. They decided the patches, which were furnished for their 1992 Nationals (Top 20, location bars, & attendance patches for both Rimfire & BR-50 Champion; 1 Sporter Rimfire Champion; 1 Custom Rimfire Champion; and "2 Rifle Rimfire" Champion), would suffice for the 1993 Nationals also. Wagner told the board that there had been an offer from the Olympic Shooting Team about 3 years ago to furnish a Rimfire National trophy. Wagner will get in touch with Dr. Henry Cook, with the Olympic Committee, regarding .22 Rimfire National trophy.

Pat Baggett reported to the Board that the old "target loan" borrowed from the Life Membership Savings had been repaid in full. As of 8/3/86, \$2,500 had been repaid, in December, 1991, \$7,500 was repaid from "Promotional Fund" portion of General Savings and paid into Life Membership Savings.

Baggett then directed the Board's attention to the NBRSA C. D. Savings worksheet. As of September 30, 1992, the Life Membership account had a balance of \$27,307.58; the "Raffle" General Savings Account had \$5,656.24; and the "Promotional" General Savings had \$4,154.00. She pointed out that the interest rate had dropped drastically. In August, 1990, the interest was 7.35% and on September, 1992, it was only 2.75%.

Pat then thanked the Board for the purchase of the new computer. The new computer is a 386 and her work goes so much faster now. This was purchase at a price of \$1498 and included the 5.0 DOS update, a Panasonic VGA monitor, and a 101 key keyboard. At the present time, NBRSA is still in possession of the old computer (256k RAM IBM-PC system with 5 meg Winchester, hard disk drive, 320k floppy disk drive for 5 1/4" floppy. There is a 6 month old Amdek monochrome monitor, and the original keyboard. It will probably be sold sometime in the future. Prokosch mentioned that this Epson printer, even though it is old, it will be fast enough to run most matches for clubs. He suggested Baggett put an ad in "NBRSA News" when she is ready to sell this printer.

Baggett gave the current membership count at 1,656 USA (including affiliated clubs), 68 Foreign members, and 69 Associates (USA & Foreign). The Membership fluctuates slightly each month. In July, 1990, USA & Foreign Membership was 1741 with 70 Associates. The membership count is staying fairly level.

Lilja asked the board's thoughts on whether or not to continue nBRSA advertising in "Precision Shooting" (every-other month), "Varmint" (1 ad), and "Rifle" (for about 1 year previously) magazines. "Shotgun News" was suggested as a possible advertising avenue. Sandlin will follow up by checking into "Shotgun News". Prokosch moved that NBRSA set

up an advertising budget of \$250 for 1993 NBRSA advertising. Sandlin seconded; unanimous decision. Lilja asked Sandlin to serve as advertising manager and be in charge of 1993 NBRSA advertising. Fletcher Williams can get some camera-ready ads, which include the notation, "Dept. SN", ("Shotgun News" ad) printed on the membership application, in the advertisement.

Pat requested a \$100 per month raise to put her salary more in line with the job she does for NBRSA. She left the room while the Board made their decision. Upon returning to the meeting, she was informed that she had been given a \$200 per month raise. Messer made the motion; Seneca seconded; and the motion passed unanimously. Pat expressed her gratitude for the Board's vote of confidence.

Lilja reported on a letter from Michelle Sutton requesting our endorsement of an insurance program designed exclusively for the target shooting industry. She would like to use the NBRSA logo on her letterhead, along with the logo of I.B.S. NBRSA would be mentioned in their advertising. She, along with Continental Insurance Company and United Community Insurance Company have developed this insurance program known as Jaquin & Co., Inc. In order to qualify for this insurance, a person/company would have to be a member of either NBRSA or IBS. Their rates are considerably lower than their competition and this could be a way of advertising NBRSA to all of the target shooting industry. Hoehn moved to give her permission to use our logo and our name in her advertising of this insurance program. Sandlin seconded; 6 Directors were in favor; Sauer opposed; and Prokosch abstained. The motion passed. Pat is to notify her by letter.

Lilja had been asked by some NBRSA members to discuss allowing a new shooter to shoot in his/her first registered NBRSA match without having to join NBRSA. This was briefly discussed and the matter was dropped.

Agenda Item 23:

The board tabled this item until next year.

Agenda Item 24:

Lilja discussed some form of compensation to Goerge & Jim Kelbly for the great job they are doing for NBRSA. They order, store, ship and inventory all NBRSA targets free-of-charge. George had indicated that he would not accept any monetary compensation for this undertaking. Lilja will publically thank George & Jim during the 1992 Awards Ceremony for their outstanding job.

Agenda Item 25:

Lilja brought up a phone call from Larry Brown regarding dual sanctioning of BR-50 and NBRSA matches. The Board decided that nothing could be done, since this is an unsolvable problem.

Agenda Item 26:

Lilja reported on plans for Joe Valentine producing a video about NBRSA, with the money to come from the 1990 "Raffle Rifle & Auction". Valentine had indicated that he could not

produce such a video for the money that NBRSA is willing to pay. To produce a video of the quality that Valentine would be willing to put his professional name on would run between \$15,000 and \$20,000, even with Valentine donating all of his own time. Wagner told the board that he knows someone who is currently enrolled in a video class and sometimes needs subject matter for his videos. He is also a gun enthusiast. Wagner will check with him about making a video on "An Introduction to NBRSA".

Agenda Item 27:

After hearing the opinions of those at the 1992 General membership Meeting, the board decided to do nothing at this time regarding a merger between the NRA and NBRSA.

Thornbury had been approached by some NBRSA members to clarify the meaning of the word, "target" on page 27, section 2. Preliminary. Wind Flags. After some discussion, Wagner made the motion to add the word "card" to the end of the second sentence of that section. The sentence would then read: "Flags must be no higher than level of benchtop to bottom of target card." Sandlin seconded; it was passed unanimously.

Thornbury was asked to approach the board with the problem of cigarette smoke from some of the shooters being a nuisance to other shooters. Beside the safety problem involved, it is a distraction to the non-smoking shooter. The Directors felt that there was nothing they could do about it, but would hope that the smoking shooters would follow the rules of good sportsmanship and not do anything to distract or annoy another shooter.

Creach introduced for discussion the subject of a change in the course of fire for the Unlimited National Tournament: 8 matches versus 5 matches. Creach suggested that some research go into the decision. He suggested that we might go to a 5 match format with a 10 match aggregate. Prokosch pointed out that the Nationals is the only registered tournament where the Unlimited can shoot for record with an 8 match format aggregate. This is to be brought up at the 1992 Trophy Presentations to be held on Saturday, October 11, 1992. It can then be discussed at the 1993 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 28:

Lilja asked for bids for the 1994 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals. Sandlin bid Midland Shooters Association in Midland, Texas, either in October or July. Sauer bid Kelbly's Range in North Lawrence, Ohio, for the week preceding the first Sunday in August. Thornbury bid Ben Avery BR Range in Phoenix, Arizona, for the first week in October. Lilja asked for a show of hands for the bids. Midland received no votes; Kelbly's Range received 6 votes; and Phoenix received 2 votes (Thornbury and Seneca). The 1994 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals will be held at Kelbly's Range in North Lawrence, Ohio during the week preceding the first Sunday in August.

Agenda Item 29:

Lilja asked for 1994 Hunter National bids. Prokosch bid Prairie Dog Target Club in Porcupine, South Dakota for early September. There were no more bids. The directors

voted unanimously to accept Prokosch's bid. The 1994 hunter Nationals will be held at the Prairie Dog Target Club in Porcupine, South Dakota during early September. Prokosch is to notify the Business Manager as to the exact date.

Agenda Item 30:

Lilja asked for bids for the 1993 and/or 1994 BR-50 Nationals. There were no actual bids. Hoehn indicated that perhaps St. Louis might be willing to host these Nationals. He is to notify the Business Manager as soon as possible regarding a host club for these Nationals.

Agenda Item 31:

Lilja asked for bids for the 1993 and/or 1994 .22 Rimfire Nationals. There were no actual bids. Hoehn was appointed as the "contact" for these Nationals. He is to let the Business Manager know as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 32:

Lilja then asked for nominations for NBRSA President, to serve from October 12, 1992 through 1994 (through the conclusion of the 1994 Annual Board meeting). Sandlin nominated Denny Andrews; Seneca seconded; Andrews was elected unanimously. Denny Andrews is the incoming NBRSA President (1992-94).

Agenda Item 33:

Lilja asked for nominations for NBRSA Vice President, to serve from October 12, 1992 through 1994 (through the conclusion of the 1994 Annual Board Meeting). Wagner nominated Don Creach; Seneca seconded; Creach was unanimously elected. Don Creach will serve a second term as NBRSA Vice President (1992-94).

Wagner moved that the meeting adjourn. Sauer seconded the motion carried with all in favor. The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM on Friday, October 9, 1992.

(Proposed Minutes with Changes in Context)

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29 & 30, 1993

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Denny Andrews at 9:00 PM on Thursday, July 29, 1993, in the ALLEGHENY RIDGE ROOM, HOLIDAY INN, UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight. The Board reconvened at 7:15 PM on FRIDAY, July 30, 1993, in the Allegheny Ridge Room, Holiday Inn and adjourned at 12:00 midnight. In attendance:

Denny Andrews, President
Don Creach, Vice President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region Director
Gary Sandlin, Gulf Coast Region Director
Dennis Wagner, Mid-Continent Region Director-Elect
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Mike Prokosch, North Central Region Director
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director-Elect
Ira Farnsworth, North East Director (attended 7/29/93 only)
Lee Euber, North East Director proxy (attended 7/30/93 only)
Robert Fritz, North West Region Director
James Messer, South East Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, South West Region Director
Walt Berger, Past NBRSA President (attended 7/29/93 only)
Dan Lilja, Past NBRSA President (attended 7/29/93 only)

Andrews opened the meeting with a discussion of Brad Rosentral's protest of a referee's decision on Wednesday. After discussion, Fritz moved to confirm referee's decision. Sauer seconded; motion passed: 8 Directors favored; Sandlin opposed.

Andrews then reported on NBRSA's "Business Reply Mailers." The cost was approximately \$350. Directors are to distribute these to members. They will fit inside the shooters' loading boxes and are to be given to any interested person--hopefully, gaining another NBRSA member. Pat set it up with the Levelland, Texas Post Office and Andrews took care of printing/graphics.

Agenda Item 1. Fletcher Williams, NBRSA Editor, was not present to give his annual progress report on "NBRSA News." He was preparing for his upcoming trip to Finland to cover the World Benchrest Championships. Williams requested that Roy Leckemby, Fairchance Gun Club Director, take care of getting pictures of the Nationals for publication in the "NBRSA News."

Andrews issued a Staff Report: Pat Baggett, as Business Manager, "has done an exemplary job in responding immediately with quick turn around" on a lot of different types of correspondence. Bills have been paid on time and reports were correctly prepared.

The Directors were commended for their help in dealing with Andrews' monthly agenda items. A lot of mundane open-ended resolutions from previous minutes were taken care of. Andrews expressed his appreciation to the Directors for their response on all items of business during this past year.

Andrews then requested an executive session with board on the subject of the selection process and business strategy for finding a new editor. In executive session, the board discussed the merits of the proposed selection process; inclusion of all interested parties, including the current editor, as part of the selection process; additional requirements which should be included and the nature of the contract which would ultimately be awarded. Andrews was then authorized to publicize the intent of the Board to accept proposals for the award of such a contract, beginning at the Annual Membership Meeting, to be held on the following day (7/30/93).

Agenda Item 2. Dennis Wagner brought up the subject of the "Ring Raffle." He suggested that a raffle notice be placed in "NBRSA News." The Ring was donated by Ron Radke and bears the NBRSA logo (without the registered trademark symbol). The ring and photographs of the ring were turned over to Andrews for safekeeping. Andrews will send a formal letter of thank you to Ron Radke for his generous donation to NBRSA. This ring will be raffled off and the drawing will be held during the 1994 National Awards Ceremony. An ad should be placed in "NBRSA News" (probably in March, 1994) and tickets could be sold during the Super Shoot and other shoots until the ring is given away. Andrews will list this in his September monthly agenda to the Directors.

Agenda Item 3. Sauer asked what should be done when an aggregate cannot be finished at a National Match on the scheduled day. Wagner moved that, if any aggregate is not finished on the scheduled day, the aggregate will continue the next morning where it was left off. Hoehn second; motion passed: 8 Directors favored; Sauer opposed. This will be added to the rulebook under D. TOURNAMENT RULES, 12. UNFINISHED AGGREGATES. In the event any aggregate is not finished on the scheduled day, the aggregate will continue the next morning where it was left off. In rulebook, revised edition 31, "12. GROUP MEASUREMENTS, 13. OFFICIAL TARGET MEASUREMENT, 14. QUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES" would be moved down one number to 13, 14 and 15.

Agenda Item 4. Due to health problems, Sauer's Reciprocating Backer System Project" has not yet been completed. Backer systems used by George Kelbly and Lee Six are currently being studied. Sandlin moved that Sauer continue to study different Reciprocating Backer Systems so that some type of plan can be made available to any interest NBRSA club. Fritz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Sandlin introduced the next item (reciprocity) and proposed a motion to terminate it. Fritz seconded. In the following discussion on the motion, Sandlin stated that his motion was based on the fact that our efforts at attempting to get two organizations together had apparently been rejected by the IBS. At least, they had not shown any interest, and that the reasons for extending reciprocity, i.e., reunification of the two organizations, apparently no longer existed. Andrews pointed out that there had been some effort on the part of the past President, Dan Lilja, to try to get negotiations moving with Officers of the IBS. Creach pointed out that the IBS had basically changed in nature, from a group shooting organization to a "Varmint for Score" organizations and cited the lack of any significant group shooting tournaments published in Precision Shooting, as evidence of this. There was consensus that IBS had, in fact, dropped group shooting as a priority part of their shooting program, and had, in fact, changed their rules in such a fashion as to be incompatible with NBRSA rules. One of the underlying understandings in past attempts at reunification had been assurances by past officers in both organizations that they would attempt to maintain the same basic rules and rifle classes. Fritz pointed out that this had gone by the boards with the unilateral introduction of the "Varmint for Score" class by the IBS.

A concern raised by Andrews was the cost of what amounts to a subsidy program for shooters who are allowed to participate but do not have to pay dues. His point was that the portion of the match fee paid to NBRSA for shooters who are not members of NBRSA does not begin to pay for the cost of targets, publication of the magazine, advertising, and numerous other administration costs. The large majority of regular dues paying members are paying these costs for the few who wish to continue the subsidy. Further discussion was had about the benefits NBRSA members receive from this arrangement and the consensus was that there was basically no significant group shooting being put on by the IBS for NBRSA members to participate in. The only real remaining benefit was for those members in our organization who attended the IBS Nationals, as it is a Hall of Fame points match.

There was considerable discussion regarding the perception that the board's decision might be construed as some form of retribution or effort to express ill will toward the IBS. In response to that, Sandlin offered to amend his motion so that IBS members should be given a one-year free membership in NBRSA and to extend the offer until December 31, 1994. However, this amendment was rejected by the Board because it would simply be more subsidization for the majority of the membership to pay. Sauer urged the Board to vote against the motion because it would have an extreme negative impact on his region in terms of attendance at local and regional matches. Farnsworth stated that it would have the same impact on his region. The lack of interest in reunification on the part of the IBS, cost of this arrangement to the majority of NBRSA members, and the inability to explain why the IBS believes it is better to have two organizations representing the benchrest community, were considered by the Board as the most compelling reasons for terminating reciprocity. The motion was voted on with 6 Directors in favor, Farnsworth, Sauer, Prokosch opposed.

Agenda Item 6. Sandlin moved that the Records Committee Chairman be required to send a letter to the Director of any region having submitted a possible new record regarding final disposition of that possible new World Record. Sauer seconded; motion passed

unanimously. This will be added to the rulebook as D. TOURNAMENT RULES, 14. OFFICIAL TARGET MEASUREMENT WORLD RECORDS. It will be the second paragraph of that section, following: "...be turned over to the Range Officer or a Referee after the match is finished." The Chairman will be required to send a letter to the Director of any region having submitted a possible new record regarding the final disposition of that possible World Record.

Agenda Item 7. Sandlin moved that NBRSA have a random drawing for a \$100 cash prize in order to provide some type of financial incentive for more technical articles to be published in "NBRSA News." An author's name goes into the "hat" for each technical article that he/she has published in the NBRSA News" during that calendar year. Sauer seconded; 8 Directors favored; Prokosch opposed; motion passed.

Agenda Item 8. Sandlin suggested that barrel length, barrel diameter, bullet shape and die manufacturer be eliminated from the equipment list/registration forms in all classes. Wagner suggested that this item be tabled until after the General Membership Meeting (Friday, July 30, 1993).

Agenda Item 9. Sandlin reported on the feasibility of having official weights made. These would be available for affiliated clubs to purchase. Sandlin will check with Toledo Scale to see if different weights can be bought at a reasonable cost.

Sandlin reported on NBRSA advertising in "Shotgun News" etc. An NBRSA ad has been written, but has not been sent to any magazine as of this date. Andrews indicated that NBRSA has the option of having the "Business Reply Mailers" printed as an insert card and placed in various magazines, and this would serve as a form of NBRSA advertising. Pat Baggett is presently setting up to handle Mastercard/Visa credit cards for NBRSA membership dues payments. Andrews will pursue this magazine insert idea further.

Wagner moved to postpone remainder of agenda for Friday night meeting. Messer seconded; decision was unanimous to adjourn at 12:00 midnight.

After the Board reconvened on Friday night, 7/30/93, at 7:15 p.m., the first order of business was the acceptance of Farnsworth's written proxy nomination of Lee Euber to act in his absence. This was accepted and Farnsworth excused himself. The next item discussed was Agenda Item 5.

continued...Agenda Item 5. The discussion centered on the reaction of those who attended the Annual Membership Meeting that afternoon to the board's termination of card reciprocity with the IBS. The first question was whether the vote taken by the President at the Annual Meeting regarding termination of reciprocity, should be taken into account by the board (226 members were counted representing 9% of a total membership of 1,978. The vote on recommending to the board that reciprocity be reinstated was 192 to 36). The hostility of some members to the idea of terminating reciprocity was clearly evident and also discussed by the Board. Wagner moved to rescind the previous night's vote to terminate reciprocity based on the vote of the Annual Membership Meeting. Hoehn seconded. In the discussion

of the motion, it was voted that the President had given IBS Officers present at the Annual Meeting an opportunity to respond to a question raised by one of the NBRSA members on "why the existence of two organizations?" Fritz pointed out that the response to the question was basically a lack of interest on the part of IBS in reunifying the two organizations and for that reason the Board should vote against the motion. Sauer strongly urged the Board to vote in favor of the motion, based upon the vote cast by those members present at the Annual Meeting. He also pointed out that the whole matter had created an air of divisiveness among the members at the Annual Meeting and this would have an even more negative impact if termination of reciprocity were left in effect. Andrews suggested that the motion for terminating reciprocity be amended to include a one year "Sunset Clause" in which card reciprocity would automatically terminate if the IBS refused to reopen negotiations on getting the two organizations back together. Wagner was unwilling to amend his motion. The motion was voted on with 8 Directors in favor; Fritz opposed.

continued...Agenda Item 8. Due to the opinions expressed at the annual membership meeting held that afternoon prior to the Board Meeting, Sandlin recommended that Agenda Item 8 be removed from the order of business. No further discussion was had on Agenda Item 8.

Agenda Item 10. Wagner reported that Patron/Benefactor belt buckles had never been ordered. Since no one has yet applied for Life Membership on these two upper levels, Wagner moved to eliminate the Patron and Benefactor levels from Life membership and associated belt buckles. Messer seconded; motion carried unanimously. BY LAWS ARTICLE II B. DUES. 2. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE..... used for normal operating expenses. Life membership dues shall be as set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Wagner made the motion to eliminate the .22 Rimfire Unlimited Class. Hoehn requested that the .22 Rimfire Unlimited Class remain since shooting in that class is a good way to test ammunition and barrels. Wagner withdrew the motion.

Wagner reported that no update was available on the .22 Rimfire Trophy (to be donated by Olympic Shooting team). Thornbury will ask Walt Berger to follow up on receiving this trophy donation.

Wagner reported on finding a source for making "An Introduction to NBRSA" video for promoting NBRSA. The man Wagner had intended to make the video is no longer available. Sandlin stated that Jerry Hensler (from San Antonio, Texas) made a video, "An Introduction to Benchrest." He suggested that Hensler's video stores and displayed in their "free" educational section.

Interested customers could check them out free of charge. They could also be placed in libraries and major gun shops. Creach, with Sandlin's assistance will take the Hensler video and edit it where necessary.

Agenda Item 11. Fritz dropped his suggestion of NBRSA sanctioning Varmint-for-Score Matches.

Agenda Item 12. Fritz moved that .224 caliber be allowed to be fired in the Sporter Class; motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 13. Fritz moved to change the word "shall" to "should" under F.7. INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT (since "shall" means that it has to be done and this is not the case. The first sentence would then read: "A referee, before each relay of the first event, should inspect the rifles and rests of all competitors..." Sandlin seconded; 8 favored; Prokosch opposed; motion carried.

Agenda Item 14. Fritz suggested that Rule F.6 DRAWING FOR BENCHES needs to be changed to allow current practices, or be enforced as it is written. After discussion Fritz tabled the matter until the Directors can be further polled and then act on it in 1994. Hoehn suggested polling members in the magazine, "NBRSA News." Denny Andrews will follow up on this action. Fritz moved that a small article be written in the "NBRSA News" and that the members' opinions be accepted. This article/questionnaire (to be written by Fritz) is to be sent to each Director along with their monthly agenda. Upon approval by the Directors, the final draft is to be put into the "NBRSA News." Sandlin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 15. Fritz moved to drop the 1/4" deflection part of rule: B. DEFINITIONS 14. RESTS. (c) Sand bag. The action died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item 16. Fritz dropped this agenda item (requiring all participants in NBRSA National Championship Matches be NBRSA members).

Agenda Item 17. Fritz asked for a ruling on what should be done whenever targets are lost. After discussion, Wagner moved that, if a target is lost (the fault of the range) the shooter should be allowed to re-shoot that target. Sandlin seconded; 3 favored (Sandlin, Fritz, Wagner); 4 opposed (Hoehn, Thornbury, Prokosch, Sauer); 2 abstained (Messer & Le); motion failed.

Hoehn moved that, if a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of the best and worst of those remaining 4 targets. Fritz seconded; motion carried unanimously. This will be in the rulebook under D. TOURNAMENT RULES 14. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES. (d) Lost Targets. If a target is lost (the fault of the range) and the shooter has 4 other targets at that yardage, the score for the lost target will be the average of the best and worst of those remaining 4 targets. The items formerly listed under d, e, f and g would be moved down and become items e, f, g, and h.

Agenda Item 18. Andrews discussed the possibility of a magazine name change for "NBRSA News" Prokosch moved that a contest be held to select a new name for the magazine. Sandlin seconded. Prokosch amended his motion; this contest would be open to the general NBRSA members and must be completed by January 1, 1994. The Board of Directors would

serve as the official committee to choose the winner from among those suggestions received from the membership. Sandlin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 19. Andrews addressed the feasibility of adding a \$1.00 International Team fee to the fee charged each competitor at any NBRSA affiliated match. This fund would help with transportation, lodging, etc., for the International Team. The Board decided to poll the membership in the magazine regarding their feelings. Depending on when this Poll is mentioned in the "NBRSA News," the deadline would be 30 days from the date the magazine is normally received by the general membership. This would then be acted upon at the 1994 Annual Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 20. Andrews suggested that some type of information illustrating and/or describing standardization of backer systems, bench designs, software scoring systems, range lay-outs, and other helpful suggestions for interested clubs should be considered. Prokosch will draw up a plan of his club (4 other clubs should also furnish plans of their ranges for a comparison of different range lay-outs.) Prokosch (on range lay-out), Sauer (on reciprocating backer systems), and others (on varying aspects of range construction) are to send their information to Sandlin. After receiving and compiling all of the information, Sandlin will make an 8-set copy and send it to the Business Manager. As soon as this information is available, an official notification would be placed in the "NBRSA News" advising clubs that this information is available through the Business Manager.

Agenda Item 21. Andrews has been investigating various sources for acquitting standardized NBRSA measuring equipment (Sweeny Scale). Manley Oakley has agreed to send some spare measuring device parts he has on hand to Andrews. Andrews suggested that the Oakley design should be the basic standard for anyone making measuring devices for NBRSA. Quotes need to be requested from different manufacturers of this type of equipment. Creach is to get in touch with Bushnell about making a hunter measuring device.

Agenda Item 22. Andrews addressed the resolutions of old Board resolutions

1987 MINUTES

Registration cards are to be held by Clubs for 1 year & National Registration Cards are to be sent to the National Headquarters.

Match Reports (list of shooters) are to be send in to Business Manager with Match Fees. The editor is also to receive a Match Report for publication.

Business Manager will take the minutes at the Annual Board Meetings.
Publishing the terms of each Director in the magazine will be continued.

1988 MINUTES

.22 Rimfire shooters to pay dues & pay match fees, but BR-50 shooters do not pay dues or match fees. (Effective 1/1/94, BR-50 will not be recognized by NBRSA. See 1993 Agenda Item 25.)

Agreement between Fletcher and NBRSA has already been discussed.

There is no need to make a resolution every year for Directors' mileage to the Nationals. (\$.28 per mile or \$500, whichever is less. See 1993 Agenda Item 29.)

1989 MINUTES

Sauer & Sandlin will modify the current NBRSA Registration Cards. Sauer will send several original forms to each Director for distribution to the Clubs in their regions. Business Manager will continue sending monthly financial reports to Sauer and quarterly financial reports to the Board.

1990 MINUTES

Proposed advertising rate schedule from Fletcher was accepted with the exception that NBRSA affiliated clubs pay at 2/3 rate.

"NBRSA News" page limitations: 204 pages per year, exceeding advertising (averaging 16 pages per issue with an extra 12 pages per year) was passed in 1990 Agenda Item 3. In 1992 Agenda Item 1, Board agreed that Editor should be trusted regarding number of pages per magazine as long as he keeps everything "in line" with magazine's printing costs.

Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited National shooters will pay a \$10 Trophy Fee;" Hunter/Rimfire) BR-50 National shooters will pay a \$2 "Trophy Fee" (excluding Junior shooters). (See paragraph after 1992 Agenda Items 2 & 3).

At 1993 Annual Board Meeting, Prokosch moved to "kill" the "Completely Revised Rule Book" issue. Sandlin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Dues are to remain at the 1990 increased rate: USA/Canada=\$30; International Surface Mail=\$42.50; Air Mail =\$60; Associate=\$5.

1991 MINUTES

No outstanding resolutions for 1991.

1992 MINUTES

Sauer's technical article on reciprocating backer systems was addressed in 1992 Agenda Item 4.

NBRSA Rulebooks will continue to include the date of publication on the front cover along, along with the revised edition number.

Sandlin's search for a low cost source of official weights (to be purchased by affiliated clubs) was addressed in 1993 Agenda Item 9.

Wagner's report on cost, etc., for belt buckles for Patron/Benefactor Life Membership were eliminated 7/93).

Kelbly's request that BR-100 & BR-200 target sighter bulls (Previously located in lower right/left corners) be moved inward & upward 1 ring has already been accomplished.

(1993 Ring Raffle" (ring donated by Ron Radke was charged to "1994 Ring Raffle" and was discussed in 1993 Agenda Item 2.

All NBRSA Officers' term expiration dates will fall on the 1st Monday following conclusion of Annual Board Meeting.

NBRSA will furnish ONLY patches to Rimfire Nationals. The offer from Olympic Shooting Team made to Henry Cross (International Shooters Development Fund) regarding a .22 Rimfire National trophy was mentioned. In 1993 Agenda Item 10, Thornbury will ask Walter Berger to follow up on receiving this trophy donation.

NBRSA advertising in "Shotgun News" and other publications was addressed in 1993 Agenda Item 9.

The Michelle Sutton request for NBRSA endorsement of a target shooting industry insurance program was granted and the NBRSA registered trademark Logo is currently being used in their advertising.

Wagner's progress on the completion of an NBRSA video was addressed in 1993 Agenda Item 10.

Agenda Item 24. Andrews introduced for discussion (at an NBRSA member's suggestion) the inclusion of Northeastern Region into Eastern Region. Members agreed that no action be taken.

Agenda Item 25. Andrews introduced for discussion (at the suggestion of an NBRSA member) the elimination of BR-50 Rifle Competition from NBRSA shooting program. After some discussion, Fritz moved to eliminate BR-50 from the NBRSA bench rest shooting program, effective January 1, 1994. Sandlin seconded. It passed unanimously. There will be a 1993 BR-50 Nationals in Jefferson City, Missouri on October 23,24. In Rulebook, Revised Edition 31, delete L. OFFICIAL RULES FOR BR-50 COMPETITION.

Agenda Item 26. Andrews suggested increasing the utilization of National Championship range facilities through the use of a Divisional Championship system. After discussion, item was dropped.

Agenda Item 27. Andrews questioned whether or not NBRSA currently has a policy regarding foreign shooting groups/clubs joining NBRSA. At the present time, foreign clubs pay either \$42.50 (Surface Mail) or \$60 (Air Mail) to become NBRSA affiliated. After discussion, Wagner moved to accept reciprocity with any foreign shooting organization which offers reciprocity with NBRSA. When Andrews attends 1993 World Championships, he will confirm that the foreign shooting organizations do offer reciprocity with NBRSA. Euber seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 28. Andrews suggested that the maximum authorized Host Club registration fee be increased from \$25 to \$30 to help NBRSA shooting ranges keep up with inflation. Hoehn moved to increase the Host Club registration fee to \$30. Sauer seconded; 8 Directors favored; Fritz opposed; motion carried. 2. REGISTRATION FEES.

(A) Club Fees...fee not to exceed \$30 per day, including NBRSA, Inc. registration fees. An additional \$5.00 may be charged for each additional class... (b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees are to be \$25 per day maximum...

Agenda Item 29. Andrews addressed the status of previous year's business. There has been additional printing cost for the "Business Reply Permit." With this Trust Fund, we only have to pay the regular 29 cents for the 1st Class Postage plus an additional 40 cents for each business reply mailer that is mailed to us (total postage per mailer is \$.90). If a \$185 permit fee is paid annually, postage would be 29 cents + 90=38 cents. NBRSA paid a \$75 annual permit fee.

Staff performance, status of "NBRSA News," and committee reports were discussed in the 1993 Executive Sessions.

Sandlin moved that each Director be allotted a \$500 annual budget for conducting NBRSA business. Fritz seconded; 8 for; Prokosch against; motion carried. This \$500 "ceiling" budget is to be used by each Director for NBRSA activities (trophies, mailers, meetings, mileage to Regional Meetings, long distance phone calls, etc.) during a 12-month period. This will be done on the "honor system" (no receipts/invoice required). Each Director should indicate to Business Manager what he/she intends to spend or has already spent. The Business Manager will then reimburse each Director up to a maximum of \$500 per year.

Andrews suggested that there be a continuing resolution regarding mileage to Annual Board Meetings: 28 cents per mile or cost of round-trip airline ticket (not to exceed \$500), whichever is less. The Board agreed that, since mileage compensation had already been voted on several years ago, and had only been temporarily discontinued recently when NBRSA's funds were low, this should be a continuing resolution.

The Editor's round-trip air fare to the 1993 World Benchrest Championships in Finland for NBRSA coverage of this event (paid by NBRSA) was addressed in a Presidential monthly agenda letter previously sent to the Directors. The mailed-in votes were recorded as 6 Directors for; Sandlin against; Wagner & Prokosch did not vote; motion carried.

In the future, Andrews will "flag" significant budget items (in his monthly agenda Letters) and indicate that this money will be paid immediately or on a specific date, the amount, and the reasons for this expense. This agenda will be handled by the Business Manager (tabulate count and notify President of vote).

The President will then notify the Directors of the results of that particular agenda letter BEFORE money is actually spent. In the future, the Business Manager will be the recipient of all agenda letters requiring voting (money matters by the Directors. The votes will then be counted by the Business Manager; she will notify President of outcome.

Prokosch moved to add to NBRSA By-Laws: Article IV, DIRECTORS, C. VOTING OF DIRECTORS. 4. Balloting by mail is allowed in cases where time does not allow for delay of the action until the next Board Meeting. A limit of \$1,000 will be instituted for any mail ballot decision. The ballots will be sent by the Business Manager to the Directors by CERTIFIED MAIL and must be returned to the Business Manager within 14 days of receipt. Fritz seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Prokosch reported that NBRSA is currently paying about \$20 each for National lariat ties. Andrews will look for a cheaper source of lariat ties.

Agenda Item 30. Andrews indicated that Rich Griffin (Records Committee Chairman) had requested a standardized world record form and that his form be included in the rulebook under I, THE HOST CLUB, 4. PREPARATION AND USE OF FORMS. Andrews will include these two items in his monthly agenda letter.

Agenda Item 31. Prokosch moved to form a permanent "three-man" scoring committee in order to have consistently accurate and expeditious scoring of all world records. Hoehn seconded. Hoehn will assist Griffin in committee selection. Each committee member will be furnished their own official measuring device. Seven Directors favored; Sandlin and Sauer opposed; motion carried. A "four-person" panel will be chosen to serve on the "three-man" scoring committee (each from a different Region), so that no one would have to score someone from their own Region. Those chosen to serve on this committee need not necessarily be a Director, but should be NBRSA member who qualifies as good scorer. Twenty "test" targets will be given to the prospective scorers to score. Griffin and Hoehn will examine the scored "test" targets and evaluate the consistency and accuracy of the scorers. Hoehn will report to Andrews and these suggestions/findings will be included in the President's monthly agenda letter..

Andrews brought up three last-minute items suggested by members for Board consideration: (1) Recognition for 300 meter shooting in World Records; (2) Range Plaques given for range appreciation; (3) NBRSA's involvement in Range Safety. Andrews recommended that the Board defer any discussion on 300 meter shooting and issuance of Range Plaques until 1994 Annual board Meeting. Andrews heartily recommended that NBRSA pass a resolution to abstain from taking any position with regard to internal range safety conditions and that it be made clear in the resolution that NBRSA would take no part in how range is conducted safety. There was no action on this recommendation.

Agenda Item 32. Andrews asked for bids for 1995 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals. (1994 will be held at Kelbly's Rifle Range in North Lawrence, Ohio, during the week preceding the first Sunday in August.) Thornbury bid Phoenix, Arizona (October); Wagner bid Kansas City, Kansas (regular time in July); and Sandlin bid Midland, Texas (last week in September.) A vote was called for: 3 for Phoenix (Hoehn, Euber, Thornbury); 5 for Kansas City (Sauer, Wagner, Prokosch, Fritz, Messer); 1 for Midland (Sandlin). The 1995 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals will be held at Mill Creek Rifle Club, Kansas City, Kansas, during week preceding the first Sunday in August.

Agenda Item 33. Andrews asked for bids for 1995 Hunter Nationals. (1994 Nationals will be held at Prairie Dog Target club in Porcupine, South Dakota, on August 6 & 7). Sandlin bid Austin Rifle Club. Sandlin will later announce exact date. Decision was unanimous: Austin Rifle Club, Austin, Texas will host the 1995 Hunter Nationals.

Agenda Item 34. Andrews asked for bids for .22 Rimfire 1995 Nationals. EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM. Wagner announced that St. Louis, Missouri has been flooded and it will

be impossible to hold the .22 Rimfire 1993 Nationals there as previously advertised. Wagner agreed to ask Okie Shooters club to host 1993 Nationals, but felt they might be hesitant to bid because of the cost involved (trophies and target crews expense). Prokosch moved that NBRSA pay up to \$350 to Okie Shooters Club to purchase the needed .22 Rimfire National trophies since this is a "last minute emergency" bid made by the Okie Shooters. Fritz seconded; motion carried unanimously. Wagner will immediately notify Business Manager of the location, date, etc., so that a bulletin can be mailed out to every USA NBRSA member notifying them of the changes in e.22 Rimfire 1993 Nationals. Hoehn said that the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis might be willing to host the 1994 Nationals and Andrews mentioned that the Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia (Yorktown, VA) might be interested in hosting the 1994 Rimfire Nationals if the club desires to host it. Hoehn bid the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis for the 1995 Rimfire Nationals (if the Yorktown Club takes 1994 Nationals). Andrews is to notify the Business Manager of the location for the 1994 Rimfire Nationals.

Agenda Item 35. Since BR-50 has been eliminated from the list of NBRSA Registered Tournaments, as of January 1, 1994, there is no need for a bid on the 1995 BR-50 Nationals nor will there be a 1994 BR-50 Nationals. (See 1993 Agenda Item 25.)

Andrews then submitted an agenda item suggested by Walt Berger. Berger's recommendation is as follows on the World Championship Point Match (for establishing team points for those who qualify to go to the World Cup): Berger would prefer to use Super Shoot, NBRSA Nationals, and Cactus Classic. Currently, it is Super Shoot, NBRSA Nationals, and IBS Nationals. Fritz moved to leave the handling of the point shoots" up to Berger's discretion since he is the coordinator. It was suggested that the following four shoots be recognized as "Point Shoots:" (1) Super Shoot (registered if Kelbly so desires); (2) NBRSA Nationals; (3) IBS Nationals, and (4) Cactus Classic. The contestants would then count the best three out of four "Point Shoots." It was also suggested that the Super Shoot be approved as a Registered Match. Creach suggested that Andrews study the situation further while he is attending the World Benchrest Championships in Finland, August 2 - 8, 1993, and report his findings to the Board as to whether NBRSA should staunchly support this international or world organization.

The Business Manager asked the board to consider helping with her motel and/or car rental expenses when she attends future Board Meetings. It was decided that the President will address this in his monthly agenda letter.

Creach moved to adjourn: Sandlin seconded; meeting adjourned.

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was convened by the President at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, July 28, 1994, in the Grandview Room of the Ramada Inn located at Wadsworth, Ohio. Attendees present on July 28, 1994

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Denny Andrews, President, - term expiring upon adjournment of this meeting;
Don Creach, Vice President, - term expiring upon adjournment of this meeting;
Phil Sauer, Eastern Region, term expiring upon adjournment of this meeting;
Larry Estes, Eastern Region (Director Elect), - term to begin at adjournment of this meeting
and expiring upon adjournment of the 1996 Board Meeting;
Gary Sandlin, Gulf Coast Region - term expiring upon adjournment of the 1995 Board
Meeting
Don Mulhall, Mid-Continent Region-term expiring upon adjournment of the 1995 Board
Meeting
Terry Meyer, North Central Region-term expiring upon adjournment of the 1995 Board
Meeting
Ira Farnsworth, NE Region-Term expiring upon adjournment of the 1995 Board Meeting
Robert Fritz, NW Region-Term expiring upon adjournment of the 1996 Board Meeting
James Messer, SE Region-term expiring upon adjournment of the 1996 Board Meeting
Dennis Thornbury, SW Region-term expiring upon adjournment of the 1996 Board Meeting
STAFF: Pat Baggett, Business Manager & Recording Secretary;
Glenn Newick, NBRSA News Editor;
Walt Berger, Foreign Representative,

NBRSA Committees: Denny Sansom, Records Committee Chairperson
Manny Garcia, M. D., Finance Committee Chairperson
Eunice Berger, NBRSA Trophy Committee Chairperson
Jim Kelbly, NBRSA Target Committee Representative

Preliminary Business and Committee Reports: Protests - Protest of the 1994 National Championship Referees; decision appealed by competitor Phil Sauer, was taken under consideration by the board. After a discussion of the merits of the appeal, a motion was made by Bob Fritz and seconded by Gary Sandlin, to confirm the decision. The Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Eunice Berger, NBRSA Trophy Committee Chairperson, reported on the 1994 trophy costs. Approximately \$2,200 less was spent for the 1994 trophies than for the 1993 trophies. There was a savings of \$450 on the silver bowls. In order to reduce the cost of engraving on the curved surface of the bowls (as previously done), the bowls were placed on wooden pedestals with an engraved plate attached. There was a savings of \$725 on lariat ties. In order to reduce the cost by ordering in bulk, all were made with gold plated engraving rather than gold, bronze, and silver plate. The different classes of lariat ties were designated by different colored cords. The Bergers have absorbed the cost of carving and die

set up. Eunice will further research a less expensive source for NBRSA patches for the 1995 year. The board expressed their gratitude to the Bergers for a job well done.

Denny Andrews reported that Stan Buchtel, also a member of the Trophy Committee, has been working on what to do with the NBRSA traveling trophies. The status of these trophies, their location, which competitors are presently responsible for returning them, missing storage boxes, etc., are some of the concerns regarding these trophies. The Field and Stream traveling trophy is currently completely filled, i.e., there are no more plaques or space available for more plaques. The Dr. Sam Nadler 3 Gun Grand traveling trophy has only two unfilled plaques. There is currently a trophy, which has been donated by the members of the Southeast Region, which could be used to take the place of these two older trophies. Jim Messer expressed the desire of the members in his region to use the trophy as a means of memorializing the memory of Fletcher Williams. Denny Andrews suggested that the new trophy could replace the older 3 Gun aggregate trophy in this fashion. It was resolution of the Board that the Fletcher Williams Memorial Trophy would be considered the 3 Gun Grand Aggregate Traveling Trophy, to be awarded beginning at these National Championships for 1994. On behalf of the Board and Officers, Denny Andrews emphasized the tremendous contributions made to the sport of bench rest by Fletcher, as the founding editor of NBRSA news, as a fellow competitor and great sportsman.

The question of what to do with retired traveling trophies was discussed by several members of the Board. Several options were considered, such as where they might be displayed on a permanent bases, how many trophies are involved, where they are located, their condition, and what could be done to maintain this heritage. There was also discussion on the difficulty of keeping track of existing trophies. A suggestion from Stan Buchtel, relayed by Denny Andrews, was to maintain the traveling trophies in a permanent location such as Kelbly's Rifle Range, rather than sending them home with the winners. This option would eliminate the loss of these trophies, or their shipping boxes, or both. It would also eliminate the perennial problem of last years winner's failing to return the trophies in time for the next year's presentation ceremony.

Jim Kelbly, Target Committee Representative, reported on target production, handling, shipping and storage. He noted that the printer currently providing targets, (Orrville Printing, of Orrville, Ohio), has done an outstanding job in producing targets for the association, and that Kelbly's Inc. has been storing and shipping them to shooters for the last four years. Storage and handling has been provided to the Association by the Kelbly's free of charge during this time. However, Jim explained that due to the need for additional space on their business premises, they are no longer able to furnish these services. He proposed that Orrville Printing be continued for handling and shipping, addition to producing the targets. This arrangement would entail the storage and shipping of targets through Orrville Printing for a \$1.00 handling fee plus a \$1.00 shipping fee per 500 targets. These fees would be paid by the purchaser. If targets are picked up from Orrville Printing by the purchaser, the maximum fee would be \$1.00 for handling. Ron Badertscher, with Orrville printing, will be in charge of target printing, ordering, storage and shipping. He will keep the special target paper on hand for a "quick run" of targets. Jim described the process of ordering targets each year: Paper is ordered in September and targets are ordered in December for coming year

(approximately 55,000 BR-100; 55,000 BR-200; 1,000 BR - 300; 15,000-20,000 HBR-100; 12,000 HBR-200; 1,000 HBR-300). Jim will work with Ron Badertscher in order to assure a smooth transition. The transition is to be completed by September 1, 1994. It was the unanimous view of the Board and Officers that the generosity and invaluable assistance of the Kelbly family, especially George and Jim, has significantly contributed to the solvency of the Association over the last several years. Denny Andrews expressed the gratitude of the association membership to the Kelblys for the outstanding work they have done.

A G E N D A

Item 1. Target Modifications: (Submitted by the Eastern Region)

The proposal was to make the ten ring on the 200 yard target the same thickness as the other rings. After a discussion led by Phil Sauer, he moved to change the thickness of the ten ring to the same as the other rings on the target. The motion was defeated with Don Mulhall, Terry Meyer, Ira Farnsworth, Bob Fritz, James Messer, and Dennis Thornbury voting against it; Phil Sauer and Gary Sandlin voted in favor of it.

Item 2. Modifications to the World Record Measurement System: (Submitted by the Eastern Region)

Phil Sauer proposed that current method of measuring potential records be repealed in favor of the method provided for prior to the adoption of the current rule. After explaining his proposal he moved for a vote. Bob Fritz seconded. The motion was defeated with Gary Sandlin, Don Mulhall, Terry Meyer, Ira Farnsworth, Jim Messer, and Dennis Thornbury voting against it; Phil Sauer and Bob Fritz voted in favor of it.

Item 3. Bench Rotation: (Submitted by the Eastern Region) This was a proposal to allow ranges to modify the rotation requirements in order to accommodate shooters who may be using the same set of flags. After a discussion led by Phil Sauer, it was decided to table this agenda item until the next day so that he could have an opportunity to rewrite the motion.

Item 4. Addition of a European Region: (Submitted by the Southwest Region) Dennis Thornbury began discussion of this item by requesting a report from the Foreign Representative, Walt Berger. The preliminary considerations of the Board in this discussion were, 1) the size of this region and what it will look like, 2) the approximate number of members who would be represented, 3) who and how a director would be designated, and 4) if such a region were established, what effect, if any this might have on bids from Europe for the National Championships, the use of meters verses yards, and the impact on NBRSA News. Walt Berger observed that the popularity of and enthusiasm for competitive bench rest shooting was sparked over the years, through the efforts of several individuals from this country. He explained that bench rest shooting has come into its own in the last five years with a significant increase in tournaments and participation. He believes that there would be from one hundred to two hundred individuals interested in becoming NBRSA members within such a region, if it were to be established. That the region would most likely include the following countries: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, France, England, Germany, Italy, Austria, and Spain. He recommended that Herve du Plessis be temporarily appointed by the Board as regional director until such time as a permanent director could be elected.

After a rather lengthy discussion of the topic, Bob Fritz moved: 1) to establish a European region to be composed of the countries listed by the Foreign Representative, 2) to appoint Herve du Plessis as temporary Director of the European Region for a period of one year, pending election of a permanent director during that period of time, 3) that the Official Rule Book be amended to reflect that the NBRSA Varmint and Unlimited National Championships be restricted to venue in the United States. Gary Sandlin seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Per direction from the Board taken at the 1993 Annual Board Meeting, Denny Andrews provided a report to the Board of 1993 World Championship Activities, and his discussions with other bench rest association presidents. His comments centered on the enthusiasm demonstrated by the competitors, spectators, and Finnish Government's commitment by providing facilities and financial support. Tournament management, national and European public attention, overall professionalism were just some of the examples he presented to the Board. Bench rest shooting has grown rapidly as a shooting sport throughout western Europe. The World Championships have been particularly important in focusing public interest far beyond anything seen in the U. S. However, the Europeans are very aware of the role played by bench rest shooting in the U. S. and in particular, the efforts of the U. S. Bench Rest Shooters, who have done the foot work necessary to introduce and sustain European Bench Rest Shooting.

Item 5. Proposed Rules for U. S. Team Participation at World Championship Tournaments: (Submitted by the Southwest Region) The International Representative introduced the item by discussing the necessity for some basic rules governing team attendance at world championship tournaments. After discussion among various Board members on the merits of the topic, Gary Sandlin moved that a resolution be adopted approving the proposed U. S. Team rules and placing the NBRSA Foreign Representative in charge of their enforcement. Sauer seconded the motion and the resolution was unanimously passed in the following language:

1. Members of the U. S. Team will travel and stay together as a team until completion of the World Championships. (Brisbane, Australia; October 9-15, 1995);
2. January 15 of the year in which the World championships are held, shall be the deadline for submitting applications. Applications must include: 1) a deposit of \$2,000 with the NBRSA Foreign Representative or his designated assistant, for travel expenses, hotel accommodations, and tournament registration fees, and 2) proof of possession of a current U. S. Passport. (the approximate total cost for attending the Australian World Championships is from \$4,000 to \$7,000).
3. A Team Captain shall be appointed by the NBRSA President. The Team Captain will be responsible for all communications between USA Team Members and the Host Country's match officials.
4. The NBRSA Foreign Representative or his designated assistant shall make the necessary travel arrangements for the team.
5. All team members shall agree to abide by the rules established by the NBRSA Board of Directors and the NBRSA President relating to world championship tournaments.

Committee reports continued...

The Finance Committee report was initiated by Denny Andrews. He requested that Phil Sauer retain his position on the Committee. Phil agreed to this. The discussion then centered on possible methods of increasing the Association's cash income. One particular method of augmenting income was introduced by the Finance Committee Chairperson, Manny Garcia. He recommended that the Association might consider looking into the feasibility of participating in a long distance service marketing enterprise which he has had recent experience with. After a description and discussion of this idea, it was decided that the matter should be examined more closely by the President.

Agenda Items continued...

Item 6. Travel fees for directors and officer of NBRSA: (Submitted by the Southwest Region) Dennis Thornbury raised the issue of discontinuing payment of travel to attend the Annual Board Meetings. After a discussion among the Board it was decided to table the issue. No motion was made.

Item 7. Rule book modifications: (Submitted by the Gulf Coast Region)

1. A motion was made to add language to the "lost target" rule, which would allow the backer to be used as evidence of how many shots had been fired into the lost target. The motion died without a second.
2. A discussion was had regarding the possibility of requiring a competitor to only place flags in front of his own bench. No motion was made.
3. With regard to the "weighing of rifles", add: "except in the unlimited class". After discussion, Sandlin dropped this agenda item.
4. The term "National Executive Committee" was defined and to be added as follows: "The National Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and majority of the NBRSA Directors." The motion, made by Gary Sandlin and seconded by Bob Fritz, was unanimously passed.
5. A discussion was had regarding sand bag thickness rules. No action was taken.
6. A discussion was had regarding the "kinds of tournaments" conducted. No action was required.
7. A discussion was had regarding the sequence of firing commands. No action was taken.
8. A discussion was had regarding the "Appointment of Tournament Officials". No action was taken.

9. After a discussion on who should sign targets on the range for submitting possible world records, a motion was made by Gary Sandlin to replace the words (at page 11-12) "signed by a Match Referee and Range Officer" with "signed by all three Referees". After a second by Don Mulhall, the motion was passed. Gary Sandlin, Don Mulhall, Ira Farnsworth and Phil Sauer voted in favor; Dennis Thornbury, Bob Fritz, and Jim Messer against.

At 11:20 P. M., Phil Sauer moved adjournment of the meeting until the following evening. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The Annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was reconvened by the President at 7:30 P. M. Friday July 30, 1994. All Regional Directors were again present, including Tom Shilka, the written proxy nomination for Ron Hoehn, Director of the Mississippi Valley region. Tom was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

The President completed his report on the 1993 World Championship Tournament. He described the interest of other bench rest association presidents in forming a federation of bench rest associations for the purpose of, 1) maintaining uniform rules of competition for world championship tournaments, based on NBRSA competition rules, 2) establishing a recognized procedure for team format requirements, emphasizing team competition, 3) establishing and recognizing team/individual awards for matches, aggregates, and combined aggregates, 4) accepting bids for future tournaments (preferably 4 years in advance). In keeping with suggestions from the European association presidents, Denny Andrews has offered to prepare articles of international federation, incorporating the above principals. Phil Sauer proposed a resolution to authorize the President to proceed. Jim Messer seconded the resolution, and the Board passed it unanimously.

Agenda item continued...

11. At page 10... "Courses of Fire"...add the following sentence: "9e) the competitor must fire his group on the correct relay, correct bench, and correct target frame." This motion was made by Gary Sandlin, seconded by Bob Fritz, and passed unanimously.

12. At page 5... "C. TARGETS 1. ONE OFFICIAL SET OF TARGETS" ... add the following sentence: "Each target must be marked in numerals with the competitor's number, and must be plainly legible at either yardage when installed in the target frame. It is the responsibility of the target crew to see that this number is not obscured." This motion was made by Gary Sandlin, seconded by Phil Sauer, and passed by Gary Sandlin, Phil Sauer, Tom Shilka, Terry Meyer and Ira Farnsworth; with Bob Fritz, Dennis Thornbury, and Don Mulhall voting against it.

13. A discussion was had on the circulation of duplicate letters in processing world records. No action was taken. It was noted that the records chairman will send a copy of the World Record Form to the Directors for distribution to match directors.

14. A discussion was had on heavy varmint stock dimensions. No action was taken.

15. A discussion was had on moving backer mechanical malfunctions. No action was taken.
16. A discussion was had on the use of tape or other adhesives in securing the rear bag to the bench. No action was taken.
17. A page 14...5. "Sportsmanship"...replace the word disciplined with: "disqualified by the Range Officer after a warning." This motion was made by Gary Sandlin, seconded by Don Mulhall, and passed unanimously.
18. A discussion was had on the use of muzzle brakes. No action was taken.

Item 8. Gun Classifications

This item was dropped.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rule book change moratorium: (submitted by Southwest Region) A discussion was initiated by Dennis Thornbury concerning future changes to the rule book. The cost of changing the rule book, cost to competitors in modifying or changing equipment, inability to maintain a set of rules which can be relied on from year to year, were issued involved in the discussion among the board members. Several considerations were voiced as to why it is necessary to change the rules, i.e., lack of clarity, gross omissions, circumstances which have come up and cannot be resolved with the current rules, and mistakes in the rule book not yet known, but , never the less, will have a significant effect on competition when such mistakes are discovered. At the conclusion of this discussion Dennis Thornbury introduced a resolution which would place a three year moratorium on any rule changes upon adjournment of this annual meeting, provided, however, that the moratorium will not preclude the board from taking emergency action when necessary. Any proposed rule change submitted during this moratorium shall first be submitted to the President, who may form a committee to determine if a solution can be found without changing the rule book. This resolution was seconded by Jim Messer and Passed by the Board unanimously.
2. Ring Raffle status: (submitted by the Northwest Region) The Status of the proposed ring raffle was discussed. Denny Andrews reported that Ron Radke had requested the return of the rings in order to place a trade mark on them. Nothing more has been done. Don Creach promised to speak with Mr. Radke about this matter.
3. Consolidation of Northeast and Eastern Regions: (Submitted by Northwest Region) After a discussion of the matter, Bob Fritz moved to combine these two Regions, and his motion was seconded by Gary Sandlin. The motion was defeated with Phil Sauer, Don Mulhall, Ira Farnsworth, Jim Messer and Dennis Thornbury voting against it. Bog Fritz, Gary Sandlin, and Terry Meyer voted in favor of it.

Committee reports continued...

Glen Newick, chairman of the Official Publication Committee began the discussion by signifying his agreement to the proposed Editorial Services Agreement with the proposed addendum which restricts the editor from unilaterally pursuing recourse where he considers the interest of the Official Publication at stake, if such action would result in any cost to the Association, i. e., hire attorneys, etc. Gary Sandlin then moved to ratify the Agreement, and Bob Fritz seconded it. The board unanimously ratified the Agreement.

Bob Fritz raised the issue of the official publication name change contest. Denny Andrews suggested that the Editor be placed in charge of the contest, and report back to the Board for final approval of any name change.

The balance of the discussion centered on the following matters:

- *The necessity of keeping printing costs down. To facilitate this, the Business Manager will send a copy of all Midlands printing invoices to the Editor for each month as she receives them. The editor also provided a description of his own equipment investments, which have saved the Association money.

- *A cost comparison for the last 5 months was reviewed by the Board.

- *Methods of facilitating mailing and handling were discussed. The editor explained the bulk rate process being used and why the dead line for getting the monthly issue to the mailing house by the 18th of every month should mean magazine delivery between the 1st and 2nd of the following month.

Phil Sauer, Finance Committee Representative, distributed the Income and Expense Statement work sheet. He identified each portion of the Statement, explained the significance of how it was prepared, and how best to read it. The summary of this presentation was provided by high lighting total income over expenses, or expenses over income, for each year starting with 1990. In this fashion, he provided a projection of income verses expenses by the coming year. In the discussion following this presentation the Board concluded that:

- *Expenses have exceeded income for the past two years (1992-1993) by \$6,480.

- *Considering the current stat of affairs, there is a possibility of income exceeding expenses for the coming year, however, any number of factors could create a loss for 94-95.

- *Phil Sauer is willing to remain on the Finance Committee after his tenure as Eastern Regional Director.

- *Phil will continue providing finance reports to the Regional Directors and Denny Sansom.

- *He will work with Denny Sansom in making recommendations to the board or increasing the cash flow of the Association.

- *Increased communication on the financial condition of the Association will be through the monthly Board agendas in the future.

*In order to maintain the current expenses of the Association, consideration must be given to increasing individual membership dues.

*Other means of increasing revenue such as the Association Sponsoring the National Championships at the Whittington Center; making available for sale such things as patches, hats, jackets, pins, and other notional items, increasing membership; increasing the number of competitors who participate in tournaments; increasing advertising rates in NBRSA News.

*Planning for the future dues increases should be implemented based on how much money will be required to sustain the Association; making sure that any increase will in fact provide the money necessary to sustain the Association; knowing when to increase dues and having already planned when the next increase should be made.

The President pointed out that until the necessary time can be spent planning an increase of dues or match fees, serious consideration should be given to increasing these fees at this Annual Board Meeting. Based upon a discussion of what income can be expected verses probable expenses for the next year, the following action was taken:

*Gary Sandlin moved for an increase in regular dues by five dollars, which was seconded by bob Fritz and passed unanimously.

*Bob Fritz moved for an increase in associate/affiliate membership dues by five dollars, which was seconded by Gary Sandlin and passed unanimously.

*Dues increases are to be effective on November 1, 1994 so that at that time for U. S. and Canadian members, regular dues and club affiliate dues will be \$35.00; associate membership dues will be \$10.00; Individual membership or club affiliation outside the U. S. and Canada will be \$65.00 air mail, or \$47.50 surface mail.

*Bob Fritz moved to increase match fees from \$1.50 per shooter to \$2.00 per shooter per day, which was seconded by Gary Sandlin and passed unanimously.

*At page 15...2 REGISTRATION FEES...(c)NBRSA FEES...should read changed to read as follows: "The Host Club shall pay the NBRSA, Inc., \$2.00 per competitor per day for Registered Tournament with no limit." This is to include a two dollar increase in National Championship fees per day with no limit.

In executive session on personnel and tax questions, the President excused the Business Manager and provided an evaluation of the Business Manager's performance for the preceding year from July 31, 1993 through July 30, 1994. The consensus of the board was that her performance had been outstanding for that period and an incremental increase in salary was merited. However, in light of the financial condition of the Association at this time, a salary increase must be deferred. The remainder of the executive session dealt with treatment of the Business Manager as a salaried employee, and what was being done to determine the status of the association as a non profit organization with the Internal Revenue Service through the services of Mr. Al Elliot, who has been acting as the Association's tax

attorney for the past year. The Business Manager then returned to the meeting and was notified of her outstanding evaluation. The President and Board agree that a salary increase was merited, and that deferring the increase for this year was to be taken into account when the matter would be addressed at the 1995 Annual board Meeting.

Committee reports continued...

Gary Sandlin, Public Relations Committee representative, reported on the progress being made at the Raton, New Mexico, Whittington Center Range. At this time, individual membership donations are at between \$8,500 and \$9,000 and an additional \$28,000 is needed to complete the moving backer system, covered loading area, stat building, and camper hook ups. Presently, the ground has been leveled, target butts have been prepared, and the concrete slab together with 75 benches have been installed with an overhead cover. Once the facility is completed, the Association will be able to hold National Championship Tournaments under the direct auspices of the Association. The cost of holding tournaments at the facility was discussed along with the anticipated net proceeds the association could expect to collect. The Editor was directed to place additional information about the facility in the Official Publication so that additional contributions would continue. Denny Andrews then reported his efforts at obtaining a public relations firm on behalf of the Association. He has contacted the Hannaford Company based in Washington, D. C. and is continuing to get more information of the possibility of conducting a full time public relations campaign for membership recruitment. However, the cost of such a campaign, presently estimated at \$12,000, would have to be sustained by outside contributions.

The NBRSA Editor reported on the status of discount advertising which is granted to clubs for advertising tournaments. The question raised is whether the discount is applicable to full page in NBRSA News. The Board concluded that the discount is applicable for one half of a page and not a full page.

Unfinished Agenda items

Item 3. Bench Rotation (tabled from the previous meeting sessions)

Phil Sauer opened the discussion with suggested wording which would allow competitors to follow each other on rotation so that they could share the same set of wind flags, but at the same time maintain the mandatory bench rotation requirement. The discussion also included situations where competitors were sharing the same equipment. It was observed that if they are using the same equipment, they are normally using the same flags. Phil Sauer then moved to include the following language... at page 17...6. **DRAWING FOR BENCHES...**add to the end of the paragraph..."When this system of rotation is used, the club is authorized to assign benches using a table of random numbers supplied by the Board of Directors. At the request of a shooter, the club is authorized to grant to that 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.**" Gary Sandlin seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

T O U R N A M E N T B I D S

1996 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals; Gary Sandlin submitted a bid for the Midland, Texas, range. Dennis Thornbury submitted a bid for the Phoenix, Arizona range. Gary Sandlin, Terry Meyer, Phil Sauer, Jim Messer and Ira Farnsworth voted for Midland. Dennis Thornbury, Bob Fritz, and Don Mulhall voted for Phoenix. The Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals will be held at Midland, Texas, on the week preceding the first Sunday in August.

1996 Hunter Class Nationals: Glenn Newick submitted a tentative bid for the American Shooting Center range at Houston, Texas. No other bids were submitted. Bids are to remain open until a firm bid is submitted.

1996 Rimfire Nationals: No bids were submitted. Bids are to remain open until a firm bid is submitted. Denny Andrews will contact Ron Dill for assistance of this matter.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Gary Sandlin nominated Denny Andrews for the position of President for the following two year term and Terry Meyer seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Gary Sandlin nominated Don Creach for the position of Vice President for the following two year term and Bob Fritz seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, Gary Sandlin moved for adjournment of the 1994 Annual Board of Directors meeting and Bob Fritz seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27 & 28, 1995**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by acting President Don Creach at 8:20 PM on Thursday, July 27, 1995, in the Meeting Room of the Days Inn, Kansas City, Kansas. The Board reconvened at 5:15 PM on Friday, July 28, 1995, in the Club House of the Mill Creek Rifle Club. In attendance were:

Don Creach, Vice President (acting President), President
Pat Baggett, Business Manager
Larry Estes, Eastern Region Director
Gene Bukys, Gulf Coast Region Director Proxy
Don Mulhall, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director
Bob Sicina, Northeastern Director Proxy
Jim Patten, Northwest Region Director Proxy
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Glenn Newick, "NBRSA News Editor
John Gammuto (attended 7/28/95 only)

Don Creach read letters from the Gulf Coast, North East, and Northwest Regions requesting that Gene Bukys, Bob Sicina, and Jim Patten serve as proxies. Larry Estes moved to accept the proxies and Terry Meyer seconded. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Don Creach then requested that the editor give a report on this year's magazine income and the upcoming year's expectations. Glenn apologized for an article that he had included in the magazine. He then explained that he is approximately 6 months late in his billing for the advertising in the "NBRSA News". He estimated that he should be up to date on his advertising billing by August 15, 1995. He indicated that he had done a couple of things to upgrade our ability to put out the magazine in a more efficient manner: Midlands Printing (prints "NBRSA News") uses Kork Express for their type setting and blocking. Glenn also purchased the Kork Express (\$600), a laser printer, and a used photo copier.

Glenn Newick indicated that his current format for the magazine is to print 28 to 32 pages during the winter and as small as possible in the summer. The top limit is 40 pages. He said that some members had asked about changing the magazine's looks; that would result in a rather large expense. Midlands Printing also prints another magazine during the same time-frame as it prints the "NBRSA News" and this slows down our printing. Glenn plans to begin sending in our magazine earlier each month in an attempt to get our magazine printed first.

Glenn also said that he has been studying the possibility of changing the format on the NBRSA Rulebook. Currently, when there are rule changes, the rulebook is reprinted. He suggested a loose-leaf format.

Glenn then asked for questions. Creach asked if NBRSA could expect any more articles similar to the Schaefer issue in the future? The magazine should only be about shooting and not about anything else. He said he would rather see a blank page in the magazine than to see something similar to the Schaefer article in the magazine ever again. Glenn apologized again for the article. Hoehn also indicated that the article was not appropriate.

Don Creach asked Glenn to "stay on top" of billing or NBRSA loses money. Glenn said he is installing Quicken on his computer so that the billing will be automatic. Glenn was excused at 8:45 pm.

Creach said that the office of president needs to be filled before conducting any more business. Andrews, who resigned as president, still has one remaining year in his term (expires after 1996 Board Meeting). He then announced that he would entertain motions for President of the NBRSA. Ron nominated Don Creach and the motion was seconded by Don Mulhall. No other nominations were made. There were 6 in favor; Estes opposed; and Bukys abstained. The motion carried. Creach accepted the position and said that he would do this job to the best of his ability, but that he would not be a "whipping post". Creach said that he will conduct no business with members until they have discussed their business with their director first. Patten arrived late and asked that the vote show that the Northwest Region voted for Creach for President.

Estes requested that there should be no Director travel payments, because of the financial standing of NBRSA. He feels that the Directors should be willing to give something back to the organization. Meyer disagreed, saying that the Directors already give a lot back to the organization and that there often are expenses that are paid out of their own pockets. One Director explained that it costs a lot of money to do what the Directors do and they should continue to be reimbursed 28 cents per mile to attend the Nationals and Annual Board Meeting each year. Bukys moved to cease Director travel payment; Estes seconded. Bukys and Estes voted for stopping travel money. Six opposed the motion: Mulhall, Hoehn, Meyer, Sicina, Messer, Thornbury. The motion failed to pass.

Estes then moved to reduce the \$500 Annual Directors' Budget to \$200. Bukys seconded. Estes and Bukys voted to reduce budget; Sicina abstained; and 5 opposed (Mulhall, Hoehn, Meyer, Messer, Thornbury). The motion failed.

Estes then moved that Directors must furnish receipts to the Business Manager before being reimbursed for NBRSA expenses. Hoehn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Estes suggested the need to eliminate voting by mail, fax, telephone, or any other means other than a vote at the National Meeting.

Meyer requested that when a vote is taken (other than at the National Meeting), the results should be sent to each Director. Estes then moved to eliminate voting other than at a National Meeting. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Estes requested that his agenda item #6 be eliminated (the elimination of the records committee).

Estes then requested that NBRSA revert to the old system of referees at National Tournaments when submitting possible new "World Records". Sometimes it is difficult for all three to remain after a match. (Rulebook, revised edition 32, page 11, #D. 14; from 1994 NBRSA Minutes: Item 7. Rule book modifications; 9: Sandlin moved to replace "signed by a Match Referee and Range Officer" with "signed by all three Referees"; motion passed." Bukys then moved to leave the Rulebook-revised edition 32, page 11, #D. 14 as printed and to rescind last year's motion for change. Hoehn seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Estes dropped his agenda item #8 (mentioning possible candidates for NBRSA President/Vice President to the general membership prior to an actual vote by the Board).

Estes requested that since there is no activity in the Northeastern Region, this region should be encompassed into the Eastern Region. Sicina reported that there is a range currently being build in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. After discussion, Estes dropped the matter.

Estes suggested that the date for the 1996 Nationals be changed from the last week of July to September. He also brought up the possibility of changing the dates for all future nationals to September or October. After a discussion, it was decided to leave the date for the Nationals as is.

Meyer requested that quarterly financial reports be mailed to members (at members' request and cost). Meyer moved to charge a member \$5 per copy for each financial report requested by that member. Mulhall seconded; Estes abstained; motion passed with 8 in favor.

Meyer asked about the responsibility for setting the match dates in the U. S. for earning qualifying points for World Benchrest Championship. Creach reported: Walt Berger bid Phoenix, Arizona in late October for the 1997 World Championship. If we approve him, he'll bid that There's 4 qualifying matches: the Cactus in early March; the Crawfish in late April; the Super Shoot in late May; and the NBRSA Nationals in July or October. They score only 3 or the 4, so a competitor would not have to make all 4 to qualify. I think we have pretty much empowered Walt to deal for us with European International Organizations. He's our representative. I'll speak to Walt regarding exactly what NBRSA's responsibilities are and what his responsibilities are. I'll ask him and report back to you. He reports to us regularly about what he is doing and what is going on. I do agree that the dates should be set as early as possible and then notifying the public. Meyer then requested that the Board of Directors consider only NBRSA Registered Matches; therefore, the Super Shoot would have to be registered in order to qualify as one of the four qualifying matches.

Meyer suggested that a Target Committee be selected to study the target cost and different types of available paper. Creach pointed out that Jim Kelbly is currently the Chairman of the Target Committee. Meyer wants the Board to consider looking for cheaper alternate paper, and he has some sample targets for the Directors to look at and to try. Meyer will mail some sample targets to each Director.

Hoehn read a letter from Mike Bryant suggesting a possible new NBRSA shooting class: Hunter-for-Group. The Hunter-for-Group would leave their scope at 6X and would shoot for group rather than score. They would also need a moving backer system. This would give the current Hunter-for-Score shooters a taste of group shooting and might possibly whet some appetites. Hoehn suggested sanctioning this group. Mulhall favored trying it experimentally for a year and then consider sanctioning it next year if it was successful. Creach said that he would bring it up at the General Meeting for member discussion on the following afternoon. (Never came up at General Meeting.)

Creach asked for a motion to empower Walt Berger to bid for the 1997 World Championships. Thornbury made the motion; Mulhall seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Creach reported that 47 out of a total of 213 shooters registered after the deadline for the 1995 Nationals. He said this makes it hard for the host club to plan and get the program together. He suggested increasing the late registration fee. The late registration fee has remained set at \$10 for many years. Creach will bring this up at the General Meeting for member discussion on the following afternoon.

Hoehn reported on a letter from Ron Dill wanting to clarify that at the .22 Rimfire Nationals the unrestricted matches would shoot 10-shot groups. There is also a second class of unrestricted .22 Rimfire consisting of 5-shot groups, but this is not shot at the Rimfire Nationals. Hoehn then made the motion that the Unrestricted Class at the Rimfire Nationals would consist of 10-shot groups, but that there is also a class, not to be conducted at Nationals, consisting of 5-shot groups. Thornbury seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Creach asked for bids for the 1997 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals. (The 1996 Nationals will be held in Midland, TX, the week preceding the first Sunday in August.) Thornbury bid Phoenix, AZ, for the first full week of October, 1997. Estes seconded; the motion was unanimous. The 1997 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals will be held in Phoenix, AZ during the first full week of October, 1997.

Creach then asked for bids for the 1996 Hunter Nationals. Meyer bid Prairie Dog Target Club (Porcupine, SD) for August 17-19, 1996.

Bukys indicated that he had understood that, during the 1994 Board Meeting, Glenn Newick had bid the American Shooting Center, Houston, TX for the 1996 Hunter Nationals. Creach said that this had only been a tentative bid that was never firmed up. Bukys then bid the

American Shooting Center for the 1996 Hunter Nationals. Mulhall read a letter from Don Deckert indicating that he had understood that the Prairie Dog Target Club had already been accepted for the 1996 Hunter Nationals. Bukys then withdrew Houston for the 1996 Hunter Nationals. Mulhall seconded; Sicina abstained; 7 favored; motion passed. The 1996 hunter Nationals will be held at the Prairie Dog Target Club, porcupine, SD, on August 17-19, 1996.

Creach asked for bids for the 1997 Hunter Nationals. Mulhall read a letter from Harold Broughton bidding the NRA Whittington Center for the 1997 Hunter Nationals on August 10-12, 1997. Patten then bid the LaGrande Rifle and Pistol Club, LaGrande, Oregon. Hoehn, Thornbury, Meyer, Mulhall, Bukys favored the NRA Whittington Center; Patten, Estes favored the LaGrande Rifle and Pistol Club; Sicina abstained. The 1997 Hunter Nationals will be held at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM, on August 10-12, 1997.

Creach asked for bids for the 1996 .22 Rimfire Nationals. There were no bids. (Creach later contacted Ron Dill for a possible Rimfire Nationals bid; Dill is to report back to Creach with a definite bid before December 31, 1995. Creach will then notify the Business Manager of a definite 1996 .22 Rimfire Nationals.)

Hoehn reported on a letter from Stan Buchtel regarding the storing of the traveling trophies and the 'retired' raveling NBRSA trophies at Kelbly's Range. Bukys moved to recover the "retired" trophies and display threes at Kelbly's Rifle Range in North Lawrence, OH. Kelbly would have temporary custody and would display them on his premises; they would remain property of NBRSA, however. Sicina seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Thornbury suggested that the Directors think about relaxing the barrel restrictions on the Varmint gun.

Estes moved to adjourn until Friday, July 28, 1995 at the Mill Creek Rifle Club House.

Meeting reconvened July 28. John Gammuto spoke to the Directors regarding his new publication: the 'Shooter's news'. He suggested that he could possibly save NBRSA as much as \$8,000 per year if they would drop their "NBRSA News" and purchase 8 pages in his "Shooter's news" for their news letter each month. The Board thanked Gammuto and then excused him.

The board excused the Business Manager and, in executive session, discussed an increase in her salary. The board's consensus at the 1994 Board Meeting was that her performance had been outstanding and an incremental increase in salary was merited. However, in light of the financial condition of the Association at that time, her salary increase was deferred. After some discussion, it was decided to give her a \$160 per month increase in salary. The Business Manager then returned to the meeting and was notified of her salary increase. Pat expressed her appreciation to the Board. The Board requested that Pat prepare a job description indicating the amount of time involved in each aspect. This report is to be mailed to the Directors.

Creach reported that Walt Berger had indicated that he would like the Board of Directors to state and dictate which matches qualify for World Championship Matches and they would necessarily have to be NBRSA registered matches. (Creach later talked with George Kelbly about registering the Super Shoot in order to be one of the qualifying matches - Kelbly agreed to register the 1996 Super Shoot.)

Creach asked the board for their opinion regarding an increase in the amount for late registration fees. It was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

Creach brought up the suggested "Hunter-for-Group" classification. After some discussion, the matter was dropped.

Creach suggested that the NBRSA Annual Barrel Contest (as a way of recruiting new NBRSA members) be discontinued for 1996 due to lack of interest. The Board agreed.

Creach asked what the board wanted to do about electing a Vice President at this time. Meyer moved to wait until the 1996 Annual Board Meeting. Messer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Hoehn asked that the Business Manager mail out another set of 1994 National Certificates. The original set was found by a postal employee. They had gotten wet somehow and had not been delivered. Pat is to send out a second set as soon as possible.

Hoehn moved to accept no new Life memberships, effective July 28, 1995. Meyer seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (This will in no way effect current Life members.)

The Board agreed to publish a financial report along with the minutes (complete with the payout to the Directors for travel expense and regional expense).

Meyer moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM; Messer seconded; meeting was adjourned.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1 & 2, 1996**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Don Creach at 7:55 pm on Thursday, August 1, 1996, in the meeting room of the Cowboys Café "2" (affiliated with Super 8 Motel) in Midland, Texas, the Board reconvened at 4:15 PM on Friday, August 2, 1996, in the Club House of the Midland Shooters' Association. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Stan Buchtel, Eastern Regional Director Proxy
Brad Calhoun, Gulf Coast Region Director
Don Mulhall, Mid-Continent Region Director
Ron Hoehn, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director
Jim Patten, Northwest Region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Dennis Thornbury, Southwest Region Director
Lou Murdica, Southwest Region Director-Elect
Glenn Newick, "NBRSA News" Editor (attended 8/1/96)
Jim Kelbly, Target committee Representative (attended 8/1/96)

Agenda Item #2: Creach asked Jim Kelbly for a target update. Kelbly reported that a 2 1/2 year supply of targets has just been printed, and NBRSA should realize a cost savings of \$6,000 on targets printed in 1996 as compared to targets printed in 1994. Orrville purchased 9 skids of paper for NBRSA and after the latest printing, Orrville still has 4 1/2 skids of paper in storage. The cost of paper is expected to increase, so this will save NBRSA even more money in the future. The 2 1/2 year target bill received by NBRSA this July was \$26,746.69. This past year, the target supply "ran short" due to a shortage of paper. Orrville double-printed targets at no extra charge to NBRSA. (Targets were printed with BR-1 on one side and BR-2 on the other side, with NBRSA paying only for one side of printing.) The target supply printed in 1994 (as a two-year supply) was exhausted approximately 8 months earlier than anticipated due to an increase in target sales. NBRSA does not pay storage cost for the 410,000 targets warehoused at Orrville Printing, nor do they pay for target paper until the targets are printed. Kelbly stated that Orrville does give NBRSA extra service and saves them money. Calhoun mentioned there are not always exactly 500 targets per box; the count per box may be under or over. Creach actually toured the facility at Orrville during the 1996 Super Shoot. He saw how the individual box count might sometimes be off (with the system they were using), but is confident the total count is accurate and NBRSA does have all of the targets they have purchased. Creach said he is personally pleased with Orrville Printing. He then thanked Jim Kelbly on behalf of NBRSA for all the work done with the targets and asked him to continue to "keep up" with the target inventory at Orrville.

Creach said he realizes that Kelbly has more important things to do, but NBRSA appreciates him and does need him and his services.

Creach read a letter naming Stan Buchtel as Proxy for the Eastern Region. Patten moved to accept Buchtel as Eastern Region Proxy; Messer seconded; motion was unanimous.

Agenday Item #1: Creach asked Glenn Newick for a update on the magazine and reminded Newick that NBRSA is currently considering going with John Gammuto and "Shooter's News". (NBRSA's current contract with Glenn Newick expired February, 1996.) If the Board decides to stay with "NBRSA News", Creach mentioned the need for a raise in advertising rates to make them more competitive. Creach then turned the meeting over to Glenn Newick. Newick began by saying he personally believed a rate increase would be appropriate. Newick indicated he had looked for a less-expensive printing company but had found Midlands Printing to be the best deal. In order to save NBRSA money, he also personally purchased an OCR scanner and had tried to save additional money for NBRSA by printing only 35 pages per issue (each extra 8 pages cost another \$600-700).

Newick then reported on the status of his advertising billing. The July billing will be mailed out as soon as he gets home from the nationals. However, there are some second billings that need to go out. Creach then asked Newick to explain the difference in ad revenue received by NBRSA during Fletcher Williams' 2 year period as compared to Newick's 2 year period. Creach compared and revenue records of the last 24 months that Fletcher Williams was editor with the ad revenue received during a 2 year period ending 4/30/96 with Newick as editor. Fletcher's ad revenue was \$35,000 versus the approximate\$19,000 generated during Newick's 24 month period. Newick explained there is now a lot more NBRSA information and a lot less advertising per magazine. However, there is currently space for additional advertising in each issue. Newick indicated that each month he has a choice to make: whether to try to get the magazine out on time or to get the billing out. During the past, he has chosen to get the magazine caught up and out on time and has not concentrated so much on billing.

Newick was asked if he felt NBRSA should stay with "NBRSA News". He said even if he doesn't do it, NBRSA does need their own magazine for the same reason it was started in the first place. If it's decided to keep the magazine but get someone else to do it, Newick would be willing to make some recommendations. Newick said NBRSA needs it's own magazine just to have control over what is done in the magazine. Newick indicated he felt he has done what he thought was best for the organization in the magazine. If the Board decides to go with "Shooters' News", Creach said the transition would probably be around the first of the year and asked Newick what "time frame" he would require. Newick replied that any thing reasonable would be acceptable (at least 6 weeks). Creach said the only "gripe" he had with the "NBRSA News" was it had not generated advertising revenue as it should have and this is important for the organization as well as for the editor. Newick volunteered to do a monthly accounting for the ad billing and send it to Creach or someone designated by the Board to keep up with what billing is being done and what revenue is coming in. Creach then thanked Newick for his report.

Creach announced the 1966 Director election results: Larry Estes (Eastern Region); Dick Baier (Mississippi Valley); Thomas Dickson (Northwest); Herve due Plessis (European). There was a "tie" in the Southwestern Region between Lou Murdica and Don Nielson. Creach mentioned that Nielson had verbally told him (by phone on July 8) he was dropping out of benchrest shooting for a while and would not be interested in being a Director at this time. However, nothing in writing has been received from Nielson indicating his withdrawal. Nielson had also indicated to Lou Murdica and Dennis Thornbury he had no interest in becoming the Southwest Director at this time. Hoehn moved to accept Don Nielson's verbal withdrawal; Buchtel seconded; the Board unanimously accepted Nielson's withdrawal and named Lou Murdica as the new Southwest Regional Director. It was recommended that the Business Manager draft a letter and send to Don Nielson informing him of the Board's decision. (This was done 8/8/96.)

Creach then read a Protest Letter from Lester Bruno, along with a statement from the Range Officer. Creach said, "There was a time when our organization and our competitive spirit was very honorable among the competitors, but we have drifted a lot from that." He reminded the Board that they have a responsibility to the organization and that firing after the "cease fire" command is extremely dangerous and must be stopped. After discussion, Creach asked for a show of hands for those in favor of sustaining the Range Officer's disqualification of Lester Bruno. The vote was 6 in favor of sustaining the disqualification (Calhoun, Mulhall, Hoehn, Meyer, Patten, and Thornbury); and 2 against (Buchtel and Messer). The Range Officer's disqualification was ruled legal and the \$5.00 Protest Fee was handed over to NBRSA. Hoehn suggested that at the General Membership Meeting, Creach stress the need for all competitors to stop shooting immediately upon hearing the "cease fire" command.

Agenda Item #3: Creach distributed the NBRSA Financial Analysis Report (compiled by Phil Sauer) for the year ending 5/31/96 for discussion by the Board. The report was studied and discussed. Creach mentioned Sauer had requested the board appoint someone younger to become the "NBRSA Financial Watch Dog". Creach expressed his personal satisfaction and gratitude for the job done by Sauer as the NBRSA Financial Officer. The Board decided they preferred Sauer to continue as Financial Officer, if possible, in order to help the Board be made more aware of the financial status of NBRSA.

Creach reminded the Board that during the 1994 Board Meeting, a three-year moratorium on any rule changes (beginning after the 1994 Board Meeting and running until after the 1997 Board Meeting) was unanimously adopted. However, that moratorium would not preclude the Board from taking emergency action when necessary. Any proposed rule change submitted during this moratorium shall first be submitted to the President, who may form a committee to determine if a solution can be found without changing the rulebook. Creach then asked that the Board decide to abide by that ruling or vote to do away with the rule-change moratorium. The Board agreed to the moratorium. Creach suggested a committee of 3 or 4 Hunter Class Shooters be appointed to study the proposed Hunter Class Rule Changes (Agenda Items #7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19). It was suggested that Francis Broussard (Lafayette, LA) serve as Chairman of the Committee for the proposed Hunter Class Rule Changes and be assisted by Wayne Corley (St. Charles, MO) and Terry Whitehall (Entiat, WA). The business Manager is to send a "Proposed Hunter Class Rule Change"

packet to each of these men. They are to study the suggested changes and make recommendations at the 1997 Annual Board Meeting. Because of the three year moratorium, Meyer withdrew his Agenda Items # 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; and Patten withdrew his Agenda Item #19.

Agenda Item #7 & #18: Patten moved to adopt the 6-bull 300 yard Hunter target as soon as the existing supply of 300 yard Hunter targets exhausted (NBRSA currently has 12,000 HBR-3 targets on hand). Mulhall seconded; carried unanimously. NBRSA Clubs could also deplete their existing supply of HBR-3 targets before ordering the new "6-bull 300 yard Hunter target (when available). It was decided to also let the Committee for Proposed Hunter Class Rule Changes design this new target.

Agenda Item #6: Mulhall introduced for discussion the possibility of modifying the format for holding the Nationals in order for them to be held at a location or a time of the year when the temperature does not exceed 85 degrees. It was mentioned that there are already provisions in the rulebook for hold the Nationals at a different time of year. The proposed date must be submitted to the Directors along with their bid, 2 years prior.

Agenda Item #8: After discussion Mulhall moved to revise Article IV, VOTING OF DIRECTORS., 3. (Page of Rev. Ed. #33) of the NBRSA By-Laws to read: "If any Director should die or resign during his/her term, then the President shall appoint a Director to complete the term vacated." (This is a By-Law change rather than a rule change.) Hoehn seconded; motion carried (7 favored, Buchtel opposed).

Mulhall introduced for discussion the possibility of shooting all 100 yards at the Nationals, starting with the Unlimited; and then shooting all 200 yards, starting with the Unlimited. It was decided that this might cause a hardship for those not wishing to compete in all classes. They would have to come a day or so earlier. After a discussion, the Board agreed that the National Course of fire should remain as it is.

Agenda Item #9: Hoehn revised his agenda item by proposing to change the Range Officer's commands regarding the "time warning" (page 21, Rbk, Rev. Ed. #33) to only add the words, "and 5 seconds before." The Range Officer would then say, "I shall give a time warning 2 minutes before the cease fire command, 1 minute before, 30 seconds before and 5 seconds before." Discussion by the Board followed. Since there is a moratorium on rule changes, Hoehn made the motion that it is permissible for Clubs to use the "half-time" & "5-second" warning, whatever the Club wants to do. Mulhall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #22: Creach read a letter from Herve du Plessis (European Director) withdrawing his recommendation the NBRSA create and sell a good quality sport jacket with the NBRSA logo.

Agenda Item #21: Thornbury moved that NBRSA will recognize meters as a course of fire and for records for the European Region only. Buchtel seconded; motion was unanimous.

Thornbury requested NBRSA change one of the qualifying matches for World Benchrest Competition. Buchtel asked that this item be deferred and combined with his agenda item, dealing with World Benchrest Competition rule changes.

Hoehn asked if it is acceptable to hold 2 matches simultaneously (Unlimited/Heavy Varmint) in order to attract more shooters. After a discussion, the Board agreed this would be legal if it is no problem to the individual clubs.

Thornbury brought up another agenda item. He suggested NBRSA have Regional 4-man teams shoot at the nationals for a Regional 4-man team championship. They would have to qualify at State and Regional levels. This might be another way for some new shooters to get some recognition. It was suggested this be turned over to Eric Stecker and be considered at the next Annual Board Meeting. Thornbury will ask Eric to put his proposal down on paper and send it to the Business Manager for distribution to the Directors.

Buchtel suggested rescinding reciprocity with IBS as of January 1, 1997. NBRSA has a lot of IBS shooters shooting NBRSA matches. Buchtel said, "If you want to shoot NBRSA matches, you should support NBRSA by joining NBRSA and if you want to shoot IBS matches, you should show your support by joining IBS. If you want to shoot both NBRSA and IBS, then join both organizations. The reason for extending reciprocity in the first place was for reunification of the 2 organizations and this possibility no longer exists." Creach added, "That for NBRSA to continue recognizing reciprocity is not right. The Board's responsibility should be to benefit the NBRSA organization and not to the individual shooter; reciprocity is only a service to the shooter. It is the Board's responsibility to make sound business decisions to insure its longevity. Reciprocity is a "cancer" and a drain on our resources and we have no way of recovering our costs. Each Director should be dedicated to the NBRSA organization and not to a single shooter or Club. The Organization must be supported above the individual shooter. The Board should manage the affairs of NBRSA in a business-like fashion. No businessman would subsidize his competitor and that is exactly what NBRSA is doing. It is not healthy for NBRSA to continue reciprocity." Buchtel moved to rescind reciprocity with IBS on January 1, 1997; Patten seconded; vote failed with a vote of 3 in favor (Buchtel, Patten, Calhoun) and 5 against (Mulhall, Hoehn, Meyer, Messer, and Thornbury).

Buchtel asked if the Board intended to draw up rules for the American Shooters competing in the approaching World championship. For example, do they have to stay in the same hotel in Phoenix, ride in a common bus to the range, etc. There needs to be some type of rules for what is expected to happen. It was noted that in previous years, Walt Berger has set up the rules for the American team, and he is still empowered by the Board to make decisions regarding the American Team at the World Championship in Phoenix. It was mentioned some shooters, who qualified for the American Team, may have a problem with having to stay in the same hotel, etc. Creach stressed "There is something greater here than an individual. This is larger than one shooter...it's the United States' Team. Creach said what was done in 199__ regarding the rules for the American Team should still apply to 1997. Thornbury said, in the future, the rules regarding the American Team should be stated

in the January magazine, or at least prior to the first qualifying match of that year. After some discussion Creach agreed to approach Walt regarding the rules and ask him to put them down on paper for publication in the magazine prior to January 1, 1997. Also, the qualifying matches and the dates should be listed in the magazine each year, no later than January___. Creach suggested the Crawfish should not be one of the qualifying matches but had no alternative for replacing it. (Maybe a committee should be appointed to study this).

Buchtel suggested that due to the international segment of NBRSA the logo needs to be changed to the "World Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc. (WBRSA). The Europeans look at the word "National" as meaning just the United States. Creach said we are now larger than ever before, are global, and have world tournaments. Buchtel then made it into a motion. Our current logo is copyrighted; however, it would be no problem to copyright a new logo. Creach said he feels it is necessary for the logo change, but the organization needs to be consulted. He has no feeling for the right time frame on this, but he does feel that we need to move slowly. The motion then died for lack of a second. Next Buchtel suggested a map of the European Region be included in the rulebook. The Board agreed. Buchtel also noted a need for the Business Manager to investigate new up-to-date accounting program. Pat agreed to do this.

Agenda Item #23: Creach announced the results of the January 18, 1996, vote:

1. Larry Estes proposed NBRSA consider the Super Shoot as a 2-day shoot, as far as NBRSA match fee payments are concerned. This item failed to pass.
2. Dick Davis (Ben Avery BR Club) proposed NBRSA sanction 1000 yard matches and adopt the current IBS rules until NBRSA finds the need to modify said rules. This item passed.

Agenda Item #24: Creach announced the appointment of a committee to study any possible rule modifications for NBRSA sanctioned 100 yard matches. Dick Davis, Walt Berger, and Clay Spencer have agreed to "fine-tune" the rules once that matches actually begin. This committee would then present their recommendations to the Board.

Agenda Item #25: Creach began a review of the Editor's contract, which expired in February, 1996. According to his contract, the Editor was to actively search for ways to reduce the cost of the magazine, and he was to collect the advertising revenues. After discussion, it was agreed that the current editor had not fulfilled this contract and that a new editor should be considered. Creach will personally and privately tell the Editor the board has decided not to renew his contract. The transition date will also be given to the Editor at this same time. It was noted that Glenn Newick has helped us through a situation and therefore, he should be dealt with in a professional and honorable fashion.

Agenda Item #26: Creach then began discussion on the possibility of changing from "NBRSA News" to "Shooters' News". Creach asked for the Board's thoughts on accepting the John Gammuto proposal as it stands (Gammuto had previously distributed his 3-page proposal to the Board). Gammuto proposed to provide NBRSA with 16 interior pages

(including no ads) per month at a cost to NBRSA of \$27 per US member and \$40 for foreign surface. Airmail would be: Europe \$90, Asia/Africa \$99, Pacific Rim \$105, Canada \$60, Mexico \$63. (Currently, NBRSA is paying approximately \$22 per member for (NBRSA News".) This rate would be guaranteed for one year, to be renegotiated each year. A dues increase would be necessary (if we go with "Shooters' News"). Creach asked for a motion to forget the Gammuto proposal, to accept the Gammuto proposal, or to offer a counter proposal to Gammuto. Hoehn voiced his opinion as being in favor getting a new editor, not a new magazine. That would make NBRSA more secure. Buchtel moved to accept John Gammuto's proposal with the possibility of a longer contract at a lower rate. Hoehn stated if NBRSA does decide to go with the new magazine, some further negotiating should be done; we should not accept his first offer. After some discussion, the Board requested Creach approach Gammuto negotiating for a lower rate and a longer contract of 2 years. Creach will have the Business Manager notify the Directors of the outcome of the negotiations with Gammuto. If necessary, the issue will be decided by a mail vote. Buchtel withdrew his motion. Meyer mentioned that he felt the paper that Gammuto plans to use for the magazine is too thin. Meyer requested Creach ask Gammuto why he is planning to switch paper types.

Agenda Item #28: Creach asked for bids for the 1998 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals. (1997 Nationals are to be held in Phoenix, Arizona during the first full week of October, 1997.) Buchtel bid Fairchance Gun Club in Smithfield, PA for the last week in July. Mulhall bid the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM for September. Mulhall also bid Mill Creek Rifle Club in Kansas City, KS for the last week in July.

Mulhall gave a report on the current conditions of the NRA Whittington Center. Currently, there are no loading facilities; no electricity for campers; campground is 1 1/2 miles away from range. The board felt the need for loading facilities and electricity for campers at the range would be mandatory before being approved for a Nationals. According to Mulhall, if the Whittington Center was awarded the Nationals, they had promised to build the loading facilities.

Buchtel gave a report on the current conditions at Fairchance. They have expanded the covered loading area; another building or showers and restrooms have been added for the women. Electrical outlets are limited. Buchtel indicated that the electrical outlets would probably be expanded. Buchtel will suggest to Fairchance they expand the target frames to make them squared up with all of the benches (so every competitor would be shooting straight out in front of his/her bench and not at an angle.)

After a discussion, the Board agreed that Clubs bidding for a Nationals should already be in a suitable and acceptable condition. In the past NBRSA has gotten into trouble by accepting bids from ranges that were not acceptable (with a promise that they would be made so before Nationals). Creach mentioned that he was unaware that Royce Leckemby wanted to bid Fairchance; Leckemby had told Creach at the Super Shoot he was not interested in bidding a Nationals.

Creach asked for a show of hands for the 3 bids for 1998 Nationals.

1. NRA Whittington Center - 2 in favor (Mulhall, Calhoun)

2. Fairchance Gun Club - 2 in favor (Buchtel, Thornbury)
3. Mill Creek Rifle Club - 4 in favor (Messer, Meyer, Hoehn, Patten)

The site of the 1998 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals will be the Mill Creek Rifle Club (Kansas City, KS) during the last week of July.

Agenda Item #29: Creach asked for bids for the 1998 hunter Nationals (1997 Hunter Nationals will be held at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM, on August 10-12, 1997). Calhoun bid the Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club, Lafayette, La. Hoehn bid the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO for August 15-16. Hoehn reported that St. Louis now has a new 60 bench range and is set up for campers; the benches are set on 7 foot centers.

Creach asked for a show of hands:

1. Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club - 1 in favor (Calhoun)
2. Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis - 7 in favor (Buchtel, Mulhall, Hoehn, Meyer, Patten, Messer, Thornbury)

The site of the 1998 Hunter Nationals will be the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO) on August 15 & 16.

Agenda Item #30: Creach asked for bids for the 1997 Rimfire Nationals. There were no bids.

Agenda Item #31: Creach asked for bids for the 1998 Rimfire Nationals. There were no bids.

After a discussion, the Board agreed to quit holding Rimfire Nationals because in the last 2 years no Club has actively bid. NBRSA has had to solicit Clubs to hold these Nationals. NBRSA will continue to sanction and recognize Rimfire Matches, but will not hold a Nationals in the future until a club comes forward and actively bids for the chance to host it. This will save money for NBRSA by not having to furnish National Rimfire patches. Creach requested the following statement be specifically included in the 1996 minutes: "NBRSA will not hold a 1997 or 1998 Rimfire Nationals. However, if a Club gets in touch with either the President or the Business Manager and does request to host a Nationals, they will be considered."

Agenda Item #32: Creach asked for nominations for NBRSA President (term: Monday, August 5, 1996 through the 1998 Board Meeting). Calhoun nominated Don Creach; Hoehn seconded; Patten moved the nominations close; Creach asked for a show of hands: Don Creach was unanimously elected as NBRSA President.

Agenda Item #33: Creach asked for nominations for NBRSA Vice President - Term: Monday, August 5, 1996 through the 1998 Board Meeting). Hoehn nominated Jim Patten; Mulhall seconded. Calhoun nominated Phil Sauer. Creach reported Sauer had requested he

not be considered for office; Calhoun withdrew his motion. Creach asked for a show of hands: 7 in favor of Patten, with Patten abstaining. Jim Patten is the NBRSA Vice President.

Agenda Item #27: Creach recommended NBRSA be audited because one has not been done since June, 1991. Patten moved to authorize the Business Manager to hire a firm in the Oklahoma area to do an audit; Thornbury seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach notified the Board that a \$300 asset had been purchased by NBRSA, without prior Board approval. Creach had authorized the purchase of an 8' X 10' metal storage building for the storage of NBRSA records, files, and office supplies kept by the Business Manager.

Creach requested a Board approval for the purchase of a FAX machine for use by the Business Manager. Thornbury so moved. Hoehn seconded; the motion was unanimous.

Creach said there might possibly be a need for a brief Board Meeting, following the General Membership Meeting, on Friday afternoon in the Midland Shooters' Association Club House.

Creach requested the Business Manager try to get the Minutes transcribed, approved, and in the October issue of "NBRSA News". He instructed the Board, upon receiving their copy of the preliminary Minutes, to make any necessary corrections, and get them back to the Business Manager as soon as possible.

Hoehn asked Creach which he was going to do: negotiate with John Gammuto or seek another editor for "NBRSA News". Creach indicated he will first talk with Gammuto (on Friday) regarding the Board's discussion. He will then talk with Glenn Newick. If no "deal" is made with Gammuto, then in 5-6 weeks, NBRSA will begin looking for another Editor. Patten stated that a "deal" with Gammuto would necessitate an increase in dues or in match fees; Creach agreed.

Calhoun moved to adjourn; Messer seconded; passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 12:15 AM, Friday, August 2, 1996.

The Board Meeting reconvened (following the General Membership Meeting) at 4:15 PM, Friday August 2, 1996, in the Midland Shooters' Association Club House.

The Board discussed a Protest Letter from Hal Toland. The ruling was upheld and the \$5.00 Protest Fee was handed over to NBRSA.

Creach reported he had talked Friday morning with John Gammuto and Gammuto had agreed to the following; a rate of \$27 per USA member (no change); a 2-year guarantee on NBRSA's cost (instead of 1-year); 16 pages per issue with no advertising included; to furnish 100 free sample copies each month; put NBRSA on the internet. Buchtel moved to accept "Shooters News" with the revised agreement, as our magazine as of January 1, 1997 for a 2-year period; Messer seconded; decision was unanimous.

Buchtel then moved to increase the annual membership dues. For an individual USA Membership or Affiliation of a USA Club, the dues will be \$40 per year. Foreign memberships will also be \$40, plus the additional postage required for either Surface Rate or Airmail. The Associate dues will remain at \$10 per year. Calhoun seconded. The motion carried, with 7 in favor and Patten abstaining.

Calhoun asked how the location for a Nationals is selected. It was discussed and agreed it is best when the Nationals can be alternated each year from the East to the West in order to make it more fair for all competitors. The Board agreed it was not the most fair plan for the 1996 Nationals to be held in Kansas City, KS; the 1996 Nationals to be held in Midland, TX; the 1997 Nationals to be held in Phoenix, AZ; and then for the 1998 Nationals to be held in Kansas City, KS. Fairchance would seem to be the logical choice, except that some of the current conditions at Fairchance were questionable.

Buchtel then offered this clarification on the conditions at Fairchance. Buchtel said the following changes will definitely be made: the electricity will be updated; the target frames will be made square to the benches; and the loading area has already been expanded. Buchtel then asked Creach to withdraw Mill Creek Rifle Club's bid for the 1998 Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited Nationals. Creach withdrew Mill Creek Rifle Club based on Buchtel's clarification on the conditions at Fairchance. Creach then asked for a show of hands for the 2 remaining bids:

1. NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM - 3 in favor (Mulhall, Calhoun, Patten)
2. Fairchance Gun Club, Smithfield, Pa. 5 in favor (Buchtel, Hoehn, Meyer, Messer, Thornbury)

The 1998 Varmint/Sporter/Unrestricted Nationals will be held at Fairchance Gun Club, Smithfield, PA during the last week of July, 1998.

It was suggested that, perhaps, in the future, the General Membership Meeting could be held on Wednesday evening, so that the Board would have a "feel" of what the membership wanted before beginning their Annual Board Meeting on Thursday night.

Calhoun moved to adjourn. Thornbury seconded. The Board Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM, Friday, August 2, 1996.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 1997**

President Don Creach called the annual NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING to order at 6:00 PM, Friday October 17, 1997, at the Premiere Inn, Phoenix, Arizona.

Attending were:

Don Creach, President
Jim Patten, Vice president
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
George Kelbly, Sr., Eastern Region Director
Brad Calhoun, Gulf Coast Region Director
Don Mulhall, Mid-Continent Region Director
Dick Baier, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Bob Sicina, Northeast Region Proxy and Director-Elect
Tom Dickson, Northwest Region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Lou Murdica, Southwest Region Director
Herve du Plessis, European Region Director
Hank Faulkner, Gulf Coast Region Director-Elect
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director-Elect
John Gammuto, "Shooter's News" Editor
Francis Broussard, Proposed Hunter Class Rule Changes Chairman
Bob Dodd, North Central Region Director proxy Appointee

Creach read 2 "Proxy Appointment" letters: Northeast Director Farnsworth appointed Bob Sicina; North Central Director Terry Meyer appointed Bob Dodd. Dodd does not currently reside in North Central. The Rulebook stipulates a Proxy must reside in same Region he/she will be representing. Dodd was excused from the Board Meeting. Kelbly moved to accept Sicina as Northeast Proxy; Dickson seconded; unanimously accepted.

Broussard Agenda Item 4. Francis Broussard reported on possible Hunter Class rule changes/clarifications. Broussard studied the suggestions of Terry Meyer, Jim Patten, Don Mulhall and talked with NBRSA members at 1997 Hunter Nationals. The new 300 yard target (6-bull format) requested by Hunter Class in 1996 is too small for shots to be seen. Another 300-yard target (6-bull format; approx. 20" X 34"), which is an exact scaled up version of the 200 yard target, is being studied. However, 7,500 HBR-3 targets on hand (2 year supply) must be used before any more are printed.

Broussard: (pg 31, Rev. Ed. #33) 4. Course of Fire, 9d) Penalties: "...To do so may result in disqualification" versus "... To do so shall result in disqualification".
The majority at '97 Hunter Nationals indicated: keep the wording "may result" as is; leave to referee's discretion.

Broussard: (pg 32, Rev. Ed. #33) 5. Rules for Procedure., (e) "Scores will be posted and 30 minutes allowed for protests." No action taken.

Broussard: Should a shooter be penalized for obeying Range Officer when Officer's command conflicts with NBRSA rules? Rulebook is always in effect, no matter what Range Officer says.

Broussard: (pg 30, Rev. Ed. #33) 2. Rifles, (g) "... nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases and original manufacturer's attachments."

A slight majority at '97 Hunter Nationals favored adding as a last sentence to the paragraph: "All types of muzzle brakes are legal." The majority of Gulf Coast Hunter Class shooters surveyed did not favor muzzle brakes (muzzle brakes disturb shooters on either side). No action taken at board Meeting, but on November 10, 1997, a mail vote was taken; the words: "muzzle brakes, mirage shields" are to be inserted. It will read: "Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases, muzzle brakes, mirage shields, and original manufacturer's attachments."

Broussard: (pg 30, Rev. Ed. #33) 2. Rifles: Delete "(h) Bore diameter must be .236" or more. Case capacity of not less than 45.5 grains of water..."

No support found for changing bore diameter/case capacity. Also delete: "(k) A magazine shall hold 2 or more loaded rounds of ammunition that will feed, chamber and fire."

The majority wanted the magazine requirement to remain in effect and were not concerned that it feed, chamber, and fire. No action taken during board Meeting. On November 10 a mail vote was taken: Delete existing language in J.2.(k) and insert: "(i) Magazines shall not be required, but actions must be cut out for a magazine. Such cut-out must be large enough to pass the cartridge for which the rifle is chambered. "Cartridge" for this purpose shall mean the cartridge as ordinarily configured, including a seated bullet, when held parallel to the bore. A cartridge follower or ramp may be installed, but must be attached to the stock and may be attached to the action by any means."

The Board voted by mail on November 10 to insert the words "of each match" (pg 31, Rev. Ed #33, J.4. (g). It would then read: "(g) There shall be no penalty for the first shot of each match when it hits outside the sighter bull, if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot."

Broussard: (pg 31, Rev. Ed. #33) 4. Course of Fire, (d) penalties: Add the sentence: "A third crossfire by the same competitor will result in disqualification."

The majority at '97 Hunter Nationals did not favor. No action taken.

Broussard: Should an amendment to Hunter Class rules providing a five record, one sighter bull target for 300-yard matches be made? Item withdrawn.

Broussard: (pg 33, Rev. Ed. #33) 8. Ties

Broussard: "There is no fair way to break a tie...there is always a winner and always a loser." He suggested leaving as is. The Board voted by mail on November 10 to delete the

existing paragraph in J.8. (d) (pg 33, Rev. Ed. #33) "In the case of the 300-yard target, ties will be broken by measuring the smallest "5-shot" group, center to center in .001 inch..."

Broussard: (pg 12, Rev. Ed. #33) 15. Disqualifications and Penalties, (b) Crossfire. "Any competitor who is aware that he/she crossfired shall report it at once to the Range Officer, and..."

This is for Varmint/Sporter/Unlimited, as well as for Hunter Classes. Suggestion was made to change from "report it at once to the Range Officer" to "report it to the Range Officer immediately following the completion of that match."

Broussard summarized by saying the majority of Hunter Class do not favor any major changes, with the possible exception of the muzzle brake area. They are willing to accept the rules as are and leave it to referees to settle problems.

Broussard also noted a miss-print (pg 31, Rev. Ed. #33) 4. Course of Fire, (c) change "20" to "30". On November 10 a decision was made by mail for the rulebook correction: "Matches to be fired separately with 30 minutes..."

Also a typo correction (pg 29, Rev. Ed. #33) J.2. (f) change "no" to "not". The November 10 mail-vote decision: "A Hunter Rifle barrel must not be less than 18 inches long."

Creach expressed appreciation for Broussard, Corley, and Whitehall taking time to talk with Hunter Class shooters and researching Hunter Class rules. He acknowledged the outstanding job done by this committee. Bier requested they remain a standing committee for at least another year. Broussard agreed.

Gammuto Agenda Item I. NBRSA section of 'Shooter's News'.

The magazine leaves the printer between the 27th and 29th of the month; then is mailed "bulk rate". It is planned for the subscribers to receive their magazines about the 15th.

However, it is up to the discretion of the individual postal delivery person as to when "bulk rate" mail is delivered. "Subscribers should not expect their magazines before the 15th of the month and should not be worried if it is a week or so after that, as long as they are receiving a magazine about every 30 days." Gammuto said.

Gammuto asked that NBRSA software be updated to make it more efficient/compatible with the software he uses. Calhoun volunteered to convert NBRSA's Database into Access files and suggested NBRSA purchase the Access program. Creach agreed the software now being used by NBRSA needs to be updated, especially the accounting program. The current computer does not even have the capacity for Windows 95. The Board empowered Calhoun to purchase a computer with all the necessary programs for NBRSA and \$1000 was suggested as the starting price for the computer.

Gammuto asked that the new database be set up to include last name, first name, middle initial, address, city, state, and zip. He wants the Foreign members merged into the same database as US members by just adding another field for Country. He said the foreign files need to be examined by someone from Europe, with a command of English, who will correct this database and make sure all address information is placed in the correct field. It is difficult

to distinguish which is the street address, city, or postal code. He needs the minimum amount of information necessary to get the magazine delivered. Herve volunteered to take a copy of the Foreign database listing, correct it, have it typed, and return it to NBRSA Headquarters.

Gammuto requested all match schedules be mailed in to him by January or February. To conserve magazine space, schedules could be printed quarterly. Creach suggested each region mail Regional Match Schedules to members in their region, thereby eliminating the need to print a monthly schedule in the magazine. Creach also suggested removing clubs not holding registered matches from the actual match schedule. Gammuto suggested those NBRSA affiliated Clubs not holding registered matches could be listed in a special once a year listing.

Creach told Gammuto he would like to extend NBRSA's 2-year contract with "Shooter's News" for another year. " NBRSA needs to know where it stand with future subscription rates two years down the road." Creach does not want the Board surprised with any last minute rate increase. Gammuto agreed to extend the current contract for another year. Presently, a non-NBRSA subscriber's fee is \$30 per year; that will be increased shortly to \$32. Currently, NBRSA is paying \$27 per member; there would have to be some type of equalization. Gammuto will draw up a new contract to be submitted for Board approval.

Gammuto said members do not notify NBRSA or the magazine of address changes. Since the Post Office does not forward "bulk" mail, they miss at least 2 issues. This cost NBRSA, "Shooter's News", and even the member if he purchases the missing issues. Murdica asked, "Is it possible for members to pay for first class delivery if they want their magazines to be forwarded whenever they change addresses during the year?" Gammuto said yes, but it would cost an additional \$24 per year.

Kelbly Agenda Item 2. Target situation.

George Kelbly distributed a letter from Jim Kelbly, Target Chairman, indicating NBRSA will have to print BR-100 and BR-200 targets in May, 1998, but there is enough target paper on hand for this. However, all targets will have to be printed by early 1999 (maybe even BR-1,000 targets); this will mean a large target bill.

Creach gave a brief financial report.

NBRSA is currently doing all right, with no large expected expenses before the target bill in May. He disclosed Phil Sauer recently requested a replacement be found for Finance Chairman and Hank Faulkner has agreed to fill that position. The Board expressed their appreciation for all work done by Sauer while he served NBRSA in this capacity.

Creach informed the Board, "The 315 Life Members are bleeding our organization to death". Currently, there are 312 U. S. Life Members; 1 Canadian; 2 Australians. Life Members' subscriptions cost \$11,451 per year; only \$2,361 is earned from the \$31,307 CD (@ 6% interest). Therefore, Life Members cost NBRSA \$9,090 per year. Creach stressed, "Something needs to be done". At least a \$150,000 CD drawing 6% interest would be needed to support Life Members. "The organization cannot survive losing this kind of

money on Life Membership; it's totally impossible. We, the Board, are not doing our job for NBRSA if we continue to allow this." Creach has some ideas of what might be done and will share these with the Board via a letter sometime after this Board Meeting.

George Kelbly Agenda Item 8. A. (1) Possibly Changing Name to WBRSA.
World Bench Rest Shooters Association, with the world on the insignia, would have more appeal to shooters from other countries.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. A. (2) NBRSA Would Still Exist Within WBRSA.
There would be very little, if any, change in the current NBRSA.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. A. (3) Canadians Want to be Included in Name/Logo.
Perhaps use North American Bench Rest Shooters Association (NBRSA or NABRSA) with a logo outlining North American continent. There would be no problem with our copyright if we want to change our name/logo and there should be very little cost involved.

NBRSA has only a year's supply of decals if they continue to mail out a "free pair" to every new member/associate and to every renewing member/associate. The Board instructed the Business Manager to only mail "free" decals to new members/associates; others may purchase them.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. B. Update/Clarify Rulebook. Item dropped.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. C. Vote on Reciprocating Cards. Murdica Agenda Item 16. A.
Another Vote on Reciprocal Cards.

Kelbly said Reciprocal Cards were instigated on a trial basis to encourage the consolidation of the 2 organizations. This did not happen. Creach stated the Directors' alliance should be to the NBRSA organization and only to NBRSA. Murdica said, as a businessman, he knows "you've got to stop losing money anywhere you're losing money...if it's a dime or a dollar...it doesn't matter...you can't afford to lose money and stay in business." Baier reminded the Board that an objective of NBRSA is "to assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Bench Rest Shooting." According to Baier, if someone belonging to an NBRSA recognized bench rest organization shoots in an NBRSA match, he still pays Match/Range Fees. NBRSA is only losing \$13 in dues per year on him (since the remaining \$27 of the \$40 annual dues goes toward the "Shooter's News" subscription). Kelbly asked, "Do you think you can compete in any sport or any other thing without belonging to that association?" He pointed out a non member can even win the NBRSA National Championship. Creach explained, "This is not about attacking people; this is about maintaining the integrity of NBRSA as a group-shooting organization...However, if we do our job as being responsible for running this organization, being accountable for its finances, we should not let anybody use our organization and participate for free... You can not run on the Nascar Circuit without being a member; you can't play golf without being a member; you can't shoot trap without being a member. It has turned into an emotional issue because everybody thinks we are out to get somebody. But the real matter of fact is we have failed in getting the two organizations back into one...This is the right financial decision for NBRSA.

Remember, your responsibility as the Directors of this organization, is to make sure you support this organization."

Sicina, who is currently building a new range in the Northeast Region, feels an end to reciprocity, might "run shooters off." Some shooters indicated they feared ending reciprocity might interfere with their becoming a Hall of Fame member. Creach said, "Many shooters think the NBRSA Board controls the Hall of Fame...the access to it...and that we govern it...This Board doesn't have anything to do with the Hall of Fame. Nothing. Nothing!"

Murdica moved that: "ALL COMPETITORS AT EVERY REGISTERED TOURNAMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF NBRSA. (effective 1/1/98)" (pgs 14-15, F.I.; pg 32, J.6. (c); pg 36, K.4. (c); Rev. Ed. #33) Calhoun seconded; motion passed. (5 FOR: Murdica, du Plessis, Calhoun, Kelbly, Dickson; 4 AGAINST: Mulhall, Baier, Messer, Sicina)

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. D. and E. Eliminate entirely the two paragraphs under B. 6. Other Rifles (pg 3, Rev. Ed. #33, B. Definitions. 6. Other Rifles)

Kelbly moved to eliminate; Mulhall seconded; motion unanimous. And insert the following under B. 6.: "No Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, or Sporter Rifle shall be equipped with a muzzle brake nor shall any such rifle be capable of semi-automatic fire. All such rifles shall be loaded by hand, one clip or similar device shall be allowed."

Kelbly moved to adopt the insertion; Murdica seconded; passed unanimously.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. F. Move Indiana from Mississippi Valley Region into Eastern Region.

Creach was notified by 14 people from Indiana indicating they wished to become part of the Eastern Region, since they attend only Eastern Region matches. This would make the Mississippi Valley Region comprised of only 2 1/2 states. No action was taken. Creach suggested the Board consider a total realignment of the organization. Perhaps at the 1998 Board Meeting, several realignment recommendations could be suggested and considered.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. G. Regions having regional award programs should be open to any member from any region. Already in effect; no action necessary.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. H. Have location of 4 Qualifying Matches for World Championship equally divided between the East (2) and the West (2).

Kelbly moved: "For 1998, have the Cactus, Super Shoot, Nationals, and Buffalo as the 4 qualifying matches for the 1999 World Championship Matches. A shooter's best three aggs from six 100-yd aggregates and best three aggs from six 200 yd aggregates. No grand aggregates will be used. No mix and match between the 2 classes (light and heavy varmint). One point would be given for every shooter beaten in each yardage aggregate." Murdica seconded; motion carried; 8 favored; du Plessis abstained.

Kelbly Agenda Item 8. I. All Sand Bags/Spacers should be checked at nationals to verify their legality with NBRSA rules.

When equipment rules are not enforced at local/regional shoots, new shooters come to the nationals and other large shoots expecting to use their illegal equipment, because they've previously been allowed to use it. The Board agreed the rulebook is correct and clear in its definition of the sand bag and spacer. "The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least 1/4 inch with finger pressure at any point... and the top and bottom surfaces of the vertical spacer must be flat." (pgs 4-5, Rev. Ed. #33 B. 14. (c) Sand bag.) Enforce these rules:

Messer Agenda Item 15. A. Add: "(or replaced)" to pg 34, Rev. Ed. #33, K. Rimfire, 2. (a) "...It can be bedded and have the trigger reworked (or replaced)..."

Messer moved to add to Sporter .22 rimfire specifications: "(or replaced)." Murdica seconded; motion unanimous.

Murdica Agenda Item 16. B. Use of NBRSA Name/Logo.

NBRSA must be in control of their Logo or the copyright will be lost. Anyone wanting to use the NBRSA logo, must first submit a letter to NBRSA Headquarters requesting permission to use that log. The Business Manager will then contact some of the Board and a letter of permission or rejection will be mailed to that person.

Murdica agenda Item 16. C. Match Sponsorship and Shooters Being Paid for Using Sponsor's Equipment.

NBRSA should try to be alert to that type of business deal and refuse to have anything to do with it.

Murdica Agenda Item 16. D. World Championship Qualifying Requirements/Rules.

The American Team in World Benchrest Championships has a Chairman who makes the rules for the American Team. These rules, however, are overseen by the NBRSA Board.

Murdica Agenda Item 17. E. Legality of having a round in the gun before "Commence Fire" Announcement.

Having a round in the gun at this time, is not legal. (pg 21, Rev. Ed. #33, H. 1. Range Officer..."Do not place any ammunition in the action or breech of your rifle until the command, 'COMMENCE FIRING' is given by the Range Officer.") Enforce this!

Murdica Agenda Item 17. F. Have a "Question and Answer" column in the magazine.

There is not enough space in the NBRSA section of the magazine. Gammuto would probably welcome that type of editorial/article.

Murdica Agenda Item 17. G. Assistant Directors. Covered in Rulebook. (pg 40, Rev. Ed. #33, Article IV. A. 1. "...The director of any region may appoint an associate (s) to help him/her in his/her duties as Director.")

Calhoun - New Business Item 20. A. Change Unlimited Format at Nationals. (pg 9, Rev. Ed. #33) D. Tournament Rules, 10. Courses of Fire, (a), (3) The Unlimited Class Nationals. And (pg 20, Rev. Ed. #30) G. Groups and Aggregates Recognized by NBRSA

Calhoun moved to change format of Unlimited Nationals from 8 matches to a warm-up match and 5 record matches (10 shot) beginning with 1998 Nationals. The previous 8 "ten-shot" records would then be retired. Seconded by Messer; passed unanimously. (Lariat Ties to be given for warm-up small groups.)

Calhoun - New Business Item 20. B. Add Warm-up Match to Heavy Varmint at Nationals. (pg 9, Rev. Ed. #33) D. Tournament Rules, (b) Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter Championship. Calhoun moved to add a warm-up match to Heavy Varmint Nationals beginning with 1998 Nationals. Murdica seconded; passed unanimously. (Lariat Ties to be given for warm-up small groups.)

Creach - New Business Item 18. E. Add a Diagram Sketch of a Target to Rulebook. A diagram sketch of a target drawn by Creach will be included in the back of the rulebook. It will indicate what is considered "on the target" and what is "off the target". "On the target" is inside of or touching the black line forming the rectangular border. Any shot outside of this line is "off the target".

Creach - New Business Item 18. Larry Kuse (Records Chairman) asked: "When Hunter Targets are submitted for possible World Records, how do you 'average' the Hunter Target scores to determine the official measurement after they have been scored by the 3 Scoring Committee members? (pg 12, Rev. Ed. #33, D. 14.) you cannot average hunter Scores; use the score determined by the majority of the records committee.

Creach - New Business Item 18. G. Creach reported he had empowered the Business Manager to purchase a FAX machine at a cost of \$303.16. The Board approved action taken.

Creach - New Business Item 18. H. Raise funds to support American World Bench Rest Team. Creach will ask Jim Kelbly to consider taking on this task.

Creach - New Business Item 18. I. Walt Berger has requested someone be appointed to replace him as the World Bench rest Representative. Earlier, Creach asked Jim Kelbly to fill this position; Kelbly accepted. Creach asked the Board for their vote of confidence in this appointment. The Board unanimously agreed. George Kelbly assured the Board Jim would also take on the job of finding sponsors/money for the American World Bench Rest Team.

Creach - New Business Item 18. J. Wilbur Harris contacted Creach regarding receiving the Board's permission for placing NBRSA ads on the internet at no cost to NBRSA.

Anyone wishing to use the NBRSA logo on the internet, must first get Board approval. They must keep NBRSA information correct and current. Creach appointed Murdica as the NBRSA "go-to" person for anyone wishing to put NBRSA on the internet. Murdica will look at a proposed web-site and send a print out of it to Creach.

Creach Agenda Item 18. A. Requested bids for 1999 Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals. (The 1998 Nationals will be held at Fairchance Gun Club, Smithfield, Pa. during the last week of July.)

Mulhall bid the NRA Whittington Center for the last week of July. Calhoun seconded. They have 75 benches but have no experience in running a "big" group match with 3 relays. Mulhall will make sure they have enough personnel to run the match. If anything goes wrong, Mulhall will immediately notify the Board to make other provisions. Creach then bid Kansas City as a "back-up" location. Unanimous decision: The NRA Whittington Center will host Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals the last week of July, 1999.

Creach Agenda Item 18. B. Requested bids for 1999 Hunter Nationals. (The 1998 Nationals will be held at Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, on August 15-16.)

I. Creach submitted a bid from Bob Dodd for Council Bluff Rifle & Pistol Club, Council Bluff, IA.

II. Calhoun bid Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club, Lafayette, La.

III. Dickson bid LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club, LaGrande, OR.

A Vote was taken.

Council Bluff - Received 0 votes

LaGrande - Received 3 votes (Mulhall, Baier, Dickson)

Hub City - Received 4 votes (Kelbly, Calhoun, Messer, Murdica) Sicina and du Plessis abstained.)

The Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club, Lafayette La., was elected to host Hunter Nationals (tentatively set for the latter part of September, 1999).

However, during the first part of November, 1997, Louis Langlinais phoned Creach and withdrew Hub City Rifle & pistol Range as the host club for the 1999 Hunter Nationals. The Board voted by mail on November 10: LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club will host the 1999 Hunter Nationals in LaGrande, Oregon.

Creach - New Business item 18. K. Creach received a job application for the non-open position of Business Manager from Denny Andrews. The Board unanimously agreed no change was necessary.

Creach thanked outgoing Directors: Brad Calhoun (Gulf Cost), Don Mulhall (Mid-Continent), and Ira Farnsworth (Northeast) for their service to this organization and welcomed incoming Directors: Hank Faulkner (Gulf Cost), Chet Whitebread (Mid-Continent), and Bob Sicina (Northeast).

Sicina moved to adjourn; Dickson seconded; Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31, 1998**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA Board of Directors was called to order by President Don Creach at 7:12 PM on Friday, July 31, 1998 in the Allegheny Room of the Holiday Inn, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Jim Patten, Vice President
George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director
Pete Kyryluk, Incoming Eastern Region Associate Director
Jim Foster, Gulf Coast Region Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Rich Griffin, Mississippi Valley Region Director "Proxy", M. V. Region Director-Elect
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director
Bob Sicina, Northeast Region Director
Tom Dickson, Northwest Region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Lou Murdica, Southwestern Region Director
Dave Blazzard, Southwestern Region Director-Elect
Manny Garcia - Spoke on Ways of Raising Money for NBRSA
Wilbur Harris - Furnishes the NBRSA Internet Site
John Gammuto, Editor Shooter's News
Jim Kelbly, Target Chairman; International Representative

Creach opened the meeting with introductions of those in attendance. Kelbly introduced his newly appointed Eastern Region Associate Director, Pete Kyryluk. Dave Blazzard, incoming Southwest Region Director, informed the Board of his appointment of an Assistant Director, Bob Dodd. Creach then read a letter from Dick Baier, Mississippi Valley Region Director, appointing Rich Griffin as the Mississippi Valley "Proxy". Whitebread moved to accept the appointment; Foster seconded; the decision was unanimous.

Creach stated that John Gammuto's current contract with NBRSA expires December 31, 1998. Creach has been negotiating with Gammuto since last year's October board Meeting. Creach then distributed letters from numerous NBRSA members (mostly European and Canadian), who are not receiving their magazines. He stressed that every NBRSA member must get his publication in a timely manner, without interruption. Creach also mentioned the problem of getting Match Reports printed, even though this has been greatly improved over the last year. It is necessary that Match Directors send in their Match Reports to Gammuto promptly. Since NBRSA only has a specific number of pages in Shooter's News each month, these Match Reports must be streamlined.

Gammuto volunteered to upgrade the software and information contained in the database. The Board authorized Kyryluk to purchase Microsoft Office 97 for NBRSA and also

authorized Pat Ferrell to purchase a Zip Drive. Kelbly moved to give Pat, Gammuto, and Kyryluk the authority to update the NBRSA computer; Murdica seconded; the motion was unanimous.

Creach commended Larry Kuse for the outstanding job he has done as the Records Committee Chairman. He has been prompt and efficient in fulfilling his job.

Jim Kelbly reported that target sales are up. The Board authorized Jim to order the printing of NBRSA 1,000 Yard Targets from the National Target Company in the format and design as designated by the Board. This printer would print, store, and ship the NBRSA 1,000 Yard Targets. Then clubs or shooters would order the 1,000 Yard Benchrest Targets directly from the printer and not from NBRSA.

Jim Kelbly, as the Foreign Representative, asked that more emphasis be put on the growing international section of NBRSA. He suggested that in the near future, NBRSA should be the one to begin a world organization of benchrest shooting. He then requested that the scheduled dates of September 13-18 for the 1999 NBRSA Nationals be changed in order to accommodate those shooters planning to attend both the Nationals and the 1999 World Championships set for September 22 in Dobbiaco, Italy. Creach will contact the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM regarding a schedule change for the Nationals. Next, Jim requested permission from the board to raise money to help support the World Team; permission was granted. Creach expressed the Board's gratitude for the work Jim is doing as the Target Committee Chairman and as the Foreign Representative and asked that he continue to serve in this capacity for at least two more years.

All Revisions to the Rulebook refer to:
Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 33 (11/95)

George Kelbly asked the board to amend page 41 of the Rulebook (By-Laws, Article IV. Directors, C. Voting of Directors, 4. Balloting by mail). Sicina moved to leave written; motion died for lack of a second. Kelbly moved to change the wording to: "4. Balloting by mail is allowed by the Directors for all business of the organization, except for rule changes and by-law changes. The ballots will be sent by the Business Manager to the Directors by CERTIFIED MAIL and must be returned to the Business Manager within 14 days of receipt." Messer seconded; the motion was unanimous.

A "type" was noticed in the Rulebook on page 40 (By-Laws, Article IV. Directors, A. Election of Directors, 1): "...Elections for 5 of the 9 directors..." This should read "...Elections for 5 of the 10 Directors..."

Foster suggested that members be given an option of receiving Shooter's News along with their NBRSA membership for \$40 per year or receiving only their NBRSA membership without Shooter's News for \$20 per year. Foster moved that members be given this option; Meyer seconded; motion failed. The vote was four in favor; Griffin, Foster, Meyer, Sicina and five against: Kelbly, Whitebread, Dickson, Messer, Murdica.

Meyer introduced his agenda item and then moved: "Any rule changes governing equipment or course of fire for each shooting discipline (varmint, hunter, rimfire, and 1,000 yard benchrest shooting) must first be approved by the Board of Directors. Such change must be ratified by a majority of the members voting at the National Championship Tournament held the following year, i.e. unlimited, varmint, and sporter rules at the National Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint and Sporter Rifle Championship Matches; hunter rules at the Hunter National Match; rimfire rules at the .22 Rimfire Nationals; and the 1,000 yard rules at the 1,000 yard National Benchrest Match. Such rule change shall become effective upon ratification." Foster seconded. The motion carried with 6 in favor (Foster, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Sicina, Messer) and 3 against (Kelbly, Dickson, Murdica). (Add to page 41 of Rulebook: article IV, C. Voting of Directors, 5.)

Dickson withdrew his agenda items, saying they were not appropriate at this time.

Messer moved to revise .22 Rimfire Sporter Rifle definition to include "can be re-barreled" and change the weight of the .22 Rimfire Light Custom Rifle from 8 1/2 to 10 1/2 pounds (page 34; K. 2. (a) & (b). The Rulebook would then read: "(a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle is any factory rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 8 1/2 pounds inclusive of sight, as long as a minimum of at least 1,000 of these rifles have already been produced. The action and stock shall be factory made. The rifle may be re-barreled. Any scope may be used. It can be bedded and have the trigger reworked (or replaced)...(b) Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 10 1/2 pounds inclusive of sight..." Griffin seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Murdica moved that NBRSA maintain records for the 1,000 yard aggregates; Griffin seconded; the motion was unanimous. This will be noted in the 1,000 yard Benchrest Competition section of the Rulebook (L. Official rules for 1,000 yard Benchrest Competition). Also add: "(g) 1,000 Yard Rifles" on page 8 (D.5. Kinds of Tournaments.)

Murdica then moved to reinstate Life Membership at a cost of \$500 with the Life Member being required to pay extra for whatever publication NBRSA provides. The motion died for lack of a second. Murdica withdrew his next 13 agenda items (#12.C - #12.0).

Murdica then moved to allow barrels with no taper specifications in all classes, except hunter class; Griffin seconded; motion failed with only Murdica and Griffin voting in favor.

Murdica moved that when the 3 Referees determine there are the proper number of shots through the backer, no backer needs to be sent to the Records Committee Chairman, since his job is only to measure the group shot on the target. The motion died for lack of a second.

Murdica moved that the 1,000 yard benchrest competition rules submitted to the Board be included in the Rulebook and also have the 1,000 yard records printed in the magazine once a year along with the other records. Griffin seconded; motion was unanimous. (Add to Rulebook on page 37 as L. Official Rules for 1,000 yard Benchrest Competition.

Creach read Herve du Plessis's agenda item concerning the European shooters not receiving their Shooter's News and problems with getting the European match reports printed in the magazine. Creach stressed that every effort is being made to get the Europeans their magazines in a timely manner and having their match reports promptly printed in the magazine.

Kelbly noted an error in the wording of a Hunter rule change adopted at the 1997 Board Meeting from "may be attached to the action" to "may not be attached to the action". (page 30, J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 2. Rifles, (i) A magazine ...). It should read: "(i) Magazines shall not be required, but actions must be cut-out for a magazine. Such cut-out must be large enough to pass the cartridge for which the rifle is chambered. "Cartridge" for this purpose shall mean the cartridge as ordinarily configured, including a seated bullet, when held parallel to the bore. A cartridge follower or ramp may be installed, but must be attached to the stock and may not be attached to the action by any means." Griffin moved to accept the correction; Meyer seconded; decision was unanimous.

Creach asked for the Board's ideas and assistance in obtaining a new contract between NBRSA and John Gammuto. The current contract expires December 31, 1998. Sicina moved to empower Creach to negotiate a price and contract with Gammuto for at least another year; Messer seconded; carried unanimously.

Creach informed the board of the need for revising the Rulebook and he said this revised edition should be published as soon as possible.

Creach expressed his gratitude for the outstanding job done by the Hunter Standing Committee (comprised of Francis Broussard, Chairman; Wayne Corley; and Ted Whitehall). The Board decided they should no longer impose upon these men. Griffin will notify those members attending the 1998 Hunter Nationals that they need to nominate a new 3-man Hunter Standing Committee. Griffin will then submit those names to the Business Manager.

Creach stressed that all Directors, as elected officials, have the responsibility of attending the Annual Board Meetings unless they are ill. Mileage is paid to the Directors and Officers by NBRSA to help them with their expenses in coming to the Annual Meetings.

Creach reviewed the March 27, 1998 mail vote, which rescinded the Unlimited and Heavy Varmint National format changes adopted at the 1997 Board Meeting.

Creach asked the Board's approval for an Audit of NBRSA to be done before the end of this calendar year. The last Audit was June 1991. Sicina moved to authorize Creach to get an Audit done; Whitebread seconded; the motion was unanimous.

Creach inquired about the procedure involved in the collection of match fees. The correct procedure is as follows: Clubs holding NBRSA Registered Matches are to send: (1) a Match Report listing the shooters' names; (2) a Match Voucher indicating the date and number of shooters; (3) and a check for Match Fee payments (\$2.00 per shooter per day) to the Business Manager within 30 days of the Match.

Creach stressed that the Directors must get the NBRSA Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement (Match Contracts) out to the Clubs in their Region promptly. These forms are to be filled out in triplicate: one copy for the Director, one copy for the Club, and one copy for the Business Manager. These forms are required in order to register an NBRSA Match. Creach also stressed that Directors need to have Regional Meetings.

Creach said Clubs do not have the authority to go against NBRSA regulations when they are holding an NBRSA Registered Match. They must abide by NBRSA rules. Directors should visit the Clubs in their Region and help them to correctly follow NBRSA rules. For example, only NBRSA Targets are to be used in all NBRSA Registered Matches; only NBRSA Members are to shoot in NBRSA Registered Matches.

Sicina moved to re-instate reciprocity; seconded by Foster. The motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor (Foster, Sicina, Meyer, Griffin) and 5 opposing (Kelbly, Whitebread, Dickson, Messer, Murdica).

The following Resolution was submitted: "The Board unanimously endorses the re-unification of NBRSA and IBS. Creach is empowered to negotiate with Bob White to do what is necessary to affect that end." Messer moved that this Resolution be adopted; Whitebread seconded; the motion was unanimous. The Board then nominated Griffin to assist Creach in the negotiations with IBS. Creach said that he would be willing to meet with anyone at anytime in the United States to actively pursue this re-unification.

Creach mentioned that the 1999 Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals to be held at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico, originally scheduled for July 26 - 31 had been rescheduled, at the request of the NRA Whittington Center, to September 13 - 18. This would be a hardship for those shooters planning to attend both the NBRSA Nationals (9/13 - 9/18) and the World Championships (/22) in Italy. Creach was authorized to seek an alternate date for the NBRSA Nationals (June or August). Following the 1998 Board Meeting, Creach was in contact with the Whittington Center and the 1999 NBRSA Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals will be held on August 23 - 28 at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico.

Creach asked for bids for the 2000 Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals. Griffin bid the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri for the third week of September 2000. The vote was unanimous: the 2000 Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited Nationals will be held at the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri the third week of September 2000.

Creach asked for bids for the 2000 Hunter Nationals. (The 1999 Hunter Nationals will be held at the La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club, La Grande, Oregon on August 14 - 16, 1999.) Meyer bid Casper Benchrest Shooters club, Casper, Wyoming on a date to be determined. The vote was unanimous: the 2000 Hunter Nationals will be held at the Casper Benchrest Shooters Club, Casper, Wyoming on a date to be determined.

Creach asked for bids for the 1999 .22 Rimfire Nationals. Messer bid Fayette Sportsman's Club, Fayette, Alabama during the month of September. The vote was unanimous: the 1999 .22 Rimfire Nationals will be held at the Fayette Sportsman's Club, Fayette, Alabama on September 3-5, 1999.

Creach asked for bids for the 2000 .22 Rimfire Nationals. Messer bid Unaka Road & Gun Club, Johnson City, Tennessee, tentatively set for sometime in July. The vote was unanimous: the 2000 .22 Rimfire Nationals will be held at the Unaka Rod and Gun Club, Johnson City, Tennessee, tentatively set in July 2000.

Creach asked for the date and location of the 1999 1,000 Yard Benchrest Nationals. Murdica indicated that they were tentatively set for September 10-12, 1999 at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico. Creach was asked to check with the Whittington Center to see if it would be possible to have this on the weekend immediately preceding the Varmint Nationals. Following the 1998 Board Meeting, Creach was in contact with the Whittington Center and the 1999 1,000 yard Benchrest Nationals will be held on August 21 - 22 at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico.

Sicina nominated Creach for President; Foster seconded. The vote was unanimous: Creach will be the NBRSA President for the next two years (his term will expire after the Board Meeting, 2000). Kelbly nominated Patten for Vice President; Messer seconded. The vote was unanimous: Patten will be the NBRSA Vice President for the next two years (his term will expire after the Board Meeting, 2000).

Creach expressed his thanks for the services performed by Dick Baier, Tom Dickson, and Lou Murdica during their terms as Directors and he welcomed the incoming Directors: Rich Griffin, Charles Fisher, and Dave Blazzard.

Sicina moved for adjournment; Meyer seconded; the meeting adjourned at 12:30 AM, Saturday, August 1, 1998.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 1999**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 4:05 PM on Friday, August 27, 1999 in the dining room of the Holiday Classic Motel, Raton, New Mexico. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Jim Patten, Vice President
George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director
Jim Foster, Gulf Coast Region Director
Arnold Jewell, Gulf Coast Region Associate Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Rich Griffin, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director
Jack Sutton, Northeast Region Director "Proxy"
Butch Fisher, Northwest Region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Dave Blazzard, Southwestern Region Director
John Gammuto, Editor **Shooters News**
Dick Buckley, **Crossfire! Publications**

Creach opened the meeting. He read a letter from Bob Sicina, Northeast Region Director, appointing Jack Sutton as the Northeast Region "Proxy". Kelbly moved to accept the appointment; Messer seconded; the decision was unanimous.

Creach introduced Arnold Jewell as the new Gulf Coast Region Associate Director.

Since Jim Kelbly, Target Chairman, was not present, George Kelbly gave a report on the current target inventory. The BR-1 and BR-2 target supply is currently depleted and the paper mill where NBRSA previously ordered their target paper is no longer in business. Another source has been located, but the paper is slightly different. Whitebread moved to approve this new paper and authorize Jim Kelbly to do whatever is necessary to begin printing targets as soon as possible. Meyer seconded and the decision was unanimous.

George Kelbly, representing Jim Kelbly as the NBRSA International Representative, stated that the Board should designate which 4 matches, to be held in 2000, will be used for qualifying for the American Team in the 2001 World Championships in New Zealand. Fisher moved that the Cactus, the Super Shoot, the NBRSA Nationals, and the Eastern Regional Championships (to be held at Holton Gun & Bow Club) be designated as the 4 qualifying matches for the 2001 World Championships American Team; Meyer seconded; decision was unanimous.

Creach stated that the Board must make a decision regarding the publisher for NBRSA's monthly magazine, since John Gammuto's (Shooters News) contract expires at the end of December 1999. A letter was read from Herve du Plessis, European Director, expressing the Europeans' dissatisfaction with **Shooters News**. In 1998, the board had empowered Creach to continue the publication, while trying to reduce the cost. In an effort to acquaint more people with NBRSA's background and activities, a large circulation would be beneficial. Discussion followed. It was noted that at \$27 per member (plus postage for members not residing in USA), **Shooters News** had been paid a total of \$61,196.32 this past year. The Board decided to ask Gammuto how much exposure NBRSA is actually getting with the current circulation of **Shooters News**.

There were 4 separate bids submitted for the publication of NBRSA's monthly magazine:

(1) Creach introduced Dick Buckley of **Crossfire! Publications** (Billings, Montana), who had expressed an interest in bidding for the publication of **NBRSA News** beginning with the January 2000 issue. The cost would be \$23.00 per member (with no minimum number of issues) for 24 or more pages per month, including advertising. He suggested a 2-year agreement, with optional renewal.

(2) Upon Gammuto's arrival, Creach asked him to present his bid. Gammuto bid \$27.00 per member for 16 pages to be included in **Shooters News** and indicated that his actual printing cost per copy is \$1.97. When asked the approximate circulation of **Shooters News**, Gammuto declined to answer. When asked if NBRSA's cost per member would remain at \$27.00 per member for at least 2 years, Gammuto agreed. The Board expressed its thanks to Gammuto for the work he has done.

(3) Creach then read a letter from Cross Printing (Fort Deposit, Alabama) also bidding for the publication of **NBRSA News** beginning with the January 2000 issue. The cost would be \$18.00 per member (with no minimum number of issues) for 20 pages (advertising not included in this page count) and with NBRSA providing the mailing labels. This price would be for 1 year and possibly for 2 years, depending on the success of their gaining the necessary advertising revenue to fully cover production cost. In any event, the cost per member would not exceed \$20.00.

(4) Creach also indicated that **Precision Shooting, Inc.** sent in a bid for \$29.00 per member, plus \$500 per month editing service fee, for a 20-24 page per month magazine, similar to **NBRSA News**.

Creach called for a decision. Meyer moved to drop **SHOOTERS NEWS** as the official NBRSA publication; Foster seconded; motion passed. Kelbly voted against dropping **SHOOTERS NEWS**; the remaining 8 directors in attendance voted in favor of the motion.

Creach asked for a motion to accept either Dick Buckley (**Crossfire! Publications**) in Billings, Montana or Cross Printing in Fort Deposit, Alabama. Kelbly moved to accept the bid from Cross Printing; Griffin seconded. Kelbly, Foster, Griffin, Sutton, Fisher, and Messer voted for Cross Printing. Creach then asked for a show of hands in favor of Dick

Buckley (**Crossfire! Publications**). Whitebread, Meyer, and Blazzard voted in favor of Buckley. Cross Printing was accepted as the Official NBRSA publication beginning with the January 2000 issue. NBRSA does have an agreement with Gammuto through December 31, 1999. Creach and Patten will draw up a contract to be signed by Cross Printing.

Griffin moved to name NBRSA's official publication the **NBRSA News**; Whitebread seconded; the motion carried unanimously. The name of the official NBRSA publication will be **NBRSA News**.

Creach praised the work done by the Records Committee: Larry Kuse (Chairman), Ron Hoehn, Charlie Gough, and Dale Rose. He said they had done an outstanding job.

Griffin moved to add to page 32 of the Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, under 5. Rules for Procedure **"(g) All Hunter Class targets are to be scored with the official NBRSA Hunter Class scoring device."** Fisher seconded and the motion was unanimous. It was discussed and decided that all rule changes will be printed in the magazine and later included in the printing of the Rulebook, revised Edition #35.

Griffin moved to delete "(e) Scores will be posted and 30 minutes allowed for protests." on page 32 of the Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, under 5. Rules for Procedure. The Rulebook would then read: **"(e) At the end of the match, the aggregate scoresheet will be posted. The time of the posting will be noted on the scoresheet and 15 minutes will be allowed from that time for protest."** Foster seconded and the decision was unanimous.

Griffin noted that the Hunter Standing Committee had requested it be mandatory for Clubs hosting the Hunter Nationals and who have 300 yard facilities, to offer a 300 yard match that would NOT be part of the National Championship. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Griffin stated that a clarification on the diameter of muzzle brakes was requested for page 30 (Rulebook, Revised Edition #34), 2. Purpose, (g)..." Nothing may be fastened to the barrel except sights, sight bases, muzzle brakes..." this was discussed; no action was taken.

Griffin moved to add the following sentence: **"Any shot outside of and not touching the box of the sighter bull after the first shot on the target will be counted as the score of the nearest bull."** to the Rulebook (Rev. Ed. #34) on page 31. This would be added as a last sentence to: 4. Course of Fire, (g). Blazzard seconded; decision was unanimous.

Griffin requested that NBRSA have one software program, which would be standard for all matches and given to each club free of charge. The club would return each match report, with the idea of saving these match reports for the History of NBRSA. They would be sent to a central location to be processed for storage on CD-ROM or some other media. After discussion, Griffin moved to allow Wilbur and Elmer Harris to develop a software program

that would be "user friendly" and would be distributed to some of the larger clubs to try. After a trial period, the Board could decide exactly what kind of program would be needed. Foster seconded; decision was unanimous. Creach will ask Wilbur Harris to pursue this matter.

Griffin moved to legalize the rear rubber ring (Dunrud type) for use under the rear bag. Fisher seconded. The motion failed with the following vote: Griffin, Meyer, and Fisher favoring; Kelbly, Foster, Whitebread, Sutton, Messer, and Blazzard opposing.

Meyer moved to start a Hunter Long Range National Championship at 200 and 300 yards. It would be separate from the existing 100 and 200 yard Hunter National Championships. Foster seconded and the decision was unanimous. (If the Caster Benchrest Shooters Club wishes to host the additional 200 and 300 yard Hunter Long Range national Championships in 2000 and have them recognized by NBRSA, they must hold their General Membership Meeting PRIOR to the beginning of the match and vote to approve this additional course of fire.) This will be added to Rulebook, revised Edition #34, on page 32, under J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 7. National Match. The rulebook would then read: "(a) **The National 100-200 Yard Hunter Course of Fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. The National 200-300 Yard Hunter Long Range Course of Fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 200 yards and 300 yards, with a grand aggregate. These are 2 separate Nationals and may be hosted by the same or different Clubs."**

The Board inquired about the audit requested at the 1998 Board Meeting. Creach explained that this had been pursued, but the cost was exorbitant. Creach said he would continue to try to get some type of examination of NBRSA finances done but on a lower level than an audit and at a lower cost.

Meyer requested an annual financial comparison report. Creach stated that a quarterly financial comparison report should also be included in the magazine.

Meyer moved to re-instate Life Memberships. The one-time fee would be \$500. Then each year, they will be billed for the annualized cost rate of the magazine. This would apply only to new Life Members (after August 27, 1999). These \$500 dues will be deposited into the Life Membership Savings Account. Kelbly seconded; motion passed unanimously. This will be added to Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, on page 45, under Article I, B. Dues, 2. Life Memberships. It would then read: "**2. Life memberships. Effective August 28, 1999, NBRSA will again accept new Life memberships for a one-time fee of \$500. Each year, these Life members will be billed at an annualized cost rate for the official NBRSA publication. This will in no way affect those who became Life Members prior to July 28, 1995. Between July 28, 1995 and August 27, 1999, NBRSA did not accept any new Life Memberships. Prior to July 28, 1995, Life memberships were available and upon payment of a set fee entitled the individual member to all rights and privileges of an individual member for and during the balance of the term of said member's life. Said fee for life membership shall be kept in a special fund and invested and reinvested and only the income therefrom be used for normal operating expenses.**

Creach asked for a motion authorizing the transfer of funds from the checking account into a separate interest bearing account, so lonely \$50,000.00 remains in checking. Meyer moved to authorize the fund transfer; Whitebread seconded; decision was unanimous.

Kelbly moved to transfer Indiana from the Mississippi Valley Region into the Eastern Region. Blazzard seconded; the motion carried with Kelbly, Foster, Sutton, Messer, and Blazzard favoring; Whitebread, Meyer, and Fisher opposing; and Griffin abstaining. The maps on pages 53 and 56 of Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, will illustrate this change.

Kelbly moved that the number of National trophies given by the Host Club be increased to 5 at each yardage, 10 in the grand, 10 in the 2,3, and 4 gun. The motion died for lack of a second.

Kelbly asked if NBRSA should set a course of fire and establish rules for NBRSA Registered Long-Range Pistol Matches. No action was taken at this time.

Foster requested that each Director be allowed to furnish an unedited letter to the membership, not to exceed 500 words, to be included in the official publication. Discussion followed. Foster withdrew this agenda item.

Foster also withdrew his request to offer NBRSA Annual Membership without the magazine for \$20.

Foster asked about the match fees charged at the Super Shoot versus what other clubs could charge. This was discussed and it was noted that this subject had been covered in the minutes of previous years. However, it had never been added to the Rulebook. Blazzard moved to add to the Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, page 15, under F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees: **"(d) Money shoots. Every Region shall be allowed to hold 1 "money shoot" per year. The Director shall designate which club may hold a "money shoot". The Match Fees charged shall be at the discretion of the club hosting the "money shoot".** Whitebread seconded. The motion passed with Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard favoring; Foster and Sutton abstained.

Foster made the motion to transfer New Mexico from the Mid-Continent Region into the Gulf Coast Region. Motion died for lack of a second.

Whitebread moved to limit the number of times a particular agenda item can be re-submitted to the Board for consideration. Motion died for lack of a second.

Whitebread moved to consider a name change for the National Bench Rest Shooters Association. Motion died for lack of a second.

Whitebread suggested re-aligning the NBRSA Regions. After discussion, it was decided that a re-alignment of the NBRSA Regions might be appropriate. Creach asked for volunteers to serve on this committee. Patten, Meyer, Messer, and Foster offered to serve and to study the

possible re-alignment of all the NBRSA Regions within the United States. This committee should submit their findings to the Board prior to the 2000 Annual Board Meeting.

Sutton moved to re-instate reciprocity. Fisher seconded. Motion failed with only Sutton and Foster favoring. Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Fisher, Meyer, Messer, and Blazzard opposed.

Creach presented the agenda items submitted by Herve du Plessis, European Director, not in attendance. He had requested a reduction in Match Fees paid by the Europeans to \$1.00 per day per shooter. Discussion followed; no action was taken.

Messer moved to add the following description to the Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle: **"The action must be a repeater action; neither the barrel nor the action can be glued in; and no muzzle brakes or tuners will be allowed."** This will be added to Rulebook, Revised Edition #34 on page 34, under K. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 2. Classifications, (a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle. It will be added following the sentence: "The action and stock shall be factory made." Whitebread seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach informed the Board that Jon Davidson (son of Alvin Davidson) had just completed another run of Hunter Scoring Devices for NBRSA. However, NBRSA does not have a source for the Benchrest Measuring Device (Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Scoring Device). He displayed a Benchrest Measuring Device made by Larry Kuse and asked the board's approval of Kuse's benchrest measuring device. Griffin moved to authorize Kuse to make the Official NBRSA Benchrest Measuring Device. Kuse is to make 12 of these devices. These will be distributed to all Directors who do not currently have such a device and the remaining devices will be put into inventory to sell to Clubs. Whitebread seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Creach reported that Kuse had requested a ruling regarding which targets can be submitted for possible World Records. Kelbly moved that no target be sent to the Records Committee for record measurement unless it is a range-measured record target or aggregate record measurement and unless it is range-measured at least .001" under the existing World Record. Blazzard seconded. The motion failed. Kelbly and Blazzard favored; Fisher abstained; Foster, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Sutton, and Messer opposed. Foster moved that a \$25 fee be charged when a competitor requests that a range-measured record target or aggregate record measurement be sent to the Records Committee. If the Records Committee rules that the target or aggregate is not a World Record, the competitor loses his fee; his fee will be returned to him, however, if the target or aggregate is a World Record. Motion died for lack of a second.

Sutton moved that any range-measured record target or aggregate record measurement that is within .009" of the existing World Record can be submitted to the Records Committee for record measurement for a possible World Record with no monetary charge to the competitor. Kelbly seconded. The motion carried with Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Sutton, Fisher, and Messer favoring; Foster and Blazzard opposing. This will be added to Rulebook, revised Edition #34, page 12, 14. Official Target Measurement (World Records). A second paragraph will be added, which will read: **"Any range measured target or aggregate that is**

measured smaller than or up to .009" larger than the existing World Record can be submitted to the Records Committee for 7 measurement for a possible World Record with no monetary charge to that competitor."

It was decided that it was time for the NBRSA Headquarters to go on the Internet. Creach will contact Wilbur Harris and have him go ahead with setting up the Business Manager's Office for Internet access.

Kelbly made a motion to have the Annual Board Meeting begin at noon on the Saturday prior to the Nationals, starting in St. Louis, Missouri in 2000. Griffin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. This will be added as the next to the last sentence in the Rulebook, revised Edition #34, on page 48, under Article IV, B. Duties of Officers. The Rulebook will read: **"B. Duties of Directors. The Directors shall conduct the business of NBRSA and shall meet at least once a year during the week of the Varmint Nationals at a site to be selected by the President. The Annual Board Meeting will begin at noon on the Saturday prior to the Nationals. The President shall notify all directors by mail at least 30 days prior to the meeting."**

Creach reported that the Whittington Center has offered to build an NBRSA Benchrest Museum at no cost to NBRSA. The contents would be owned by NBRSA, but the museum would be protected and run by the Whittington Center staff. NBRSA could put anything pertinent to the benchrest sport or to the history of NBRSA into the museum. Blazzard moved that NBRSA begin negotiations with the Whittington Center regarding their proposal to build a Benchrest Museum; Whitebread seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Creach was authorized to further pursue this matter with the Whittington Center.

Creach requested that the Business Manager, Pat Ferrell, leave the room so the Board could consider her request for a salary increase. Kelbly moved that her monthly salary be raised to \$1500.00 per month, beginning in September 1999; Blazzard seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7 in favor and 2 against. Upon returning to the meeting, Pat expressed her gratitude to the Board for their support.

Creach read a letter from Randy Dierks, 1,000 Yard Benchrest Chairman regarding the handling of 1,000 Yard World Record Targets. He requested that in Rulebook, Revised Edition #34, on page 44, under L. Official rules for 1,000 Yard Benchrest Competition, 6. Target & Records, (f), the entire paragraph be deleted and replaced with: **"(f) The Match Director and 2 Referees must sign all record targets as legitimate and correct. The Match Director must fill out the approved World Record submission form. The Match Director must retain one copy of the World Record submission form for himself, send one copy to the NBRSA 1,000 Yard Committee Chairman and send the original and one copy to the NBRSA Regional Director for the region in which the record target was shot. The NBRSA Regional Director must sign the form, after verifying that the record was shot at a registered match in his region, and send the original to the NBRSA Records Committee Chairman for posting."** Whitebread moved to accept the paragraph as written by Dierks; Fisher seconded; the decision was unanimous.

Creach asked for bids for the Sporter, Varmint, and Unlimited Nationals for the year 2001. Foster bid the Midland Shooters Association to be held either in Midland, Texas or Raton, New Mexico. Kelbly bid Kelbly's Rifle Range for September 17 - 22, 2001. Creach called for a vote for Midland Shooters Association; Foster voted for Midland. Creach called for a vote for Kelbly's Rifle Range: Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Sutton, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard voted for Kelbly's. **The 2001 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be held on September 17-22, 2001 at Kelbly's Range in North Lawrence, Ohio. (The 2000 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be held on September 18 - 23, 2000 at the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri).**

Creach asked for bids for the 2001 Hunter Nationals. Butch Fisher bid the Lemhi Rifle and Pistol Club; Whitebread bid the Millcreek Rifle Club and he also bid Raton, New Mexico. The vote was Fisher for Lemhi Rifle and Pistol Club; Kelbly, Foster, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Sutton, Messer, and Blazzard for Millcreek Rifle Club; no vote for Raton, New Mexico. **The 2001 Hunter Nationals will be held at the Millcreek Rifle Club in Kansas City, Kansas. The date will be set at a later time.. (The 2000 Hunter Nationals will be held at the Casper Benchrest Shooters Club in Casper, Wyoming on August 15 - 18, 2000.)**

Creach asked for bids for the 2001 Rimfire Nationals. Messer bid the Fayette Sportsman's Club. There were no other bids. The vote was unanimous for the Fayette Sportsman's Club. **The 2001 Rimfire Nationals will be held at the Fayette Sportsman's club in Fayette, Alabama. The date will be set at a later time. (The 2000 Rimfire Nationals will be held at the Unaka Rod and Gun Club in Johnson City, Tennessee on July 7 - 9, 2000.)**

Kelbly expressed the Board's appreciation for the wonderful job that Don and Pat have done.

Griffin moved to adjourn; Meyer seconded; the meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2000

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 16, 2000 in the meeting room of Ron's Steak House Restaurant, Warrenton, Missouri. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Jim Patten, Vice President
George Kelbly, Eastern Region Director
Jim Foster, Gulf Coast region Director
Gene Bukys, Gulf Coast Region Associate Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Rich Griffin, Mississippi Valley region Director
Terry Meyer, North Central Region Director
Bob Sicina, Northeast Region Director
Butch Fisher, Northwest region Director
James Messer, Southeastern Region Director
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Region Director Elect, NBRSA Internet
Dave Blazzard, Southwestern Region Director
Bob Dodd, Southwestern Region Director Elect
Wayne Corley, Hunter Standing committee Chairman

Creach opened the meeting. He expressed his gratitude for the outstanding work the records Committee has done in the handling of this thankless job. Larry Kuse, Chairman has done exceptionally well in organizing the handling and processing of the submitted world record targets.

Kelbly moved to amend the wording regarding the signing of prospective world record targets and backers. See: page 11 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under D. Tournament Rules, 14. Official Target Measurement (World Records). The first sentence of that paragraph to read: "**The targets of prospective record groups and aggregates, together with backers (except provisions of C.7.) and sighter targets, having been properly identified and signed by any two Match Officials, shall be turned over to the Regional Director with duplicate letters stating all information furnished on the competitors registration card.**" Griffin seconded; the decision was unanimous.

Creach introduced Wayne Corley, Hunter Standing Committee Chairman and advised the Board that Corley has resigned from his position. He thanked him for all of the work done on behalf of the Hunter Shooters and asked him to discuss the decisions made at the 2000 Hunter Nationals General Membership Meeting.

Corley expressed his thanks to the Board, on behalf of the Hunter Shooters, in its effort to give the Hunter competitors what they have requested. Those attending the 2000 Hunter Nationals General Membership Meeting voted on and approved the following four items:

(1) Add two more sentences to the end of the already revised paragraph on page 31 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 4 Course of Fire, (g). The paragraph would then read: **"(g) There shall be no penalty for the first shot of each match when it hits outside the sighter bull, if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot. Any shot outside of and not touching the box of the sighter bull after the first shot on the target will be counted as the score of the nearest bull. However, a shot in the area to the right of the sighter box that touches or is below an extension of the top horizontal sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot. A shot in the area below the sighter box that touches or is right of an extension of the left vertical sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot."**

(2) Delete the current wording and replace with two sentences on page 32 of the Official Rule Book and B-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, (5) Rules for Procedure. The paragraph would then read: **"(e) At the end of the match, the aggregate score sheet will be posted. The time of the posting will be noted on the score sheet and 15 minutes will be allowed from that time for protest."**

(3) Add an additional listing on page 32 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 7. national Match. The section would then read: **"(g) All Hunter class targets are to be scored with the official NBRSA Hunter Class scoring device."**

(4) Reword section (a) on page 32 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 7. National Match. The section would then read: **"(a) The National 100-200 Yard Hunter Course of Fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. The National 200-300 Yard Hunter Long Range Course of Fire shall consist of a "warm-up" match and 5 record matches at 200 yards and 300 yards, with a grand aggregate. These are 2 separate Nationals and may be hosted by the same or different clubs."**

Corley explained that the Hunter Shooters need a much larger 300 yard 6-bull target (approx. 20" X 34"). He read from the minutes of the 1996 Annual Board Meeting that the Board had unanimously voted to give the Hunter Standing Committee authority to design their new 300 yard 6-bull targets. These new targets were to be printed as soon as the supply of 2-bull HBR-3 targets (on hand at that time) was depleted. However, additional 2-bull HBR-3 targets were inadvertently printed in November 1999. After discussion, it was decided that the new larger 6-bull HBR-3 targets will be printed in time for the 2001 shooting season. The current supply of red 2-bull Hunter HBR-3 targets will be used by reprinting the backside with Benchrest BR-3 Targets (black 2-bull). Creach requested that Kelbly carry the

sample 300 yard 6-bull target to Orrville Printers in Orrville, Ohio. Creach will contact Eric Badertscher of Orrville Printing regarding the printing of these targets.

Creach introduced Wilbur Harris, NBRSA Internet Sponsor. Harris explained that one of his goals is to establish software to standardize data between the NBRSA Business Office, NBRSA Ranges, NBRSA Board, "NBRSA News" Editor, etc. At a minimum, the board and Business Office could access and use this data and, at a maximum individual shooters could get on the internet and access individual statistics. If a standardized software is developed, it could be used by the clubs to keep score and send match results to the magazine and competitors. This could be an avenue to conduct much of the NBRSA business. It would be necessary to standardize member data between Harris and the Business Manager and to standardize the match data. At that point, clubs could send electronic match results to the magazine, to the internet database, to the shooters (via their e-mail), plus automate mailing to those shooters without e-mail. However, it will be necessary for all NBRSA Members with access to the internet to advise the Business Office of their E-Mail Address.

His first priority, the match software, is nearly completed. This window-based software program would be given to the individual NBRSA clubs at no charge. There will be very little cost, if any, to NBRSA for implementing the ideas put forth by Harris. The internet space has already been donated by Wilbur Harris ("NBRSA.org" is registered in Harris's name). In addition, key individuals already have internet access.

Harris would also like to incorporate NBRSA historical data on the NBRSA Website. He asked about the current availability of any NBRSA historical data. Kelbly stated that he has all of the NBRSA minutes and most of the magazines associated with NBRSA.

Harris asked for the Board's feedback regarding this project. Creach assured Harris that he should continue in this pursuit of standardized match software and NBRSA business communication via the internet. Creach requested Harris to submit all incurred expenses to the Business Manager for reimbursement. Harris stated that the earlier the Directors send their Regional Match Schedules to him for inclusion in the NBRSA Website (by early January or February), the more benefit they will be to the members.

Creach thanked Harris for the diligent and thorough work he has done on behalf of NBRSA and said NBRSA is honored to have a person like Harris working for this organization.

Creach asked for an update from the NBRSA Regional Re-Alignment Committee (Jim Patten, Terry Meyer, James Messer, and Jim Foster). Patten stated that he has spoken with many NBRSA members and they all said the same thing: "If it isn't broke, don't fix it." No action will be taken.

The 1999 Board had authorized Creach to pursue negotiations with the Whittington Center regarding an NBRSA Museum being built on land at the Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Creach reported on his telephone conversations with Mike Ballew, the Whittington Center Executive Director. NBRSA would need to raise \$100,000, which would then be given to

the Whittington Center to help in the cost of the building. The Whittington Center would furnish the building materials, build, and furnish the 1800 square foot log building. Then they would maintain, staff, and oversee the running of the museum. NBRSA and its members would be responsible for providing the artifacts for display. These artifacts would remain the property of NBRSA and/or the contributing members. Creach agreed that \$100,000 is a lot of money, but if NBRSA wants a museum to display their historical memorabilia in one place, this money can be raised. Creach recommended that NBRSA set a goal of two or three years to raise these funds by private donations. If the goal is not reached by the deadline, the money would be returned to the contributors. Fisher moved that before any fundraisers are set into motion, NBRSA should receive a written commitment from the Whittington Center to build the museum and that Creach be empowered to get this commitment. Sicina seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Creach discussed NBRSA's current two-year contract with Cross printing. Cross Printing had originally made their proposal of \$18 per member per year based on having 35 ads per issue. Thus far, the advertising has not reached that level. Therefore, Cross has asked that the annual cost be increased to \$20 per member effective January 1, 2001 as provided for in their original contract. **As of January 1, 2001, NBRSA will begin paying Cross Printing an additional \$2.00 per member per year for the magazine.** The Board agreed that Cross Printing is doing a great job with the magazine. It was also noted that Frieda Cross seems to be very efficient and helpful in dealing with inquiries she receives from NBRSA members. The Board suggested that perhaps the advertising rates now being charged by Cross Printing could be lowered due to the relatively small distribution of the magazine and, thus, actually increase their revenue from advertising. Creach will pursue this further with Frieda Cross.

Creach announced his appointments of Don Mulhall as the Hunter Standing Committee Chairman and Don Powell as the International Representative for the US World Team. Creach suggested that NBRSA not fill the Target Chairman position vacated by Jim Kelbly. Creach then asked the Board to express their approval of these two appointments with a show of hands. The Board was unanimous in their support of Creach's appointments.

Kelbly moved to request a total NBRSA membership vote by mail for the official NBRSA publication beginning in 2001: **Shooter's News** (John Gammuto) or **NBRSA News** (Frieda Cross).

Motion died for lack of a second.

Kelbly moved to change the wording of the By-Laws (Changes in By-Laws require a 12/3 majority of the Directors.) on page 47 of the Official Rule Book and Bu-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under Article III. Regions, C. Meetings to read: "The Director of each region must call and hold an annual meeting of their members to set forth a match schedule and to conduct any business of the region. All members of the region must be notified by mail at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Director shall decide the final dates for all registered matches in their region. They must not be in conflict with any National matches. At the regional meeting the members present shall be allowed to conduct any business of the region. However, this may not be in conflict with any by-laws or rules of

the NBRSA, which shall be determined by the Board of Directors." Blazzard seconded. The motion failed with only Kelbly, Fisher, and Blazzard favoring.

Kelbly withdrew his agenda item to add the following sentence to the By-Laws on page 48 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under Article IV. Directors, C. Voting of Directors: "If any regional director fails to have an annual meeting of its members in the Fiscal year prior to the annual meeting, the directors shall lose their voting rights and any other compensation at the annual directors meeting."

Kelbly moved to change the wording of the By-Laws (Changes in By-Laws require a 2/3 majority of the directors.) on page 47 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under Article III. Regions, C. Meetings to read: **"The director of each region will call and hold an annual meeting of their members to set forth a match schedule and to conduct any business of the region. All members of the region must be notified by mail at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The director shall decide the final dates for all registered matches in their region. They must not be in conflict with any National matches. At the regional meeting, the members present shall be allowed to conduct any business of the region. However, this may not be in conflict with any by-laws or rules of the NBRSA, which shall be determined by the Board of Directors"**. Blazzard seconded; Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Fisher, Messer and Blazzard favored; Meyer and Sicina opposed; Foster abstained. Motion carried with more than the required 2/3 majority vote.

Foster asked the Board to remove the 2001 Nationals from the Kelbly Range in Ohio and assign a new location. The Board discussed what should be done since Kelbly's 2000 Super Shoot was not an NBRSA registered match as required for it to be included as one of the 4 qualifying matches for the 2001 U. S. World Team. Kelbly agreed to post register the 2000 Super Shoot. **Foster moved to accept the late match registration for the 2000 Super Shoot**; Fisher seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Foster then withdrew his agenda item to remove the 2001 Nationals from the Kelbly Range. **Whitebread moved that NBRSA agree to collect no match fees for the 2000 Super Shoot**. Meyer seconded; the decision was unanimous. Kelbly informed the Board he would not register any future Super Shoots, but would pay the NBRSA and the IBS both \$1500.00 in lieu of match registration fees.

Foster moved to establish rules for varmint for score; Meyer seconded. Foster, Griffin, and Meyer favored; Kelbly, Whitebread, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard opposed; Sicina abstained; motion failed.

Whitebread moved to change the number of Qualifying Matches for the World Championship Team from 4 matches to only one, the NBRSA Nationals. **Beginning with the 2002 Nationals, the top 12 LV and HV shooters will qualify for the World Championship Team the following year, 2003. If the World Championships will not be held the following year, then there will be no need for a qualifying match**. Fisher seconded. Kelbly, Foster, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard favored; Sicina abstained; motion carried.

Sicina moved to reinstate reciprocity for any NBRSA match, at the discretion of the host club, with the exception of the NBRSA Nationals and World Records, which would require NBRSA membership. Foster seconded. Foster and Sicina favored; Kelbly, Whitebread, Meyer, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard opposed. Griffin abstained. Motion failed.

Messer moved to change the .22 Rimfire Unlimited Class Nationals format from 8 "10-shot" groups to 5 "10-shot" groups. See: page 34 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under K. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 3. Course of Fire, (a) The Unlimited Class Nationals. It would read: **"(a) The Unlimited Class Nationals will fire 5 "10-shot" record matches at each range aggregate of 50 yards and 100 yards. The total of the 2 range aggregates will determine the grand aggregate winner."** Griffin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Creach read the agenda items submitted by Herve du Plessis, European Regional Director.

(1) Match fees for NBRSA registered matches in Europe be fixed at \$1.00 per day per shooter.

(2) Match fees for the European NBRSA Championship remain at \$2.00 per day per shooter and NBRSA would furnish official trophies for each Grand Aggregate, the 2-Gun Aggregate, and Top 10 Patches for the 2-Gun Aggregate.

Meyer moved that **all foreign NBRSA match fees be fixed at \$1.00 per day per shooter**; Fisher seconded. Kelbly, Foster, Whitebread, Griffin, Meyer, Fisher, and Messer favored; Sicina and Blazzard abstained; motion carried.

Kelbly said that in the 1960's, Al Walter (former NBRSA President) had copies of all of previous NBRSA minutes put into notebooks and distributed to each of the regional directors serving at that time. Directors were then to add each year's minutes to the notebooks and pass them down to their successors. Kelbly volunteered to make copies of all the past minutes for any of the Directors requesting them. Those Directors present, as well as the Business Manager, requested copies of the minutes.

Creach asked for bids for the 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. (2001 Nationals are to be held at Kelbly's Rifle Range in North Lawrence, Ohio, on September 17 - 22, 2001.) Foster submitted a bid from the Midland Shooters Association to host the Nationals at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Whitebread bid the Millcreek Rifle Club in Kansas City, KS. Creach called for a vote for the Midland Shooters Association hosting the Nationals at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM; Foster, Meyer, Sicina, Fisher, and Blazzard voted for Raton, NM. Creach then called for a vote for the Millcreek Rifle Club in Kansas City, KS: Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, and Messer voted for Kansas City KS. **The 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Midland Shooters Association at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico; the date to be announced later.**

Creach asked for bids for the 2002 Hunter Nationals. (2001 Nationals are to be held at Millcreek Rifle Club in Kansas City, Missouri on August 14 - 17, 2000. The Hunter 100-200

yards will be August 14 - 15 and the Hunter 200-300 yards will be August 16 - 17.) Whitebread submitted a bid from the Northern Colorado Benchrest Shooters to host the 100-200 yard and 200-300 yard Hunter Nationals at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Creach called for a vote for the Hunter Nationals at Raton, NM; the decision was unanimous. **The 2002 100-200 Yard and 200-300 Yard Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the Northern Colorado Benchrest Shooters at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico on August 20 - 23, 2002. The Hunter 100-200 yards will be August 20 - 21 and the Hunter 200-300 will be August 22 - 23.**

Creach asked for bids for the 2002 Rimfire Nationals. (2001 Nationals are to be held at the Fayette Sportsman's Club in Fayette, Alabama. The date will be announced later.) Griffin submitted a tentative bid for the 2002 Rimfire Nationals on behalf of the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri. On October 30, 2000, the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, Missouri officially bid for the 2002 .22 Rimfire Nationals. **The 2002 Rimfire Nationals will be hosted by the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri. The date will be announced later.**

Creach requested bids for the 1,000 Yard Benchrest Nationals in 2001 and in 2002. Randy Dierks, 1,000 Yard BR Chairman, later indicated to Creach that the 2001 1,000 Yard Benchrest Nationals will be held in **Reno , Nevada on September 21 - 23, 2001. The location and date of the 2002 1,000 Yard Benchrest Nationals will be announced at a later date.**

Creach thanked the outgoing Directors (George Kelbly, James Messer, and Dave Blazzard) for their contribution to the organization. He thanked Jim Patten for serving as the Vice president and for making the job of the President so much easier. He thanked Pat Ferrell for her diligent work as the NBRSA Business Manager. He then gave special recognition to Jim Kelbly for the great job he has done for NBRSA as the Target Chairman and as the NBRSA International Representative.

Patten requested the floor. He stated: "In my career as a lawyer, I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of high-powered people and there is no one that I have ever worked with that I have had any higher regard for than I do for Don Creach. NBRSA is truly lucky to have him as President of this organization. Creach has had to put up with a lot, but has done a wonderful, marvelous job."

Griffin suggested clarifying the definition of a sandbag on page 4 by adding the following sentence: "Tape on sandbag is legal." This same sentence is already included on page 8, under D. Tournament Rules, 7. Varmint and "Sporter Rifle Rests. Griffin moved to **add "Tape on sandbag is legal." to page 4 of the Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34 (2/99) under B. Definitions, 14. Rests. (c) Sandbag. The last sentence in that paragraph would be "Tape on sandbag is legal."** Meyer seconded and the decision was unanimous.

Creach asked for nominations for a President to serve through the 2002 Annual Board Meeting. Blazzard nominated Don Creach and moved that the nominations cease; Meyer

seconded; decision was unanimous. **Don Creach will continue to serve as the NBRSA President, with his term expiring in 2002 (following the Annual Board Meeting).**

Creach asked for nominations for a Vice President to serve through the 2002 Annual Board Meeting since Patten had stated he no longer wanted to serve in this capacity. Whitebread nominated Fisher; Blazzard seconded. Kelbly, Whitebread, Griffin, Sicina, Fisher, Messer, and Blazzard voted for Fisher; Foster and Meyer abstained. **Butch Fisher will serve as the NBRSA Vice President, with his term expiring in 2002 (following the Annual Board Meeting).** In order to serve as the Vice President, Fisher will resign as the Northwest Regional Director following the adjournment of this Annual Board Meeting and a new Northwest Regional Director will be appointed by Creach. **Creach later announced his appointment of Dick Buckley to serve as the Northwest Regional Director, with his term expiring in 2002 (following the Annual Board Meeting).**

Creach announced his appointment of Francis Broussard as the National Traveling Trophies Chairman. His job will be to keep up with who wins the trophies each year and then make sure they are returned to the Nationals the following year so they can be awarded at that time. Currently, NBRSA is missing a trophy. The Junior 3-Gun Champion, donated by Harold Broughton in memory of Ruth McMillan, has been missing for several years and may be in Sweden in the possession of a former NBRSA Associate Member.

Creach called for a recess of the Board Meeting at 6:07 PM. The meeting reconvened at the Benchrest Rifle Range of St. Louis on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at 11:16 AM. Those in attendance were: George Kelbly, Jim Foster, Chet Whitebread, Rich Griffin, Terry Meyer, Butch Fisher, and James Messer. Meyer moved to adjourn; Griffin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 15, 2001, in the Grandview Room #105 of the Ramada Limited located in Wadsworth, Ohio. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Butch Fisher, Vice President
Perry Morton, Eastern Region Director
Gene Bukys, Gulf Coast Region Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Rich Griffin, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Jerry Simison, North Central Region Director "Proxy"
Tom Dickson, Northwest Region Director "Proxy"
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Region Director
Don Nielson, Southwestern Region Director "Proxy"
Don Powell, NBRSA International Representative

Creach opened the meeting. He read a letter from Terry Meyer, North Central Director, appointing Jerry Simison as the North Central Region "Proxy". He also read a letter from Dick Buckley, Northwest Director, appointing Tom Dickson as the Northwest Region "Proxy". He then read a letter from Bob Dodd, Southwestern Region Director, appointing Don Nielson as the Southwestern Region "Proxy". Griffin moved to accept all three appointments; Whitebread seconded; motion was unanimous.

Whitebread revised his agenda item to read "Designate the Cactus, the NBRSA Nationals, the Whittington Center J-4 Spring Shoot, and Holton as the Official Qualifying Matches for the World Benchrest Team. Three matches out of the four listed would be used in compiling an individual's aggregate standing.

Creach then asked Don Powell to present his proposed point system for use in determining the US representatives at the World Championships. Powell explained that an individual's placement in the Grand Aggregate for Light Varmint and for Heavy Varmint will count towards that individual's score. If a competitor is first, he/she will get one point. If he/she is tenth, he/she will get ten points. The best three out of four matches a shooter attends will be used for that person's final score. And the twelve shooters with the lowest scores will represent the US at the World Championships. Powell stated that the qualifying matches must be NBRSA registered matches and the host club can not limit the number of shooters. He suggested the following four sites: the Cactus, perhaps the Hog Roast at Fairchance Gun Club, the NBRSA Nationals, and St. Louis. Whitebread moved to empower Don Powell as the NBRSA International Representative to apply his proposed point system and to choose the qualifying matches for the World Championships beginning in 2002; Bukys seconded.

Bukys, Whitebread, Griffin, Simison, Dickson, and Nielson favored; Morton and Harris abstained; motion carried.

Creach thanked Powell and expressed his appreciation for the outstanding work Powell has done in raising money for the US Team.

Bukys moved to have an attorney review the Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement to remove the words *"The Club agrees to assume all liabilities"* and to rephrase (as best they can) so that neither NBRSA nor the Club assumes any liabilities. Nielson seconded and the motion carried. Morton, Bukys, Griffin, Simison, Dickson, Harris, and Nielson favored. Whitebread abstained. Creach was empowered to contact an attorney.

Bukys moved for NBRSA approval of a course of fire for an NBRSA Long-Range Varmint Nationals, for a three-year trial period. The course of fire for the Light Varmint and the Heavy Varmint would be 5 "5-shot" groups at 200 yards and 5 "5-shot" groups at 300 yards. This Nationals would then be subject to an annual review by the Board before being allowed to continue. World Records for groups and aggregates set at these Nationals would be recognized by NBRSA. NBRSA would furnish appropriate awards (including patches for the Long-Range Light Varmint Champion, Long-Range Heavy Varmint Champion, 2-Gun Long-Range Varmint Champion, top ten in each category, and lariat ties for small groups of each match). Competitors would be **required to pay a \$5 "trophy fee"** to help cover the cost of the trophies. This fee would be forwarded to NBRSA Headquarters. Clubs wishing to hold such a Nationals would submit their bids at the Annual Board Meeting two years in advance. Harris seconded; motion was unanimous. This will be added to the **"Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34" on page 8, under D. Tournament Rules, 5. Kinds of Tournaments, (i) Long-Range Varmint Rifles. Also, on page 15 under F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, (b)..."Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited shooters will pay \$10.00 each; Hunter and Long-Range Varmint will pay \$5.00 each; and Rimfire shooters will pay \$2.00 each."** It will be added after page 44 as section N. **Long-Range Varmint Competition.**

Bukys moved to change the definition of Sporter Rifle to read: *"A 10 ½ pound rifle of any caliber, any stock configuration and any barrel configuration meeting all legal and length requirements. The barrel can be any diameter, any taper and have muzzle attachments. However, no muzzle brakes will be allowed. The firing mechanisms, etc., for Varmint rifles will apply."* Creach noted that, if approved by the Board, this change would have to be ratified by a majority of the members voting at next year's Varmint Nationals. Dickson then seconded the motion. Bukys, Simison, and Dickson voted in favor; Morton, Whitebread, Griffin, Harris, and Nielson voted against. The motion was denied.

Bukys moved to increase the power of the scope for the Hunter Class to 12X. Creach noted that, if approved by the Board, this change would have to be ratified by a majority of the members voting at next year's Hunter Nationals. Motion died for lack of a second.

Bukys moved to make a resolution to make an effort to schedule at least every other Nationals during the summer so that Junior Shooters can attend. Harris seconded. Favoring

were Bukys and Harris. Opposing were Morton, Whitebread, Simison, Dickson, and Nielson. The motion failed.

Griffin moved to recognize a Bench Rest Pistol Class for a trial period of three years. A Bench Rest Pistol is defined as any pistol with an 18" maximum length barrel and weighing no more than 18 pounds maximum. It can have any barrel diameter and no part of the stock can be more than 7 inches behind the action. The benchrest pistol must be shot off of existing standard varmint benchrest sandbags. Following the three-year trial period, the class would then be subject to an annual review by the Board before being allowed to continue. Nielson seconded. Morton, Griffin, Simison, Harris, and Nielson voted in favor. Dickson voted against. Bukys and Whitebread abstained. The motion carried. This will be added to the **"Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34" on page 8, under D. Tournament Rules, 5. Kinds of Tournaments, (j) Benchrest Pistol. It will also be added after page 44 as section O. Benchrest Pistol.**

After discussion, Griffin withdrew his motion to change the time limits for Varmint Matches from 7 minutes to 6 minutes and Unlimited Matches from 12 minutes to 9 minutes.

Griffin moved to change Unlimited National matches from eight "10-shot" matches to five "10-shot" matches for each yardage. Creach stated that, if approved by the Board, this change would need to be ratified by a majority of the members voting at next year's Unlimited Nationals. The motion died for lack of a second.

Dickson proposed that the current NBRSA Rulebook format be changed to a small, loose-leaf binder to facilitate interim rule changes with a minimum of paperwork and expense. After considerable discussion, Dickson moved that rule changes be printed quarterly in the NBRSA publication and be printed the appropriate size (4" across X 6" high) for inserting into the current rulebook. In this way, members could cut them from the magazine and insert them into their own rulebooks. Bukys seconded and the motion was unanimous.

Dickson moved that a specific penalty be designated for shooters who remove their targets from the "wailing wall" prior to the posting of the aggregate. After discussion, it was decided to incorporate this agenda item with Harris's similar agenda item. Dickson then withdrew his motion. Harris moved to modify **page 5 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34", under C. TARGETS, 2.** It would then read: ***"At all Matches, all aggregates will be posted as temporary and a 10-minute period allowed for protests. At the end of the protest period, no further protests will be allowed. When the referees have resolved all protests, the aggregate scores will be checked for accuracy by the referees and declared final. No competitor shall remove his/her targets from the display area until the aggregate for an individual course of fire (yardage aggregate) is declared final. If a target is to be protested only a referee is permitted to remove and rehang the target on the display wall. Any violation of this ruling shall result in disqualification for that aggregate."*** Griffin seconded and the motion was unanimous.

After discussion, Harris withdrew his motion to actively promote NRA membership within the NBRSA organization.

Harris asked for clarification on NBRSA's current interpretations of the rules concerning rear bags and rear bag spacers [see page 4, under A., 14. Rests, (c) Sandbag]. Simison asked the Board for a ruling on a modified Dunrud bag, which has a leather top and is filled with sand. After discussion and examination of the bag submitted by Simison, Creach asked for a show of hands. The vote was unanimous to legalize this modified Dunrud-type bag for use as a spacer underneath the rear bag. Harris then moved to legalize the original Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer for use under the rear bag beginning on January 1, 2002. Simison seconded and the motion was unanimous. No changes will be made to the rulebook regarding this decision at this time, because **this will need to be voted on by the General Membership at the 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals.**

Harris submitted a "Protest Letter" and a \$5 "Protest Fee" from Richard Collins regarding the removal of a target, which was to be "protested", from the display area by someone other than a referee. Following the match, the scores had been posted. As Collins removed his targets from the display area, he noticed an error in the scoring on his last target. He turned and handed the target to a referee for re-measurement and an error was found. The re-measurement moved Collins to first place. The competitor, who was then moved down to second place, protested. He said the rulebook states that when a target is to be "protested", only a referee can remove that target from the display area. The referees then awarded first place to the other competitor. After discussion, the Board ruled unanimously that even though the referees had followed the rulebook, good common sense had not prevailed. Therefore, the \$5 "Protest Fee" was to be returned to Richard Collins and he was to be told that a mistake had been made and that the Board had amended the rulebook to hopefully prevent this problem from ever happening again.

Nielson introduced Dodd's agenda item to move the Nationals back to Raton, New Mexico in the year 2002. Nielson reported that there is no match director in Raton; the range does not want to run the Nationals; they do not have the capability of running the Nationals; and the range wants \$8 per day per shooter to have the Nationals. Creach shared that he had recently spoken with Gene Craig regarding this issue. Craig does not want to run the Nationals and is not prepared to run it. Based on this information, Nielson withdrew the motion to move Nationals to Raton in 2002.

Nielson moved for NBRSA to set rules for 600-Yard Competition. It would have the same rules as the 1,000-Yard Competition, but with reduced targets. Griffin seconded. The motion carried with Morton, Griffin, Simison, Dickson, Harris, and Nielson favoring; Bukys and Whitebread abstaining. This will be added to the **"Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34" on page 8, under D. Tournament Rules, 5. Kinds of Tournaments, (h) 600-Yard Rifles and following page 44 as section M. 600-Yard Competition.**

Nielson moved to adopt Rimfire 250 as an official NBRSA competition and approve the rules and target as suggested by Norm Lindley from Las Vegas, Nevada. Rimfire 250 is Rimfire-for-Score, similar to Hunter Class. Creach displayed a Rimfire 250 target and then read a letter from Lindley asking for NBRSA recognition of Rimfire 250. Motion died for

lack of a second. It was suggested that NBRSA encourage Lindley to continue with the Rimfire 250 program. Then after a year or two, submit a report to NBRSA regarding the number of participants and the success of the program.

Harris, as the NBRSA Website Sponsor, reported on his previous year's progress in developing a software program to standardize data between the NBRSA Business Office, NBRSA Ranges, NBRSA Board, NBRSA Members, "*NBRSA News*" Editor, etc. According to Harris, there is still much to be done. He has acquired the assistance of another person in developing this program.

Creach asked Morton to look into getting some type of liability insurance for the Officers of NBRSA. Morton agreed to do this.

Creach asked for a motion for empowerment to hire an attorney to investigate the nonprofit organization corporate structure as it implies to NBRSA according to the New York Corporation laws. Nielson made a motion for Creach to hire an attorney for this purpose; Harris seconded. Motion was unanimous.

At the 1996 Annual Board Meeting, it was approved for the president to appoint a Director to complete a vacated term. Due to an oversight, this was not included in the last printing of the rulebook (revised edition no. 34). Creach asked the Board whether they wished to leave the rule as it is now written in the rulebook (revised edition no. 34) or to go with the by-law change as it was made at the 1996 Board Meeting by a vote of seven to one. The Board Members decided no action at this time was necessary since the by-law change had already been approved in 1996. When revised edition no. 35 of the rulebook is printed, it will read as: ***"If any Director should die or resign during his/her term, then the President shall appoint a Director to complete the term vacated."*** (**"Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34", page 49, Article IV. Directors, C. Voting of Directors, 3.)**

Creach requested Board approval for having an audit done. A bid was submitted by Hogan & Slovacek, Certified Public Accountants of Oklahoma City. According to their written statement, "Based upon review of NBRSA's most recent unaudited financial statements and our understanding of your organization, we anticipate that the fee for our audits would not exceed \$3,000 for the audit." Griffin moved to have an audit done, Whitebread seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach reminded the Outgoing Directors to forward to their Incoming Directors all measuring devices and/or weight sets belonging to NBRSA, as well as the notebook recently sent to them by George Kelbly, "*NBRSA's Complete Book of Minutes*". NBRSA will reimburse the Outgoing Directors for the cost of shipping these items to the Incoming Directors.

Creach reported that there are currently only three sets of Varmint Weight Sets and not any Hunter Weights remaining in the NBRSA inventory. Griffin moved to empower Creach to contact Jon Davidson (Al Davidson's son) of Ottesen Machine Company and order ten

Varmint Weight Sets and five Hunter Weight Sets for next year. Bukys seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach notified the Board that Frieda Cross, Editor at Cross Printing, had requested an additional \$1.00 per member per year beginning with the January 2002 issue of "*NBRSA News*". This \$1.00 increase would help to offset the latest postage increase. With the \$1.00 increase, NBRSA's cost would be \$21 per member per year. Creach told the Board that Frieda Cross is a pleasant person to deal with and she desires to do a first-rate job. She wants the magazine to look nice and be something for NBRSA to be proud of. She has done a fine job for NBRSA. He asked the Board for their decision on whether or not they wanted to keep the magazine in its current format and to remain with Cross Printing. Morton moved to approve a contract to stay with Cross for another year, to keep the current format, and to authorize the requested \$1 increase; Bukys seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach asked the Board's opinion on increasing the maximum allowed National Match Fees from \$25 per shooter per day to \$30 per shooter per day. He pointed out that there is considerable expense in putting on the Nationals and the maximum allowed has been set at \$25 since 1993. Whitebread moved to increase the maximum allowed for National Match Fees from \$25 to \$30 per day per shooter, regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in one day. Simison seconded and the motion was unanimous. (***Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34*, page 15, F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, (b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees are to be \$30.00 per day maximum, regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in 1 day.**)

Harris moved to raise the Hunter "Trophy Fees" paid by each competitor from \$2 to \$5 to help cover the cost of the trophies purchased by NBRSA for the four yardages. Griffin seconded and motion was unanimous. (***Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 34*, page 15, F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, last phrase of last sentence: "...each; Hunter, with its four yardages, will pay \$5.00 each, and .22 Rimfire shooters will pay \$2.00 each."**) (On page 33, J. Official Rules for Hunter Rifle Competition, 7. National Match, (g) "Trophy Fees" "Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior Shooter) at the NBRSA Hunter Nationals will pay a \$5.00 "Trophy Fee". This one fee would cover all four yardages of the Hunter Nationals.")

Creach reported that he had been in contact with the Whittington Center regarding getting a written commitment from the Whittington Center to build an NBRSA Museum. However, they were having difficulty in getting their Board of Directors to approve providing long-term maintenance support of the museum without NBRSA first raising the \$100,000 requested by Whittington to help in the cost of the building). At the 2000 Annual NBRSA Board Meeting, it was decided to first get a written commitment from the Whittington Center before any fundraisers would be set into motion by NBRSA. (See: 2000 NBRSA Annual Board Meeting Minutes, page 3.) As of this date, there is no further progress to report on the building of an NBRSA Museum at the Whittington Center.

Creach notified the Board of a business machine expense that was incurred this past spring. A new Canon PC980 desktop copier was purchased for a total of \$661.47. This copier

replaced one, which was purchased in 1987 and was now in need of major repair. Creach asked for approval of the purchase. Griffin moved to approve the purchase; Whitebread seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach notified the Board of an unplanned trophy purchase. Three additional “keeper” bowls, at a total cost of approximately \$55, were ordered for the 2001 Long-Range Hunter Nationals: (1) Hunter Class 200 Yd. L.R. Aggregate, (2) Hunter Class 300 Yd. L.R. Aggregate, and the (3) Hunter Class 200-300 Yards National Champion. Nielson moved to approve the purchase; Griffin seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach reported that NBRSA had donated 500 BR-1 Targets, at a cost of \$47.50, to Francis Becigneul for use at the NBRSA Benchrest School held on September 8 and 9, 2001, at the Holton Gun & Bow Club in Holton, Michigan. Dickson moved to approve target donation; Simison seconded; motion was unanimous.

Creach stated that Cody Haslett requested to be removed from the Hunter Standing Committee since he was elected as the Northwest Regional Director. Haslett suggested R. J. Smith (Tendoy, Idaho) as his replacement. Creach asked for a show of hands to confirm support of the appointment of R. J. Smith to serve on the Hunter Standing Committee. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Creach expressed appreciation for the work done on behalf of NBRSA by:

Records Committee: Larry Kuse, Charlie Gough, Ron Hoehn, Dale Rose

Hunter Standing Committee: Don Mulhall, Cody Haslett, Ted Whitehall

1,000-Yard Benchrest: Karl Hunstiger

National Traveling Trophies Chairman: Francis Broussard

Business Manager: Pat Ferrell

Internet Sponsor: Wilbur Harris

NBRSA International Representative: Don Powell

Outgoing Directors: Terry Meyer (North Central), Dick Buckley (Northwest)

Creach asked for bids for the 2003 Nationals.

Bukys submitted a bid for the 2002 NBRSA Long-Range Varmint Nationals to be hosted by the American Shooting Center (Glenn Newick), tentatively set for January or February 2002. The Board accepted the bid. **The 2002 Long-Range Varmint Nationals will be held at the American Shooting Center in Houston, Texas in either January or February of 2002.**

Bukys reported that the Midland Shooters' Association (Midland, TX), as the Host Club for the 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals, would like to schedule the match for July 21 – July 27, 2002. Bukys explained the Course of Fire as proposed by Brad Calhoun for the 2002 Unlimited Nationals. The Course of Fire would be as follows: Shoot the Unlimited on Sunday and Monday; schedule nothing on Tuesday; and shoot the regular Varmint and Sporter Course of Fire on Wednesday through Saturday. Calhoun had asked for the Board's opinion and had said he would do it either way. The Board decided they did not support Calhoun's proposed Course of Fire since this was not stated in the original bid and because it would add another day to the Nationals. Bukys said he would give the Board's

opinion to Calhoun. **The 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited will be hosted by the Midland Shooters' Association in Midland, Texas on July 22 – July 27, 2002.** Creach then suggested that Midland provide a tent for an additional reloading area since there is not currently adequate loading area for a large match. Bukys agreed to take this suggestion back to the Midland club. Midland does plan to improve the power for campers.

Creach asked for bids for the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. Nielson bid the Arizona Bench Rest Shooters (Phoenix, AZ). There were no other bids. Creach asked for a show of hands to accept Phoenix for 2003. The vote was unanimous. **The 2003 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Arizona Bench Rest Shooters in Phoenix, AZ. The date will be announced later.**

Creach asked for bids for the 2003 Hunter Nationals and the 2003 Long-Range Hunter Nationals. (The 2002 Hunter and the Long-Range Hunter will be hosted by the Northern Colorado Benchrest Shooters at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico on August 20 – 21, 2002.) Dickson submitted a bid from the LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club of LaGrande, Oregon to host the 2003 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. Griffin seconded; the motion was unanimous. **The 2003 Hunter Nationals and the 2003 Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the LaGrande Rifle & Pistol Club at LaGrande, OR. The date will be announced later.**

Griffin rescinded an earlier bid for the 2002 Rimfire Nationals, which had been submitted by the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis during the 2000 Annual Board Meeting. Bukys then submitted a bid from the Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club of Lafayette, LA. Creach asked for a show of hands to accept this bid. The vote was unanimous. Creach then asked for bids for the 2003 Rimfire Nationals. Bukys submitted another bid from the Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club. Whitebread seconded; and the motion was unanimous. **The Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club was approved to host the 2002 and the 2003 Rimfire Nationals. However, several weeks later, Don Creach was notified that the Hub City Rifle & Pistol Club in Lafayette, Louisiana has been closed. At the present time, no Rimfire Nationals are scheduled in either 2002 or in 2003 unless a Club comes forward with a bid.**

As of September 15, 2001, no club had expressed an interest in hosting the 1,000-Yard Nationals in 2002 or in 2003. However, sometime later, Creach was given a bid from the Folsom Shooting Club in Sacramento, California for the 2002 Nationals. This bid was accepted. **The 2002 1,000-Yard Nationals will be held at the Folsom Shooting Club in Sacramento, California. The date will be announced later.**

Griffin asked the Board for a ruling on whether or not to issue World Record Certificates for those setting or establishing records at the very beginning of a new class. These serve as the benchmark for future world records and are not an actual world record. In the past, certificates were not awarded to those competitors. After discussion, Griffin moved to not award certificates to those establishing records at the very beginning of a new class since it has not done in the past. Nielson seconded and the motion was unanimous.

Griffin moved to authorize Larry Kuse to see if he can design a Rimfire Measuring Devices that would score Rimfire targets better. He reported that Kuse has had a lot of difficulty in measuring Rimfire targets because the bullet is a lot smaller and does not leave the black mark on the outer perimeter of the bullet hole. Harris seconded; the motion was unanimous. Creach will notify Kuse that he has been authorized to pursue a better Rimfire Measuring Device.

Creach asked the Board's opinion about scheduling the 2002 Annual Board Meeting to begin on the Saturday prior to the beginning of the Nationals. The Board agreed. **The 2002 Annual Board Meeting will begin at noon on Saturday, July 20, 2002, in Midland, Texas. The exact location will be announced later.**

Griffin moved to adjourn; Nielson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on Saturday, September 15, 2001.

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2001 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

At the Annual Board Meeting held on July 20, 2002, Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Regional Director moved for reconsideration of a previous protest submitted by Richard Collins because the protest was poorly presented and perhaps misunderstood by the Executive Board. Any reconsideration was denied since the previous decision was final per the rules. Harris moved to amend the 2001 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes in reference to the Richard Collins Protest Letter by amending the fifth paragraph on page 3 of the 2001 Minutes. Miller seconded the motion. Morton, Whitebread, Griffin, Miller, Haslett, Harris, and Dodd favored; Bukys abstained; the motion carried.

It will read as follows:

Harris submitted a "Protest Letter" and a \$5 "Protest Fee" from Richard Collins regarding the removal of a target, which was to be "protested", from the display area by someone other than a referee. Following the match, the scores had been posted. As Collins removed his targets from the display area, he noticed an error in the scoring on his last target. He turned and handed the target to a referee for re-measurement and an error was found. The re-measurement moved Collins to first place. The competitor, who was then moved down to second place, protested. He said the rulebook states that when a target is to be "protested", only a referee can remove that target from the display area. The referees then awarded first place to the other competitor. After discussion, the Board unanimously sustained Collins' "protest" and the \$5 "Protest Fee" was to be returned to Richard Collins and he was to be told that a mistake had been made and that the Board had amended the rulebook to hopefully prevent this problem from ever happening again.

Respectfully Submitted by

Pat Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2002

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 12:10 PM on Saturday, July 20, 2002 in Tall City Room #3 of the Holiday Inn located in Midland, Texas. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Butch Fisher, Vice President
Perry Morton, Eastern Region Director
Gene Bukys, Gulf Coast Region Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Rich Griffin, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Ron Miller, North Central Region Director
Cody Haslett, Northwest Region Director
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Region Director
Bob Dodd, Southwestern Region Director
Mark Laughlin, Mississippi Valley Associate Director
Don Powell, NBRSA International Representative

Creach opened the meeting and asked **Don Powell to give a report on the World Benchrest Federation**. Powell recounted his past year's decisions and activities as the NBRSA International Representative and noted that the next World Benchrest Competition will be held July 20-26, 2003, in Sweden. Following the report, Creach expressed his thanks to Powell, on behalf of NBRSA, for the "thankless task" that he has taken on with this job.

Discussion followed regarding the **US World Benchrest Team's current "point system" and how the "point matches"** are now selected. Powell then explained the "point system". The Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint Grand Aggregate Scores at each "Qualifying Points Match" are used to compute the point total for each competitor. Each competitor will receive 1 point for everyone that he/she surpasses in the Light and Heavy Varmint Grand Aggregate. The US World Team will be comprised of those 12 shooters with the highest total score at the conclusion of all of the "point matches". Powell then requested that the Cactus, the Super Shoot, and the NBRSA Nationals remain as the official "point matches". Harris moved for the Board to accept this "point system", to accept the selected "point matches", and to support Powell's actions. Bukys seconded. Bukys, Miller and Harris voted in favor; Morton, Haslett, and Dodd voted against; Griffin abstained. President Creach broke the tie vote according to the NBRSA By-laws and the motion carried with a vote of 4 to 3.

Powell reported that he had recently placed a bid for **NBRSA to host the 2005 World Benchrest Competition at Kelbly's Rifle Range in North Lawrence, Ohio**. Creach asked for a show of hands as an indication of support for NBRSA hosting the 2005 World Benchrest Competition at Kelbly's Rifle Range. Those in favor were Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Haslett, and Harris. None opposed, but Griffin, Miller, and Dodd abstained. The motion passed.

The **Audit** report prepared by Hogan & Slovacek of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was explained and discussed. This audit was done at a cost of \$3,000 to NBRSA and verifies that NBRSA does use good accounting practices. One suggestion made by the auditor was for NBRSA to file IRS Form #990 (for

Non-Profit Organizations) at the end of our Fiscal Year (May 31) instead of at the end of the calendar year. It was also noted that as of May 31, 2001, NBRSA had \$59,694.00 uninsured because NBRSA held cash in excess of insured limits at one financial institution. The funds in excess of \$100,000 are to be moved to another banking institution as soon as arrangements can be made. Griffin moved to accept the suggestions that were made by the auditor; Whitebread seconded. The motion was unanimous. Creach expressed his thanks to the Business Manager for the many extra hours she put in to help make this audit possible.

Creach read a letter from Bernard Hurwitz of Nixon Peabody LLP (Rochester, NY). The firm proposed **by-law changes to make the NBRSA by-laws conform to the laws governing non-profit corporations**. The laws governing not-for-profit corporations do not allow the appointment of “proxies” to attend Board of Directors Meetings. However, **each region may elect an “Alternate” for its Director**. In the absence of a Director from a Board of Directors Meeting, his/her “Alternate” may, upon written notice to the Business Manager, attend such meeting and exercise therein the rights, powers and privileges of the absent Director. One suggestion on electing the “Alternate Regional Directors” was for each Regional Director to find members willing to “run” for this office. Then notify the members of that Region that an election will be held at a designated Regional Meeting.

The laws governing not-for-profit corporations **do not allow Directors to conduct business by mail**. They may use conference telephone calls or videoconference telephone calls if it is necessary to conduct any business before the scheduled Annual Board of Directors Meeting. The Nixon Peabody firm also suggested that the **Business Manager be bonded**. Morton moved to accept the by-law changes, as proposed by the firm of Nixon Peabody LLP of Rochester, NY, to insure that NBRSA is in compliance with the laws governing Not-for-Profit Corporations. Whitebread seconded, the motion was unanimous.

Creach read an email from Bernard Hurwitz of Nixon Peabody LLP (Rochester, NY). The firm proposed the following **changes and additions to the NBRSA’s Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement**:

Reword section (1) to read: *The {Name of Club} Club shall indemnify and save harmless NBRSA, its directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, claims and expenses of any kind, including without limitation, attorneys’ fees and court costs, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with, the registered shoots which are the subject of this Memorandum of Agreement.*

Add an additional paragraph: *This Memorandum of Agreement shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. With respect to any and all claims, disputes or controversies arising under, out of, or in connection with this Agreement or future agreements of a similar nature, the parties hereby agree that any such dispute shall be solely justifiable in the Federal or state courts located in the State of New York.*

Bukys moved to accept the changes/additions to the Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement as proposed by Nixon Peabody LLP, of Rochester, NY. Dodd seconded; motion was unanimous. This new revised Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement will become effective immediately and the previous contract forms will NO LONGER be accepted by NBRSA.

Bukys moved that NBRSA institute a rule whereby no cleaning rods will be allowed on the firing line due to safety concerns. The motion died for lack of a second.

Bukys moved to reword the Sporter Rifle Definition (page 3 of “Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35” under B. Definitions, 5. Sporter Rifle) to read: *Sporter Rifle. A rifle of any caliber, having a safe manually operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 10 ½ pounds inclusive of sight, with a stock of any configuration, provided the stock meets the legal definition of a rifle*

(of the various state laws) and the bottom of the stock must be flat. No return to battery mechanisms will be allowed. The barrel must not be less than 18 inches long. The barrel can be any diameter, any configuration, with any attachments, except muzzle brakes will not be allowed. The barrel may be attached to the receiver using any safe means, any type of bedding blocks or sleeves may be used with no limits on length or configuration of these blocks or sleeves. The rifle will be fired from sandbags and all sandbag rules will apply. The motion died for lack of a second.

In order to help clarify the definition of the sandbag, without an actual equipment rule change, Bukys moved to reword the sandbag definition (page 4 of “Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35” under B. Definitions, 14. Rests) to read:

(c) Sandbag.

(1) The Front Sandbag shall be a bag, without additions, containing sand only, and at least ½ inch thick over its entire surface. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least ¼ inch with finger pressure at any point. The portion, which contacts the rifle, shall contact the entire surface under the fore-end.

(2) The Rear Sandbag shall be a bag, or combination of bags containing sand only. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least ¼ inch with finger pressure at any point, except for the bottom 1 inch of the bag, which may be hard. A vertical spacer under the rear bag will be allowed as long as it incorporates no adjustments for windage or elevation. The vertical spacer shall not contain any protrusions, which can be inserted into the bench top or the sandbag. The rear bag shall not be contained in any manner. No metallic materials may be used in the construction of the sandbag. Tape on sandbag is legal. Griffin seconded and the motion was unanimous. (Dunrud rear ring spacer was also approved to be included in this section. See page 9 of these minutes for final draft.)

The **Edgewood front and rear sandbags** were presented to the Board of Directors by Dodd and were approved by the Board as being legal sandbags. The Board also requested for the minutes to show that the **Lester Bruno sandbags** were approved at the September 16, 2000 Board of Directors Meeting held in Warrenton, Missouri.

Griffin withdrew the following three agenda items:

1. No competitor will be allowed in front of the firing line after the first match starts and until the end of that yardage is complete.
2. Clarify the rules on weighing of the rifles to add the word, “Mandatory” on page 17, “Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35”, under F. Tournament Procedure, 7. Inspection of Equipment.
3. Clarify the rule on rear sandbags:
on page 4, “Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35”, under B. Definitions, 14. Rests, (c) Sandbag;
and on page 8, “Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35”, under D. Tournament Rules, 7. Varmint and Sporter Rifles, Rests.

After discussion, Griffin withdrew the following agenda item:

Any rule changes governing equipment or course of fire for each shooting discipline (varmint, hunter, rimfire, and 1,000-yard benchrest shooting) must first be approved by the Board of Directors. Such changes must be ratified by a majority of the Members voting at the National Championship Tournament held the same year, i.e. unlimited, varmint and sporter rule changes would need to be ratified at the National Unlimited, Heavy Varmint, Light Varmint, and Sporter Rifle Championship matches. Hunter rule changes would need to be ratified at the Hunter National Matches, Rimfire rule changes would need to be ratified at the Rimfire Nationals, and the 1,000-Yard rule changes would need to be ratified at the 1,000-Yard National Benchrest Matches. Such rules will come into effect upon ratification.

Griffin moved that NBRSA acquire a fixture to verify that the width and contour of competitors' stock fore-end dimensions meet the specifications as shown in the Varmint Rifle Diagram on page 52 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35". These would then be made available for the Clubs to purchase from NBRSA. Harris seconded and the motion was unanimous. Dodd volunteered to make four of the **"u-shaped" fore-end stock dimension checkers**. He is to send them to Griffin, Bukys, Harris, and Creach. After examining the fixtures, they are to then send them to the remaining Directors for examination and approval. NBRSA will reimburse Dodd the cost of making and shipping the fixtures.

Harris withdrew his agenda item for rewording the paragraphs on page 4 in the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35" regarding "Definitions: Varmint, Sporter, and Hunter Class Rests".

Harris withdrew his agenda item, which asked for the removal of the paragraph regarding "Varmint and Sporter Rifles, Rests" on page 8 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35" under D. Tournament Rules, 7. Varmint and Sporter Rifles, Rests.

Harris withdrew his agenda proposing rewording of the "Wind Flags" paragraph on page 28 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35" under I. Host Club, 2. Preliminary, Wind Flags.

Harris moved to insert two sentences (No competitor will be allowed in front of the firing line after the first shot is fired and until the end of that aggregate is completed. This does include the warm-up match.) to the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35" to the following pages:

page 14, under E. Safety: **4. In Front of Firing Line. No competitor will be allowed in front of the firing line after the first shot is fired and until the end of that aggregate is completed. This does include the warm-up match.** (The numbering will be changed to the following order: 1. Open Actions, 2. Firing, 3. Position of Muzzle, 4. In Front of Firing Line, 5. Emergency Commands, 6. Sportsmanship, 7. Litter, 8. Bolts, and 9. Alcoholic Beverages)

and page 20, under H. Duties of Tournament Officials, 1. Range Office. The second paragraph will then read: **At each relay of the first match of each day, general instructions shall be announced by the Range Officer in words equivalent to the following:**

"No competitor will be allowed in front of the firing line after the first shot is fired and until the end of that aggregate is completed. This does include the warm-up match.

If, during the match, an emergency arises, which shall require an immediate cessation of fire, I shall command,..."

Whitebread seconded. Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Miller, Haslett, Harris, and Dodd voted in favor; Griffin abstained. The motion carried.

After discussion, Harris withdrew his agenda item asking that the Crossfire Penalty be changed from 1 minute of angle to ¼ minute of angle.

Harris moved to add another paragraph to page 17 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35", under F. Tournament Procedure, 6. Drawing For Benches, and following the paragraph, which ends: "Under no circumstances will a shooter be allowed to select his/her own bench." The added paragraph will read: **In lieu of a physical bench drawing, computer software approved by the NBRSA Board of Directors may be used to randomly draw benches. When a computer software is used to draw benches, a referee must be present to view the event and the event shall be open to NBRSA members present.** Bukys seconded and the motion was unanimous.

Harris moved to **remove the sentence that reads: However, they must rotate after each match or after each class and/or range change** from page 17 of the "Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition

No. 35”, under F. Tournament Procedure, 6. Drawing For Benches. Griffin seconded. Whitebread, Griffin, Miller, Haslett, Harris, Dodd were in favor; Morton and Bukys were against. The motion carried.

Harris withdrew his agenda item to discuss additional “Range Fees” being charged in excess of those limited by the current rules.

Harris moved to **place the current criteria for record submission within the rulebook**. Griffin seconded; the motion was unanimous. On pages 11 and 12 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, under D. Tournament Rules, 14. Official Target Measurement (World Records) and the first paragraph will be replaced with:

14. Procedure for Official Recognition of a World Record (Adopted at September 16, 2000, Board Meeting)

- (a) *All targets and backers (except provisions of C.7.) of prospective record groups and aggregates must be signed by any 2 Match Officials in order to be considered for possible World Records. The targets must not leave the Club grounds except in the possession of a Match Official (This should not be the same person who shot the record). The Range Officer and the Referees shall be designated as Match Officials.*
- (b) *The Host Club must send the backer/s, target/s, and duplicate copies of the registration card to the Regional Director.*
- (c) *The Regional Director measures the target/s, checks the backer/s, and if the measurement is close, within .009”, sends the target/s, backer/s, 1 copy of the registration card, and an NBRSA World Record Submission Form properly filled out, to the Chairman of the Measurement Committee. The Regional Director will retain one copy of the registration card for regional file. If the measurement is not close, the Director will return the target/s, backer/s and the 2 copies of the registration card to the Competitor.*
- (d) *The Chairman checks the target/s, counts the holes in the backer, makes sure all targets and backers are signed by 2 Match Officials, and checks the information on the registration card. If everything is found to be in order, he covers up the range scores, measures the target/s, records the scores, assigns a number to each target, and then sends the target or targets, with the proper forms, to the first member of the Measuring Committee. If there is a problem with a backer or backers, he also sends them along with the targets.*
- (e) *The target/s will be measured by 3 of the 4 Committee Members. A Committee Member residing in the same Region as the person who shot the target/s should not measure the target/s. Those chosen to serve on this Committee need not necessarily be a Director, but should be an NBRSA Member who qualifies as a good scorer. Each of the 4 Scoring Committee Members should be from a different Region.*
- (f) *The Committee Member measures the target/s, records the scores in his own records and on the form, and checks any backer or other problem. He then sends the completed form back to the Chairman and sends the target/s to the next Committee Member. When the last Committee Member has measured the target/s, he sends the target/s and completed form back to the Chairman.*
- (g) *The Chairman then records the scores of the 3 Committee Members (range measurement is not included), computes an average of .001 inch on individual groups and .0001 inch on 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.*
- (h) *The Chairman records all of the information in his records and determines whether it is a World Record. If it is a World Record, he sends the proper forms to the President, to the Business Manager, and to the Editor of the NBRSA magazine. He then returns*

- the targets, with the measuring information, to the Competitor. If it is not a World Record, he returns the targets and the measuring information to the Competitor.*
- (i) *The Business Manager will then send the Competitor a World Record Certificate, and the Editor will list the Competitor's name and his/her World Record statistics in an upcoming issue of the NBRSA magazine.*

Creach expressed his thanks to Larry Kuse, Records Committee Chairman, for the fine job he is doing. Even though this is a voluntary job, Kuse handles it with extreme diligence. Before he accepts any targets for possible World Records, those submitting the targets must meet all established criteria.

Harris moved to eliminate the factory stock requirement from the Rimfire Sporter Class by **rewording the Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle description**. In the "*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*", on page 38, under M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 2. Classifications, the definition will read as follows: ***(a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism, weighing not more than 8 ½ pounds inclusive of sight. The action must be a repeater action and no muzzle brakes or tuners will be allowed. Return to battery shall NOT be permitted.*** Griffin seconded; the motion was unanimous. (This will have to be voted on and approved at the 2003 Rimfire General Membership Meeting before it can be included in the Rulebook. See page 9 of the 2002 Minutes.)

Harris moved for reconsideration of a previous protest submitted by Richard Collins because the protest was poorly presented and perhaps misunderstood by the Executive Board. Any reconsideration was denied since the previous decision was final per the rules. Harris moved to **amend the 2001 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes in reference to the Richard Collins Protest Letter** by amending the fifth paragraph on page 3 of the 2001 Minutes. Miller seconded the motion. Morton, Whitebread, Griffin, Miller, Haslett, Harris, and Dodd favored; Bukys abstained; the motion carried.

Dodd withdrew his agenda item requesting that no wind detection device be allowed on the bench.

Dodd withdrew his agenda item regarding setting rules for Hand-Gun Benchrest.

Dodd withdrew his agenda item, which stated that all ranges capable of handling 120 shooters should be allowed to have a "points match" for the world team.

Dodd moved that all clubs operating on public or rented ranges are allowed to charge "range fees", not to exceed the fee charged by the range. Those ranges collecting the extra "range fees" should have an extra place on their Match Registration Form indicating that these fees are being collected by the Club to be paid to the owner or operator of that range. The Regional Director will make the decision as to whether a Club can collect "range fees" or not. Morton seconded; Morton, Whitebread, Miller, and Dodd favored; Bukys, Griffin, Haslett, and Harris voted against. President Creach broke the tie vote according to the NBRSA By-laws and the motion was defeated with a vote of 4 to 5.

Dodd moved to ask for volunteers at the 2002 General Membership Meeting to serve on a Rules and Equipment Committee. This committee is to look for conflicting statements in the current NBRSA Rulebook and then make recommendations for changes to the Board at the 2003 Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Haslett seconded the motion; motion was unanimous. At the General Membership Meeting (July 26, 2002 at 2:00pm), eight members volunteered to serve on this committee. The Directors are to select five members to serve on the Rulebook Committee from the following eight volunteers: Butch Fjoser, Don Geraci, Mike Marcelli, Bob Metric, Don Nielson, Jackie Schmidt, Jerry Stiller, and Dennis Wagner. The Board reconvened at 3:05pm on July 26, 2002, in the Stat House of the Midland Shooters Association. They named the following people to serve on the **Rules and Equipment**

Committee: Dennis Wagner (Chairman), Don Nielson, Don Geraci, Bob Metric, and Jackie Schmidt.

Creach reminded the Board that the **contract with Cross Printing** for printing “NBRSA News” at the rate of \$21 per member, per year, was approved at the 2001 Board Meeting and does not expire until after the December 2002 issue. Creach had discussed with Frieda Cross, Editor, the possibility of a small rate increase if the postage increase warrants it. This would have to be decided by the Board at a later time, when they can all come together, possibly by teleconferencing.

Creach asked Morton for his report on obtaining **liability insurance for the Officers, Directors, and Employees of NBRSA**. This would not be liability insurance for the NBRSA Organization and would not cover any suit brought against the NBRSA Organization. The annual fee would probably be about \$2,500, subject to approval after submitting an application. Morton gave the insurance application to the Business Manager to complete and forward to his office for submission. Miller moved for Perry to pursue this liability insurance prior to the 2003 Annual Board Meeting and to be authorized to obtain it for not more than a \$3,000 annual fee. Harris seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Creach reported the purchase of more weight sets as authorized by the 2001 Board. After receiving bids from five different businesses, he ordered **10 Varmint Weight Sets (10 ½ lb. & 3 lb.) and 5 Hunter Weight Sets (10 lb.) from Jenkins Industrial in North Kansas City, Missouri, at a total cost of \$1,841.01**. They are uncoated, stainless steel, highly polished certified weights and are currently being stored at Creach’s home. He asked the Board’s approval for this purchase. Dodd moved to approve the purchase; Griffin seconded; decision was unanimous.

Creach stated that Larry Kuse, Records Committee Chairman, had asked **NBRSA to furnish BR Measuring Devices to each Records Committee Member** to help make their measurements more uniform. These measuring devices would not become the property of the individual committee members but would be passed on to their successors. Whitebread moved to supply these devices to the three Records Committee Members for their use in measuring prospective World Records. Morton seconded and the motion was unanimous.

Creach said that the **NBRSA Museum** to have been built by the Whittington Center is no longer being considered. The Whittington Center has never gone forward and gotten approval from their Board to do this.

Creach asked the Board to approve the **purchase of a fax machine**, which replaced the non-working fax. The new fax was purchased in February and is a Hewlett-Packard Fax 1020 Series for \$199.99. Harris moved to approve the purchase; Dodd seconded; the decision was unanimous.

Creach opened the meeting for bids for 2004 NBRSA Nationals.

Since the Long-Range Varmint Nationals had been sanctioned for only a three-year trial period at the September 2001 Board Meeting, Creach asked for an evaluation report on the first NBRSA Long-Range Varmint Nationals (Light Varmint and Heavy Varmint shot at 200 and 300 yards). Bukys reported that even without any advance promotion, there were still approximately 45 competitors in attendance at the American Shooting Centers in Houston, Texas during that first national match held in February of 2002. However, the American Shooting Centers will be unable to bid for the 2003 Nationals. As a way of cutting NBRSA’s trophy expenses, Creach had requested the Business Manager order enough Long-Range Varmint National attendance patches for a two or three year period. **The Board agreed to continue sanctioning these Nationals for the time being due to its first year’s success. An official**

decision regarding the continuation of the Long-Range Varmint Nationals will probably be made at the 2003 Annual Board Meeting.

Bukys mentioned that **Jackie Schmidt made and donated a “Traveling Trophy” for the Long-Range Varmint Nationals.** Creach said that he had already written a letter of thanks to Jackie Schmidt for the trophy. However, he requested for the minutes to show that he and NBRSA want to express their appreciation to Jackie Schmidt for personally putting forth his efforts toward contributing this trophy.

Harris placed a bid from the Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association (Dublin, Georgia) for the 2003 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. There were no other bids. The Board unanimously accepted the bid from the **Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association of Dublin, Georgia, to host the 2003 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. The date to be announced later.**

There were no bids for the 2004 Long-Range Varmint Nationals at this time.

Creach asked for bids for the 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. (The Arizona Bench Rest Shooters of Phoenix, Arizona will host the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals October 6 – 11, 2003). Morton bid Kelbly’s Rifle Range of North Lawrence, Ohio during the month of September for the 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. Whitebread bid Mill Creek Rifle Range of Kansas City, Kansas for the third week of September. Creach asked for a show of hands for accepting the bid from Kelbly’s Rifle Range. Morton and Harris voted for Kelbly’s Rifle Range. Creach then asked for a show of hands for accepting the bid from Mill Creek Rifle Club. Bukys, Whitebread, Griffin, Miller, Haslett, and Dodd voted for Mill Creek Rifle Club. **The 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club of Kansas City, Missouri. The date has been tentatively set for the second or third week of September. The final date will be set based on the available hours of actual daylight.**

Creach then asked for bids for the 2004 Hunter Nationals. (The 2003 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club of La Grande, Oregon. The date will be announced later.) Whitebread bid Casper Bench Rest Shooters of Casper, Wyoming for the 2004 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. The bid was unanimously approved. **The 2004 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the Casper Benchrest Shooters of Casper, Wyoming. The date to be announced later.**

Creach asked for bids for the 2003 Rimfire Nationals. Harris bid the Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association (Dublin, Georgia) for the 2003 Rimfire Nationals. The bid was accepted unanimously. **The 2003 Rimfire Nationals will be hosted by the Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association (Dublin, Georgia). The date to be announced later.**

There were no bids for the 2004 Rimfire Nationals at this time.

After discussion regarding the Rimfire Nationals and the equipment rule change, which was just approved at this Board Meeting, the Board felt that allowing this change to go into effect immediately would have a revitalizing effect on the sport of Rimfire Competition. Miller moved for a **temporary moratorium on the by-law which states that any rule change governing equipment, after first being approved by the Board, must be ratified by a majority of the members voting at the National Championship Tournament held the following year. This would allow the Rimfire Sporter Rifle definition rule change to go into effect for the 2002 Rimfire Nationals. It would then be officially voted on at the 2003 Rimfire General Membership Meeting. If approved, it will be added to the Rulebook.** (See page 6 of 2002 Minutes.) Dodd seconded; motion was unanimous. (A later teleconference amended the effective date to January 1, 2003.)

Creach asked for bids for the 2003 and the 2004 1,000-Yard Nationals. Dodd tentatively bid the Palomino Valley Gun Club in Reno, Nevada for the 2003 1,000-Yard Nationals. Haslett seconded; motion was unanimous for the 2003 1,000-Yard Nationals to be hosted by the Palomino Valley Gun Club (Reno, Nevada) with the date to be announced later. However, in September 2002, it was determined that the Palomino Valley Gun Club would not be able to host these Nationals. The site was changed. **The Colorado Rifle Club in Longmont, Colorado will host the 2003 1,000-Yard Nationals. The date to be announced later.**

There was no bid for the 2004 1,000-Yard Nationals at this time.

Dodd stated that, in his opinion, there is a “risk” that the Arizona Benchrest Shooters, already approved for hosting the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals, will be unable to fulfill their obligation. There have been problems with the range operations and management. Part of this is due to problems between the club and the Arizona Game & Fish Department, who operates the facility. After discussion, Dodd requested that a “backup” site be chosen for the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. Morton bid Kelbly’s Rifle Range in North Lawrence, Ohio to serve as the “backup” club to host the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals in the event that the Arizona Benchrest Shooters cannot fulfill their commitment. Bukys seconded and the motion was unanimous. **Kelbly’s Rifle Range in North Lawrence, Ohio will serve as the “backup” club to host the 2003 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals if a site change becomes necessary.**

Creach reminded the Board that at the 2001 Annual Board Meeting, the Board had unanimously voted to legalize the original Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer for use under the rear bag beginning on January 1, 2002. No changes were to be made to the rulebook regarding this decision at that time, because this decision would need to be voted on by the General Membership at the 2002 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. Then at the July 26, 2002 General Membership Meeting in Midland, Texas, a vote regarding this equipment change was approved by a vote of 67 to 10. This will now be added on page 4 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, under B. Definitions, 14. Rests, (c) Sandbag. It will be added to the “clarified sandbag definition suggested by Bukys and unanimously approved at the 2002 Board Meeting. It will now read:

(c) Sandbag.

(1) The Front Sandbag shall be a bag, without additions, containing sand only, and at least ½ inch thick over its entire surface. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least ¼ inch with finger pressure at any point. The portion, which contacts the rifle, shall contact the entire surface under the fore-end.

(2) The Rear Sandbag shall be a bag, or combination of bags, containing sand only. The bag must be able to be deflected horizontally at least ¼ inch with finger pressure at any point, except for the bottom 1 inch of the bag, which may be hard. A vertical spacer under the rear bag will be allowed as long as it incorporates no adjustments for windage or elevation. The vertical spacer shall not contain any protrusions, which can be inserted into the bench top or the sandbag. At the 2001 Annual Board Meeting, the Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer, for use under the rear bag, was legalized for use beginning on January 1, 2002, and was then approved by the membership at the 2002 General Membership Meeting. The rear bag shall not be contained in any manner. No metallic materials may be used in the construction of the sandbag. Tape on sandbag is legal.”

Nominations were then requested for President. Whitebread nominated Don Creach and requested that the nominations cease. Harris seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously for Creach. **Don Creach will continue to serve as the NBRSA President until after the 2004 Annual Board Meeting and Nationals.**

Nominations were then requested for Vice President. Butch Fisher was nominated by Griffin and seconded by Morton. Bob Dodd was nominated by Miller and seconded by Haslett. With a vote of 5 to 3, **Bob Dodd was elected to serve as the NBRSA Vice President until after the 2004 Annual Board Meeting and Nationals.**

At 7:30 PM on Saturday, July 20, 2002, Griffin moved for a recess of the Board Meeting.

The Board Meeting reconvened in the Stat House of the Midland Shooters Association (Midland, Texas) on Friday, July 26, 2002 at 3:05 PM. Those in attendance were Creach (President), Bukys (GC), Whitebread (MC), Griffin (MV), Miller (NC), Harris (SE), and Dodd (SW). Absent were Morton (ER), Sicina (NE), Haslett (NW), du Plessis (European), Fisher (Vice President), and Ferrell (Business Manager).

Decisions were to be made regarding **three protests**, which had been filed during the week of the Nationals. All three protests were a result of late firing. The National Executive Committee, which is to consist of the President, Vice President, and a majority of the NBRSA Directors, reviewed the protests. The protests were as follows:

- (1) Michael Marcelli protested his disqualification for late firing. He stated he had fired “during” and not “after the cease-fire command”. He provided a statement and a list of witnesses to his protest. Whitebread moved to support the Range Officer’s decision; Dodd seconded. Whitebread, Griffin, Miller, Dodd, and Creach voted to support the Range Officer’s decision. Harris opposed. The protest was denied.
- (2) Michael Marcelli protested that the Range Officer called a cease fire and several competitors continued to fire. The protest stated these competitors failed to follow the Range Officer’s instructions to cease fire and should have been disqualified. Bukys moved to support the Range Officer’s; seconded by Miller; vote was unanimous. Protest denied.
- (3) Mike Westerlund protested his late firing disqualification. He stated he fired as the Range Officer was pronouncing the word “cease”, but before the word “fire” had been said. Bukys moved to support the Range Officer’s decision; Dodd seconded; vote was unanimous. Protest denied.

As a result of discussion during the General Membership Meeting regarding the Range Officer’s commands, the Board made the following rulebook changes:

- (1) Griffin moved; Miller seconded; vote was unanimous for the following change. Reword the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 10 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, under D. Tournament Rules, 11, Time Limits. It will then read: ***At all Registered Matches, the Range Officer shall have the Official timer calibrated in seconds, which shall determine time limits.***
- (2) Griffin moved; Miller seconded; vote was unanimous for the following change. On page 21 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, H. Duties of Tournament Officials, 1. Range Officer, reword the seventh paragraph to read: ***“I shall give a time warning 2 minutes before the cease-fire command, 1 minute before, 30 seconds before, 15 seconds before, and 5 seconds before.”***
- (3) Griffin moved; Miller seconded; vote was unanimous for the following change. On page 22 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, H. Duties of Tournament Officials, 1. Range Officer reword the third paragraph to read: ***Two minutes before the time limit shall expire, the Range Officer shall announce, “You have 2 minutes left to complete your firing.” At the proper intervals, he/she shall then announce: “You have 1 minute left to complete your firing.” “You have 30 seconds***
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- (5) *left to complete your firing.” “You have 15 seconds left to complete your firing.” and then “You have 5 seconds left to complete your firing.”*
- (6) Dodd moved; Whitebread seconded; vote was unanimous for the following change. On page 13 of the “*Official Rule Book and By-Laws, Revised Edition No. 35*”, under D. Tournament Rules, 15, Disqualifications and Penalties, (e) Early or Late Firing, reword paragraph to read: *A competitor who fires before the “Commence Fire” command or after time has expired shall be disqualified from that match and range aggregate. Clarification: Any competitor who fires while the Range Officer is giving the “Cease Fire” command will have fired late, and shall be disqualified from that match and range aggregate.*

The Directors selected the following **5 members to serve on the Rules and Equipment Committee:**

- (1) Dennis Wagner, Chairman
- (2) Don Nielson
- (3) Don Geraci
- (4) Bob Metric
- (5) Jackie Schmidt

The 2002 Annual Directors Board Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pat Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager

National Bench Rest Shooters Association, Inc.
Annual General Membership Meeting
July 26, 2002

The General Membership Meeting was held at the Midland Shooters Range, July 26, 2002, at 2:00 PM. There were 123 members present.

Don Creach, NBRSA President, expressed his thanks to the Midland Shooters Association for hosting the 2002 NBRSA Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. He also thanked Match Director Brad Calhoun, Range Officer Hal Sutton, and their Staff for a well-run tournament.

Creach then gave special recognition and thanks to the Records Committee, which is made up of Larry Kuse (Chairman), Ron Hoehn, Dale Rose, and Lester Bruno, for the fine job they have done.

Creach reviewed the revised NBRSA By-Laws, which had already been approved by the Board. These changes were suggested and drawn up by the Nixon Peabody law firm of Rochester, New York. The six major changes were covered in detail. Creach asked for a vote from the membership in attendance to approve these by-laws. Al Elliott, Representative for NBRSA's Federal Tax Exemption Status, suggested the motion be restated based on approval from the IRS for "not for profit" status. Creach then called for a vote from those members in attendance. **The vote was unanimous in favor of approving these by-laws, as rewritten by the Nixon Peabody law firm to insure that they conform to the laws governing an IRS designated "not for profit" organization.**

Creach then reviewed the Match Contract (Registered Shoot Memorandum of Agreement) as written by Nixon Peabody.

Creach then explained the recent audit performed by Hogan & Slovacek of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He then requested a volunteer to serve as the NBRSA Financial Officer. **Jim Erickson of Sandy, Utah volunteered to fill the position of Financial Officer.**

At the 2001 Annual Board Meeting, the Directors voted to legalize the original Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer for use under the rear bag beginning on January 1, 2002. Since this is an equipment change, it must also be ratified by a majority of the members in attendance at the next year's General Membership Meeting. Creach asked for a vote. **The Dunrud-type rear rubber ring spacer for use under the rear bag was approved by a vote of 67 to 10.**

There was a discussion regarding ranges charging more than approved by the Board of Directors.

Creach asked for volunteers to serve on the Rules and Equipment Committee. This committee is to look for conflicting statements in the current NBRSA Rulebook and then to make recommendations for changes to the Board at the 2003 Annual board of Directors Meeting. The following 8 members volunteered to serve in this capacity: Butch Fjoser, Don Geraci, Mike Marcelli, Bob Metric, Don Nielson, Jackie Schmidt, Jerry Stiller, and Dennis Wagner. At the conclusion of this General Membership Meeting, the Directors will select 5 of these volunteers to serve on this committee. **The Board Meeting reconvened at the Midland Shooters Range (Midland, Texas) on Friday, July 26, 2002, at 3:05 PM in the Stat House and the Directors chose Dennis Wagner (Chairman), Don Nielson, Don Geraci, Bob Metric, and Jackie Schmidt to serve on the Rules and Equipment Committee.**

Discussion was held regarding "late firing".

The General Membership Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Recorded by Don Creach, NBRSA President, and
Respectfully Submitted by

Pat Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2003

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 4, 2003, in Meeting Room #1014 of the Premier Inn located in Phoenix, Arizona. In attendance were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Bob Dodd, Vice President
Perry Morton, Eastern Region Director
Gene Bukys, Gulf Coast Region Director
Chet Whitebread, Mid-Continent Region Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Ron Miller, North Central Region Director
Tom Cole, Northeastern Region Director
Cody Haslett, Northwest Region Director
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Region Director
Bob Dodd, Southwestern Region Director
Scott Hunter, Incoming Gulf Coast Region Director
Butch Fjoser, Incoming Mid-Continent Region Director
Jim Erickson, NBRSA Financial Officer

Creach opened the meeting and introduced Jim Erickson, NBRSA Financial Officer. Erickson distributed a condensed set of financial statements to those in attendance prior to giving his financial report. He recommended that the condensed version be the version that is to be printed in the NBRSA magazine. He stated that NBRSA's income basically comes from Match Fees and Membership Fees and the major expenses are publishing the magazine and printing the targets. Erickson suggested that we invest all checking funds above \$50,000 into interest bearing account. Harris moved that all monies in excess of \$50,000 be removed from the checking account and be placed in an interest bearing account. Haslett seconded the motion and the motion was unanimous.

Morton moved to change the National Course of Fire in order to eliminate one frame change and one flag change. The revised schedule would be as follows:

Monday	Unlimited	100 Yards
Tuesday	Unlimited	200 Yards
Wednesday	Sporter/Light Varmint	100 Yards
Thursday	Heavy Varmint	100 Yards
* General Membership Meeting Following *		
Friday	Sporter/Light Varmint	200 Yards
Saturday	Heavy Varmint	200 Yards

Miller seconded the motion and the motion was unanimous. **This will require a general membership vote at the 2004 Nationals and, if approved, could not be implemented until the 2005 Nationals.**

After discussion, Morton withdrew the following agenda item: *Reconfigure the official 100-Yard Target so the center ring (ten ring) is the same width as the other rings on the target (nine, eight, seven and six rings). Elimination of the heavy black ring will make it easier on the individuals scoring the targets and reduce the chance of measurement error.*

Morton moved to accept the following proposed changes for the NBRSA By-Laws:

**ARTICLE IV
DIRECTORS**

A. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1. There shall be one (1) Director elected from each region. Their term of office shall be three (3) years beginning on the first Monday following the conclusion of the Annual Board Meeting of that calendar year. Elections for three (3) Directors shall be held each year. The election for the Director of the European Region shall be held every third year as well.

An explanation or argument for this is that you (we) would have two thirds of The Board serving in at least their second year at all times and there would never be a “freshman” board.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

A. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, and the Business Manager. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected annually from the Board of Directors and shall serve as the Director of their Region as well as in their executive position. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Business Manager. All such officers shall have such authority and duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe from time to time. The President’s vote shall be the deciding vote in the event of all ties.

B. The officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall take office for one year beginning the Monday following the conclusion of the Annual Board Meeting of that calendar year.

It was pointed out that NBRSA spent \$3,800 last year to have Nixon Peabody LLB, of Rochester, New York, revise NBRSA’s by-laws and get them in line with the laws governing Not-for-Profit Organizations. If this revision to the by-laws is approved, NBRSA will need to consult with the law firm to insure that these changes are still in line with the laws governing Not-for-Profit Organizations. The motion then died for lack of second.

Whitebread moved to change the “Cease Fire” time warning commands back to the 2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, and 15 seconds time warnings and to omit the 5-second warning; Haslett seconded. Motion failed with 3 voting in favor (Morton, Whitebread, and Haslett) and 6 voting against (Bukys, Mundy, Miller, Cole, Harris, and Mellor).

Whitebread moved to Change the rule for a One-Day Shoot-Off in 1,000 Bench Rest as detailed below.
[See: NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition No. 35, page 31, 3. (a)]

Present Wording: A “Relay” shall consist of 3 “sighter periods” and 3 “Record Targets”. Relays will be rotated for the second day of shooting to allow all competitors to shoot in similar conditions. 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. At a one-day match, winners from each relay will compete in respective “Shoot-Offs” to determine the overall match winners.

Proposed Change: A “Relay” shall consist of 3 “sighter periods” and 3 “Record Targets”. Relays will be rotated for the second day of shooting to allow all competitors to shoot in similar conditions. Example (A): For those ranges that can accommodate 4 Relays, the 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. **Example (B):** On ranges which must have 6 Relays, the competitors that shot relays 1 and 2 the first day will shoot relays 3 and 4 the second day. The competitors that shot relays 3 and 4 the first day will shoot relays 5 and 6 the second day. At a one-day match the host club may choose to have either a “Shoot-Off” **or** use an Aggregate in Group and Score to determine the match winners in Light Gun and Heavy Gun Classes. The Host Club may also determine the number of targets to be shot for each relay and class depending on their selection of a “Shoot-Off” **or** Aggregate.*

Reason for Changes: Due to the distance from state to state and range to range in the Western states. The majority of shooters have requested to be able to do more shooting during a one-day match instead of only being able to shoot a maximum of fifteen rounds if you shoot both classes.

Harris seconded the motion. The motion failed with 2 in favor (Whitebread and Harris), 5 opposing (Morton, Mundy, Miller, Haslett, and Mellor), and 2 abstaining (Bukys, and Cole). The Board wants the 1,000-yard competitors to have the rules they want, but those rules need to be included in the rulebook and need to be followed by all participating clubs. The 1,000-Yard competitors should appoint a committee to decide on what rule changes, if any, need to be made to the rulebook. Then have someone from that committee present those rules to the Board for consideration at the 2004 Board Meeting.

Mundy opened a discussion re-addressing the safety rule concerning members walking in front of benches during target changes. It was noted that it is already the duty of the Range Officer to be in control and to enforce all safety rules at each and every match. Mundy moved suspend the rule regarding not walking in front of the benches during target changes. Morton seconded the motion. Mundy and Morton voted in favor; Bukys, Whitebread, Miller, Cole, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor voted against; the motion failed.

Mundy requested a rule change be made to ban all cell phones on the firing line during matches. Miller moved to adopt a rule to ban all cell phones on the firing line during matches or be subject to disqualification; Morton seconded. The motion passed with 8 Directors approving (Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Miller, Cole, Haslett, and Mellor) and Harris opposing. The rule will be inserted on page 15 of Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, E. Safety, and it will read as follows:

10. CELL PHONES. All cell phones are banned on the firing line during matches. Violators will be subject to disqualification.

Miller moved to accept daily relay rotations for the Nationals. This could be accomplished by having Relay #1 as the beginning relay on Day #1; Relay #2 as the beginning relay on Day #2, etc.

Example of the shooting order of each relay when there are four relays:

Day #1, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 1, 2, 3, 4.

Day #2, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 2, 3, 4, 1.

Day #3, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 3, 4, 1, 2.

Day #4, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 4, 1, 2, 3.

Day #5, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 1, 2, 3, 4.

Day #6, the Relay Shooting Order would be Relays 2, 3, 4, 1

Cole seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 7 against (Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor) and 2 in favor (Miller and Cole).

Harris moved to have the NBRSA President be elected by a majority vote of the members and to defray costs, all associated information and the ballot would/could be placed in the “NBRSA News”. Morton seconded. The motion failed with only Morton, Miller, and Harris favoring and Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Cole, Haslett, and Mellor against.

Harris moved to reinstate reciprocal membership acknowledgement to allow participation in NBRSA

matches without being an NBRSA member if a membership with another organization is current. "Recognized organizations" would be determined by the Board of Directors. Cole seconded the motion. The motion failed. Morton, Mundy, Cole, and Harris favored; Bukys, Whitebread, Haslett, and Mellor voted against. Miller abstained. President Creach, breaking the tie vote, cast his vote against this motion.

Harris moved to increase the maximum allowed entry fees (that maximum being the total required to compete in a match) to \$35 per day maximum. Mellor seconded. The motion failed with Miller, Cole, Harris, and Mellor approving and Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, and Haslett disapproving.

Harris demonstrated the new computer software that performs random bench and relay assignment. Any clubs can get this software program at no cost. Harris then moved to approve this computer software that performs random bench and relay assignment. This software would not be mandatory for all clubs. Bukys seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Harris moved to modify the existing rules concerning computer drawing on page 17 of the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition # 35, F. Tournament Procedure, 6. Drawing For Benches. At the 2002 Board Meeting, a new paragraph was approved and was to be inserted following the paragraph, which ends, "Under no circumstances will a shooter be allowed to select his/her own bench." This added paragraph will now be revised to read: ***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.*** Mellor seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 8 for and 1 against (Morton).

Harris moved to revise page 5 of the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition No. 35, C. Targets, 2. "AT ALL MATCHES, all aggregates will be posted as temporary and a 10-minute period allowed for protests..." He stated that, generally speaking, this rule is not being enforced for reasons unknown. The paragraph shall read: ***AT ALL MATCHES, no competitor shall remove his/her targets from the display area until the aggregate for that course of fire is figured. If the target is to be protested, only a Referee is permitted to remove and rehang the target on the display wall.*** Morton seconded. The motion passed, with only Haslett opposing.

Harris moved to revise page 28 of "NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35", I. The Host Club, 2. Preliminary, Windflags. The third sentence of that paragraph shall read: ***"The Range Officer may order a flag to be laid on the ground upon verification that the flag is interfering with a shooter."*** Haslett seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Bukys, Mundy, Miller, Cole, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor). Whitebread voted against and Morton abstained.

Harris moved to change definition of Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle (page 38 of Rulebook, Revised Edition # 35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 2. Classifications, (a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle) so that it will read: ***"(a) Sporter .22 Rimfire Rifle. Rifle and scope must weight 8 ½ pounds or under. Scope power is unlimited. Rifle must be a repeater and must be capable of holding two or more rounds in a clip or magazine. Rifle must be able to feed from the magazine or clip by bolt operation. Rifle must have a working safety. Stock must be made of wood and be readily identifiable as wood if inspected by a Referee. Stock must be 2 ¼ inches or under at its widest point. Holes can not be drilled or cut in exterior of stock to make the legal weight. Rifle must be designed to be shoulder fired. Rifle barrel cannot be fluted. No vibration tuning devices allowed. No electronic or mechanically assisted triggers allowed."*** Haslett seconded. The motion passed with Miller, Haslett, and Harris favoring, none opposing, and Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Cole, and Mellor abstaining.

Harris withdrew his agenda item to change definition of Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle (page 38 of NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 2. Classifications,

(b) Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle) so that it would read: “(b) *Light Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle. Unlimited scope power. Gun and scope must weight 10 ½ pounds or under. Stock must be 3 inches or under at its widest point. Barrel, action, or sleeve can be bedded. Bedding can be by glue-in or bolt in. Gun must be designed to be shoulder fired. No electronic or mechanically assisted triggers allowed.*”

Harris withdrew his agenda item to change definition of Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle (page 38 of NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Rifle Competition, 2. Classifications, (c) Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle) so that it would read: “(c) *Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle. Unlimited scope power. Gun and scope must weight 13 ½ pounds or under. Stock must be 3 inches or under at its widest point. Barrel, action, or sleeve can be bedded. Bedding can be by glue-in or bolt in. Gun must be designed to be shoulder fired. No electronic or mechanically assisted triggers allowed.*”

Harris moved to change the wording for .22 Rimfire Rifle Official Targets (page 39 of NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 3. Course of Fire, (d) Official Targets) so that it would read: “(d) *Official Targets. The official 100-yard benchrest target (designated as BR-100) shall be used for the 50-yard matches. And the official 200-yard benchrest target (designated as BR-200) shall be used for the 100-yard matches or, at the discretion of the Match Director, the Official 5-Bull TARGET may be used at either range.*” Harris also asked that the following rule be adopted: “*The 5-Bull Target (to be used with reciprocating backers) is designed to allow Host Clubs that have backer systems which are capable of accurately recording all shots, to shoot all five groups of an aggregate at a single sitting without requiring the target crew to go down range and change targets between each record group. The time limit is the same for each group as previously discussed. At the completion of each group, the Head Referee must verify that no competitor has shot outside his respective target boundary area before the Range Officer resets the clock and starts the next group. If a competitor has shot outside the boundary or a crossfire has occurred, then the Referee must note this event and properly mark the target such that the scoring team can correctly assess the penalty*” .The motion died for lack of a second.

Harris moved to change wording for approved Rests for the Sporter and Custom .22 rimfire Rifles (page 39 of NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 3. Course of Fire, (h) Rests, (1) Sporter and Custom .22 Rimfire Rifles) to read: “***Sporter and Custom .22 Rimfire Rifle Rests. Front rest must be topped with some form of sandbag. Rear rest must be a sandbag. Sandbags must be made of leather or cloth. The front and rear rests will not be connected to each other, the bench or the gun. Only sandbags can touch sides and bottom of stock except that a thin plastic film or cloth (stock tape) may be attached to the stock where it touches the bag only for the purpose of reducing friction between the stock and sandbag. When rifle is raised straight up, the front and/or rear rest must not raise up with the rifle. If the front and/or rear rest raise up with rifle, the front and/or rear rest must be weighed with rifle to determine eligibility. Front and rear rifle rest must be placed directly on top of the bench but not attached to the bench. Sandbag and rest rules do not apply to the Unlimited Class.***” Miller seconded. The motion carried with 6 favoring (Whitebread, Miller, Cole, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor) and 3 abstaining (Morton, Bukys, and Mundy).

Harris withdrew his agenda item to change wording of the Time Limits for the .22 Rimfire Rifles (page 39 of NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition, 3. Course of Fire, (i) Matches are to be fired) so that it read: “*Time Limits. For the first match of the day or the first match after a change of distance, the time limit will be 10 minutes for a Sporter/Custom match and 15 minutes for an Unlimited Match. For subsequent matches, the time limit will be 7 minutes for a “5-shot” match and 12 minutes for a “10-shot” match. It is mandatory that the Host Club have supplementary targets down range to help competitors “get on paper” for the above format. The Host Club may elect to have a separate “warm-up” match or one 3-minute “sight-in period” for each distance, except at a National Match. The time limit for this “warm-up” match and subsequent matches will be 7 minutes for a “5-shot” match and 12 minutes for a “10-shot” match. There shall be no exception to the requirement*

that all competitors shall complete their string of fire within the time allowed. At all Registered Matches, a timer calibrated in seconds shall determine time limits."

Harris moved to add the following 2 additional rules for the .22 Rimfire Rifles (page 41 of Rulebook, Revised Edition #35, M. Official Rules for .22 Rimfire Competition) so that the rules will read:

- 8. *Nothing in these rules should be construed to prevent a competitor from competing in all classes with a Sporter Rifle.***
- 9. *Semi-automatic rifles are allowed so long as they are designed such that discharged brass does not contact another competitor. Weight and stock dimensions apply.***

Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed, with 8 favoring (Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Miller, Cole, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor) and 1 abstaining (Morton).

Harris announced that the entire NBRSA Board Meeting Minutes (from 1951 until 2002) are now on the NBRSA Website. The NBRSA Website is located at: <http://www.benchrest.com/NBRSA>

Mellor moved to change the format for the Unlimited Nationals from eight 10-shot groups at each yardage to five 10-shot groups at each yardage. It was noted that, if approved by the Board, it would have to also be approved at next year's General Membership Meeting. Harris seconded. The motion failed with a vote of 4 favoring (Miller, Cole, Harris, and Mellor) and 5 opposing (Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, and Haslett).

Mellor moved to allow ranges that are hosting the Nationals to choose how bench rotation will be done (either after each match or after a yardage/class change). The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mellor moved to increase the maximum allowed entry fees (that maximum being the total required to compete in a match) to \$35 per day maximum, but the National Match Fees should remain at \$30 per day. Harris seconded. Motion failed with 3 favoring (Miller, Harris, and Mellor) and 6 opposing (Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, Cole, and Haslett).

Mellor moved to re-word the third paragraph of F. Tournament Procedure, 7. Inspection of Equipment (on page 18 of Rulebook, Revised Edition #35) so that it reads" **"At all Registered Matches, the weighing of rifles shall be done on a random basis immediately at the end of a match. The total number of competitors chosen to have their rifles weighed shall be at the discretion of the Referees, but will not be less than five. Those chosen will immediately follow the Referee to the scales for the weighing of their rifle. Scales must be available for a reasonable time for competitors to weigh their rifles. Any violation of this inspection rule will result in disqualification."** Morton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mellor requested that the application for "Screamer Patches" be printed in the "NBRSA News" since NBRSA pays 1/3 of the cost for making the patches. Creach volunteered to make sure that this application will be printed in the "NBRSA News" magazine. Creach also stated that the NBRSA Membership application is to be included in the "NBRSA News" in at least every other issue

Haslett moved that **all Hunter Class shooters, who use a muzzle break, must provide plexiglass shields (probably 12" to 14" high and extending 4" to 6" past the end of the barrel and perhaps 2/3 of the barrel will be covered), which are to be attached to their shooting bench on either side of their rifle so as not to interfere with those shooting next to them. The Hunter Committee will provide the exact wording for this configuration to help with the writing of this rule. Haslett stated that a Hunter Committee is now in the process of setting up the regulations for this muzzle break shield. Morton seconded. The motion was unanimous. It was noted that this equipment change rule must also be**

approved by the General Membership Meeting at next year's Hunter's Nationals before it will actually become a rule.

Miller moved to change the rifle weight tolerance attributed to possible scale error from ½ ounce to 1 ounce. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Bukys exhibited a muzzle attachment that is being used as a muzzle-tuning device by some competitors. Bukys moved to allow that tuning devices may be attached to the muzzle of a barrel to serve as a muzzle-tuning device. The rifle, with the attachment in place, must still meet rifle weight requirements. Whitebread seconded. The motion carried with 5 in favor (Morton, Bukys, Whitebread, Mundy, and Miller) and 4 opposing (Cole, Haslett, Harris, and Mellor). It was noted that **the General Membership Meeting at next year's Nationals must also approve this equipment change rule before it will actually become a rule.**

Bukys inquired about the progress made by the Rules and Equipment Committee, who were selected by the Directors at the 2002 General Membership Meeting.

Approval was given to print a small quantity of the new rulebooks as soon as all changes approved at this Board Meeting can be incorporated into the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition # 36.

Creach asked the Board if they wished to continue with the Long-Range Varmint Nationals. The Long-Range Varmint Nationals were approved by the Board on September 15, 2001, for a three-year trial period. Bukys moved to add the following to the rulebook on page 29 (J. Official Rules for Long-Range Varmint Competition, 3. Nationals): *(e) Clubs wishing to host the Long-Range Varmint Nationals must submit their bid at least one year in advance. Otherwise, there will be no Long-Range Varmint Nationals for the next year.* Whitebread seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Creach verified that the **Casper Bench Rest Shooters Association will host the 2004 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals on August 17 – 20, 2004.**

Creach then requested bids for the 2005 NBRSA Hunter Nationals. **Whitebread bid Mill Creek to host the 2005 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. The date is tentatively set for the 2nd week of August 2005.** Haslett seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Creach asked for bids for the **2004 Rimfire Nationals. There were no bids presented.**

Creach then asked for bids for the 1,000-Yard Nationals in 2004. No bids were presented at that time. However, shortly thereafter, Mellor submitted a bid for **the Folsom Shooting Club (Sacramento Valley Shooting Center) to host the 2004 1,000-Yard Nationals on April 23, 24, and 25, 2004.**

Creach then requested bids for the 2005 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals. (The 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club (Kansas City, KS) on July 26 through July 31, 2004.) Mundy bid Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis. Cole bid Canastota Conservation Club (Canastota, NY). Whitebread bid NRA Whittington Center Benchrest (Raton, NM). St. Louis won with 5 votes (Morton, Mundy, Miller, Haslett, and Harris). Cole voted for Canastota Conservation Club. Whitebread, Mellor, and Bukys voted for Raton. **The Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis will host the 2005 NBRSA Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals in late September 2005. An exact date will be announced at a later time.**

Creach announced that Larry Kuse, Records Committee Chairman, has requested that Creach get a replacement for him within the next 6-8 months. Creach asked the Directors for their suggestions for

Kuse's replacement. Creach stated that Kuse has done an outstanding job for many years in this capacity and is simply tired. The Board agreed that Kuse has done a wonderful job and has been really committed to excellence in this endeavor. Creach asked the Directors to drop him a note with their suggestion for a new Records Committee Chairman.

Creach stated that Cross Printing is prepared to continue with their previous contract of receiving \$21 per member per year for printing the "NBRSA News". The Board voted to continue with Frieda Cross as the NBRSA Editor for another year. Eight were in favor and Morton abstained.

Creach thanked Pat Ferrell for continuing to do the job as Business Manager. He said that most people recognize Pat as the NBRSA more than they do the Board Members. He said that she does a nice job and that he wanted her to know that she does a real good job for NBRSA. She has given NBRSA a better method of record keeping and she is appreciated. The Board then gave Pat a round of applause to show their appreciation.

Cole suggested that NBRSA redistrict the regions and move Pennsylvania and New Jersey from the Eastern Region to the Northeastern Region. Mundy also suggested that the Mississippi Valley be redistricted because he currently only has two clubs in that region. Creach suggested these two Directors bring their suggestions for redistricting to the 2004 Annual Board Meeting.

Harris moved to adjourn. Bukys seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM MST.

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2003

The teleconference meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Don Creach at 12:00 PM (noon) Central Standard Time on Thursday, November 13, 2003. Those participating were:

Don Creach, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Perry Morton, Eastern Region Director
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Region Director
Butch Fjoser, Mid-Continent Region Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Region Director
Ron Miller, North Central Region Director
Tom Cole, Northeastern Region Director
Cody Haslett, Northwest Region Director
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Region Director
Bill Mellor, Southwestern Region Director

Herve du Plessis (European Director) was excused from participating in this teleconference since this does not pertain to Europe. Bob Dodd, Vice President, did not participate due to the fact that he was in route to another state.

Creach requested a discussion regarding an increase in NBRSA Match Fees. It was noted that this same issue had been brought up at both the 2002 and 2003 Board Meetings but did not pass. At the 2003 General Membership Meeting, those in attendance asked the Board to readdress this issue due to the fact that they believe some clubs really need an increase in match fees and most of the other clubs could use it.

Wilbur Harris moved to increase the daily cap on match fees to \$35. This would also include the National Match Fees & will become effective as of January 1, 2004. This will be strictly enforced. No club may charge more than a total of \$35 per day. Perry Morton seconded. The motion was unanimous.

This change will be made on page 15 of rulebook, revised edition #35, F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, (a) Club Fees and will read as: ***(a) Club Fees. Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on his/her behalf) a registration fee for each day in which he/she participates. As of January 1, 2004, the maximum amount that may be charged is \$35.00 per day. No club may charge more than a total of \$35.00 per day and this will be strictly enforced.***

This change will also be made on page 15 of rulebook, revised edition #35, F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, (b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees and will read as: ***(b) National Championship Tournaments Registration Fees are to be \$35.00 per day maximum (as of January 1, 2004), regardless of the number of classes or stages fired in 1 day. No club may charge more than a total of \$35.00 per day and this will be strictly enforced. Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior shooters) at any***

NBRSA National Championship Tournament will pay a “Trophy Fee” (to help offset the cost of National trophies). These “Trophy Fees” are to be forwarded.....

The next item up for discussion was the date for the 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals to be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club. These nationals had been tentatively scheduled (at the 2002 Annual Board Meeting) for the second or third week in September 2004. However, the Mill Creek Rifle Club had been unable to find qualified people to run the match during September; therefore (at the 2003 Annual Board Meeting), the date was changed to July 26-31, 2004. However, within the last few weeks, Mill Creek Rifle Club has been able to obtain a qualified crew to run the match during September. **The 2004 Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited Nationals will be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club (Kansas City, KS) on September 27 – October 2, 2004.**

These minutes shall be attached to the 2003 Annual Board Meeting Minutes as an addendum.

Creach suggested a Board Meeting by teleconference be held once every quarter. By keeping in contact with the entire Board, they could stay “on top of” and “head off” of any problems that might arise. The Board Members agreed.

Teleconference Board Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM CST.

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NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Part I
Saturday, September 19, 2009

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Dennis Thornbury at 10:15 AM CDT on Saturday, September 19, 2009, in meeting room #116 of the Comfort Inn, located in Warrenton, Missouri. In attendance were:

Dennis Thornbury, President
Pat Ferrell, Business Manager
Don Nielson, Vice President
Joe Krupa, Eastern Regional Director
Scott Hunter, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Butch Fjoser, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
David Halblom, North Central Regional Director
Denny Andrews, Northwestern Regional Director
Wilbur Harris, Southeastern Regional Director
Lou Murdica, Southwestern Regional Director
Rodney Brown, Mid-Continent Regional Director Elect
Jack Neary, Eastern Regional Alternate Director
Manny Garcia, Southeastern Regional Alternate Director
Jim Erickson, Financial Officer
Wayne Campbell, NBRSA International Representative
Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman

Dennis Thornbury asked for a report from Wayne Campbell, NBRSA International Representative. Campbell gave the Board a complete financial breakdown of all of the income received and expenses incurred as of August 31, 2009. He stated that he would like to hold back a total of \$3,000 for next year. Scott Hunter, then read a letter from Sandra Bukys regarding the accommodations, etc. for the US World Team's trip to South Africa. In that letter, Mrs. Gene Bukys said that Campbell had done a wonderful job. Joe Krupa stated that Campbell had been an excellent captain. Don Nielson also gave a positive report on Campbell and it was noted that Campbell had kept good financial records. Campbell said that the next World Competition will be held in France and he agreed to continue serving as the US Word Team Captain. Denny Andrews "officially" moved to accept Wayne Campbell to continue serving as the US World Team Captain (NBRSA International Representative). Joe Krupa seconded and the board's vote was unanimous. Campbell then told the Board he suggests that 75 points be given per class for each shoot, that 3 out of 5 matches would be used and he preferred the 'point matches' to be the NBRSA Varmint Nationals, the Hog Roast or the Shamrock, the East-West, the Cactus, and a match held at Raton, NM. The Board agreed that the 'point matches' need to be strategically placed for good attendance. Campbell was then excused to leave.

Dennis Thornbury then asked for a report from Gene Bukys, World Records Chairman. Bukys stated that he would like to get standardized boxes to be used to mail the targets so as to avoid having to fold the targets. Don Nielson volunteered to look into this and will send a sample of the boxes to Bukys for approval. The approved boxes will then be distributed to the Regional Directors for mailing/shipping the submitted targets. Bukys was excused and left the meeting.

Since Karl Hunstiger, Long-Range Benchrest Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting, Dennis Thornbury asked Don Nielson, Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman, for a report. Don Nielson explained that some of the 600-yard clubs wanted to put up 2 targets at a time. However, the scoring committee does not want them to put 2 targets up at one time because the possibility of crossfiring on someone's own target would be too great. Don Nielson then moved to make a slight change in the Rulebook Revisions that were made to Revised Edition #37 at the 2008 Annual Board Meeting, regarding the 600-Yard BR Competition. He moved to change the wording from: ~~"(b) After the sighter "cease fire," "commence fire" for record may be as soon as possible."~~ to: *(b) After "cease fire" for sighter period, there should be a 20 second minimum delay before the "commence fire" command is given.* Lou Murdica seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Don Nielson told the Board that he will be bringing some additional rulebook changes to the 2010 Annual Board Meeting. This change will be added to the Rulebook, Revised Edition #37 on page 70 under L. Official Rules for 600-Yard Benchrest Competition, paragraph #4. The paragraph will read as follows:

- 4. For 600-Yard BR Ranges WITHOUT Pits (effective January 1, 2009):**
(a) Clay birds must be placed as close as possible to the target. One target per shooting period.
(b) After "cease fire" for sighter period, there should be a 20 second minimum delay before the "commence fire" command is given. (Section (b) is effective January 1, 2010)

Dennis Thornbury asked Lou Murdica, NBRSA Hall of Masters Chairman, if he had anything new to report. Murdica stated that he was having a hard time verifying past winners in order for them to be added to the NBRSA Hall of Masters. Joe Krupa said that he had all of the records for the Hall of Fame and the Eastern Region Hall of Fame and would forward both to Murdica. Krupa also volunteered to help Lou with putting the data together for the NBRSA Hall of Masters format. Murdica stated that each entry to the NBRSA Hall of Fame must be documented. He said that several NBRSA members have magazines going back for many years and perhaps the records could be documented through those magazines. Murdica then told the Board that he would be emailing the NBRSA Hall of Fame "points" to the entire Board.

Dennis Thornbury asked Dave Halblom, Hunter Standing Committee Chairman, for an update on the Hunter Benchrest. Halblom mentioned in his report that muzzle brakes had been banned in recent years and he feels that this action should not have been taken. After a brief discussion, it was decided that this issue may be readdressed at the 2010 Board Meeting.

Dennis Thornbury then gave the floor to Jim Erickson, NBRSA Financial Officer, for his annual report on the financial standing of NBRSA. Erickson stated that all taxes are currently paid. He went on to say that NBRSA had a "mini audit" or "agreed upon procedure" done about 5 years ago and he has scheduled another one for next year. It is to be completed in time for the "mini audit" report to be presented to the 2010 Board. He told the Board that the Business Manager keeps really good records on everything, which makes it easier to do the "mini audit". Next, he brought up Credit Card Fees and stated that the current fees paid by NBRSA for the processing of those charges is getting quite large. He will look into the possibility of getting a lesser charge fee for NBRSA. He said that the income from Match Fees had gone down somewhat between 2007 and 2008, and target sales had also decreased. He explained that NBRSA had to cash in 2 CD's in order to pay for the purchase of target paper and for the printing of targets and also for the printing of the "NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #37". He mentioned that NBRSA will not need to purchase target paper, nor print targets for several years. So, future financial reports should look much better. Joe Krupa suggested that perhaps NBRSA should cash in some more CD's during this time of low interest rates and buy more target paper before the paper cost increases or before the paper mill ceases making this special paper. Wilbur Harris agreed that purchasing future paper now would be good. Scott Hunter moved to appoint Joe Krupa to look into this. Krupa said that he would not have the time necessary to head this up. So, Scott Hunter

reworded his motion. He moved that the Target Committee be reinstated with Jim Erickson being the Target Committee Chairman and to be assisted by Joe Krupa. Wilbur Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Jim Erickson was excused at that time.

Dennis Thornbury asked Butch Fjoser, MC Director, to lay out a timeline describing a World Record Dispute. Fjoser stated that Jim Brummerstedt, Match Director of the Colorado Rifle Club, and also Daryl Kopriva (the competitor who shot the disputed targets) both contacted Fjoser because the entire Measuring Committee had ruled Kopriva's targets to be immeasurable. Fjoser explained to Kopriva that he would need to submit his appeal of the original decision made by the Measuring Committee, along with his \$5.00 "Protest Fee", to the NBRSA Board of Directors so they could make a ruling regarding the matter. Kopriva did submit his "letter of protest" and his \$5.00 "protest fee" to NBRSA. After discussion, the Board agreed that the targets were not handled correctly by the Club, since NBRSA does not approve shooting more than one group per target. Therefore, the target was ruled to be not measurable as it was submitted. Denny Andrews gave a brief summary of his contact with Robert A. Lees, the Attorney representing Jim Brummerstedt. Andrews had notified Lees that the Board would be making a decision at the 2009 NBRSA Annual Board Meeting and that Andrews would be in contact with Lees regarding their ruling. Denny Andrews moved that a letter will be written to appropriately respond to the shooter and to the other associated party (Robert A. Lees) regarding the measuring committee's original response and the Board's approval of the NBRSA Measuring Committee's response. Joe Krupa seconded Andrews' motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Denny Andrews and Joe Krupa will draft this letter to Daryl Kopriva and to Robert A. Lees on behalf of NBRSA. The letter will then be forwarded to Don Nielson, the Long-Range Measuring Committee Chairman, to affix his signature before mailing the letter to the appropriate parties. A copy of the signed letter is to be forwarded to the NBRSA Business Manager.

Dennis Thornbury then opened the meeting for the Board's Agenda Items. Joe Krupa, ER Director, had submitted no agenda items since the subjects he wanted to address were already included in other Agenda Items. Scott Hunter, GC Director, made a motion to charge a fine or fee to a person who does not return a "Traveling Trophy" in good condition prior to the next competition. Murdica seconded the motion. There were 2 in favor: Scott Hunter and Butch Fjoser. There were 5 against: Bud Mundy, David Halblom, Denny Andrews, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica. Joe Krupa abstained. Motion failed.

Scott Hunter moved to appoint a committee to explore the idea of adopting a rulebook with replaceable pages. Butch Fjoser seconded and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Scott Hunter will serve as the Rulebook Format Committee Chairman.

Scott Hunter moved that the "Alternate Regional Directors" shall be elected to serve the same terms as their Regional Director. Wilbur Harris seconded and the motion was unanimous. This will be added to the By-Laws on page 93 of the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #37, under Article II – Regions, Section 2. Directors, (a).

The paragraph will then read as follows:

[Section 2. Directors] (a) Each region shall have one (1) director to be elected by the Individual Members resident in that region as set forth in Article III, Section 2. Each region may elect an alternate for its director. The alternate director shall be elected to serve for the same term as their regional director has been elected to serve. In the absence of a director from a meeting of the Board of Directors, his or her alternate may, upon written notice to the Secretary, attend such meeting and exercise therein the rights, powers and privileges of the absent director.

Bud Mundy, MV Director, stated that the NBRSA "Traveling Trophies" and their individual crates are in terrible shape. The trophies need to be cleaned up and repaired. Each of these trophies should leave the Nationals in their own individual crate and then be returned by the winning competitor to the Nationals the following year in their own individual crate and still in good condition. The winning competitor would have the choice of taking the trophy or leaving it with NBRSA.

David Halblom said that George Kelbly had agreed to display NBRSA's Traveling Trophies at the Kelbly facility. Kelbly would put the trophies in a trailer and bring them to the Nationals each year. The winner would have his picture made with the trophy and the trophy would remain at Kelbly's. The Traveling Trophies should not travel.

Joe Krupa suggested that NBRSA investigate a place to restore, enshrine, and store the NBRSA Traveling Trophies. Krupa then moved to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of finding an appropriate place to enshrine the trophies and replace them with more transportable trophies. The enshrined traveling trophies would be updated each year and the person in charge of this program would be in charge of updating those trophies after each Nationals. Halblom seconded and the Board was unanimous in their vote. There are currently about 15 Traveling Trophies that would need to be replaced with more transportable trophies. The estimated cost for making the replacement trophies would be about \$600 each. Halblom volunteered to head up the Trophy Committee to find a place to enshrine the "Traveling Trophies" and also to have replacement (more transportable) trophies built. Krupa agreed to help him. They may look into getting sponsors to build the replacement trophies.

Bud Mundy, MV Director, told the Board that he needs a complete set of the NBRSA Rulebooks in order to update the NBRSA Rules. He already has some of the Rulebooks and will email the Board a list of the rulebooks that he needs. Mundy explained that he needs rulebooks or copies of rulebooks that he can write on or highlight. NBRSA Headquarters has copies of every NBRSA Rulebook, but they cannot be marked up and if they are lost in the mail or misplaced, NBRSA will no longer have a complete set of Rulebooks. Joe Krupa moved that Bud Mundy be made the Rulebook Committee Chairman in charge of updating the NBRSA Rules. Scott Hunter seconded and the motion was unanimous.

David Halblom, NC Director, moved that: *"Flags are to be placed no higher than the level of bench top to bottom of the target card. Furthermore, the competitor is to restrict the position of flags within his competitive shooting lane. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines between benches to the centerlines between target cards unique to each competitor."* Lou Murdica seconded. Voting in favor were: Joe Krupa, Bud Mundy, Dave Halblom, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica. Scott Hunter, Butch Fjoser, and Denny Andrews voted against. The motion passed. This will be added to the "NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition #37 on page 54, under I. The Host Club, 2. Preliminary, Wind Flags. The revised paragraph will then read:

Wind Flags. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that the Host Club furnishes wind flags or wind indicators. No competitor may post or adjust flags after the first match of the day, except for changes in yardage or classes. Flags are to be placed no higher than the level of bench top to bottom of the target card. Furthermore, the competitor is to restrict the position of flags within his competitive shooting lane. A shooting lane is defined as the centerlines between benches to the centerlines between target cards unique to each competitor. The Range Officer may order a flag be laid on the ground upon verification that the flag is interfering with a shooter. Posted flags must be left on the range until the completion of the match.

David Halblom, NC Director, moved to define wind flags as follows: *Wind flags are to be visual, visible, mechanical devices. The use of electric or electronic devices for the indication of wind speed and/or direction is prohibited.* The motion died for lack of a second.

David Halblom, NC Director, brought up for discussion the idea of changing the order of competition for National Tournaments. After discussion, he agreed to remove the last sentence from his proposed change. Halblom then moved to make the following change in the order of the National Tournament:

The Varmint/Sporter Class Nationals will be held for 4 days, WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY;

Sporter & Light Varmint 100 yards on WEDNESDAY;

Heavy Varmint 100 yards on THURSDAY;

Heavy Varmint & Light Varmint 200 yards on FRIDAY;

Sporter 200 yards on SATURDAY.

The General Membership Meeting will be held THURSDAY afternoon after completion of competition.

It was noted that this change will be “temporarily effective” beginning on January 1, 2010, and will need to be approved by the 2010 General Membership before it becomes an “official” Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited National Tournament Format. The NBRSA By-laws state [on page 98 of Rulebook, Revised Edition #37]:
(d) Any rule change governing equipment or course of fire for each shooting discipline (Varmint, Sporter, Unlimited, Long-Range Varmint [200 and 300 yard], Hunter, Long-Range Hunter [200 and 300 yard], 600-Yard and 1,000-Yard Benchrest Shooting) must first be approved by the Board of Directors. The rule change would then be “temporarily effective” beginning on January 1 of the following year. The regions will have already given the rule change a “first look”. Then during this “temporarily effective” period, the changes will go through a “trial period” before final ratification by the General Membership. The following year, the rule change must be ratified by a majority of the members voting at the National Championship Tournament in the particular discipline affected by the change, and then shall become effective upon ratification. Joe Krupa seconded the motion for the format change. Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Butch Fjoser, David Halblom, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica were in favor of the motion. Bud Mundy and Denny Andrews opposed. The motion passed.

Denny Andrews, NW Director, moved to **revise page 2 of the Shooters Contract by requesting the Name of the Contact Person, their phone number, their mailing address, and their email address.** David Halblom seconded. Joe Krupa, Butch Fjoser, Bud Mundy, David Halblom, Denny Andrews, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica voted in favor of the change. Scott Hunter voted against. The motion passed.

Denny Andrews moved to revise the “NBRSA Official Rulebook, Revised Edition # 37” on page 27, under Section D. Tournament Rules, Paragraph 14. Procedure for Official Recognition of a World Record, (b) The Host Club must send the backer/s, target/s, and duplicate copies of the registration card to the Regional Director. He moved to revise section (b) to read as follows: *The Host Club shall collect a mailing and handling fee from any competitor submitting a possible world record in the amount of \$10.00 payable to the NBRSA, and shall enclose said fee when sending the backer/s, target/s, and duplicate copies of the registration card, together with the completed NBRSA World Record Submission Form to the Regional Director.* The motion died for lack of a second.

Denny Andrews moved to add a new paragraph to the “NBRSA Official Rulebook, Revised Edition #37 on pages 36-37 regarding the use of Registration Fees in Lieu of Trophies. The new paragraph will be inserted as paragraph #4 and will read as follows: *“4. Use of Registration Fees in Lieu of Trophies. Nothing in paragraph 3 above shall prevent the Host Club from paying out tournament registration fees to competitors*

in lieu of trophies.” The paragraph will be inserted between the current paragraphs 3. Match Entry Fees and 4. Pre-Registration. Lou Mordica seconded and the Board unanimously approved the motion. On pages 36-41 of the “NBRSA Official Rulebook, Revised Edition # 37”, under Section F. Tournament Procedure, will be numbered and written as follows:

1. *REGISTRATION. All competitors at every Registered Tournament.....*
2. *REGISTRATION FEES.*
 - (a) *CLUB FEES. Each competitor shall be charged (or have paid on)*
 - (b) *NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS REGISTRATION FEES are to be....*
 - (c) *NBRSA FEES. The Host Club shall pay the NBRSA, Inc. \$2.00 per*
 - (d) *MONEY SHOOT. Every Region shall be allowed to hold one or more.....*
3. *MATCH ENTRY FEES. At registered NBRSA, Inc. Tournaments, competitors will not be....*
4. ***USE OF REGISTRATION FEES IN LIEU OF TROPHIES. Nothing in paragraph 3 above shall prevent the Host Club from paying out tournament registration fees to competitors in lieu of trophies.***
5. *PRE-REGISTRATION. Pre-registration is required for all.....*
6. *SELECTION OF RELAY. Clubs conducting Registered.....*
7. *DRAWING FOR BENCHES. The Host Club (through its representative, having.....*
8. *INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT. A Referee before each relay of the first event.....*
9. *PROTESTS AND APPEALS. Any competitor in a Registered Tournament who feels aggrieved...*
10. *OFFICIAL SCORE BULLETINS. The Tournament Sponsor shall supply every registered.....*
11. *APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS..*
 - (a) *In all Registered Tournaments, there shall be.....*
 - (b) *Expect in National Championship Tournaments, the Host Club....*
 - (c) *In National Championship Tournaments, the President of NBRSA....*
 - (d) *No official, except the Referees, shall participate.....*

Denny Andrews withdrew his agenda item to amend [page 70 of the rulebook] paragraph 4, section (a) [regarding the 600-Yard Benchrest Competition Ranges WITHOUT Pits.] since this item had already been covered.

Denny Andrews asked for the Board’s input on the status of increasing NBRSA membership (NBRSA Membership Committee Report). No motion was made.

Denny Andrews moved to outsource NBRSA World Record Measurements to an agency completely independent of NBRSA. Scott Hunter stated that he wants his targets measured by only NBRSA Members. Butch Fjoser and Joe Krupa agreed with Hunter. The motion died for lack of a second.

Denny Andrews withdrew his agenda item regarding giving free NBRSA Rulebooks to every new and every renewing NBRSA Member and that each Regional Director should receive 20 Rulebooks to disperse as they see fit. It was explained that NBRSA already sends a Rulebook to every new member and the Directors are free to ask the Business Manager to send them Rulebooks any time they need them. It was further explained that Rulebooks were to have also been sent to every renewing NBRSA Member, beginning in January 2009. However, due to the rather large expense for the advance purchase of target paper, the cost for printing a large supply of targets, along with the printing costs for the NBRSA Rulebook, it was decided that this was not be feasible at that time.

Wilbur Harris, SE Director, withdrew his agenda item (regarding rearranging the format of the NBRSA Varmint, Sporter Nationals to shoot all 100-yard aggregates and then 200-yard aggregates to minimize both target frame and flag movement) since this had already been approved by the Board.

Lou Murdica, SW Director, withdrew his Agenda Item pertaining to the USA World Team Qualifying Matches because this idea had been suggested earlier in the Board Meeting by Wayne Campbell, NBRSA International Representative, and was scheduled to be further discussed by the Board later in this meeting.

Lou Murdica moved that spouses of NBRSA Life Members be allowed to purchase Life Associate Memberships by paying a one-time fee of \$100. Joe Krupa seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

This will be added to the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition No. 37, on page 88, under O. By-Laws, Article I – Members, Section 1. Members Authorized, (c) Associate Members. The paragraph will then read as follows:

(c) Associate Members are the children (under the age of 18 years) and spouses of Individual Members. Associate Members have no voting privileges or membership rights and do not receive the official Association publication. As of September 25, 2009, Life Associates are those individual spouses of Individual Life Members, who pay a one-time fee as set by the Board of Directors.

Dennis Thornbury, President, moved to present Wilbur Harris an NBRSA Life Membership as a way of showing NBRSA's appreciation for the work that he has done in helping Pat Ferrell with the purchase and setup of the new computer, monitor, and laser printer and also for all that he has done in setting up and running our NBRSA Website. He was also given an "NBRSA Appreciation Certificate". Joe Krupa seconded the motion. Those in favor were: Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Butch Fjoser, Bud Mundy, Denny Andrews, and Lou Murdica. David Halblom abstained; motion carried.

Dennis Thornbury moved to charge the 600-Yard Benchrest Nationals and the 1,000-Yard Benchrest Nationals a \$5.00 "Trophy Fee". This "Trophy Fee" is to be paid by each competitor (with the exclusion of the "Junior Shooters") and this fee is to help offset the cost for the National Trophies. This "Trophy Fee" is then to be forward to NBRSA Headquarters. This will be effective as of January 1, 2010. Lou Murdica seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

This will be added to the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised No. 37, on page 36, under F. Tournament Procedure, 2. Registration Fees, (b) National Championship Tournament Registration Fees. The last sentence of paragraph "(b)" will read as follows:

Varmint, Sporter, and Unlimited shooters will pay \$10.00 each; while Hunter, Long-Range Hunter, 600-Yard Benchrest (as of January 1, 2010) and 1,000-Yard Benchrest (as of January 1, 2010) will pay \$5.00 each.

Dennis Thornbury stated that he was concerned about the security and privacy of the NBRSA Membership data. He moved that ONLY NBRSA Affiliated Clubs holding the NBRSA Nationals should be allowed to have access to the NBRSA Membership Files and they are to sign a "Privacy Agreement" BEFORE the files are released to them. Joe Krupa seconded and the approval was unanimous.

This will be added to the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition No. 37, on page 115, under O. By-Laws, Article X – General, Section 3. Books and Records, (d) a list of record containing the names and addresses of all members. It will read as follows:

(d) a list of records containing the names and addresses of all members, the class or classes of membership or capital certificates, and the number of capital certificates (if any) held by each and the dates when they respectively became the holders of record thereof. As of September 19, 2009, ONLY

NBRSA Affiliated Clubs holding the NBRSA Nationals will be allowed to have access to the NBRSA Membership Files and they are to sign a “Privacy Agreement” BEFORE the files are released to them.

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. (**The 2010 Long-Range Varmint Nationals will be hosted by the Palomino Valley Gun Club of Reno, NV. The “proposed date” is listed as October 8 – 10, 2010. However, as of November 11, 2009, this date had not been “officially” approved by the county.**) Lou Murdica bid the Palomino Valley Gun Club of Reno, NV to host the 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals. **The 2011 Long-Range Varmint Nationals will be hosted by the Palomino Valley Gun Club of Reno, Nevada.** The date will be announced later.

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2010 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. David Halblom bid the Wenatchee Rifle & Pistol Club of Wenatchee, WA. **The 2010 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals will be hosted by the Wenatchee Rifle & Pistol Club of Wenatchee, WA on August 9 – August 13, 2010.**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals. David Halblom submitted a *tentative bid* for the Casper Bench Rest Shooters Association of Casper, WY for the third full week of August 2011. As of October 21, 2009, this was still **ONLY a “tentative” bid for Casper BR Shooters to host the 2011 Hunter and Long-Range Hunter Nationals during the 3rd full week of August 2011.**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2010 .22 Rimfire Nationals. He mentioned that there have been no bids for the .22 Rimfire Nationals since the Middle Georgia Gun Owners Association [Dublin, GA] bid for the 2003 Rimfire Nationals. David Halblom moved to **remove the .22 Rimfire Benchrest Competition from the “NBRSA Official Rulebook”**. Lou Murdica seconded; Wilbur Harris abstained. Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Butch Fjoser, Bud Mundy, David Halblom, Denny Andrews, and Lou Murdica voted in favor of removing the Rimfire listing from our rulebook.

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2010 1,000-Yard BR Nationals. Lou Murdica bid the **Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters Association of Sacramento, CA to host the 2010 1,000-Yard BR Nationals, which is scheduled to be held October 22 – 24, 2010.**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2010 600-Yard BR Nationals. Lou Murdica bid the Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters Association of Sacramento, CA to host the 2010 600-Yard BR Nationals, which is scheduled to be held April 23 – 25, 2010. **The Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters Association will host the 2010 600-yard BR Nationals on April 23 – 25, 2010.**

Dennis Thornbury asked for bids for the 2011 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals. (The **2010 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals** is to be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club of DeSota, KS and is scheduled to be held September 20 – 25, 2010.) Scott Hunter bid the Midland Shooters Association of Midland, Texas for the third full week of September 2011. Lou Murdica bid the Arizona BR Shooters of Phoenix, AZ for mid October 2011. Joe Krupa stated that the Eastern Region has no club willing to currently host the 2011 NBRSA Nationals. Midland Shooters Association received votes from Scott Hunter, Butch Fjoser, Bud Mundy, David Halblom and Wilbur Harris. Arizona BR Shooters received votes from Joe Krupa, Denny Andrews, and Lou Murdica. With a vote of 5 to 3, **the Midland Shooters Association of Midland, TX will host the 2011 Varmint, Sporter, & Unlimited Nationals** during the third full week of September 2011.

Dennis Thornbury asked the Board to **consider revising the boundaries of the current eight (8) US Regions so that there will be either 9 US Regions or 7 US Regions. This would help eliminate tie votes that necessitate the president having to break those ties.**

Dennis Thornbury called for a lunch break at 2:40 PM CDT.

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Dennis Thornbury called the Meeting to order at 3:57 PM CDT and the Meeting reconvened. He asked Scott Hunter to explain his version of the “Official Rules for Varmint for Score Rifle Competition”. Hunter began by saying that the Varmint for Score (VFS) would be set up as a new NBRSA sanctioned rifle competition. He then continued by reading the complete rules that were listed in his Agenda Item.

Dennis Thornbury then asked David Halblom to explain his version of “Official Rules for Score Shooting Competition”. He told the Board that the Hunter BR Shooters had approved combining the Varmint for Score (VFS) with the Hunter Rifle Competition. He then read and explained the proposed changes, deletions, and additions which would be made to the current section, “N. Hunter Rifle Competition” (pages 76-83), in the NBRSA Rulebook, Revised Edition No. 37.

After hearing both proposals, the Board held a discussion. Bud Mundy asked that the Board vote on simply the Varmint for Score and try it for two years before adopting the well thought-out agenda items that both men had submitted. Butch Fjoser stated that he felt that the NBRSA should give all their “score shooting” to the IBS and the IBS should give all their “group shooting” to the NBRSA. Joe Krupa said that he believes NBRSA does need a “feeder system” to help bring more new shooters into “group shooting”.

Scott Hunter moved to accept VFS as was listed in his Agenda Item (with VFS being set up as a new NBRSA sanctioned rifle competition) on a one-year trial basis and to be “looked at” each year. There will be no VFS Nationals and the VFS will not be included in the “NBRSA Official Rule Book” until if and when it is formally adopted as an official NBRSA sanctioned rifle competition. David Halblom seconded the motion. Joe Krupa, Scott Hunter, Bud Mundy, and Dave Halblom voted in favor. Butch Fjoser, Denny Andrews, Wilbur Harris, and Lou Murdica voted against. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President, broke the tie vote. **NBRSA will accept Varmint for Score (VFS) on a one-year trial basis beginning January 1, 2010. It is to be “looked at” by the Board each year. There will be no VFS Nationals and the VFS will not be included in the “NBRSA Official Rule Book” until if and when it is formally adopted as an official NBRSA sanctioned rifle competition.**

**The VFS rules submitted by Scott Hunter, GC Director, are printed below.**

***O. Official Rules for Varmint for Score Rifle Competition.***

***1. Purpose.***

***(a) To attract shooters not previously engaged in benchrest shooting.***

***(b) To better acquaint shooters with competitive sportsmanship.***

- 2. Varmint for Score Rifle (VFS). A Varmint for Score Rifle is any rifle having a safe manually and mechanically operated firing mechanism and must not weigh more than 13 1/2 pounds, inclusive of sights. The stock should have a flat or convex forearm not more than 3 inches wide and having***

*a toe formed by an acute angle that conforms to the Varmint Rifle diagram shown in the back of this rule book.*

*The barrel would not be less than 18" long forward of the bolt face and a diameter of not more than 1.250 inches from the bolt face forward 5 inches. From said 5-inch point, the diameter would not be greater than would be defined by a straight taper between such point and a muzzle diameter of .900 at 29 inches.*

3. *Classifications. There shall be but 1 class in Varmint for Score Rifle competition. Member Clubs may award trophies for factory rifles or light Varmint for Score rifles. The intent herein is to encourage the new shooter to participate in Registered Benchrest Competition within the rules set forth herein.*
4. *Course of Fire.*
  - (a) *Targets (100, 200, & 300 yards) for Varmint For Score Class to be NBRSA approved.*
  - (b) *The course of fire shall be 5 record matches at each range aggregate of 100, 200, and 300 yards. The total of the 2 or 3 range aggregates will determine the Grand Aggregate winner. A "warm-up" match is optional at the discretion of the participating Club.*
  - (c) *Matches to be fired separately with 30 minutes elapsing from the end of relay to start of same relay in next match. 7 minutes allowed to fire 5 shots.*
  - (d) *Penalties: When an identifiable crossfire occurs on another competitor's target, the low value or identifiable shot shall be transferred to the offender's target and a penalty of one (1) point deducted. Should the same competitor crossfire again during the course of fire at this yardage, then he/she will receive no points for that crossfire. A competitor who crossfires must not fire on his/her own record bull. To do so may result in disqualification if it is determined that this was an attempt to conceal a crossfire. On all unfired upon or open record bulls, other than the first crossfire, the competitor shall receive no points. If there is more than 1 shot on the record bull, then only the lowest shot on the bull will count.*
  - (e) *Rifles shall be fired from benches (single loads only) on non-conforming pliable sandbags, both front and rear. Adjustable pedestals with sandbags under forearm are permitted. Blocks, boxes, or such to raise sandbags to get proper elevation are permitted. No machine or other rest that can return rifle to battery or which retard recoil will be allowed.*
  - (f) *Course of fire for Regional Tournaments to be the same as National Match Course of Fire.*

*(g) There shall be no penalty for the first shot of each match when it hits outside the sighter bull, if it is reported to the Range Officer before firing another shot. Any shot outside of and not touching the box of the sighter bull after the first shot on the target will be counted as the score of the nearest bull. However, a shot in the area to the right of the sighter box that touches or is below an extension of the top horizontal sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot. A shot in the area below the sighter box that touches or is right of an extension of the left vertical sighter box line will be considered a sighter shot.*

**5. Rules for Procedure.**

- (a) More than 1 rifle may be fired but no re-entry by the competitor is permitted. One rifle may be fired at 1 distance and a different rifle for the other distance. The competitor cannot enter the match twice with either the same or 2 different rifles, this constituting a re-entry.*
- (b) In case of malfunction of his/her original rifle, a replacement rifle may be used. However, the competitor must, within the time allotted, complete the match.*
- (c) Range Master is in charge of shoot and, with the Referees, will rule on all matters of the shoot. Their decision is final. They have authority to disqualify a shooter for cause, or if his/her rifle or equipment is not within the rules.*
- (d) Any change in the program must be posted in advance of the relay.*
- (e) At the end of the match, the aggregate score sheet will be posted. The time of the posting will be noted on the score sheet and 15 minutes will be allowed from that time for protests.*
- (f) Safety rules of NBRSA and the NRA and the Host Club will apply.*
- (g) All Hunter Class Targets are to be scored with the official NBRSA Hunter Class Scoring Device.*

**6. Records.**

- (a) The NBRSA shall maintain records for the 100 yard aggregate, 200 yard aggregate, 300 yard aggregate and grand aggregates.*
- (b) The same procedures set forth for the submission of records shall be followed.*
- (c) All competitors at every registered tournament shall be required to be a member of NBRSA.*

**7. National Match.**

- (a) The National 100-200 Yard VFS Course of Fire shall consist of a “warm-*

*up” match and 5 record matches at 100 yards and 200 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. The National 200-300 Yard VFS Long-Range Course of Fire shall consist of a “warm-up” match and 5 record matches at 200 yards and 300 yards, with a grand aggregate winner. These are 2 separate Nationals and may be hosted by the same of different Clubs.*

*(b) Bench rotation shall be used.*

*(c) Stationary backers must be used, at a minimum distance of 3 feet at 100 yards and 6 feet at 200 yards, and Host Clubs are urged to remove and identify the backers after each relay.*

*(d) Member Clubs must submit a bid for a Varmint For Score Nationals 2 years in advance at the annual meeting of the Directors. Said bid shall include the date proposed for holding these VFS Nationals, which must be approved by the Directors. NBRSA Nationals will always be held within the United States.*

*(e) All rules and procedures set forth for Nationals shall be followed.*

*(f) National Trophies (VFS). The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places: 3 Places in Each Aggregate; 5 Places in Grand Aggregates; and for the Most X's At Each Yardage.*

*(g) “Trophy Fees”. Every competitor (with the exclusion of the Junior Shooter) at an NBRSA Varmint For Score Nationals will pay a \$5.00 “Trophy Fee”. This one fee shall cover all four yardages of the Varmint For Score Nationals. [See: F.2. (b)]*

**8. Ties.**

*(a) In case of range aggregate scores a tie will be broken by reverting to the first record match of that aggregate and progressing from the first record bull until a miss and out situation eliminates 1 of the shooters. In case of the grand aggregate, a tie will be broken by reverting to the first record match at 100 yards progressing as above.*

*(b) For match winners, ties will be broken by reverting to the first record bull of that match and progressing to each succeeding bull until a miss and out eliminates 1 of the shooters. Then use the total aggregate score for tie breaker to determine match winners who have identical scores.*

*(c) Miss and Out means any miss, i.e. 10X is better than 10, etc.*

**9. Any Rules not in direct conflict to the above stated VFS Rules shall be in full force and effect.**

Dennis Thornbury then asked the Board to discuss and approve/amend the proposal submitted by Wayne Campbell regarding the US World Team "Point Matches". Butch Fjoser moved to accept the "Best 3 of 5", with the US World Team "Point Matches" as proposed by Campbell. Joe Krupa seconded and the Board unanimously accepted Campbell's "US World Team Point Matches" proposal.

**The US World Team "Point Matches" will be as follows:**

***Cactus – 75 points maximum per grand agg in Light Varmint & Heavy Varmint;***

***Varmint Nationals – total points for all competitors;***

***Hog Roast – 75 points maximum per grand agg in Light Varmint & Heavy Varmint;***

***East-West - 75 points maximum per grand agg in Light Varmint & Heavy Varmint; and***

***Raton Rattlesnake - 75 points maximum per grand agg in Light Varmint & Heavy Varmint.***

Dennis Thornbury recessed the Board Meeting at 5:27 PM CDT on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The Board Meeting is scheduled to reconvene following the General Membership Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2009, at the Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis, located near Wright City, MO.

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**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Board Meeting Minutes – Part II
Friday, September 25, 2009**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS reconvened and was called to order by Dennis Thornbury, NBRSA President, at 4:50 PM CDT in the Target Room of the Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis Club House. In attendance were:

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

A "Target Protest" from competitor Kip Jones was submitted to the Board for a ruling. At first glance, there appeared to be only 4 shots on the backer, but after closer examination, the Board ruled that there were definitely 5 shots on the backer. The \$5.00 "Protest Fee" was to be returned to Kip Jones.

The subject of backer systems was discussed. Scott Hunter said that Jerry Stiller has designed a backer system with very little stoppage on it. Halblom then stated that he also has a design for the backer system.

Dennis Thornbury pointed out that Don Creach had bid Mill Creek Rifle Club for the 2010 Varmint Nationals at the 2009 Board Meeting and at that time, he had bid on the presumption of using the previous “old” National Format. He then noted that Creach had recently stated his preference as being able to use the “old format”. Thornbury agreed to speak with Don Creach to see if he will agree to use the “new format”. Butch Fjoser moved for Thornbury to speak with Creach, asking him to use the “new format” during the 2010 Varmint Nationals. Joe Krupa seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. If there is a conflict, Thornbury will contact the Board for a decision. On October 6, 2009, Dennis Thornbury notified the NBRSA Business Manager that Don Creach had agreed to use the “new national format” for the 2010 Varmint Nationals, which will be hosted by the Mill Creek Rifle Club.

Joe Krupa moved to adjourn; David Halblom seconded the motion. Motion was adjourned at 5:15 PM, Friday, September 25, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Mrs. Pat A Ferrell, NBRSA Business Manager