

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
BEN AVERY SHOOTING FACILITY, PHOENIX, AZ**

The meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President, Terry Meyer at 8:50 AM MST on Saturday, October 5, 2019. In attendance were:

**Terry Meyer, President
Dave Woodward, Vice President & Southwest Regional Director
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Jack Neary, Eastern Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Steve Lee, Southeast Regional Director
Dan Zaccanti, North West Regional Director
Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Wayne Campbell, U. S. Team Representative
Dave Brooks, North Central Regional Director -Elect
Gary Ocock**

Mr. Meyer presented the minutes from the telephone conference meeting from the August 6, 2019. **Mr. Mundy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Mundy to give a report from the Target Committee. Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated that we are testing the new paper at this match. It's white, but it's the best paper that has been found in 5 years and we are looking for comments. Mr. Neary took the floor and stated he realized the Mr. Mundy and his team has looked at a lot of paper and put a lot of time in searching for good paper. He brought test samples of IBS paper both in tune and out of tune. Mr. Neary said before we jump to the white paper he believes that the Orville paper is much better. Mr. Mundy says they have tried the IBS paper in other parts of the country and it does not work.

Mr. Meyer took the floor and stated he went to Orville and was offered many types of paper and all of the paper was junk. He stated that the paper we want is not made anymore. He informed Mr. Neary that the IBS does not get all their paper from Orville. Mr. Harris took the floor and said he had approached Orville printing about doing targets for Bullet Central in a large quantity and they say they could do a large job. Mr. Meyer told Mr. Harris that he went to the plant and it is not the same paper that use to be used. Mr. Mundy suggested we table the rest of target paper discussions and revisit on Wednesday. Mr. Zaccanti asked for the cost for the Score targets if we switch to this paper more or less cost. Mr. Meyer stated it would not be a decrease.

Mr. Meyer turned the meeting over to Wayne Campbell, International Representative for the U.S. World Team Report. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of the financials to all directors from the World Championship held in Calgary, Canada in July 2019. He stated that they were pretty successful but it was a sad trip to Canada due to the medical emergency of team member Tony (Faye) Boyer. He informed the Board that Team C brought the gold team, Team A brought home the silver and Team A member Joel Nader won the individual 2-gun. He continued with his recommendations for the qualifying matches for next year, the Cactus in Phoenix, Rattlesnake at Raton, Hogroast at Fairchance, East West in St. Louis, Shamrock in Dublin and the Nationals in St. Louis.

He said the system is as fair as you can make it. Mr. Neary asked Mr. Lee to work with Mr. Woodward and not have back to back weekends with the Cactus and the Shamrock like last year. Mr. Woodward stated that Ben Avery has earmarked the Cactus for the dates of March 14-15. Mr. Lee stated that this causes problems with him being able to get a date for his Roanoke match. Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Campbell if Fairchance was able to host and Mr. Campbell stated yes. Mr. Meyer questioned their backer system. Mr. Campbell stated that the backers do work. Mr. Campbell stated that other than Raton the other ranges do not have a problem maintaining the number of shooters. Mr. Harris took the floor and asked if there is a problem with changing it from 70 to 50 points.

Mr. Campbell explained the issues of doing this and he stated they need to go to their matches. Mr. Campbell says it is not fair to lower it for Raton, example of 50 and all the other ranges have more, for example Cactus where you have to beat 125, then if you go to Raton you only have to beat 50. He stated it is a

nominal number that fits across the board. He reminded them that they added St. Louis as a backup option so the west coast did not have to travel east if Raton doesn't have 70. Mr. Harris asked what the number of shooters for Raton in 2018 and 2019. Mr. Campbell stated he believed it was around 60. Mr. Harris says you do want the best of the best for the World Team. We need to promote "ourself" sport wise. Mr. Neary thanked Mr. Campbell for his service.

Mr. Meyer turned the floor over to Mr. Gary Ocock, who was invited by the Board to speak on his ideas on ways to grow the membership of the NBRSA. Mr Ocock stated that over the last few weeks he made an outline of ideas that might increase attendance at the Nationals. He said that he has been shooting since 1972 and feels he is a fairly good shooter. He sees that there are several tier of shooters. Some are competitors, some come to socialize and buy new tools. He believes you should get out of benchrest what you want. He stated that he use to be a tier 1 shooter, meaning very competitive. In the last 15 years his motivation has changed and he now shoots for fun. He made the statement that shooting is only important to you. It's for your own motivation. What turns a match into a well attended match is the tier 2 shooters. Shooters seem to be less motivated to go to shoots. He would like to see the organization and the shooters try to bring out the tier 2 shooters. It makes it more fun and all except the points shoots they come to Mr. Ocock and they say they don't like this and that. Complaints are okay but you have to an alternative. We need to bring in the shooters at matches. He stated he is disappointed at the number of shooters from Northwest and Southwest and if they are not here they aren't going to other Nationals. Let's ask the question "what reason are they not here?"

Mr. Ocock continued that Mr. Neary and himself have discussed the competitive nature of the sport, based on what you get out of the match, to win or have fun. Some excuses given for not attending are money and time away from your job. Others are time away from family. Surprisingly enough the reason is not a money issue even if they have money. We have to give the shooters something in return. Of the 90 or ever how many are competing how many are really competing for the two, three & four gun? Mr. Harris says 20. Mr. Ocock says lets even say 45. He feels that some won't invest the money, food, travel and entry fees to end up to be a top 3 at best. He said when he was running the matches here in Phoenix, in an effort to try to entice California shooters he would waive the entry fee and several good shooters, Mr. Miller,

Mr. Bruno and himself offered help to anyone who wanted it. Let's look at the tier 2 shooter and what are they looking for and work around the things to motivate them. Again, the last 10-15 years, part of the year he's motivated to shoot and help the organization. The rest of year he does nothing to help benchrest. At his age he's not been motivated to help the organization grow. He encourages the shooters and BOD to look at how you can bring the tier 2 shooters back to the matches. When he was in IBS they went to the ranges and went to the clubs around and talked to the members. Ben Avery range closes down for a weekend and brings in the user groups and vendors with activity for kids with as many as 10,000 people on the range. Benchrest participated in this at one time and would charge \$5 plus give them a private coach and as many as 100 people a day would shoot their guns. How many new shooters did it generate - zero.

New people look at the top of the line equipment and new guys are intimidated. Maybe we can look into something such as classes with simplified equipment. We are not exposing our shooting. We need to expose this sport to the guys that can build their own guns. A couple of his ideas he likes is the idea of holding classes for tier 2 shooters at the Nationals to promote them to come to nationals. He said he would be willing. He knows others like Jack Neary and Wayne Campbell would be willing. Mr. Neary says the only problem is that he has tried this and they won't come to the classes. People buy guns then will not shoot/compete. Mr. Neary says he too hears money is the reason but he asks "what is the real reason as to why they don't go"? People find benchrest, benchrest does not find people. New shooters see the small aggregates plus that expensive equipment. Printed magazines are dying. Internet has taking over. Mr. Ocock says he visits other website that tries to build people up when we write negativity about benchrest and shooters like what has been on Benchrest Central.

Another of his suggestions, Tier 2 vs. tier 1 - why not have a give away, lets say give a gun, things to qualify, get some vendors to volunteer the parts and have a gunsmith build it. Bump out the top half, aiming at the low tier guys. It creates an atmosphere and talk among the lower tiers. The negativity is hurting us. Why do we have 4 guns? Addressing the cost of the guns, reduce it to 3 guns, and to 4 days. Again we are trying to get the tier 2 shooters. Change the format - (we ask them to move benches on a hot day) where you don't have to move benches. Of course if you have a points match the attendance always goes up, but as far as the HOF points you give them out

differently. Give the 4 extra points to the qualifying matches if you reduce the number of guns. Mr. Neary says if you do that you require them to attend extra matches to get the points. He challenged that comment that the guys trying to get the points are going to those matches anyway. Mr. Meyer commented we have no control over the HOF points or how they are given out. Mr. Ocock continued that he hoped the organization would look at how to get the guy to go to one more shoot. We need to build up positive vibes of the sport. We need to build up relationships and we are not going at it like we did 25 years.

Mr. Meyer turned the meeting over to Mr. Creach, Chairman of the Group Target Committee to give the World Records (Group) Report. Mr. Creach reported that the group committee has processed nine sets of potential targets since the last report to the Board. Of the nine records submitted eight are closed. One is still in process from the Southwest region. We have only recorded two new records in this period of time - Unlimited 100 yard and Unlimited Grand Aggregate.

Mr. Meyer turned the meeting over to Mr. Zaccanti, Northwest Director. He filled in for Mr. Rich Carpenter, the Score Record Committee Chairman. He reported that during the last year they have had three new world records set in Score shooting. As of this date we have another set of targets out for scoring by the committee members. They are for possible VFS 100/200/300 yd Grd. Agg. Mr. Zaccanti stated that targets submitted are not being measured accurately. He is working on a new measurement system for a "wipe out" to be submitted later. Mr. Harris asked if there is an actual document on measuring. Mr. Creach commented that he is working on one.

Mr. Zaccanti also filled in for Mr. Bill Johnston, the Long Range World Records Chairman. The only thing he had to report was just some rule changes that are submitted under his Agenda items.

Mr. Meyer called on the Business Manager for her report. Ms. Campbell reviewed the company overview for Income and Expenses since the NBRSA does not have a Financial Officer at this time. Ms. Campbell has had the assistance of Mr. Chris Harris who is an Accountant. She continued to review the Statistical data of the membership trends and discussed that we had 65 new members as of date. She reviewed the match payment status and commented that overall it was excellent nationwide.

She continued to review the “Screamer patch” program and reported that over 40 had been issued this year. She reminded the Board that each shooter is only allowed 2 per year, and that she had a request from a shooter wanting to buy extra ones. Mr. Harris suggested we sell the patches. **Mr. Harris made a motion to sell extra patches for \$10.00 to qualified shooters and to authorize them to buy as many patches as they wanted. Mr. Neary seconded it.** Mr. Meyer called for discussion. Mr. Woodward took the floor and stated that this goes against the motivation to the members. We are giving them 2 patches he stated. Mr. Lee took the floor and agrees with Mr. Woodward that they should not have to pay for them. It’s patches. Mr. Creach took the floor and asked: “how many you see wearing these patches?” Mr. Zaccanti asked how many get more than the allowed two? Ms. Campbell said quite a few.

Ms. Campbell also stated that she had a competitor asking us to consider changing from the cloth screamer patch to a sticker that could be put on the target with a place to put the size and date. Mr. Harris stated from Mr. Creachs point then maybe we should change the patch to a sticker. That way they could display their patches on their shooter boxes. **Mr. Harris withdrew his previous motion.** Mr. Meyer stated that one of his former clubs use to give the stickers away. Mr. Neary took the floor and suggested maybe doing both, a patch and a sticker. Mr. Zaccanti says that they have a sticker that they use for Score where they can write on it. He continued stating “of course there are certain limits to earn one”. **Mr. Harris made a motion that we change the system to quality screamer stickers, that there are no limits on how many shooters can earn and match directors will hand them out at the matches and they all are free. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.** Mr. Neary agreed that the match directors should handle these. Mr. Meyer called for a vote. Mr. Harris, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Lee voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Creach, Mr. Neary, and Mr. Woodward opposed. **Motion passed.**

Ms. Campbell continued covering the target inventory and mentioned that Long Range will be needing paper soon and that Mr. Meyer has given Mr. Hunstiger permission to look for new paper at this time.

Ms. Campbell brought to the attention of the Board that we need both a Financial Officer and a CPA. Our current CPA, Mr. Matt Harris is apparently

not interested in continuing a relationship with us. Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Chris Harris to be our Accountant. **Mr. Mundy made a motion that he appoint Mr. Chris Harris as our Accountant. Mr. Creach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Chris Harris to also serve as our Financial Officer. **Mr. Creach made a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Harris as our Financial Officer. Mr. Zaccanti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary asked to go back to screamer patch discussion. **Mr. Neary made a motion that we keep the patch. Mr. Woodward seconded it.** Mr. Zaccanti suggested we keep the patch for the first two requests then switch to stickers. Mr. Mundy took the floor and asked why are we discussing something we have done. Mr. Woodward spoke saying we are proposing something new. **Mr. Neary withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Meyer took the floor on behalf of the Lee Hachigian, Editor of Precision Rifleman magazine. He stated the Mr. Hachigian had notified him that he will stay in the Editor position without pay and no need to send him to the shot show. He would like to be reimbursed for his expenses. **Mr. Creach makes the motion to accept Mr. Hachigians offer under these conditions. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Next on the agenda Mr. Meyer called for the Old business. First item was practice targets. This matter was tabled until better paper and price could be found by former President Gene Bukys. Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated he has sold around 4000 of his personal practice targets this year. He continued that he just does not think that any members will buy them from the NBRSA. Mr. Meyer agreed. **Mr. Creach made a motion that we do away with the practice targets. Mr. Mundy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Second matter under Old business was the clay pigeon discipline. Mr. Bryant took the floor and stated that the first match for this was being held this weekend at Walker County range. Mr. Meyer stated up until this, no ranges had shown any interest in hosting matches. **Mr. Creach made a motion that we extend the trial period for another year. Mr. Mundy seconded the motion.** Mr. Meyer called for a vote. Mr. Harris, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Mundy, Mr.

Bryant, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach and Mr. Woodward voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Neary, opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Meyer stated that we would move on to the Agenda items. He stated that agenda items have a cutoff date for a reason. This year he would allow two additional items late but next year none would be accepted past the cutoff date. Mr. Neary agreed because he sends all agenda items to his region for their vote, and when they are submitted at the board meeting his region does not get a say so in the matters. Mr. Creach took the floor and stated it is hard to meet the deadlines because in some cases he hasn't had the meeting with his region. Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Neary to review his agenda items.

Eastern Region Agenda items:

1) Reduce current **NBRSA Group Nationals** Unlimited class course-of-fire from 8 matches to 5 matches. The reduction from 8 to 5 matches would encourage greater shooter participation in the Unlimited class. Submitted by George Kelbly

Mr. Neary took the floor and stated that personally we all are getting older and that there is no downside to this. Maybe it will bring more shooters if we change it to 5 course matches. Mr. Lee took the floor and stated originally he was against this but says he is reconsidering his thoughts on this. **Motion was made by Mr. Neary that we reduce current NBRSA Group Nationals Unlimited class course-of-fire from 8 matches to 5 matches. Mr. Creach seconded.** Mr. Neary, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach and Mr. Woodward voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Zaccanti abstained. **Motion passed.** Mr. Neary reminded everyone that this is for the Nationals only.

2) Revise current NBRSA registered match agreement to include mandate for all NBRSA Match Director's to either e-mail or mail copies of the complete Group match results to all shooters who participated in the registered match. Submitted by Bob White

Mr. Neary says this was submitted by Mr. White. Mr. Neary says he has seen ranges emailing results but people still are wanting to get paper copies. Mr. Lee asked if it is a requirement already to mail paper copies or if email is okay.

Mr. Mundy took the floor and says this is not a BOD decision, it's a match directors decision. Mr. Creach commented that this is a waste of time. **Died for a lack of a motion.**

3) I am submitting this Agenda Item to address the nomination of the Officers of the Association listed in Article V, Officers Section 1 and 2 Edition #39 (1/20/2019).

Change Section 2 to read:

"Those Officers whose titles are specifically mentioned in Section 1 of this Article V

shall be both nominated and elected by the Board of Directors - etc"

Nowhere in the Rule Book is this addressed. This change will correct this omission.

- Submitted by Stan Buchtel

Mr. Neary stated that Mr. Buchtel is asking it to be clarified on this. Mr. Woodward says two years ago it come up about who can nominate someone for President. Currently the BOD nominates and elects the President, and Vice President. Mr. Neary says there was some push back from a former director who could not nominate someone for the position of President. **Mr. Woodward made a motion to approve the motion as stated: to address the nomination of the Officers of the Association listed in Article V, Officers Section 1 and 2 Edition #39 (1/20/2019).**

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shall be both nominated and elected by the Board of Directors - etc".

Mr. Neary seconded the motion. Mr. Neary, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Lee voted for the motion. Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Mundy, Mr, Creach opposed. Mr. Harris abstained. **Motion passed 4 to 3.**

4) Increase the current 30 minute time break between relays in NBRSA registered Group matches to 35 minutes for matches with 2 or less relays. The growing trend of competitors weighing individual powder charges and shooters loading in RV/Campers parked at a distance from the firing line require this current rule to be revised and updated. Submitted by Jack Neary

Mr. Neary stated that shooters are looking for more time. With more shooters loading in campers and using electronic equipment to load, more time is needed so they don't have to rush. Mr. Creach took the floor and says he does not want to lengthen anything. He believes the 30 minutes is plenty of time to get loaded. If you give them more time they will just take more time. Mr. Neary disagreed. Mr. Mundy took the floor and says St. Louis always keys theirs by the slowest shooter. Mr. Neary says places like Fairchance where the shooters have a long way to walk to the campers is rushing them too much. **Mr. Neary made a motion to increase the current 30 minute time break between relays in NBRSA registered Group matches to 35 minutes for matches with 2 or less relays. Mr. Lee seconded the motion.** Mr. Neary, Mr. Lee and Mr. Harris voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Creach, Mr. Mundy and Mr. Bryant voted against. **Motion failed.**

5) Under Tournament Rules (#4) #4.3

“Correct Relay: The competitor must fire his group on the correct relay, from the correct bench, and at the correct target” ~ Need to add language clarification as to what is the penalty for violating this rule.
Submitted by Jack Neary

Mr. Neary stated that nowhere in the rulebook is this address. Mr. Meyer stated that disqualification would be result. Mr. Mundy says if the guy is on wrong target, his score is a penalty. It's done and over with. Mr. Neary thinks we should have to have language in there.
Died for a lack of motion.

Mr. Lee requested a 5 minute break.

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Bryant to review his agenda items.

Gulf Coast Region Agenda items: Mr. Bryant took the floor. He stated that they had the second part of the Gulf Coast region annual meeting at the Buffalo Shoot at Midland. We were discussing the dropping attendance at the Nationals. The way that it's set up now is fine and dandy for retired people who can take off for a week or two and shoot the whole thing. However, for

the young guy who is still working and can't afford to take off for the week of the Nationals and shoot the whole week, it's not working man friendly nor is it elderly friendly. Below are the proposals we came up with to make it working man friendly and at cheaper cost for those who just want to shoot the varmint classes or even just the HV like they used to do years ago.

First agenda item:

Is to make attending the NBRSA Nationals more convenient for the individual who isn't retired yet and only has so much vacation time to attend events like the Nationals and also to enable those who are getting older (which is all of us eventually) to be able to keep on shooting the Nationals longer and to also make it where it is less costly for those who only want to shoot the varmint classes.

Proposals as follows:

- 1) Move the UL back to Monday and Tuesday to where the people who are just shooting the varmint classes don't have to be there when the UL class is being shot. That would save the cost of an extra day motel room for those who want to just shoot the varmint classes and if they wanted to shoot a little while the UL 200 was going on it would let them be able to do that without having a Monday night motel cost. This motion was made by John Horn, seconded by Mike Conry. Passed unanimously. (30 shooters) at their meeting.

Mr. Neary commented I'm all about increasing attendance at the Nationals but the problem with this causes the moving of flags and backers each day. How many are not coming? When will these people show up? When are they going to want to practice if they are not shooting on Monday and Tuesday? Mr. Creach says he has supported this change in the course of fire. We make too many rules for the elite who don't want to change flags. Mr. Neary continued saying I know what it takes, I have been a flag sponsor for 20 years. Mr. Creach commented he has been a flag sponsor in the past too. Mr. Lee agreed with Mr. Neary. He had spoken with Mr. Larry Costa who has a flag rotation and if he has to change flags each day he is out, and will not sponsor a rotation. Mr. Mundy stated that it is a pain not only for the flag setters, but for the target crews to move the backers and target holders. Mr. Harris asked if it would it make any difference if you changed the format. Mr. Woodward took the floor with concerns that it appears we are "piece meal" changes. We

need four or five guys to come up with a new format. Age effects this too. Lots are people not happy. **Motion by Mr. Bryant to move the UL back to Monday and Tuesday to where the people who are just shooting the varmint classes don't have to be there when the UL class is being shot. Mr. Creach seconded the motion.** Mr. Meyer explained the current order. Mr. Mundy commented that the vote could go either way. If we did bring back 3 shooters it is worth it. Mr. Meyer says he believes we will still lose shooters. He is not waiting to come to the Nationals on Wednesday if he is not shooting on Monday or Tuesday plus he wouldn't be able to practice. Mr. Creach stated we could go to 3 guns. Mr. Neary says shooting 10 unlimited in a day. No way. Mr. Harris suggested reducing the time on the unlimited from 10 to 7 minutes. Mr. Creach says 85-90 percent are done before the last 2 minutes. Mr. Meyer called for a vote. Mr. Bryant and Mr. Creach voted in favor. Mr., Neary, Mr. Lee, Mr. Harris, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Woodward, and Mr. Mundy voted against. **Motion failed.**

- 2) Change the UL 100 and 200 from eight matches to five matches at each yardage. At every local or regional match that we shoot during the year where we shoot the UL class for 10 shot groups, we shoot 5 groups at 100 and five groups at 200. The Nationals should reflect the way the UL class is shot around the country during the year. The 8 group format was a compromise from when the UL Nationals was hosted by itself and they shot 10 groups at 100 and 10 groups at 200. Very few of us shooting now, were even shooting back at that time. It makes sense to shoot the same format for the Nationals that it does for any match we shoot in the region. This will also make it where you aren't worn out from shooting two days of UL back to back as in the 8 group format. No need to retire any records as we already have both 8 group records and 5 group records and aggs for the UL lass. This motion was made by Mike Conry, seconded by Kelly Mormon. Passed unanimously at their match.

Agenda item 2.

- 1) Rotate benches at the end of a yardage or aggregate instead of having full rotation. This will do away with the need to have people furnish 5 sets of flags for a flag rotation and allow the 3 or 4 people shooting on the same bench to put up one set of flags for their bench. It will also

make it easier for the target crew as the same competitor number will be on the same frame number for the yardage. It should help with cross fires as well. Plus there is a lot less work taking your front rest and bag off the bench than having to move it ten benches down the line after every match. We are losing older shooters all the time at the Nationals because they just physically can't handle the full rotation of changing benches after every match. Motion was made by Kelly Mormon, seconded by Scott Haywood. Passed unanimously at their match.

- 2) To go along with the above, on the ranges that have berms on each side of the range and have over 50 benches, only use the center number of benches that the range needs to allow for the 3 or 4 relays of shooters for the range to accommodate the number of shooters participating in the match. This will negate any perceived advantage or disadvantage from being on the first set of benches or the last set of benches next to a berm. We do this all the time at Midland at our regional matches using the middle set of 20 or 30 benches and are able to stay on the same bench all weekend. No advantage or disadvantage being on one bench or another. Motion was by Kevin Black, seconded by Larry Baggett. Motion passed unanimously at their match.

Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and asked if eliminating 5 benches on each end, a total of 10 benches would affect the conditions.

Mr. Bryant made a motion: Use the center set of benches to accommodate and have full rotation and change benches at the end of the day.

Mr. Neary questioned whose flags will you use. Mr. Lee commented you will end up with a number of different sets of flags. Mr. Bryant stated you will have to team up on the flags. Mr. Bryant clarified his motion. Mr. Lee is on board now. Mr. Neary stated that if this does get approved, it will cause problems. Mr. Meyer says we have to have flag captains. Mr. Harris asked is it going to be same that we will rotate every day and not every match? Mr. Bryant says we will have to reset flags everyday. Mr. Harris discussed this further. Motion is too muddled.

Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Bryant. This will be tabled and a committee to be set up.

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Creach to review his items. He stated he didn't have anything except he did have one item he wanted to discuss.

Mid-Continent Region Agenda items:

Mr. Creach took the floor and stated he wanted to talk about the magazine. He believes we need to do away with the printing of the magazine, that we need to use the computer. Mr. Neary took the floor and said he's had discussions with the President of the IBS, Mr. Jeff Stover and Mr. Stover says it was a big mistake in them getting rid of their magazine. Mr. Meyer asked if he had ideas. Mr. Zaccanti says if you put it just on the internet ninety percent are going to be mad. Mr. Harris also reminded them that the advertisers would drop.

Mr. Meyer moved on to Mr. Mundy. He asked him to review his regions items.

Mississippi Valley Region Agenda items:

Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated that he had none but questioned when are we going to stop discussing items like Mr. Harris' first agenda item. We have discussed this several times previously. Mr. Meyer informed Mr. Mundy that we don't have any limit on how many times or how often something can be brought up.

Mr. Harris commented that we are not growing and as directors we should not be scared to revisit items previously brought up.

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Harris to review his agenda items.

North Central Agenda items:

Mr. Harris took the floor. His first agenda item:

Alternate directors:

With a view to bringing more resource, ideas and opinion to the matters discussed in our board meetings, we feel it will be beneficial to take advantage

of our elected alternate directors by allowing them to be present in all board meetings and being able to contribute during the meetings.

Proposal: Alternate directors be allowed to contribute during board meetings but not be allowed to vote on any matters, this duty left to directors only.

Proposed: Chris Harris

Mr. Harris continued that we are trying to attract new members. Lots of members feel there is a click in the Board. Why would we not want the alternate directors to contribute and have more input with more brain power? The reason that a meeting will take too long is not a valid reason for excluding them. I'm not saying an alternative director should vote. We need additionally brain power. Mr. Ocock is here today and we need to be bringing more leaders like Mr. Ocock and Mr. Wayne Campbell. This room needs to be more open. In the past, Mr. Bukys, past President was very much against this.

This was Mr. Neary's exact agenda item last year, why can't we include them? If you manage the meeting control it should not be a problem. I think you need to bring in the alternates. Mr. Meyer reminded Mr. Harris the sole purpose of an alternate director is to stand in for the director if he can't be at the meeting. Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated we are suppose to use the chain of command, only the director. We can't agree right now what if we have another eight people talking it will be a disaster. Mr. Harris stated the system is not working so great, I am suggesting we make a change. Mr. Neary says better communication is not a bad thing. Mr. Woodward agrees but communication has to be channeled. People do not communicate with their own regions. Mr. Woodward says he sends out emails to get peoples insight. Mr. Neary took the floor and says you should get the input from your members.

Motion was made by Mr. Harris that alternative directors are allowed to attend the Board meetings and be allowed to speak, but not vote. Mr. Neary seconded it. Mr. Harris, Mr. Neary and Mr. Lee voted for the motion. Mr. Creach, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Zaccanti voted against. Mr. Woodward abstained. **Motion failed.**

Mr. Harris asked North Central Regional Director elect, Mr. Dave Brooks to present the next agenda item. Mr. Brooks took the floor and presented the following:

Shooter of the year:

In the interest of encouraging participation at the national championships, it is suggested that the regional shooters of year compete at the Nationals for a new trophy that is awarded to the shooter of the year with the lowest combined score of HV and LV. This shooter will be deemed to be the shooter of the year.

Proposal: Shooters of the year for both score and group disciplines will compete at the National Championships for the Shooter of the Year trophy. The winner will be the shooter with the lowest 2 Gun aggregate made up of the HV and LV grands.

Proposed: Dave Brooks

Mr. Brooks explained how the program would work with hopes of drawing more shooters to the local and national matches. Like all matches, the Score Nationals only had fifty shooters this year. He stated the Gulf Coast, Southeast and Eastern Region already have shooter of the year programs. Under this program, each region would send their top five winners of the regions to the Nationals NBRSA would also benefit financially. Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Brooks to stop his presentation until after lunch.

Recessed for lunch 12:45 pm

Re-convened at 1:12 pm

Mr. Brooks asked for questions. Mr. Mundy asked who would pay for the trophies. Mr. Brooks is prepared to pay for them the first year for the Nationals. He proposes to use the two gun and three gun. Mr. Woodward asked who would be eligible to compete. Mr. Brooks stated it would be open to all competitors. Mr. Zaccanti commented that he liked the format. He stated he has some in all three disciplines that travel. Mr. Brooks continued it would be some expenses to it. He encouraged the Directors to talk to their ranges. Mr. Zaccanti questioned about what if they win several regions. Mr. Neary says we need to accept shooters from other regions. Mr. Harris says so what if he wins several regions. Mr. Brooks stated that there is not any limit on that. **Motion was made by Mr. Harris to start a shooter of the year program. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Range Commands:

In the interest of saving time at shoots, it is suggested that the range commands at matches two through five/eight are shortened. There is no need to mention anything else including the distance we are shooting at. Repeating the matters regarding crossfires etc is not preventing crossfires.

Proposal: The range commands at the beginning of the aggregate will include the current safety warnings and the rules about crossfires etc. Special attention can be brought to enforcing safety matters. When the second and following matches start the proposed range command will be as follows: "*Check that your bore is clear of obstruction and your target number is correct. This is a five (or ten) shot match in seven (or ten) minutes. Is the range ready? (pause for a second) ...* Proposed: Chris Harris

Mr. Harris believes too much time is wasted repeating the commands. Mr. Mundy questioned as to whether the range officer still needs to say ready on the right, ready on the left. This is a safety issue. Mr. Harris explained his proposal. Mr. Mundy stated the range officer has to control the matches. Mr. Woodward is not sure of his proposal but agrees with Mr. Mundy to add ready on right ready on left. Mr. Lee commented he has no objections but two years ago we added check your competitor numbers. A lot of ranges have not changed their tapes to include it in the range commands and we need to make sure the range commands have been updated. Mr. Harris says we can record them a recording in a file and send to all match directors. Mr. Meyer believes it is up to the range director. Mr. Zaccanti questioned: Are we going to have issue with the shooters saying they don't have enough time? Mr. Harris doesn't believe so. Mr. Harris made a motion **The range commands at the beginning of the aggregate will include the current safety warnings and the rules about crossfires etc. Special attention can be brought to enforcing safety matters. When the second and following matches start the proposed range command will be as follows: "*Check that your bore is clear of obstruction and your target number is correct. This is a five (or ten) shot match in seven (or ten) minutes....then add is the range ready on the right, is the range ready on the left Commence fire*". Mr. Woodward seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Lee and Mr. Woodward voted for the Motion. Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Creach, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Neary voted against. Mr. Bryant abstained. **Motion failed.****

Mr. Harris had one item to add. Mr. Harris made a proposal to change the format of the Nationals. Change it from 6 to 4 days. Mr. Harris suggested shooting the UNL 100 yd and HV 100 yd on Wednesday, LV 100 and SP 100 on Thursday, SP 200 and LV 200 on Friday and HV 200 and UNL 200 on Saturday. Mr. Mundy stated that he has got to get it straight since his region is holding the next one. Mr. Lee says too much flag changes. Mr. Creach says we are trying to change too much at one time Mr. Harris commented we need a lot of change. Mr. Harris asked if the concern was that they would lose people? Mr. Neary says I have previously tried to make a lot of changes and have not succeeded. One question that never gets answered correctly, why don't we want to move unlimited forward? Not one of the people complaining has committed to come to the Nationals. If we are losing members what do we gain by changing the course of fire? Mr. Meyer, "would you mind if we could get Mr. Ocock to comment on this"? Mr. Ocock spoke that he agreed with both Mr. Harris and Mr. Neary and that it is impossible to know if the change will bring more shooters back. Maybe propose another change next year. Maybe try to sell the four day three gun match. Mr. Meyer suggested we send out a survey. Mr. Harris says he is just going for the big change. Mr. Mundy reminded them that ranges will have to pay for a week of target crews, helpers regardless of how many days the Nationals are held. Mr. Meyer says he would just as soon leave as it is. Mr. Neary says they will say change but won't come. Mr. Ocock says it would be nice to identify the shooters and if they actually attend matches.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to rotate benches at the end of the day at the Nationals. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Meyer says we have to have a flag captain for each rotation if this is approved. **Mr. Bryant modified his motion to include a flag captain for each rotation.** Mr. Harris, Mr. Creach, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Zaccanti voted for the motion. Mr. Neary and Mr. Lee abstained. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Woodward made a motion that no more changes be made for the 2020 Nationals. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Mr. Lee rehashed the 8-5 and the rotation at the end of the day. Mr. Mundy reminded they will have people bidding on the 2021 nationals and they would not be aware of the changes. Mr. Neary, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Zaccanti voted for the motion. Mr. Creach and Mr. Harris opposed. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Zaccanti to review his agenda items.

Northwest Region Agenda Items:

Mr. Zaccanti took the floor. He presented the following items:

1) Long range is going to put in a rule clarifying there front bag. Change Submitted 7/30/2019:

The following is additional wording hopefully to clear up some questions the shooters had regarding the amount of, "restriction of the upward movement," of the gun in the front bag. So here goes: Rule 2E(8)does not co-act with the sandbag to restrict the upward movement SO MUCH THAT THE RIFLE MAY BE LIFTED UPWARD WITHOUT RAISING THE FRONT REST OFF THE BENCH. Submitted by Bill Johnston

Mr. Zaccanti made the motion to approve as written. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion. Mr. Neary, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Creach voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Harris abstained. **Motion passed.**

2) Both Sacramento (Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters) and Rogue Valley Shooting Sports will be asking that an automatic rotation between them be set for the nationals. Submitted by Bill Johnston

Mr. Woodward spoke against the proposal and says the two can be separated. Mr. has ranges in his region that could host either or both the 600/1000 and he doesn't think it should be automatically given to these two ranges. Mr. Woodward asked that they don't lock it out. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and says they can still put in their bid. Mr. Lee says to maybe have a gentlemen's agreement. Mr. Zaccanti says unofficially they can but someone else can bid. Mr. Neary agrees it could cause problems. **Motion was made by Mr. Zaccanti to allow both Sacramento (Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters) and Rogue Valley Shooting Sports automatically have rotation between them set for the nationals. Motion died for lack of second.**

Mr. Zaccanti had one item to add. In Tacoma their numbers are dropping, a range north of them, a non NBRSA range, have rifles that shoot 600 yards. They have been changing the barrels, open a non national event but NBRSA registered match, have to use current NBRSA targets. His question is this

possible? Mr. Mundy suggested they should try it before we try it. Mr. Zaccanti agreed.

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Lee for his agenda items. Mr. Lee stated he had none but had a couple of things he wanted to address.

Southeast Region Agenda Items:

None

Mr. Lee took the floor. “Currently we do not have a central place to put match results. We need a procedure in place to get match results on the website”. He stated currently he posts his on Benchrest Central. He stated that the IBS does a good job of getting theirs posted. Mr. Lee said he would like to work with Mr. Harris and see if they could work out something to get them posted. Mr. Harris says it would need to be a standard format. Mr. Harris says a format that you can search name and match. Mr. Lee says we also need a forum. Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Harris and Mr. Lee to work on setting up a forum. Mr. Lee said he brought it up last year because he finds it very difficult to follow emails between the board and it would be very beneficial. Mr. Harris says the quickest way is a facebook secret forum. Mr. Meyer commented that people (Board) don’t respond to emails.

Mr. Lee continued that on the old website we had a place to put personal region stuff. He stated “we need to have a place for each Regional director”. Mr. Neary asked if there is a space limit. Mr. Harris responded no. Mr. Harris will be in charge if the Board wants him to. Mr. Zaccanti asked for access to post his region. He would be responsible for the Score stuff. Mr. Harris says each director should get in touch with him. Mr. Harris commented that the website is on a much better server now than before.

Mr. Meyer called on Mr. Woodward to review his agenda items. Mr. Woodward took the floor:

Southwest Region Agenda Items:

- 1) Change the format of the Nationals such that bench rotation be limited to end of each discipline only. (Sacramento Club)

2) Establish a committee to review and report proposed changes in the format of the Group Nationals with the objective to increase participation. (Dave Woodward)

Mr. Woodward made a motion that we form a committee to make a new format for the Nationals. Mr. Mundy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Meyer asked how many do you want on this committee. Mr. Mundy stated you need someone who runs matches or person needs to all least contact the ranges. Mr. Woodward recommended that Mr. Ocock be on the committee from Southwest region. Mr. Neary recommended Mr. Lee Hachigian from Eastern region. Mr. Mundy will represent the Mississippi Valley Region and Mr. Don Creach will represent the Mid-Continent Region.

Administrative Issues

3) Establish a procedure for selection of Presidential candidates. (Dave Woodward) Mr. Woodward says in the past he hasn't known who is eligible. He suggested we draw up a list of who is eligible by the by-laws. He suggested a committee should vet out who is interested in running. Mr. Mundy says there are people who would be receptive to being President but have not been a Board member. Mr. Woodward clarified only Board of Director members/past and present would be eligible. This way the membership can follow the nominations all the way through. Mr. Woodward's proposal is as follows. At the annual meeting in the year prior to a presidential election, the sitting President will name a nominating committee consisting of two or more members. The nominating committee will construct a list of all presidential eligible NBRSA members, completion date January 1 of election year. The nominating committee will contact each eligible member and determine his/her interest in seeking office, completion date of February 15 of election year. Each interested member will be requested to provide a brief bio paragraph with goals that he/she would like to accomplish as President, complete date of April 1 of election year. All bios with small picture will be published in May issue of Precision Rifleman magazine. Following discussions with their regional membership, Regional directors will nominate candidates to the nominating committee. Nominees names with any additional information will be published in the next available issue of Precision Rifleman

magazine. Mr. Lee agrees this is all valid. Mr. Neary agreed with Mr. Woodward's suggestion and stated that it would be proper. **Motion was made by Mr. Woodward that we accept the procedure as stated above allowing for a change in deadlines if necessary. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

4) Establish a register of all National results including SR Group, SR Score and LR Score/Group. (Dave Woodward) Mr. Woodward was surprised when he asked recently for past Nationals and found out that there are no records available. Mr. Lee stated he has a lot of them. Mr. Mundy also has some. **Motion was made by Mr. Woodward to take whatever necessary steps to have a registry of all National records. Mr. Neary seconded the motion. Mr. Woodward is willing to scan in the documents. Motion passed unanimously.**

5) Revise membership procedure to capture/update member demographics and regional information. (Dave Woodward)

Mr. Woodward says we don't collect name, rank, and serial number. He wants more information about our members so we can do an analysis. He has 190 members and he doesn't know what class they shoot. He also doesn't know the age of his members. Currently there is no way of telling. Mr. Mundy asked who is going to collect all this data. Mr. Harris took the floor and informed the Board that he is working on a new data base system. Mr. Harris says currently he has not included all the fields, but he could add whatever information they would like. Mr. Creach cautioned them to be careful about collecting too much information. He feels name and address is enough. Mr. Lee suggested just ask year of birth. **Motion was made by Mr. Woodward that a registry of demographics be created to include age, what year, and discipline that they shoot. Mr. Neary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Woodward added an additional item. It's a safety issue. He's had a complaint in a number of matches conducted are using the recording, some of the matches are cutting them short, we need to get message they need to stop the recording. M. Mundy says it's the range officers responsible. "It is that they are just not following the rules"? Mr. Woodward asked how do you

correct it? Mr. Meyer suggested talking to the range officers. It is very serious and we need to look at how our ranges handle this. Mr. Meyer suggested they could adopt the same as IBS where you can't get up until timer has gone off. Mr. Lee says this is local/ regional issue. The individual Director need to handle this. Mr. Lee stated he doesn't have any issue and I don't want to hold all the ranges to waiting until time. Mr. Woodward says it's must just be a local issue.

Mr. Meyer offered the floor back to Mr. Neary to make a presentation on behalf of member Harley Baker of a shot counter box. The cost of the shot counter box is \$400. It contains four microphones and will replace a moving back system for a registered match. The benefits of it are that smaller clubs could get into hosting registered matches. There are some issues such as if the box doesn't work or does miss count, then there is no way to recapture the information. Mr. Baker currently is trying to sell to IBS ranges and wanted to share with the NBRSA. Mr. Neary continued "when you look at the per target frames vs. cost of moving backers cost it could be lower". Mr. Creach asked how do we verify a record target? Mr. Neary stated the only way to verify would be when the target crew checks it. Mr. Creach stated he was not interested. Mr. Meyer commented we need more shooters worse than we need ranges. Mr. Neary explained it could count as many shots up to 99. Mr. Lee says it's a great idea but a moving backer is cheaper. It was decided more testing was needed and the NBRSA is not interested at this time.

Mr. Woodward took the floor again. He stated we may need to increase membership cost of the organization. He suggested we increase membership due to \$75.00. Mr. Meyer says people complain it cost too much to go to shoots. Mr. Meyer feels we could lose some of the inactive members. Mr. Woodward says we are not giving much back to any member or clubs. We should be able to help out clubs. Mr. Neary spoke that the IBS are paying Nancy Scarbrough to run IBS Nationals and we too might want to look at hiring a person to run the matches. **Motion to increase annual dues to \$75.00 was made by Mr. Woodward. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.** Mr. Harris says that if we do this, we need to show the members what they are getting for the money. Magazine, targets, I think we may get some push back from people, that is a 25% increase. Mr. Lee expressed his concern and wondered if it would be possible to increase it \$5.00 each year for the next three years. Mr. Zaccanti agrees with Mr. Lee's proposal. Mr. Woodward says

if we get push back we will reconsider. Ms. Campbell asked if we are going to charge the extra \$4.00 for online/call in renewals. Mr. Harris suggested we drop the credit card fee on everything. Mr. Neary agreed with Mr. Harris but for membership fees only. Mr. Mundy wants motion amended. Mr. Mundy wanted it to include life memberships. Mr. Meyer cautioned Mr. Mundy that life memberships involve amending the by-laws and needs to be on a separate motion. Mr. Meyer called for a vote. Mr. Woodward and Mr. Harris voted for the motion. Mr. Neary, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Zaccanti, and Mr. Creach voted in against the motion. **Motion failed.**

Break 3:00 pm, Meeting convened at 3:07 pm.

President's Items:

1) Propose having all club memberships come due November 30.

Mr. Meyer explained it is too hard to keep up with ranges expiration date. Directors will be signing contracts soon and this way we will all know when they all come due. Mr. Creach asked how can it be done? Mr. Meyer explained they will be prorated the first year. **Motion was made by Mr. Creach to have all club memberships come due November 30, effective immediately. Mr. Neary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Revise bylaws to allow the "cashing in" of the life membership CDs due to the fact they are no longer providing the necessary interest income to fund the life members. Mr. Meyer explained that the money was earmarked by the by-laws and the interest was suppose to support the life memberships. This is no longer true. **Mr. Creach made the motion to cash in the life membership CDs. Chris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3) Should Directors continue to be reimbursed for their expenses up to \$500? Mr. Neary says yes, Directors should be reimbursed for their expenses. He uses the money to pay for trophies for his shooter of the year program. Mr. Harris thinks directors should be reimbursed for their expenses. Mr. Zaccanti asked if there was a freeze currently on this. Mr. Meyer stated he had put a freeze on this. **Mr. Creach made motion we eliminate reimbursement of directors for their expenses up to \$500. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion.** Mr. Woodward, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mundy and Mr. Creach voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Neary, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Zaccanti and Mr. Harris voted against

the motion. Mr. Meyer, President had to break the tie. He voted in favor of the motion. **Motion passed.**

4) Should we start a “swap and shop” section in the magazine/website? Mr. Mundy suggested the website, not the magazine. Mr. Lee agreed. Mr. Harris suggested we check with insurance company first. Ms. Campbell stated she had talked to them and they were not in favor of it. Mr. Harris, webmaster says it would be very difficult to operate. Mr. Lee thinks we are opening a can of worms. Mr. Meyer says the Editor is getting requests. **Mr. Meyer withdrew the request.**

5) Should we have a mandatory cut-off date for Agenda items? Mr. Neary agrees we need a cutoff. He says he needs time to send them to his region and get their input. He says he votes as to what the region wants and not necessarily what he wants. Mr. Creach questioned why the date had to be so early. Mr. Meyer explained because of the magazine deadlines. **Motion was made by Mr. Mundy to put in a cut-off date for agenda items. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bids for 2021 National Events

Bids for 2022 National Events

National Event Hosting Selection

2020 Group Nationals – Benchrest Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO (Approved) – to be held September 28, 2020 – October 3, 2020.

2021 Group Nationals – Approved, Holton, MI (No date yet, probably September)

2022 Group Nationals – No bids

2020 Long Range Nationals – Rogue Valley Shooting Sports, Assoc., White City, OR – (Approved) No date yet, probably end of April

2021 Long Range Nationals – Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters, Sacramento, CA (Bid submitted) Temporarily approved, End of April

2022 Long Range Nationals – Rogue Valley Shooting Shorts, Assoc., White City, OR (Bid submitted) Temporarily approved **End of April**

2020 Short Range Score Nationals - Greeley (Northern Colorado BR Shooters) – Eaton, CO (Approved) **Will be August 4-7**

2021 Short Range Score Nationals – ?? SWLA or possibly Webster City?

2022 Short Range Score Nationals – No bids

Mr. Mundy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Mr. Terry Meyer, NBRSA President called the NBRSA General membership meeting to order on October 9, 2019 at 12:33 pm mst. Mr. Meyer reviewed the minutes (unofficial copy) of the Board of Directors meeting held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The 2019 Financials were posted at the range for the memberships review. Mr. Meyer informed the general membership that Chris Harris was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy of Financial Officer. He also informed them that Mr. Lee Hachigian has offered to continue to be the Editor at no cost for another year. This drew a round of applause from the membership. Mr. Meyer discussed the clay pigeon program and that it will be continued for another year as a temporary discipline. He explained the only match registered was just held the weekend of October 5. He also informed the membership the Unlimited would go from 8 to 5 groups. He discussed the change that will be tried at the Nationals next year involving rotation of benches. Benches will be rotated only at the end of the day and that they will continue to have flag captains. This is for a one year trial. Mr. Meyer then turned the floor over to the general membership.

Mr. Larry Costa, Southeast region, took the floor and presented a proposed change in format to make it easier for shooters. He suggested shooting Unlimited on 1st day. He reminded everyone that you will still get to practice. Then second day Sporter 100 and LV 100, then we would go to HV 100 as we do now. Then you would have the general membership meeting, and awards on day 3 as we do now. When we go to 200 yards, you would shoot Sporter

100 and LV 200 on day 4. Then on day 5 shoot HV 200 and have awards again in the afternoon for these classes plus awards the 2 and 3 gun. If you are not shooting the Unlimited you could leave at this point. On the last day finish up with Unlimited 200. Then all that would be left would be Unlimited and the 4 gun awards. Mr. Jack Neary, Eastern region, took the floor. Mr. Neary spoke saying we like to see as many of our friends come to Nationals and we do need to increase our numbers. Mr. Neary continued he's had a lot of people want to change but most of them are the ones that don't come to Nationals anyway. He asked Mr. Costa if we implement what you are proposing, will it help? Mr. Neary doesn't think so.

The first of the year each director was sent a list of previous members from the years 2017 and 2018 who are not currently members. He had 101 on his list. He actually got in touch with 78 of those. Of the 78, 75 told him they did not renew because of medical reasons and were not able to shoot. It was not because of the operations of the organization nor were they shooting other disciplines, they simply were not able to shoot anymore. Mr. Neary suggested we try to build the membership with new memberships so it would increase. Mr. Neary brought home that we are old and most of us can make changes but there is nobody behind us. Mr. Costa took the floor again and suggested trying free education. He suggested that current shooters in the east, central and west go to one or two ranges and set up a bench and introduce shooters to our discipline. He even offered to donate a gun. He suggested that you take people to local ranges if you have old equipment and have competition and try to get them hooked. If you have old equipment, donate it.

Mr. Rick Pollock, Northwest region, took the floor. He informed the membership that they Rosebud Silhouette Club where he is a member hosted the worlds this past summer. He agreed with Mr. Neary that the attendance problem is not the course of fire, and he is not a fan of changing the course of fire. If you shorten it, we have 10 or more shooters here from Canada and shortening the number of days will change the number attending. He continued that they had 18 guys shooting group, that they run a school, they find coaches, that they ask the coaches to bring their equipment to use. He continued that you need to let them shoot and give them a taste of competition. Based on their schools they run, they will have 1 or 2 out of 10 that will get the fever. He stated that he has as an example of one of his students who is shooting exceptional well this week. He told them people will pay for school. You need to give them a reason to spend the money. It needs

to be a path - club, regional or national level. He also told the membership that it is easy to sell this sport if your wife thinks you are trying for the world team.

Mr. Costa took the floor again. He stated you have to have a foundation. We have hundreds of clubs that do not have a base of benchrest. He encouraged everyone to push Benchrest. He commented that there is lots of potential at clubs everywhere to promote benchrest. He encouraged everyone to pick one and go back three times a year, then move on to next one. He really believes education is the key. Mr. Pollock spoke again stating he will help anybody who wants to tackle it. Mr. Wayne Campbell, Southeast region, took the floor. He does not believe changing the course of fire is necessary. He believes there are three classes of shooters right now. Some are happy with a screamer group, or shooting an occasional good group. Then there is the socialization bunch who just want to have a good time. Then there are the ones like him, who are out for the competitiveness of the sport. Mr. Campbell continued you should get out of it what you want.

I am very much against not rotating benches. Put them on bench 59 or 60 in St. Louis with the winds blowing right to left at 20 mph and they will be glad to move. Benchrest is about competition. He drew a round of applause for the entire group. Mr. Jackie Schmidt, Gulf Coast region took the floor. Mr. Schmidt stated that he is very active in the Tomball Gun Club and the NRA since the 60s and has seen a lot of guys come and die in that club. We are our own worst enemy he stated. He told of a 4-H club that came to his club and they watched him getting ready for a match. He let one of them sit down with his rail gun. The kid shot a 5 shot 250 size group. He said the kid looked at my truck, the flags, loading equipment their eyes just glaze. We all have the same problem. We are trying to promote it at Tomball and I don't have the answer. I'm old too but I'm not for dumbing down this sport. I'm in it for the same reason as Wayne Campbell. He gives the sport 5 years if you dumb it down. Mr. Sam Langhofer from Mid-Continent region took the floor.

He says he understands what Mr. Campbell and others are talking about when they talk about competition, but it does come down that it kills some people to walk up and down the line. He stated he can't walk up and down this line. He continued saying he loves this organization. Mr. Meyer took the floor and says Mr. Costa is not dumbing it down but is just putting things in a different order. Mr. Lou Murdica from Southwest region took the floor. He commented he sees a lot because he shoots a lot of different disciplines. As far as equipment costs, he stated F-Class spends the same. When he goes to these matches, they

are filled in 6-8 minutes and there is always a waiting list. They shoot 6 days. He continued it's not our equipment, it's not the discipline, they spend a bunch on rim fire and they will spend \$3,000 on just ammunition. He doesn't believe it's the money part. It's something else, I don't know what it is. Maybe we need a change, I don't know the answer, but it's not money – it's just what we do to what they do. I hate moving, but you move all your stuff in F-class and they don't have a problem. Mr. Murdica continued that his grandkids shoot this and love it, he thinks it might be a phase we going through. **Mr. Dan Zaccanti, Northwest region made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dean Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm MST.

Continued Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, October 09, 2019, reconvened at 4:15 pm mst. The meeting was called to order by Terry Meyer, President.

Terry Meyer, President
Dave Woodward, Vice President & Southwest Regional Director
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Jack Neary, Eastern Regional Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Dan Zaccanti, North West Regional Director
Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Dave Brooks, North Central Regional Director –Elect

Mr. Meyer opened the meeting stating the he had received Mr. Jack Neary's resignation and asked if it was valid. Mr. Neary stated that it is still valid. Mr. Meyer asked if he wanted to give details. Mr. Neary stated that no details were necessary. Mr. Meyer asked if there was a motion to accept his resignation. Mr. Creach asked for a reason. Mr. Neary stated he does not agree with the path that we are on. After further discussion, Mr. Neary concluded that he loves the NBRSA. **Mr. Mundy made a motion to accept his resignation.** Mr. Zaccanti seconded the motion. Mr. Woodward, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Creach, Mr. Mundy and Mr. Bryant voted to accept his resignation. Mr. Neary abstained. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Mundy asked where we go from here. Mr. Meyer explained according to the by-laws it would go to Stan Buchtel, Alternate Director. He stated Mr. Buchtel will be notified. Mr. Mundy then questioned that if he does not accept, the Board has to appoint someone to fill out Mr. Neary's term? Mr. Meyer answered you are correct.

Mr. Meyer asked if anyone had heard anything about the new target paper. Mr. Neary spoke saying he has heard mixed things, nothing to rave about. Mr. Creach says he does not like the looks of it from a Range officers standpoint. Mr. Mundy says there is nothing else out there. Mr. Meyer took the floor again and stated if we go back to the old paper it will be the same as we currently have. If we switch to this particular paper will it be the same paper every time? Mr. Neary asked about the cost of the new paper. Mr. Meyer stated that it will cost 16 cents a target which includes shipping and 23 cents including shipping for Score targets. Mr. Mundy asked if the Board had talked about the NBRSA absorbing some of cost of the new targets. Mr. Meyer answered that the organization absorbed some of the cost for targets at the Nationals, but that was it. Mr. Meyer explained the cost of our current targets. Mr. Meyer says we can reduce our upcharge fee or if you want to stay with what we have we could make new scoring reticles.

Mr. Woodward asked about the profit off of targets. Ms. Campbell reported on the profit of targets. Mr. Woodward asked if we have any options. Mr. Mundy stated no. Mr. Woodward asked then why were we discussing it? Mr. Meyer asked if we wanted to table it for a month. Mr. Neary says he wants something to help with tuning and this paper is not it. Mr. Meyer does not think the new paper is worth the extra cost. Mr. Creach hates to see the clubs pay more for of anything. Mr. Meyer asked if we had a new measuring device would that help. Mr. Creach says he has new measuring instructions written up and hopes it will help with the measuring of targets. Mr. Creach will finish it up when he gets home. He needs to get his committee's approval. Mr. Meyer asked what do you want to do about paper? **Mr. Neary made a motion we stay with Targets Online's old paper until we get something better. Mr. Creach second the motion.** Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Neary and Mr. Zaccanti voted for the motion. Mr. Mundy and Mr. Woodward voted against. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Zaccanti re-addressed the \$500 allowance that directors can use for expenses that was eliminated. He explained that they Board has implemented a new shooter of the year and some directors will have to foot the bill for three different plaques. Mr. Mundy stated it had been available for years and

not many ever used it. Mr. Zaccanti said he knew it was frozen last year and didn't know it was opened it back up. Mr. Meyer stated it was still frozen. Mr. Mundy stated that they had to be careful on reimbursing for expenses and that it had been a problem in the past. Mr. Zaccanti stated they he has two disciplines and he already pays enough out of his pocket without adding the shooter of the year trophy. He continued that he does want to try it but not sure if any of his winners would go to the Nationals. Mr. Bryant took the floor and explained his program has a traveling trophy so you don't have to buy them every year. Mr. Neary and Mr. Meyer suggested several places that have reasonable priced trophies. Mr. Creach asked why we were discussing something that had just been voted on in the meeting on Saturday. Mr. Meyer stated he is not interested in addressing this again right now and instructed Mr. Zaccanti to wait a year. Mr. Neary also spoke saying he does have a spreadsheet for the Shooter of the year and he will be happy to share it with everybody. He does believe the program drives people to come to the matches.

Mr. Mundy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Pam Campbell

Pam Campbell
Business Manager

Notes:

(1) Financials presented at the Board meeting will be made a part of these minutes recorded in the minute books.

(2) Holton Gun Club has withdrawn their bid for the 2021 NBRSA Group Nationals.

(3) A called meeting of the Board was held on November 4, 2019 to resolve a procedural matter in these minutes and have been made part of these minutes.

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2019
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

The meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President, Terry Meyer at 8:00 pm CST on Monday, November 4, 2019. In attendance were:

Terry Meyer, President
Dave Woodward, Vice President & Southwest Regional Director
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Jack Neary, Eastern Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Steve Lee, Southeast Regional Director
Dan Zaccanti, North West Regional Director
Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Regional Director

Mr. Meyer opened the meeting stating the purpose of the meeting was to correct a procedural error made in the minutes at the annual Board of Directors meeting on October 5, 2019. He continued stating that they needed to be corrected and explained the problem. He explained that Mr. Bryant's motion that he made under his agenda items to use the center set of benches to accommodate and have full rotation and change benches at the end of the day was withdrawn and tabled and a committee was to be set up. Later in the meeting under Mr. Harris' agenda items when Mr. Harris was discussing all kinds of things like format, Mr. Bryant made a motion to rotate benches at the end of the day at the Nationals. Mr. Meyer stated that we need to get this corrected because we had tabled it under Mr. Bryant's original motion. We need to withdraw it or to resend it.

Mr. Bryant spoke saying he was making it for the one particular item and he guessed it was out of order to bring it back up. Mr. Bryant stated he would resend it and pick it back up later. Mr. Lee asked for clarification and stated so we then would continue the rotating of the benches. Mr. Meyer stated that we need a motion to rescind Mr. Bryant's motion. **Mr. Bryant made a motion to**

rescind his previous motion to rotate benches at the end of the day. Mr. Meyer asked for a second. Mr. Zaccanti seconded the motion. He then called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Pam Campbell

Pam Campbell

NBRSA Business Manager