

**NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
HOLTON GUN CLUB, HOLTON, MICHIGAN**

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Jack Neary at 9:34 am EST on Saturday, September 18, 2021. In attendance were:

Jack Neary, President
Wayne Campbell, Vice President
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Pat Metcalf, Eastern Regional Director
Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director & Financial Officer
Dan Zaccanti, North West Regional Director
Steve Lee, Southeast Regional Director
Barry Bluhm, Southwest Alternate Director
Mike Conry, Gulf Coast Director Elect

Mr. Neary opened the meeting asking for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 telephone board meeting. **The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Mundy seconded it. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary moved on to the Committee reports. He called on Mr. Wayne Campbell, U. S. Representative of the U. S. World Team for his Report. Mr. Campbell took the floor and stated that it was a shame that the 2021 World Team Championship scheduled for South Africa was cancelled and he felt really bad for the two first time qualifying people. He continued saying that as far as he knows it is still scheduled for 2023 in South Africa. He said he is hearing that there is a push for it to be hosted in France. He told the Board that he needs to have them approve the qualifying matches for the upcoming year. He suggested they use the same matches as in the past - Cactus, Shamrock, Hogroast, East/West, Rattlesnake and the Nationals. He continued that if approved he would get it published so the members can make plans to attend. Mr. Neary thanked Mr. Campbell for running the World Team. **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to approve the recommended matches, Mr. Lee seconded the motion.** Mr. Campbell wanted to go on record stating that he still has a major issue with qualifying matches not being required to have stationary backers. Mr. Mundy says it is a major issue but clubs say it is a major issue for them. Mr. Creach says we voted on this and it needs to stay. Mr. Neary says it was changed last year and clubs could make it their choice. Mr. Neary agrees with Mr. Campbell and says someone

could put a bullet on someones target and cause them to get disqualified. Mr. Neary says Mr. Creach has said it is an option, and I understand but the clubs have great attendance when it's a qualifying match. Mr. Mundy asked how many crossfires have we had in the past, maybe 5 a year? Mr. Harris took the floor and says he wonders if it is because we have stationary backers and that has kept it from happening. Mr. Mundy says the clubs viewpoint is it could not prove anything due to bad backers and the cost. He is speaking for Phoenix, Raton, and St. Louis. Mr. Neary says we still have to have them during the Nationals so what is the difference if they have them for qualifying matches? He continued saying it could put someones World Team chances out the window. **Mr. Neary called for a vote. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary then called on Mr. Don Creach, World Records Committee Chairman for his Report. Mr. Creach took the floor and reported that there was one possible Unlimited 100 yards aggregate submitted from Southwest Region and there was one Heavy Varmint 100 yards Small Group submitted from Mississippi Valley Region. He continued that there were two Unlimited 10 Shot 100 yards Small Groups submitted from Northwest Region and there was one Unlimited 10 shot 100 yards aggregate plus Grand aggregate from Northwest Region. He stated that the Northwest Region targets are in process. He continued on to say that as of September 13, 2021 none have resulted in new Group World Records.

Mr. Neary thanked Mr. Creach and moved to the Score Committee Report submitted by Mr. Rich Carpenter, Chairman. Mr. Zaccanti stood in for Mr. Carpenter and presented his report to the Board stating that during the last year they had no new World Records set in Score shooting. Due to Covid 19 there were very few matches.

Mr. Zaccanti said he also had the LR Worlds Records & LR Rulebook Report for Mr. Bill Johnston, Chairman. Mr. Zaccanti continued stating that LR had discussed a couple new formats that they will try at a local match and also at the Nationals. They are also looking at raising their daily entry fee due to costs of everything. Mr. Neary took the floor and told the Board that he had spoken to Mr. Tamagni, Match Director at the Sloughhouse Long Range range concerning fees. He had reminded him that the Board approved a \$60.00 entry fee per day and that would be the maximum they could charge. He did tell him that they could consider charging for practice days to increase revenue.

Mr. Neary thanked Mr. Zaccanti and called on Mr. Bud Mundy, Chairman of the Target Committee for his Report. Mr. Mundy took the floor and doesn't have anything new since Mr. Neary has been working on this. Mr. Mundy thinks we need to pick a target paper and go with it. He suggested picking one that any printer can get their hands on. Mr. Neary took the floor and reminded them another issue is the cost of different targets from the other vendors. He has received some quotes and they are \$.79 per target without any markup. He continued saying that for now we will stay with the target paper company we are using. Mr. Creach took the floor and stated that he is working with several companies and will get some price quotes. Mr. Mundy

took the floor and said he has talked to lots of shooters across the country and the shooters don't care what the cost is they just want better paper.

Mr. Creach says people measuring can't measure this paper. He thinks we need to raise the price and look after the organization. Mr. Neary says he and Ms. Campbell have fielded concerns about the recent increase and they are not happy with the increase. He continued the NBRSA has not raised our target pricing for 5 years. Mr. Harris took the floor and asked why can't we look at having sponsors to help with the cost of targets and putting the sponsors name on the targets. He continued also suggesting if other countries like Australia have good paper then why don't we invest in bringing paper in from other places. Mr. Creach says we would be foolish in bringing stuff over from other countries. Mr. Neary took the floor back and stated we have not encountered a paper yet that is any better than what we have. Mr. Harris took the floor back and stated that this paper thing has been on the floor every year and we have made no progress. He continued it is the very essence of how we measure the targets that shows each shooters success.

Mr. Neary says Mr. Mundy has worked very hard for many years and has not found anything any better than what we have. He also understands that the ranges can't operate and pay the higher costs for targets. Mr. Campbell took the floor and says the whole paper process has changed and the same paper and process is no longer available. Mr. Lee took the floor and stated we know the costs are going to be escalating because that is the environment we are living in. He continued we can no longer set a fixed match fee and expect the ranges to operate on the \$60.00 entry fee. He suggested that we have a daily fee plus a target fee. **Mr. Lee made a motion that we allow ranges to charge an additional target fee in addition to the entry fee.** Mr. Creach says he would support that as a range director. Mr. Harris would love to know the definition of a good target paper. Mr. Mundy took the floor and said plasticize paper works good in rain but does not in Phoenix because of the glare.

Mr. Neary says good target paper makes a good clean holes with an "out-of-tune rifle". He tests paper in and out of tune and different conditions and that is the only way to get an accurate assessment. Mr. Metcalf took the floor and said Mr. Creach sent him some paper and it worked well. Mr. Neary told him that was the \$.79 per target paper. Mr. Creach took the floor and stated that Mr. Larry Costa tested it too and likes it, he said it was the best yet. Mr. Neary took the floor and said when choosing a paper it needs to cut clean holes, you have to consider the color of paper, whether it performs in wet conditions, and cost. He reminded the board that the NBRSA charges a modest 33% up charge on targets.

Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and said he thinks a target fee on top of daily fee might work but he questioned how this would affect Score and LR targets too. Mr. Creach took the floor and suggested we reduce the size of the 300 yard score targets and that might save on the cost and would eliminate some waste. Mr. Creach says he understands shooters will gladly pay more for targets. Mr. Neary took the floor and wants to go on record saying that would require ranges to pay a \$1.00 a target so a box of targets would be \$500.00 and he doesn't feel they would be

happy. He says because of the reduced number of people at matches recently the ranges can not pay their expenses off of the \$60.00 let alone higher prices for targets.

Mr. Harris asked if we have a target committee. Mr. Neary stated that Mr. Mundy was Chairman but not a committee. Mr. Harris says he we need to appoint a target committee. Mr. Neary agrees. **Mr. Harris made a motion that we have a permanent committee made up of three directors who will be responsible for target paper. Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. Mr. Neary called for a vote. Mr. Harris, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Bluhm, Mr. Metcalf voted for the motion. Mr. Creach opposed. Motion passed.** Mr. Creach thinks Mr. Terry Meyer should be on it because he knows what a good target should be and understands paper. Mr. Neary appointed Mr. Harris Chairman of the target paper committee. All members agreed. Mr. Zaccanti volunteered to serve. Mr. Neary asked Mr. Conry if he would like to serve on this committee. Mr. Conry accepted. Mr. Neary says we should revisit the cost with several match ranges. Ms. Campbell reminded them that **Mr. Lee has a motion on the floor to allow match directors to charge an additional target fee to become effective as of January 1. Mr. Creach seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary moved on to the Nominating Committee. He stated that this falls under old business, as a new chairman was never appointed pursuant to the minutes of the 2021 Annual Board meeting. Mr. Neary continued stating that he was unsure if he would be running for a second term and since next year was election year we needed to get the Nominating Committee in place. Mr. Mundy says he was on the committee last time with Mr. Meyer and the number of people who are qualified are very very slim. It might be 12 people, 4 of those have already been President, and some say they never want it. Mr. Neary took the floor back and stated he has a burning desire for our organization and wants to grow our organization in all disciplines. Mr. Neary talked to the Board concerning what he has done to try to grow. Mr. Neary stated he would run for re-election next year. Mr. Mundy and Mr. Creach both agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Harris to go over the Financial Officers report.

Mr. Harris took the floor and stated we have done a good job at continuing to increase our revenue. He continued reviewing the Profit and Loss Comparison report for 2021 against 2020 and stated that even with enduring the effects of a Covid year we have done quite well. He also commended Ms. Campbell for her efforts in securing new advertisers for the organization which made a big increase in income. **Mr. Neary asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the financial report and Mr. Lee seconded it. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary called on the Business Manager, Ms. Campbell for the business managers report. Ms. Campbell took the floor. She expressed her thanks to the officers and Board for their continued support over the past year.

She proceeded to review the membership report. We are up by 25 members over last year. We have had 71 new members come on board this year. Over the last 4 years membership has stayed very steady. The problem is not members, its' members are not attending the matches due to various reasons, mostly health and age. She referred the directors to the printout in the booklet where each match, dates and classes was listed so that the directors could actually see the attendance at each match. This report shows each of them exactly how many people attended each of their matches.

Ms. Campbell continued her report by reviewing the match payment status with the Directors. She stated overall payments have been good. There have been a few clubs that she has had to get the director involved in collecting the fees. She then moved on to the Screamer patch program. She stated she has issued 21 so far this year. She feels her supply will be depleted by the end of the year, therefore we need to be getting ready to switch to the new program where the ranges will give out stickers and the patches will cease. She reminded Mr. Zaccanti that he has taken on this project last year and it was tabled until this year. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and stated he would get one of our current screamer patches and see if he could make stickers exactly like the patch.

Ms. Campbell referred the directors again to the booklet to review the target inventory. She reported that she keeps a running spreadsheet in the Business office, but also requests a copy each quarter from the Target Printing company. Currently the target inventory is reconciled. She continued by reviewing the recent election totals for the Gulf Coast, Mid Continent, North Central, and Northwest regions. There were two contested positions, Sam Langhofer challenged Don Creach and Dave Brooks challenged Chris Harris. Both were defeated by the current directors.

Ms. Campbell moved on to the Advertising Manager report. She stated that she had reached out to 140 old, new and current advertisers. She had either talked to them directly and/or with follow up emails, some more than once. She has sold 14 new advertisements totaling \$11,425.00. She has 2 more new ones in the works which will bring in an additional \$2,000.00. She feels she can bring in a few more next year. A number of them said they were too busy now and did not want any more business. She feels that she will be able to get some of them to join our team in the coming year.

Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn for lunch at 11:50 am. Mr. Zaccanti seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Neary took the floor at 12:30pm and reconvened the meeting and stated the next agenda item was the Editor's Report. He continued that Ms. Juchnowski was not present but did send a report. He continued saying in light of the news he received by email the night before, it wasn't really any need in reading the report. Mr. Neary announced he had received a resignation letter from Mr. Juchnowski. He explained she got a full time job. She will fulfill her 90 days notice in her contract. Mr. Neary said he was looking for a replacement and would like Ms. Juchnowski to train the new Editor if possible.

Mr. Neary moved on to Old Business that was tabled from 2020.

The first item was the appointment of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He continued reading the item: Appointment of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Woodward asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Bud Mundy as Chairman of the Nominating committee. Mr. Mundy stated he wants to be removed. **Mr. Lee made a motion to allow the new President to appoint the new Chairman. Mr. Zaccanti seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Bryant, and Mr. Creach all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** He stated this had been resolved earlier in the meeting when he called for the Nominating Committee report.

Mr. Neary moved on to the next item under Old Business.

11. Eastern Region: 2. The rules go into good detail as to the description of the size and shape of targets, including the box surrounding the circles, as penalties can apply. But the illustration shown on page 36 does not include any box and does not include a 100yd target illustration at all, and it is, of course, a different size and location. Submitted by Pat Metcalf

Mr. Metcalf commented that the illustration should match the wording. Mr. Harris agrees and he copied it from the old rulebook when he updated the bylaws. Mr. Harris will handle, no motion needed. Mr. Harris will do an update to page 34 with a nicely drawn picture. **Note: Mr. Harris announced this has been completed.**

12. Eastern Region: 3. In the by-laws, page 53 section 9. on special meetings, there are specific timing deadlines for notice of meetings. There is no provision for notice of meeting by email. This has become much more the normal contact medium, and should be defined in the by-law. Submitted by Pat Metcalf

Mr. Metcalf stated he just thinks the words "and emails" needs to be added and remove fax" and some type of certification that you received it and with acknowledgement. Mr. Woodward stated auto acknowledge doesn't work very well. Mr. Harris thinks we need to specify a specific time frame. Mr. Lee took the floor and says he almost didn't see the notice of the called meeting because he was at a match and didn't have much service. Mr. Lee agrees we should have a notice with an acknowledgement. **Mr. Harris will rewrite the wording and present at a future meeting.**

Mr. Harris asked for the floor and stated he had the rewrite and suggested it read: 9.1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President, or by any two (2) of the directors. Notice shall be given by email or mail and shall state the purposes, time and place of the meeting. If it is given by email, it shall be given not less than three (3) days before the meeting. **Motion to accept the rewrite was made by Mr. Metcalf and seconded by Mr. Lee. Mr. Neary called for a vote. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary moved to the next item under Old Business:

13. Northwest Region: Mr. Zaccanti didn't really have any agenda items, but wanted to discuss the screamer stickers that were voted on last year. He reminded the board that they voted on doing screamer stickers instead of patches once the Business Manager runs out of patches. He explained he volunteered to work on the stickers then Mr. Meyer gave the job to Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris worked on the project but found out the nicer stickers would not be cost effective. Mr. Zaccanti volunteered to take the project back over. He presented what he is proposing. He gave each Board member samples. He informed them that 200 stickers cost \$65.00.

It does cost \$20.00 to make it digital but it makes a much clearer picture. He can get a 4x4 sticker for same price but only a 100 stickers. Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to allow him to print 200 of stickers. Mr. Lee stated he would love to have these to hand out at the matches. Ms. Campbell reminded them that we need to deplete the patches before we start this program. She has at least a couple years worth on hand. Mr. Woodward suggesting to get everyone to send in for their screamer patches. Mr. Zaccanti withdrew his motion and will table for another year. **Mr. Neary announced this had been resolved earlier.**

Mr. Neary moved to the next item under Old Business:

14. Southwest Region: (Reconvened Board meeting) Mr. Woodward asked what can we charge people for a bag gun on practice days. Mr. Mundy says it depends on what we do with the format, if you are not shooting unlimited to shoot in the morning. Mr. Woodward stated it is a big task for the ranges. Mr. Mundy says lets' do what we do and charge them \$20.00 and they shoot a sighter target and it's not scored. Mr. Bryant took the floor and stated that if you have a match and they pay their fees then how they decide to shoot on their target is their business.

Mr. Woodward says if I'm paying I should be able to shoot where I want. He continued its more work for the guys getting the targets ready. Mr. Woodward will table until we find out if we are shooting 5 or 8. Mr. Creach says if they pay their money and you let them shoot you have to score their target. He does not think you should allow practice and matches at the same time. He continued he would not allow them to shoot while a match is going on. Mr. Woodward wants to make it uniform regardless of range. Mr. Harris asked why are we involved? Mr. Creach says its' just started in the last 4 years. Tabled until later.

Mr. Mundy asked for the floor. He says if they pay the \$20 let them shoot and score it. Mr. Creach took the floor and says that can mess up the scorer. He continued they have to shoot 10 shots or no shots. Mr. Campbell took the floor and says they used to let them shoot on the sighter target. Mr. Neary discussed pro and cons on this. Mr. Neary took the floor and suggested that they must pay the entire match fee and shoot on the sighter target. Mr. Mundy says it was caused by changing the format of the Nationals. **He then made a motion that we keep it as is, if they want to practice during the unlimited match they shoot on the sighter target and must pay the entire match fee. Mr. Mundy withdraws his motion as this is the current procedure and no changes were made.**

Mr. Neary moved on to New Business - Agenda Items submitted by Executives and Directors. He called on Mr. Metcalf, Eastern Region Director to discuss his regions items.

Eastern Region Agenda Items:

1) Move the 200 yard unlimited to Saturday instead of Thursday for the NBRSA Nationals. I think that might get us a few more shooters that shoot bag guns only. Submitted by Don Rosette.

Mr. Lee asked for the floor and says this has been bounced around when the bag shooters bail on Friday leaving no one to pick up flags on Saturday. Mr. Harris asked how many do you need? Mr. Mundy says it can take an hour or hour and half more work for the owners of the flags. Mr. Creach took the floor and says we don't need to make any changes - it is working. Mr. Neary says he respects the attendance on the ones that don't shoot a railgun but at the end of the day they need to respect the people who do furnish flag rotations. Mr. Harris says his main concern is not collecting flags but he's concerned you could lose railgun shooters. **Motion was made by Mr. Lee to move unlimited to Saturday. Died for a lack of a second.**

Mr. Neary took the floor for the next items as they were submitted by him. He read his first item:
2) Allow our Alternate Regional Directors to fully participate in our annual BOD meeting. Currently, our Alternate Regional Directors are permitted to attend our annual BOD meeting, but unable to join in any of the discussions. This discussion restriction has resulted in discouraging all of our Alt. Directors from attending our annual BOD meeting over the past years, stifling the exchange of membership feedback and new growth ideas. Submitted by Jack Neary.

He continued that he feels the Alternates Directors need to be included in the annual meeting because they are not involved in what we are doing. If we had them here they could communicate with their directors. He continued they could participate in discussions but would not be allowed to vote. They would also have to pay their on expenses in coming. Mr. Harris says this makes sense as he thinks we need more brain power. **Motion was made by Mr. Harris that we allow Alternate Regional Directors to fully participate in our annual BOD meeting without voting rights. Mr. Bluhm seconded the motion.** Mr. Neary stated currently Alternate Regional Directors are permitted to attend our annual BOD meeting, but unable to join in any of

the discussions, can not vote and have to pay their own expenses. **Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm, and Mr. Harris voted for the motion. Mr. Mundy, Mr. Creach voted against. Mr. Zaccanti and Mr. Lee abstained. Motion failed.**

Mr. Neary continued to his next item:

3) Allocate up to 60 minute agenda time during the annual BOD meeting for any members wishing to meet privately with our Board of Directors to review any issues or growth opportunities within the NBRSA. Submitted by Jack Neary.

Mr. Neary would like to see the Board publicly acknowledge the general membership and allow up to 60 minutes to any member who would like to attend the annual board meeting. He continued we have allowed this before to certain members when they asked. Mr. Creach took the floor and thinks it's that a good idea. Mr. Zaccanti asked how many 60 minutes will everyone get or will they share or can 10 people have 60 minutes? Mr. Harris says it must be managed properly. Mr. Campbell asked how can you manage that? Mr. Neary says you have to run the meeting and manage them. Mr. Harris thinks they apply to speak and it be reviewed before approval. Mr. Lee says they need to submit a written agenda before the meeting. Mr. Bluhm says you have to do it properly. Mr. Campbell says you need a set time frame for submissions. **Mr. Lee made a Motion that members must submit a written agenda at least 72 hours to their Director or the President prior to the annual meeting. Mr. Zaccanti seconded. Mr. Lee, Mr. Harris, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm, Mr. Creach, Mr. Metcalf all voted for the motion. Mr. Mundy opposed. Motion passed.**

Mr. Neary moved to his next item:

4) Introduce a "Show Your Bolts" Range Master command requirement immediately after the cease-fire command during all NBRSA discipline registered matches - Long Range/Score and Group. I believe we have become much more cavalier regarding our gun safety at the firing-line, regarding all shooters remaining at the bench until the cease-fire command. The addition of a "show your bolts" bolts command after the cease-fire command will help prevent any potential dangerous safety issues with a loaded rifle leaving the firing line. Submitted by Jack Neary.

Mr. Neary discussed the need to require and show your bolts at cease fire. Mr. Lee says he proposed it a few years back and it changed his matches. The reasoning being small matches allow shooters to get up before cease fire command and so he stated he is open to discussion. Mr. Metcalf says if you get up just show it to the range officer then leave. Mr. Neary says we need to tighten up our safety. Mr. Creach says your range officer would need to walk the line if you go with that. Mr. Bryant says the range officer can not see the entire line. Mr. Neary said cease fire - show your bolt at least gets everyone thinking. Mr. Harris asked if this was likely to attract or retain new members or would it cause us to lose members. **Mr. Lee made the motion "show your bolts", Mr. Bluhm seconded it. Mr. Lee, Mr. Metcalf, and Mr. Bluhm voted**

for the motion. Mr. Mundy, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Creach voted against the motion. Motion failed.

Mr. Neary moved to his next item:

5) Create specific Long Range, Score and Group membership volunteer committees to properly focus on any pertinent operational issues and for the sustainable growth of each respective NBRSA shooting discipline. Each of these shooting committees would report, at least on a quarterly basis, during a BOD conf. call meetings their respective emerging issues or activities. Submitted by Jack Neary.

Mr. Neary says he knows we have world records' committees for the disciplines but he thought if we had actual committees it might promote these disciplines. Mr. Mundy took the floor and thinks if you have any relationship with your shooters in your region this is already automatically being done. Mr. Neary gave the problem with the long range Nationals being delayed from April to October the LR shooters not being able to discuss the agenda items until after our annual BOD meeting.

Mr. Lee thinks it a good idea. He said it would be nice to have a contact or someone to help him develop new disciplines in his region. **Motion to create new Long Range Committee, Score Committee, and Group Committee was made by Mr. Creach. Mr. Harris seconded it. Mr. Zaccanti asked if this is to enhance and grow the disciplines or will they be involved in changing the rules. Mr. Neary says no rule changes. Mr. Campbell commented that there is some risk because it look like you are jumping over the ones who have been heading these committees for years. Mr. Neary clarified that any rule or bylaw change submitted by new committees will still require Board voting approval. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Zaccanti says he will talk to Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Johnson. Tabled for further review before naming committee members.**

Mr. Neary moved to his final item:

6) Install a two-term limit for all Regional Directors, Vice-President and President leadership roles within the NBRSA. This proposed two-term would help prevent complacency, provide new leadership strategies and provide increased opportunities for more members to participate in the steering direction of the NBRSA. In the event of the lack of an opposing candidate during a given NBRSA officer election, the unopposed incumbent Regional Director, VP and/or President would continue to serve in his/her current leadership role for the next 2-year term. Submitted by Jack Neary.

Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated he would love to step down but no one wants it. Mr. Creach says he's a director because he took it back because their director was not doing the job. It takes 2 years to learn the organization and we need some consistency within the organization. **Mr.**

Neary withdrew the agenda item. Mr. Bryant thinks we need to review the 3 year of continued membership rule. Mr. Harris says Directors should be on the lookout for new people to take directorship roles. Mr. Creach said he sent emails concerning the agenda item and only 2 people in his region responded.

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Bryant to cover his Gulf Coast item:

Gulf Coast Region Agenda items:

We met and had our annual Gulf Coast membership meeting on Saturday May 1st at the Bluebonnet at New Braunfels. The issue with the Seb front bag that happened where two shooters were disqualified at Midland at the Buffalo Shoot because their front sandbag was made with a dip in the middle of the bag to where the sandbag could not be made to make full contact across the forend of the rifle stock.

This is the way that the current rule reads with regard to the front sandbag.

See revised agenda item. Change to changing rule. Don no Motion passed. Clairty Rodzilla bag. Is not legal. Seb front bag would be approved and the depression bag is approved.

Sandbags:

**CURRENT RULE as written in the
Revision #43 Jan 2021 online rule book.**

2.11.1. The front sandbag. The front shall be a bag, without additions, containing sand only, and at least 1/2” thick over its entire surface. The portion which contacts the rifle shall contact the entire surface under the fore end. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

Agenda Change Item 1, A or B

Proposed Change to 2.11.1

A.

2.11.1 The front sandbag(s). The front sandbag shall be a bag(s) without additions, containing sand only, and at least 1/2” thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

OR

B.

2.11.1 The front sandbag(s). The front sandbag shall be a bag(s) without additions, containing a pliable non-metallic filler, and at least 1/2” thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

This agenda item was presented by Darryl Whitman and voted to send as an agenda item to the annual directors meeting by the 30 members present at the regional meeting.

Below on the left is a photo of the Seb bag that was ruled illegal at Midland according to the above rule 2.11.1 in black above. The bag dips down in the middle of the bag and it can not be raised up in the middle of the bag to make full contact with a flat bottomed forend. The photo on

the right is of another bag that would also not be legal for NBRSA competition according to rule 2.11.1 as currently written. Technically, as I read the rule as it is written, the front sand bag is a single bag as it is written "it shall be a bag". Changing the rule to front sandbag(s) allows that more than one sandbag can be used. Without having the front rest in the left hand photo in front of me, the sandbag in the photo appears to be a separate bag on the left and a separate bag on the right side with a separate bottom bag. This is made so that a single front rest can be used with forends of different widths. The shooter moves the bag on each side of the forend in or out to accommodate the width of your forend. I can particularly see this being of benefit to someone who has taken advantage of the NBRSA sporter class rules that have in effect done away with the 3" wide forend width restriction. You either have to have something like this or you have to have at least a separate top for your existing front rest if you are going to take advantage of the change to the sporter class rules. I personally see no reason why the bag on the left should be illegal or the one that is shown on the Mini front rest in the right photo. Making either of these two rule changes would seem to be consistent with the stated objectives of the NBRSA especially line 1.1.1 of the objectives as stated in this email below the two photos shown. With either change to the rule book shown in the blue lettering above as A 2.11.1 or B 2. 11.1, both of these front sand bags would be legal sandbags. I am sure that both of these front sand bags were developed with F-Class matches in mind and not designed to circumvent NBRSA rules. Either of these changes would do away with the requirement that the front sandbag make full contact under the forend of the stock. Change B. would also allow other fillers to be used besides sand. It may not be necessary to make that change and other materials to fill the bag may not be any better, but at least with this change people could try other fillers and be able to compete and prove in competition whether it made a difference or not. It would still have to be a pliable material and lead shot would still not be legal to use as a filler. I think as a sport the last thing that we want become is so hung up on standardizing our competition that we lose innovation.



Mr. Bryant explained the he thinks the illegal bags should be made legal with our rules. Mr. Neary took the floor and said he had a couple of samples from Rodzilla and he had the 3 piece bag from Seb. Mr. Neary presented to the Board for review the 2 front bag samples submitted by Rodzilla. The “glide bags” design was not approved by the Board due to its tracking design and lack of 1/2” of hag height. The “tall-ear” front bag sample submission was previously approved

in the 2019 annual Board of Directors meeting and required no further review. Mr. Bryant continued explaining his agenda item. Mr. Harris says he believes that the depression definitely gives you an advantage. Mr. Neary says he doesn't ever worry about getting beat by a rest. Mr. Creach says he is opposed to changing anything. Mr. Bryant had a revision to the original agenda item and passed out copies.

Mr. Bryant submitted a revised Gulf Coast agenda items for the Nationals.

This is the way that the current rule reads with regard to the front sandbag.

Sandbags:

CURRENT RULE as written in the Revision #43 Jan 2021 online rule book.

2.11.1. The front sandbag. The front sandbag shall be a bag, without additions, containing sand only, and at least 1/2" thick over its entire surface. The portion which contacts the rifle shall contact the entire surface under the fore end. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

Agenda Change Item 1

Proposed Change to 2.11.1

2.11.1 The front sandbag. The front sandbag shall be a bag or combination of bags, containing sand only, and at least 1/2" thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal.

This agenda item was presented by Darryl Whitman and voted to send as an agenda item to the annual directors meeting by the 30 members present at the regional meeting.

This is a slight rewriting to help provide clarity of the agenda item that we discussed over the phone meeting Tuesday night July 13th. As per Jack's suggestion, I also removed the wording "without additions" as it is ambiguous and serves no purpose.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryant that we make the proposed change: 2.11.1 The front sandbag. The front sandbag shall be a bag or combination of bags, containing sand only, and at least 1/2" thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm voted for the motion. Mr. Creach voted against. Motion passed.

Mr. Bryant moved the second item:

On the first page of the rule book, the objectives of the NBRSA are stated as following:

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

1.1. The development and encouragement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods.

1.2. The achievement of extreme precision in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods by shooting “groups”.

1.3. To standardize on a national basis the entire Benchrest shooting program so that targets, ranges, scoring methods, records and match procedures will be uniform and comparable.

1.4. To assist and encourage any individual or organization in the promotion of Benchrest Shooting.

1.5. To gather and make available to its members pertinent statistics and technical data

Agenda Change Item 2

Change 1.1.2 to read as follows:

1.1.2 The achievement of extreme precision in rifles, ammunition and shooting methods by shooting “groups” and/or the achievement of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition and shooting methods by shooting “score” . Presented by Mike Bryant.

Motion to approve changing of the wording to 1.1.2 The achievement of extreme precision and accuracy in rifles, ammunition and shooting methods by shooting groups and score was made by Mr. Harris. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. . Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Creach, Mid-Continent director. He had no items but wanted to correct a typo in the rulebook under section 4.22.5. The number 29 needs to be removed. Noted by the Business Manager.

Mid-Continent Region Agenda items:

None

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Mundy, Mississippi Valley Region Director. He has none.

Mississippi Valley Region Agenda items:

None

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Zaccanti, Northwest Region Director. He has none.

Northwest Region Agenda Items:

None

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Lee, Southeast Region Director. He has none.

Southeast Region Agenda Items:

None

Mr. Neary called on Mr. Bluhm, Southwest Alternate Region Director. Mr. Bluhm took the floor and reviewed the agenda item from his region.

Southwest Region Agenda Items:

NBRSA Proposed Rule Change – 6/1/2021, Submitted by Jason Peterson

Summary

The suggested rule changes are designed to change the relay and aggregate formats to achieve the following objectives:

1. Ensure that a competitor does not get to shoot ALL their targets at one time while other shooters work the pits or wait for their opportunity. It is quite common, especially at ranges in the Western U.S., for conditions to grow progressively worse in terms of both wind and mirage. The current relay structure virtually ensures that different relays shoot in much different conditions.

Studies of past matches have shown that shooters that shoot in the first relay almost always have the advantage and are commonly seen at the top of the group/score standings.

To try and make the format more equal we are suggesting that the match proceed in this order:

- Relay 1 shoots first 2 LG targets
 - Relay 2 shoots first 2 LG targets
 - Relay 1 shoots first 2 HG targets
 - Relay 2 shoots first 2 HG targets
 - Relay 1 shoots last 2 LG targets
 - Relay 2 shoots last 2 LG targets
 - Relay 1 shoots last 2 HG target
 - Relay 2 shoots last 2 HG targets
2. Expand aggregates from 3 to 4 targets for both LG and HG to establish a better standard to determine the winner of each class and the overall 2 gun, match champion.
 3. The number of record shots for LG and HG will not change. LG will continue to be 5 record shots per record target. HG will continue to be 10 record shots per record target.

Responses to likely questions:

1. Will this require existing records to be retired? Yes – EXCEPT in the case of single TARGET records (for score or group). All records will be retired to make room for new aggregative records that reflect the new 4 target format. It is our suggestion that we wait until the end of the first year of the format change to measure and finalize any new aggregate records. The match director will retain the TOP THREE sets of winning targets from each match during that year. At the end of the year, match directors and records

committee shall review all winning entries and submit the best group/score aggregates to the records director for official scoring/measurements.

2. Will people be willing to rotate more frequently? The hope is that people will recognize that the benefits of the new format, in terms of equalizing match outcomes, outweighs the small inconvenience of having to rotate more frequently. With some practice, competitors should become more efficient in transitioning off benches and to the pits. Preliminary discussions with competitors of ALL AGES have revealed strong support for the suggested changes.

Revised Portions of Rulebook

***Note - suggested rule changes impact the following parts of the current rule book in the order they appear. The changes are bolded and underlined and previous rules are denoted by ~~---~~. Unless superseded by the rule changes, all other rules will remain unchanged.

1.2.27. Relay: Competitors on the firing line or in the pits pulling targets or on standby. A relay consists of Light Gun ~~or~~ and Heavy Gun sighter and record targets.

1.4. Tournament Format

1.4.1. The following tournaments are recognized by the NBRSA and records may be set in these formats only.

1.4.1.1. One Day Tournament: Each Competitor shoots ~~four~~ three Light Gun record targets and ~~four~~ three Heavy Gun record targets. A Competitor may choose to shoot only Light Gun or only Heavy Gun class.

1.4.1.2. Two Day Tournament: Each Competitor shoots ~~four~~ three Light Gun record targets and ~~four~~ three Heavy Gun record targets each day. A Competitor may choose to shoot only Light Gun or only Heavy Gun class on any day of the of the Tournament.

1.4.1.3. Three Day Tournament: Each Competitor shoots:

- Day 1: Four (4) Light Gun record targets and two (2) Heavy Gun record targets.
- Day 2: Four (4) Heavy Gun record targets and two (2) Light Gun record targets.
- Day 3: Two (2) Light Gun record targets and two (2) Heavy Gun record targets.

A Competitor may choose to shoot only Light Gun or only Heavy Gun class on any day of the of the Tournament.

~~[Three Day Tournament: Each Competitor shoots two Light Gun record targets two Heavy Gun record targets each day. A Competitor may choose to shoot only Light Gun or only Heavy Gun class on any day of the of the Tournament.]~~

1.4.1.4. One Day Light or Heavy Gun Tournament: Each Competitor shoots eight [six] Heavy Gun record targets or eight [six] Light Gun record targets.

1.4.4. One Day Tournament Aggregates

1.4.4.1. The following aggregates are calculated for a one day tournament. See “3. Scoring Ties and Penalties” for definitions of the aggregates.

1.4.4.1.1. Four [Three] Target Light Gun Group Aggregate.

1.4.4.1.2. Four [Three] Target Light Gun Score Aggregate.

1.4.4.1.3. Four [Three] Target Heavy Gun Group Aggregate.

1.4.4.1.4. Four [Three] Target Heavy Gun Score Aggregate.

1.4.4.1.5. Eight [Six] Target Group Aggregate.

1.4.4.1.6. Eight [Six] Target Score Aggregate.

1.4.4.2. The following aggregates are calculated for a one day tournament where eight [six] Light Gun record strings or eight [six] Heavy Gun record strings are shot. See “3. Scoring Ties and Penalties” for definitions.

1.4.4.2.1. Four [Three] Target Light or Heavy Gun Group Aggregate.

1.4.4.2.2. Four [Three] Target Light or Heavy Gun Score Aggregate.

1.4.4.2.3. Eight [Six] Target Light and Heavy Gun Group Aggregate.

1.4.4.2.4. Eight [Six] Target Light and Heavy Gun Score Aggregate.

1.4.4.2.6. World record score or group aggregates can only be set of the first four [three] targets (targets 1,2,3,4) ~~[(targets 1,2,3)]~~ or second four [three] targets (targets 5,6,7,8) ~~[(targets 3,4,5)]~~ small group single target and high score single target.

1.4.4.2.7. All four [three] target group and aggregates shall be checked for records.

1.4.4.2.8. World records cannot be set on eight [six] target group or score aggregates.

1.4.5. Two Day and Three Day Aggregate.

1.4.5.1. The following aggregates are calculated for a two day or three day tournament. See “3. Scoring Ties and Penalties” for definitions.

- 1.4.5.1.1. ~~Eight [Six]~~ Target Light Gun Group Aggregate
- 1.4.5.1.2. ~~Eight [Six]~~ Target Light Gun Score Aggregate
- 1.4.5.1.3. ~~Eight [Six]~~ Target Heavy Gun Group Aggregate
- 1.4.5.1.4. ~~Eight [Six]~~ Target Heavy Gun Score Aggregate
- 1.4.5.1.5. ~~Sixteen [Twelve]~~ Target Group Aggregate
- 1.4.5.1.6. ~~Sixteen [Twelve]~~ Target Score Aggregate

1.5.19. Course of fire is:

1.5.19.1 For one day and two day tournaments:

- Relay 1 shoots first LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots first LG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots first HG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots first HG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots last LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots last LG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots last HG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots last HG Relay

~~[light Gun first, then Heavy Gun except in an all light gun or heavy gun Tournament.]~~ This is the same for all days of a tournament, all relays. The Competitor shoots from the same bench all relays, all days.

1.5.19.2 Course of fire for a 3 day tournament:

1.5.19.2.1: Day 1:

- Relay 1 shoots 1st LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 1st LG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots 1st HG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 1st HG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots 2nd LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 2nd LG Relay

1.5.19.2.2: Day 2:

- Relay 1 shoots 2nd HG Relay

- Relay 2 shoots 2nd HG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots 3rd LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 3rd LG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots 3rd HG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 3rd HG Relay

1.5.19.2.3: Day 3:

- Relay 1 shoots 4th LG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 4th LG Relay
- Relay 1 shoots 4th HG Relay
- Relay 2 shoots 4th HG Relay

1.5.20. A Light Gun relay consists of equipment set up, the first sighter period, a record string, a second sighter period, and a second record string.

[1.5.20. In a one day or two day tournament, a Light Gun relay consists of equipment set up, the first sighter period, a record string, a second sighter period, a second record string, a third sighter period and a third record string. Once the Light Gun is complete, the Competitor shoots a Heavy Gun relay similar to the Light Gun relay.]

1.5.21. A Heavy Gun relay consists of equipment set up, the first sighter period, a record string, a second sighter period, and a second record string.

[1.5.21. In a three day tournament, a Light Gun relay consists of equipment set up, the first sighter period, a record string, a second sighter period, and a second record string. Once the Light Gun is complete, the Competitor shoots a Heavy Gun relay similar to the Light Gun.]

3.1. Record String

2. Four [~~Three~~] Target Aggregate

3.1.2.1. A "4-Target" Aggregate is defined as either target numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 or as target numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 of any multiple target aggregate shot in the same competition, regardless of the number of days of the competition.

[3.1.2.1. A "3-Target" Aggregate is defined as either target numbers 1, 2, and 3 or as target numbers 4, 5, and 6 of any multiple target aggregate shot in the same competition, regardless of the number of days of the competition. (Effective as of 1/1/08).]

3.1.6. Group Aggregates

3.1.6.1. Light Gun Group Aggregate is calculated by adding together the Light Gun record string groups (four or eight targets) [~~(three or six targets)~~] and dividing by the appropriate number of targets (four or eight) [~~(three or six)~~].

3.1.6.2. Heavy Gun Group Aggregate is calculated by adding together the Heavy Gun record string groups four or eight targets ~~[(three or six targets)]~~ and dividing by the appropriate number of targets four or eight ~~[(three or six targets)]~~

3.1.6.3. Two Gun group aggregate eight or sixteen targets ~~[(six or twelve targets)]~~ is calculated by adding together the Light Gun and Heavy Gun group aggregates and dividing by two.

3.1.7. Score Aggregates

3.1.7.1. Light Gun score aggregate is calculated by totaling the Light Gun record string scores four or eight targets ~~[(three or six targets)]~~ including X's.

3.1.7.2. Heavy Gun score aggregate is calculated by totaling the Heavy Gun record string scores four or eight targets ~~[(three or six targets)]~~ including X's

3.1.7.3. Two Gun score aggregate eight or sixteen targets ~~[(six or twelve targets)]~~ is calculated by totaling the Light Gun and Heavy Gun score aggregates including X's.

3.1.8.3. Aggregate Group – 4 target, 8 target, 16 target ~~[3 target, 6 target and 12 target]~~

3.1.8.3.1. In case of a tie for aggregate group - the higher aggregate score determines the winner.

3.1.8.3.2. In case of a tie the aggregate group, and the aggregate score is also tied - the higher aggregate "X" count determines the winner.

3.1.8.3.3. If the tie still exist, duplicate winners are recognized.

3.1.8.4. Aggregate Score - 4 target, 8 target, 16 target ~~[3 target, 6 target and 12 target]~~

~~[3.1.8.5. ——— X count tied — go to highest single target score.]~~

~~[3.1.8.6. ——— Highest single target score tied — go to X count.]~~

~~[3.1.8.7. ——— You have up to 6 chances to break a tie on 3 target total and 12 on 6 target total.]~~

5.2. World Records

5.2.1. NBRSA recognizes the following World Records for 600 and 1,000 yard Light Gun class (to begin in 1996 season);

5.2.1.3. Smallest 8-Target ~~[6-Target]~~ Group Aggregate

5.2.1.4. Highest 8-Target ~~[6-Target]~~ Total Score

5.2.1.5. Smallest 4-Target ~~[3-Target]~~ Group Aggregate

5.2.1.6. Highest ~~4-Target~~ ~~[3-Target]~~ Total Score.

5.2.2. NBRSA recognizes the World Records for 600 and 1,000 yard Heavy Gun class (to begin in 1996 season):

5.2.2.3. Smallest ~~8-Target~~ ~~[6-Target]~~ Group Aggregate

5.2.2.4. Highest ~~8-Target~~ ~~[6-Target]~~ Total Score

5.2.2.5. Smallest ~~4-Target~~ ~~[3-Target]~~ Group Aggregate

5.2.2.6. Highest ~~4-Target~~ ~~[3-Target]~~ Total Score.

5.2.3. NBRSA recognizes the following World Records for 600 and 1,000 yard Two Gun (Light Gun and Heavy Gun combined) (to begin in 1996 season):

5.2.3.1. Smallest ~~16 [12]~~ - Group Aggregate Target (~~8 [6]~~ Light Gun groups and ~~8 [6]~~ Heavy Gun groups).

5.2.3.2. Highest ~~16 [12]~~ - Total Score Target (~~8 [6]~~ Light Gun scores and ~~8 [6]~~ Heavy Gun scores).

5.2.3.3. Smallest ~~8 [6]~~ - Group Aggregate Target (~~4 [3]~~ Light Gun groups and ~~4 [3]~~ Heavy Gun groups).

5.2.3.4. Highest ~~8 [6]~~ - Total Score Target (~~4 [3]~~ Light Gun scores and ~~4 [3]~~ Heavy scores).

Mr. Bluhm took the floor and reminded the Board that this had previously been discussed in a telephone conference call. He continued to say this will cause a major hiccup. Some smaller ranges have said they will drop NBRSA matches if we change course of fire. Mr. Neary took the floor and says it looks like the IBS format. There is concern that there are areas that are not fair. Mr. Bluhm says it's been an issue for a long time. Mr. Neary explained some concerns that have been brought to him. Mr. Neary says this could have been vetted out if the Nationals were held in April. Mr. Neary feels it should be tabled until the LR Nationals. Mr. Harris asked if it would be possible to let the ranges vet this out. Mr. Neary says that's the current process. Mr. Bluhm says the LR Nationals will take place in October and it will be discussed. Mr. Lee says then we could have a telephone meeting to discuss the requested changes. **Mr. Mundy makes a motion to table this item until further review. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously,**

Mr. Neary moved on to his President's item:

President's Items:

Mr. Neary continued the meeting by presenting his President's Items. He says he wants to see if Mr. George Kelbly, Jr. will do a 30 minute tutorial on how to properly measure a target and put it on our youtube and website page.

He then reviewed his handout list with the directors.

Housekeeping Items....

- ***Please check your email at least once a day***
- ***Please respond with your approval of BOD meeting minutes when asked***
- ***Please attend your regional matches....***
- ***Please get started planning your 2022 regional match schedules***
- ***2022 Match Date Planning – Eliminate date conflicts with Nats and key matches***
- ***Please assist your Match Directors in obtaining raffle prizes for Regional/Nationals***
- ***NBRSA Pizza social luncheon on Wednesday – Your attendance requested and assistance in getting the members served.***

Mr. Neary moved to his new business items:

New Business Items Review:

- ***Social media host need/hiring request Restructure NBRSA website to minimize info. searches and include match results***

Mr. Neary expressed his concern over the Benchrest Central website. He says he is being asked to put our match results on our website. Mr. Neary suggested we hire a social media host - paying a \$300 a month stipend for that person. Mr. Harris took the floor and says no to this. Mr. Lee took the floor and said he actually had talked about doing this several years back. He says if the match results are sent to the Editor, she then could forward to him and he would work with Mr. Harris to get it up on the website. Mr. Mundy took the floor and says the members want it immediate and some guys are just taking pictures and posting on Benchrest Central. Mr. Lee said it can be done but we need to develop a process. Mr. Neary asked if there is any way to get then posted immediately. Mr. Harris stated that it's not quite as easy as you all think but there might be a way to get it done. Mr. Creach took the floor and says you can send whatever you want with the bughole program. Mr. Harris asked Mr. Lee if he could make some adjustments to his bughole program where the match directors can click a button and send the report. Mr. Lee says he could work on that option. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and says we can't forget the Score and Long Range discipline. Mr. Neary took the floor and said we need to get the results on our website.

Mr. Harris took the floor and says he is working on writing a data base to accumulate the data from the ranges. His question," how do we get the match directors to upload the data, at minimum their performance in every agg, in 2, 3, 4 gun"? Also how do we get them to upload every match results? Mr. Harris says the problem is his system does not have the ability to upload PDF format. **Mr. Harris and Mr. Lee will work on this project.**

Mr. Neary's next item was:

- ***Implement 3 shooter classes at 2022 Nationals ~ Marksman / Sharp Shooter / Expert***

Mr. Neary discussed his ideas on starting this new program. Mr. Mundy asked what criteria you would use for the different classes. Mr. Neary continued you would have special awards for all the different classes. Hopefully this would generate some new interest and draw more attendance at the matches. Mr. Campbell asked how you can make it fair? Mr. Creach agreed. Mr. Mundy says they tried something like that years ago. It's better to give a prize for different places rather than different classes. Mr. Creach does not agree with starting new classes. Mr. Neary asked if the board would support a monetary award for offering money for random placements in lower brackets? Mr. Creach says he would not support this at a National match. Mr. Bryant took the floor and asked how F-Class breaks their different classes? **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion we will introduce shooter classifications at 2022 Nationals. Mr. Harris seconded.** Mr. Metcalf suggested bringing this up at the membership meeting and get input from the members. Mr. Bluhm asked how many use Benchrest Central? Mr. Neary said less than 50 people at any given time. Mr. Mundy agrees this should be brought up at the membership meeting. **Mr. Zaccanti withdrew his motion.**

Mr. Neary moved to his final President's agenda item:

- ***NBRSA cross-promotion opportunity with Brownells***

Mr. Neary explained that Speedy Gonzalas has a direct connection with Brownells. They are working with them and possible Brownell's doing some type of promotion for the NBRSA. Mr. Neary will continue to work on this further.

Mr. Neary moved to the final item for the day, our hosting selection for our Nationals next year.

Mr. Neary stated we only had one range to bid for the 2022 Group Nationals. Bench Rest Club of St. Louis for the week of Oct. 10-15, 2022. Mr. Mundy feels it should go back out west in the near future. Mr. Neary explained that their schedule is full for 2022 with a Cowboy action world championship. **Motion to accept this bid was made by Mr. Creach, Seconded by Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** No bids were submitted for 2023 or 2024.

2022 Group Nationals – Benchrest Club of St. Louis, Wright City, MO. Proposing dates of October 10-15, 2022.

2023 Group Nationals –

2024 Group Nationals -

Mr. Neary moved on to the 2022 Long Range Nationals. Sloughouse Benchrest Shooters (LR) have submitted a bid for October 24-31, 2022. **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to accept the bid. Mr. Creach seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr.**

Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No bids were submitted for 2023 or 2024.

2022 Long Range Nationals Oct 24-31, 2022 Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters, Sacramento CA

2023 Long Range Nationals –

2024 Long Range Nationals –

Mr. Neary moved to the 2022 Short Range Score Nationals. He says he understands there is some interest from the Boone Valley Ikes club. Mr. Harris will reach out to Mr. Bigelow and get a final answer. **Matter was tabled.** No bids were submitted for 2023 or 2024.

2022 Short Range Score Nationals –

2023 Short Range Score Nationals –

2024 Short Range Score Nationals –

Recess until Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Mr. Neary announced that concluded all the matters for the day. He stated the board would recess until Wednesday, September 22, 2021. **Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Zaccanti. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Lee, Mr. Creach, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Annual Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 12:56 pm on September 22, 2021 by President Jack Neary.

Mr. Neary opened the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking them for their support. He then started to cover the agenda items that was presented to the Board at their meeting on September 18.

Mr. Neary informed the members that Mr. Wayne Campbell, U.S. World Team Representative had announced that it was unfortunate that the 2021 World Team Championships that was to be held in South Africa was canceled and moved until 2023. He continued stating that as a small token of their hard work each team member had received a jacket from sponsor Bartlein Barrels. He continued saying that Mr. Campbell had suggested they use the same matches as in the past - Cactus, Shamrock, Hogroast, East/West, Rattlesnake and the Nationals for qualifying for the 2023 team and that the Board had approved this in their meeting.

Mr. Neary informed the members that Mr. Don Creach, Group Records Committee Chairman had submitted his world record report and as of date no new records were broken.

Mr. Neary also informed the members that LR World Records Committee Chairman, Mr. Bill Johnson also submitted his report but due to moving the LR Nationals from April to October, they had not had a chance to discuss any issues.

Mr. Neary continued saying Mr. Rich Carpenter, Score Records Committee Chairman had submitted his report and stated no new world records had been set this year.

Mr. Neary moved to the next items and told the membership that the Board realizes that ranges are having challenges with low attendance and that is putting a burden on them financially. He informed the members that the board approved allowing ranges to charge an additional target fee in addition to the entry fee.

Mr. Neary's next item for discussion was target paper. He told the members they had been searching for better paper for years and it's an issue that is still challenging us. He continued saying that if they find a better paper the cost is ridiculous. He continued telling the members the Board has appointed a Target paper committee and hopefully they can find a better affordable paper.

Mr. Neary then called on Mr. Harris, Financial Officer to discuss the financial status with the members. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated that even with the challenges of the past year such as covid, smaller attendance at matches and hiring of an Editor we still were able to show a profit and he was quite pleased and felt that we had done quite well. He also commended Ms. Campbell for her efforts in securing new advertisers for the organization which made a big increase in income. He then asked if there were questions. There were none. Mr. Neary took the floor and said at this time he wanted to recognize Mr. Harris for providing the website at no cost to the organization and for all his other assistance both personally and financially that he provides to the NBRSA at no cost. He then presented Mr. Harris with a plaque for all his contributions to our organization. Mr. Harris thanked him for all the kind words.

Mr. Neary moved on to discuss the Nominating committee. Mr. Neary informed the members that he will move forward for another 2 year term. He wants to grow our membership. Currently we have 1189 members and he feels the mentorship program is working and helping bring in new members. He thanked the members who had volunteered to be involved in this program. He informed the members that we have 71 new members so far this year. Mr. Neary reminded the members that we have lost a lot of friends over the years. He continued saying just this week we lost one of the greatest icons in our shooting world, Mr. Walt Berger who was one of the founders of the world federation. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Berger.

Mr. Neary moved to the next item, the screamer patch program. He explained how it had worked previously and that the Board had voted last year to moved from the patches to stickers. Mr. Neary informed the membership that Mr. Dan Zaccanti is working on this project where the stickers will be given out at the matches and not through the Business Office as the patches had

been done in the past. He also told them there will not be any limit on how many stickers you can earn.

Mr. Neary next item was the announcement that our magazine editor, Ms. Serena Juchnowski Editor had submitted her resignation effective date of January, 2022. He informed the membership that she had taken a full time position. He continued saying we will be searching for a new editor but that Ms. Juchnowski will finish out her contract.

Mr. Neary moved to the next item which required membership approval since it affected a bylaw change. The bylaw affected was approved by the Board. Mr. Neary read the item from the Board of Directors meeting: Mr. Harris asked for the floor and stated he had the rewrite and suggested it read: 9.1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President, or by any two (2) of the directors. Notice shall be given by email or mail and shall state the purposes, time and place of the meeting. If it is given by email, it shall be given not less than three (3) days before the meeting. **A motion to accept the change was made by Mr. Steve Lee and seconded by Mr. Lacy Tilley. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Neary moved on to this years agenda items. The first one was submitted by the Eastern Region. He read the agenda item to the membership: 1) Move the 200 yard unlimited to Saturday instead of Thursday for the NBRSA Nationals. I think that might get us a few more shooters that shoot bag guns only. Submitted by Don Rosette. He informed the membership that this item was discussed, a motion was made but it died for a lack of a second.

He covered the next item for the Eastern Region: Motion was made by Mr. Harris that we allow Alternate Regional Directors to fully participate in our annual BOD meeting without voting rights. Mr. Bluhm seconded the motion. Mr. Neary stated currently Alternate Regional Directors are permitted to attend our annual BOD meeting, but unable to join in any of the discussions, can not vote and have to pay their own expenses. Mr. Neary told the membership that a motion was made and seconded but the motion failed.

The next item up for discussion was also submitted by the Eastern Region: Introduce a "Show Your Bolts" Range Master command requirement immediately after the cease-fire command during all NBRSA discipline registered matches - Long Range/Score and Group. I believe we have become much more cavalier regarding our gun safety at the firing-line, regarding all shooters remaining at the bench until the cease-fire command. The addition of a "show your bolts" bolts command after the cease-fire command will help prevent any potential dangerous safety issues with a loaded rifle leaving the firing line. Submitted by Jack Neary. Mr. Neary continued saying when he submitted this item he thought this was a good idea, that he felt we needed to tighten up on our safety. He informed the membership that a motion was made and seconded but failed approval by the Board.

Mr. Neary moved on to the next agenda item: Create specific Long Range, Score and Group membership volunteer committees to properly focus on any pertinent operational issues and for

the sustainable growth of each respective NBRSA shooting discipline. Each of these shooting committees would report, at least on a quarterly basis, during a BOD conf. call meetings their respective emerging issues or activities. Submitted by Jack Neary. He stated he thought this would enhance and grow each discipline. He informed the membership that the Board did approve this motion unanimously.

Mr. Neary continued to the next agenda item that was submitted by himself : Install a two-term limit for all Regional Directors, Vice-President and President leadership roles within the NBRSA. This proposed two-term would help prevent complacency, provide new leadership strategies and provide increased opportunities for more members to participate in the steering direction of the NBRSA. In the event of the lack of an opposing candidate during a given NBRSA officer election, the unopposed incumbent Regional Director, VP and/or President would continue to serve in his/her current leadership role for the next 2-year term. Submitted by Jack Neary. Mr. Neary stated he thought this would get some change up in officers and directors. He continued saying after the Board discussed this item, he withdrew his motion after the discussion. He did inform the membership that he will be running for another 2 year term.

Mr. Neary moved on to the agenda item submitted by the Gulf Coast Region:

A motion was made by Mr. Bryant, Gulf Coast Director that we make the proposed change:
2.11.1 The front sandbag. The front sandbag shall be a bag or combination of bags, containing sand only, and at least 1/2” thick at any point where it contacts the rifle stock. Tape on the sandbag is legal. He informed the membership that the 3 piece bag was approved.

Mr. Neary stated that no agenda items were submitted by the Mid-Continent, Mississippi Valley, North Central, Northwest or Southeast Regions. He then moved on to the Southwest Region agenda item which involved changing of the Long Range rules. He informed the membership that after discussion with the Long Range match directors, LR members and the Board, this item was tabled by the Directors until after the Long Range Nationals in October where this item would be discussed and would then be referred back to the Board.

Mr. Neary stated that before he moved on, he had another person he would like to recognize. He asked Ms. Pam Campbell, Business Manager to come forward. He continued that in addition to her serving the NBRSA as Business Manager, she had also taken on the roll as Advertising Manager. He thanked Mr. Lee Hachigan for all his hard work serving as past editor and advertising manager for the NBRSA, but he said he felt Ms. Campbell had exceeded all expectations in the sales of over \$11,000.00 in new advertisers. With this accomplishment, the magazine is now self supporting even with having to pay an Editor. He then presented Ms. Campbell with a plaque for her dedication in sales. She thanked Mr. Neary for his kind words.

Mr. Neary informed the membership that he is working towards promoting the NBRSA and the various disciplines through social media, twitter and our website. He also informed the members that he has started a Youtube channel and will continue to post information on it in hopes our

growing our organization with new members. He told the membership that some new features will be added to the website and that Mr. Harris and Mr. Lee are working on this project which will include the posting of match reports.

Mr. Neary moved to his next item of discussion. This involves an idea where we would implement 3 shooter classes at 2022 Nationals, for example - Marksman / Sharp Shooter / Expert. He continued saying that there are all different levels of competitors, some come to win but not all competitors have the time to get to that level. With this program, members would be recognized based on whichever level they are at. He continued saying other disciplines have different classes and/or flights. There was no further discussion on this item.

Mr. Neary informed the membership of the 2022 National Event Hosting Selections. He continued saying we only had one range to bid for the 2022 Group Nationals. The Bench Rest Club of St. Louis was awarded the Group Nationals for the week of Oct. 10-15, 2022. He stated there were no bids submitted for 2023 or 2024.

Mr. Neary moved on to the 2022 Long Range Nationals. He stated that the Sloughhouse Benchrest Shooters (LR) were awarded the 2022 Long Range Nationals and will be held October 24-31, 2022. No bids were submitted for 2023 or 2024.

Mr. Neary continued to the 2022 Short Range Score Nationals. He says he understands there is some interest from the Boone Valley Ikes club and the Board will be finalizing this soon.

Mr. Neary announced that this concluded all the matters for the day that he had and asked if there were any members wishing to speak. Mr. Larry Costa asked for the floor. Mr. Costa informed the members he is raising money to replace the target system at Fairchance Gun Club in Pennsylvania. He said the system there is very antiquated. He also stated they do not have any cashflow and that we can not afford to lose this range on the east coast. He thanked the members for any and all assistance in this project. Mr. Neary took the floor back and wanted to make it clear to the members that this is not a NBRSA project and the NBRSA is not involved in any way.

Mr. Steve Lee asked for the floor and invited everyone to the Southeast Regionals to be held October 21-24 and that it is 4 day - 4 gun match at the MGGOA range in Dublin, GA.

Mr. Neary had one final item to discuss. He had purchased a video camera on his own dime and will be working with Mr. George Kelby, Jr. on filming some instructions on how to properly measure targets. He will be posting this out on the Youtube channel and other social media. He is also working with Mr. Speedy Gonzalez who has a great relationship with Brownell's on some type of marketing with their customers where they possibly include some type of information page that they would include in each order. They have a mailing list of over 15,000 customers. We will have more details at a later date. Mr. Neary asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mr.

Dave Coots made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Paul Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm

The Continued meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Jack Neary at 2:24 pm EST on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. In attendance were:

Jack Neary, President
Wayne Campbell, Vice President
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Pat Metcalf, Eastern Regional Director
Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director & Financial Officer
Steve Lee, Southeast Regional Director
Mike Conry, Gulf Coast Director Elect

Mr. Neary opened the meeting by stating the Mr. Dennis Boyet of the Bench Rest Club of St. Louis had reached out to him and asked him to discuss with the Directors the issue of getting the rifles weighed at the Nationals. He was suggesting that the match director be allowed to weigh rifles or give the match director authority to appoint someone to weigh them. Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated the problem is sometimes the referees are on the same relay and it makes it near impossible for them to get the rifles weighed. Mr. Metcalf stated we just need to pick referees off of different relays. Mr. Harris took the floor and say we should allow the host club to appoint whoever. Mr. Creach said don't change it if it's not broke. The more you change the more you confuse people. **Mr. Harris made a motion to allow the host club to appoint an official to weigh rifles at any match. Mr. Mundy seconded the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mundy and Mr. Bryant voted for the motion. Mr. Creach and Mr. Metcalf voted against. Motion passed.**

Mr. Neary moved to the next item for discussion. Mr. Harris wishes to development a program where by we use a scanner for auto-measuring of the group targets. Mr. Creach stated it's got to be affordable for the ranges. Mr. Harris stated all they will need is to go get is an inexpensive scanner - a DPI scanner, they are very cheap. He continued that we have to write the software to work with the scanner. He was previously working on this several years ago and had someone who worked for him but he left costing Mr. Harris somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000, but that 80% of it is already done. Mr. Lee took the floor saying he had talked to Mr. Larry Costa concerning a program that you have a camera affixed in position above the target. Mr.

Harris stated that this has already been done. Mr. Harris stated his new way is a very fast process of measuring taking less than a minute per target. Mr. Creach stated he is in favor of research. Mr. Harris stated he will get a student to do the coding and he will work with him on developing the algorithms and then he will let the board know the cost.

Mr. Neary moved to the next item asking the Directors to submit world record targets as soon as possible and not delay in getting them passed to all the measuring committee members. He stated it is very disrespectful to the members to let them set for months.

Mr. Mundy took the floor and brought up the screamer sticker program and stated he thinks we should do screamer stickers for the Score discipline in addition to the current Group and Long Range. Mr. Neary agreed and will reach out the Mr. Rich Carpenter, Score Records Chairman and then he will follow up with Mr. Zaccanti who is having the stickers made. Mr. Mundy stated that we want 2 different stickers. **A motion to develop a reward sticker for outstanding Score shooting was made by Mr. Mundy. Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** As Mr. Neary mentioned, he will get in touch with Mr. Zaccanti. The measurement required to get a sticker in Score will be determined.

Mr. Neary mentioned his previous conversation concerning that the IBS and the fact they invest in their clubs. Mr. Neary thinks we should be investing to help some of our clubs who need financial support. Mr. Lee says the NBRSA does not need to do this. He said last year he and other members did send money personally to help out the SWLA club who suffered a tremendous loss from several hurricanes. Mr. Harris stated that the clubs should have an insurance policy. Mr. Creach said that no one ever knew that their club was damaged, that they had insurance and their people repaired it. He agreed that ranges should have insurance. Mr. Creach said he was definitely against any assistance by the NBRSA.

Lastly, Mr. Neary said that Chris Harris, North Central Director had stated that Boone Valley Ikes in Webster City had submitted a bid for the 2022 Score Nationals. Mr. Harris made a **motion to approve allowing the Boone Valley Ikes Club host the 2022 Short Range Score Nationals and the SW Louisiana would host it in 2023. Mr. Creach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Final dates will be forth coming for both the 2022 and 2023. Mr. Mundy stated to make sure it is in August. Mr. Harris will follow up with the range.

Mr. Lee asked for the floor and stated that he will not be seeking re-election next year. He is in the process of finding someone to run for his position.

Mr. Neary took the floor and thanked Mr. Mike Bryant, Gulf Coast Director for his years of service to the NBRSA and welcomed Mr. Mike Conry, newly elected Director for the Gulf Coast.

Mr. Neary stated there was no further business, and asked for a Motion to Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mundy, seconded by Mr. Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Pam Campbell
 Pam Campbell
 Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP TREND COMPARISON FOR 2020 AND 2021

2020	Domestic	Intl	Total	2021	Domestic	Intl	Total
Jan	1127	34	1161	Jan	1060	25	1085
Feb	1125	36	1161	Feb	1064	28	1092
Mar	1114	35	1149	Mar	1065	28	1093
Apr	1083	33	1116	Apr	1107	29	1136
May	1054	33	1087	May	1097	29	1126
June	1061	30	1091	June	1088	30	1118
July	1064	30	1094	July	1071	29	1100
Aug	1067	30	1097	Aug	1089	29	1118
Sept	1072	30	1102	Sept			
Oct	1070	29	1099	Oct			
Nov	1048	28	1076	Nov			
Dec	1061	29	1090	Dec			

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