

NATIONAL BENCH REST SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
HOLTON GUN & BOW CLUB, HOLTON, MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the NBRSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS was called to order by President Mr. David Woodward at 8:57 am EST on Saturday, August 12, 2023. Mr. Woodward asked the Secretary to take a roll call. In attendance were:

David Woodward, President
Wayne Campbell, Vice President
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Vic Potts, Eastern Regional Director
Mike Conry, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director & Financial Officer
Dan Zaccanti, Northwest Regional Director
Dana English, Southeast Regional Director

Mr. Don Creach, Mid-Continent Regional Director and Mr. Mike Sosenko, Southwest Regional Director were not in attendance. Mr. Jack Neary, Website and Target Committee Chairman and Mr. Steve Lee, Website/Bughole Committee member were invited to make their committee presentations.

The minutes of the telephone meeting held on March 14, 2023 were previously approved by email by Mr. Conry, Mr. Creach, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English and Mr. Potts. Mr. Sosenko did not respond.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Wayne Campbell, International Representative to give his committee report. Mr. Campbell took the floor and stated that we are getting ready to head to Chateauroux, France for WBC-16 leaving in September. This has been a very difficult one but everything appears to be ready. Mr. Woodward asked him if he had filled his spot as the International Representative. He told the board he had been trying to find someone to take over the position but so far nobody had stepped up. Mr. Campbell responded that if it comes to the USA Mr. Campbell said he would stay on for that one. He continued saying he would recommend the qualifiers stay the same, Phoenix, AZ, Dublin, GA, Fairchance, PA, St. Louis, MO, Raton, NM and the Nationals which will be held in Phoenix next year.

He recommended with the low attendance they drop the points to 60 instead of 70. Mr. Harris asked why not 50? Mr. Campbell said we still need to give the competitors an incentive to go and try to keep the attendance as high as possible. Mr. Zaccanti agreed with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Neary asked about the situation at Fairchance concerning the target frames and Mr. Campbell responded that all that had been worked out. Mr. Harris asked about permits for France and how difficult the process had been and Mr. Campbell responded that was a breeze but not much else had been. Ms. Campbell reminded the Board they would need to nominate Mr. Campbell to

continue on as the International Representative. **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion nominating Mr. Campbell to serve another term as the International Representative. Mr. Potts second the motion. Mr. Conry, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English and Mr. Potts all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Woodward thanked Mr. Campbell for his willingness to serve again.

Mr. Woodward called for the World Record Committee. Mr. Creach was not present but had submitted a report. Mr. Creach's report stated that two clubs had sent possible world records, Lands End Benchrest Shooters, 200 yard heavy varmint small group and North Central Region Oak Hill Gun Club an unlimited 100 yard aggregate 5 shots.

Mr. Woodward then called for the Score Committee Report. Mr. Dan Zaccanti stood in for Mr. Rich Carpenter, Chairman. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and stated that no new world records were set and that he had nothing further to be added or discussed.

Mr. Woodward called for the LR World Records and LR Rulebook report. Mr. Dan Zaccanti stood in for Mr. Bruce Teel, the new Long Range Committee Chairman, Elect. Mr. Zaccanti stated that they had submitted some agenda items that would be discussed later. He stated there is one target out to the committee for a possible world record. He continued saying that Mr. Bill Johnson had retired and sold most of his stuff and was enjoying his family and that Mr. Bruce Teel will take over as the Chairman of the Long Range and World Record Committees.

Mr. Woodward then called on Jack Neary, Chairman of the Target Committee. Mr. Neary took the floor and stated he had reviewed the respective target paper quality viability samples and pricing from the following prospective vendors:

CHL Targets - Katy, TX: Mr. Neary stated that he had reviewed several target paper weight samples - bullet hole tearing, relative to their group measurement accuracy, and have not yet found a paper weight make-up sample that yields our desired results of clean holes with both stable and unstable "out-of-tune" bullets. Pricing estimates are 0.78 cents or more per target with no solution for drop-shipping to individual ranges.

Harding-Poorman - Indianapolis, IN: He continued he had previously reviewed and tested two target paper weight samples - bullet hole tearing, as above. Paper stock samples evaluated were much too thin. Pricing estimates are \$1.12 cents per target – which is much too expensive for our ranges to afford.

National Target Co. - Fredrick, MD: Mr. Neary stated that he feels this is the best evaluated paper/target source tested as an alternative to our current target supplier. This is the company that supplies targets to the IBS. 100/200 yard Group targets priced at <0.18 cents per target - 100/200 yard Score targets priced at <0.29 cents per target - Long Range targets pricing (.est) for 600 yard targets @ 0.52 cents each and 1K targets @ \$1.03 each. Shipping costs TBD. May not be able to meet our drop shipment/direct-billing requirements. He continued that they will not be able to provide formal price quote response until late September due to paper availability constraints.

Mr. Neary concluded he feels that the only one to consider is National Target Co. Mr. Zaccanti asked about what score targets would cost. Mr. Neary told him that they should be able to accommodate the Score and Long Range with targets but he had not gotten any prices on those targets. Mr. Neary commented that this paper does not do good in the rain. Mr. Zaccanti commented that the one we have now is waterproof. Mr. Neary asked Ms. Campbell if she wanted to comment on our working relationship with our current vendor, Targets Online. Ms. Campbell took the floor and stated that she had no complaints with the vendor. She continued saying they are fast in filling the orders and have been easy to deal with when any issues did arise. Mr. Mundy asked if the paper was readily available? Mr. Neary stated he could not answer that but he will get answers. Mr. Campbell took the floor and stated that some of the samples he gotten to test was not good quality but the sample Mr. Neary presented at the meeting felt decent.

Mr. Harris asked for the floor and commented he had found some really good paper a while back and had several people test it but did not get any feedback from them. It had been a while since he checked but the pricing was 4 or 5 cent a sheet and we would have to buy a massive quantity. Mr. Neary asked if this would be imported and if there was a problem how would we get it replaced? Mr. Harris stated they guarantee the paper. Mr. Neary asked for clarification that the cost was 4 or 5 cent plus printing. Mr. Harris stated that was correct. Mr. Neary stated we could check and see if Targets Online would print them. Mr. Woodward asked how much would we have to buy and what would the cost be? Mr. Harris will have to check on that. Mr. Neary asked if this was the paper from Germany to which Mr. Harris responded it was and that he would get out some samples.

Mr. Neary also reminded them they would have to find a place to house the large quantity. Mr. Harris also offered the idea to get sponsors to put their names on the targets to cut the cost to the ranges. Mr. Neary told the board the IBS paid for the targets for the IBS Nationals and thought it was a good suggestion for the NBRSA to do the same. Mr. Harris stated another way to save money could possibly be to run them through a laser printer. Mr. Harris says that is easy. Mr. Neary suggested also that the NBRSA pay for the targets to be numbered. Mr. Woodward thanked Mr. Neary and called on Mr. Neary for his Website Committee report.

Mr. Neary took the floor and gave a recap of the board meeting which the board approved a year ago to develop a new site under the guidance of Jesse Tessman, web developer. He continued saying it took longer than we anticipated but it is up and running and we will have the match results on the website soon. He continued saying we now have a new web manager on board. He continued saying that the menu and some subline menus are some of the things that the demographics of our membership want to make it easier to navigate. We now have the capability needed to access the website by phones and Ipads. He continued saying we did it for less than \$4,000. We still have a few things yet to be done.

Mr. Woodward asked what other things need to be done? Mr. Neary continued saying that we will need to make changes and updates as things come up or evolve. Mr. Neary stated that regular maintenance such as plug in and upgrades and that he feels we should budget around \$2000 a year for development and maintenance. He reminded the board her hourly rate is \$52 an hour. Mr. Woodward then called on Mr. Lee to discuss his part in getting the match results

posted on the website through the use of his bughole program. Mr. Lee took the floor and stated his latest version of bughole is published on bughole.net. He informed the Board that after he and Mr. Woodward discussed the new update and that they agree they are going to have to give the match directors instructions on how to get the match results submitted to the web manager. Mr. Lee had prepared a handout for the board concerning the emailing of the results through Bughole. He reminded the board that we still have some ranges not using bughole and that if the ranges want their results posted they will have to use his program. He stated they are using it here at the Nationals and we will see if the process works to get them posted on the website.

Mr. Lee also told the board he has a lot of historical data and would like to get all of it put out on the website. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated that the match directors have a lot of the data on their computers. Mr. Woodward took the floor and reminded the Directors it is their responsibility to get their ranges updated on all of this. Mr. Woodward stated he is going to do a write up for the magazine and website in the near future. He asked if they would be posted on the website in PDF format and Mr. Lee responded that was correct. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and asked about the posting of the score and long range results. Mr. Lee stated they are aware they will need a new procedure for long range and Score. Mr. Harris stated he is developing a new program for that. Mr. Mundy took the floor and wanted to make sure only match directors can send in match results and not just anybody. Mr. Woodward assured him that would be made clear.

Mr. Harris took the floor and stated that the new business management system he has developed will check to see if the member is current and if the competitor is not a member the program will not post their information on the website. Mr. Harris presented his program on the computer where each competitor will be able to pull up their own personal profile with their shooting history. He also stated it will have a ranking system to measure yourself against other competitors. Mr. Neary stated this is something that the PRS shooting does. It is also something that the web manager could add to the website. Mr. Neary did warn the Board to be careful with this because he suggested this would offend a number of competitors. Mr. Mundy stated that we need to get these instructions out. Mr. Lee informed the Board that Mr. Harris has a new membership numbering system that will consolidate all this information and will need to be used moving forward. Mr. Harris told the Board we are using the new numbering system.

Mr. Woodward took the floor and stated it is going to be tough to get the small ranges to fall into the new system. Mr. Neary stated he asked the ranges to work with the new numbering system at the big matches and they all did cooperate. Mr. Harris stated we could print new cards for every member and mail them out and not just wait until they renew. Mr. Conry asked if we have a new membership list of the new membership number for each region? Mr. Harris stated he is working on that type of report. Mr. Woodward stated he would like us to get all new cards out to the members as soon as possible.

Mr. Harris took the floor and stated the whole idea is giving the members something back. They can see all their information about themselves. Mr. Woodward asked the 3 members on the committee if it could be up and running by the end of the year? Mr. Lee stated he won't have much time to work on it until after he returns from the World Benchrest Championship. Mr. Woodward asked if we could set a date of January 2024?

Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and reminded the board that we will need to work on Score and Long Range data too. He stated that some of his ranges for Score use pen and paper and his Long Range people wrote their own scoring programs. Mr. Neary took the floor and stated the results only need to be submitted in a PDF format. It's the same as for the magazine. Mr. Woodward stated that the committee chairman will be responsible to get the information out to the Score and Long Range ranges. Mr. Woodward assured Mr. Zaccanti that they will get some information put together for those disciplines.

Mr. Woodward then called on Steve Lee, Chairman for the Nominating Committee. Mr. Lee stated that no action was required this past year but he was ready to move forward for the 2024 election year. He asked Ms. Campbell to get him a list of possible candidates and he will start contacting to see who is interested in serving in the President and Vice President capacities.

Mr. Woodward called on Ms. Campbell for the Business Manager's report. She took the floor and asked the directors to follow along in their manuals. She started by discussing the statistical data which includes membership trends and stated that memberships are remaining steady and not much change over the last 6 years. She stated that attendance is down at the matches but with all the factors involved from aging members and medical issues to traveling expenses and rising cost of gas and hotels, it's not a surprise. She stated so far this year we have 42 new members, down from 91 last year at this time.

She also told them the total number of competitors for each month was not correct because of the delinquent clubs not paying their match fees so she had no way of knowing how many competitors were at those matches. She referred the directors to the delinquent clubs. As of the meeting, we only had one that had not settled their fees, Arizona Benchrest. They seem to have a pattern of being delinquent the past 3 years. She reminded the board that the bylaws state "all match fees are to be sent to NBRSA headquarters within 30 days of the match". After some discussion by various Board members, Mr. Campbell, Vice President recommended pulling the 2024 Nationals if they refuse to follow the rules set forth in the rulebook. Mr. Harris agreed and stated as we just discussed, the issue of messing up the monthly statistics is another of the issues caused by not paying in a timely manner. The entire Board agreed with both of them. Mr. Woodward stated he did not understand why they aren't paying but agreed. **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion that their fees must be paid by the end of August, 2023 or the 2024 Nationals will be pulled and any further delinquencies in the future will result in the club not receiving any world team qualifying matches. Mr. English second the motion. Mr. Conry, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English and Mr. Potts all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Woodward agreed to send a letter to the Match Director, SW Regional Director and Mr. Lou Murdica.

She moved to the next item which was the target inventory. She reported that everything is balanced and up to date. She also reported that Mr. Neary, Mr. Woodward and our Attorney, Mr. Elliott did secure the 600 and 1000 yard targets from the range that was holding them. The 1000 yard were sold to the range holding them and Mr. Woodward took possession of the 600 yard ones. Most of them have been sold. We are still working with our current target vendor to get them to print 600 and 1000 yard targets. She stated she is now managing these targets too.

She then asked the directors to review the Election Statistics from the 2023 Election of Directors. She stated there were no issues with this election and everyone ran unopposed with a few write-ins.

Her final item for discussion was for her role as Advertising Manager. She stated that she had reached out to over 50 old, new and current advertisers, some more than once. We currently have 26 advertisers plus the 2 Nationals and some of the bigger matches also purchase ads. She told the Board that Mr. Woodward did offer a discount to each of the 3 Nationals in an effort to give back to these clubs.

She continued saying we picked up 2 new advertisers- Creedmore Sports purchased a 1/3 page for 12 months. Ammerman Bullets has also come on board with a full page ad for 12 months. Hart Barrels increased the size of their ad. We lost Benchrite due to retirement. Dennis Wagner changed the frequency of his advertising.

We increased advertising rates in May of 2022 therefore all renewals and new advertisers did feel the effect of the increase for the 2023 season.

She continued stating that the projected cost of producing the magazine in 2023 should be around \$54,145.00 (magazine and mailing - \$36,645.00, Editor contract - \$12,000.00 and ad commission - \$5,500.00.) That includes the cost of printing and mailing the magazine, both of which increased this year, the Editors contract expense, and the advertising commission. We have sold \$55,375.00 in ads for 2023 so far this year which should cover all magazine costs.

She stated she is working with a couple more but can't get a commitment. A number of them said they were too busy now, or because of short supply of items, they did not want any more business.

Mr. Woodward returned to the floor and stated that he had the Editor's report from Ms. Stippich and that each had received her report in advance to review. He informed the board her report stated most everything was going well. He then asked if there were any comments. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated that in her report she says the mac computer recently given her will not run the programs she needs. He disagrees but she was told she would get a new computer and they were reminded it was the computer passed to her from the Business Manager. After much discussion, **Mr. Harris made a Motion to buy her a new computer.** Mr. Woodward took the floor and stated her work situation has changed and she is pressed for time to get the magazine done and she wants more time for the magazine. **Mr. Mundy made a motion to change the deadline for submissions from the 13th of the month to the 10th of the month and to purchase her a new computer. Mr. Harris withdrew his motion. Mr. Harris second Mr. Mundy's motion. Mr. Conry, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English and Mr. Potts all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Harris will get her a new computer.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Harris to give his Financial report. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated the reporting period he was reviewing was for the 12 month period from August 2022 through July 2023. He continued it is a 12 month period but is not our fiscal year report. He

started with the Profit and Loss Comparison report and stated you can see we had a much better year than last year. He continued saying the on income side it has been a very very good year for us. Advertising sales are up by \$6000. Targets sales are up by 40%. Match fees are flat but as we discussed could be due to delinquencies. Our club fees are up. Membership fees are up also due to the increase we made last year and that has our income significantly up. He projects that profit for year end in December it will likely be up 30%. Bank charges are up due to the addition of a new online renewal service. Mr. English asked about the decrease in our Insurance Liability cost, did we make changes? He stated it was likely due to the 12 months reporting period we were reviewing and the actual yearly premiums were not all captured. Mr. Harris continued cash on hand is up. He continued saying we looked good in the past because we had money in the past but not a healthy income statement. This year we are doing good and we have our cost under control. I think we need to invest in our membership. They look and see we are doing well and have a lot of excess money. Mr. Woodward agreed with Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris stated our cash position is strong and we can afford to help them. Mr. Mundy suggested maybe cutting match fees for a year to help the clubs. Mr. Harris stated as an organization looking forward we need to look at better ways to run our matches. Mr. Harris offered an option of scanning targets to possibly eliminating the scorer.

Mr. Woodward called for a lunch break. Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:10 am.

Mr. Woodward called the meeting back to order at 11:35 am. He called on Mr. Harris to finalize his report. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated he did verify the decrease in insurance premiums was due to all premiums not being paid in the same period. He asked if there were any questions?

Mr. Woodward took the floor and stated he had several items to discuss. He stated the next item on the agenda was the reappointment of the Long Range Committee chairman due to Mr. Bill Johnston resigning. He called on Mr. Dan Zaccanti to discuss the new Long Range Chairman nomination, Mr. Bruce Teel. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and stated as he discussed earlier, he recommended Mr. Bruce Teel be nominated. Mr. Woodward asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Bruce Teel as the Long Range Committee Chairman. He stated he would like to know what process was used to appoint him. Mr. Zaccanti explained at first no one wanted it. Mr. Teel finally agreed he would do it. Mr. Woodward stated he had heard that some in the Southwest region stated they had no input in his appointment. Mr. Zaccanti stated it was voted on by the members that were at the Long Range Nationals. He stated nobody came to Nationals from Southwest region. Mr. Mundy asked how many long range competitors are there in each region? Ms. Campbell referred him to the list of competitors outlined in her report of attendance at matches. Mr. Campbell took the floor and stated that whoever showed up at the meeting are the people that get to vote. Mr. Zaccanti said he had gotten some feedback that they did not come because they were not granted the Nationals but he explained to them that the Southwest had it two years in a row and it was Northwest regions turn and that is why the Board gave it to Rogue Valley. **Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to appoint Mr. Teel as the Long Range Committee Chairman. Mr. Conry second the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Woodward moved on to the Old Business. He stated that there was no old business other than the items needing Membership approval.

Mr. Woodward moved on to the New Business Agenda items. He called on Mr. Vic Potts, Eastern Region Director to proceed with his agenda items. Mr. Potts stated he did not have any items to discuss. He did state he wanted to discuss point matches as Holton wanted to be considered. Mr. Campbell took the floor and stated as discussed earlier, he was not recommending any changes to the qualifier matches.

Eastern Region Agenda items:

None.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Conry , Gulf Coast Region Director to review his agenda items. Mr. Conry stated he did not have any items.

Gulf Coast Region Agenda items:

None.

Mr. Woodward moved to the Mid-Continent Region and stated there were not any agenda items to review.

Mid-Continent Region Agenda items:

None.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Mundy, Mississippi Valley Region to review his agenda items. Mr. Mundy stated he did not have any new items.

Mississippi Valley Region Agenda items:

None.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Harris, North Central Region Director to review his agenda items. Mr. Harris stated he did not have any new items.

North Central Agenda items:

None.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. Zaccanti, Northwest Region Director to review his agenda items. Mr. Zaccanti took the floor and stated his items were all Long Range discipline requests. He covered the items.

Northwest Region Agenda Items: Items submitted as written

Submitted by Bill Johnston

1.5.50 Prior to the record string the pullers will place the record target over the sighter target and run back up. When the record string is completed by all shooters the record targets are pulled and spotter discs are placed in holes of the spotter target that was just fired. In unison, the target pullers will then run the target frames with spotter discs up for 10 seconds allowing the shooters to see their impacts. Target pullers will then pull down the target frames, patch the holes in the sighter target then run them back up for any remaining sighter period. Ranges not having established pits with moving target frames have the option of spotting the record target impacts.

It is the duty of the target puller to count the number of hits in the target impact area during the record string to confirm the proper number of record shots in case a shot is through the same hole. The puller should note the total number of shots on the target. If shots are off target, the target puller should note the number of shots off target on the target. The target puller cannot touch the target frame once the record target is run up.

2.5.5 Bipods are ~~not allowed other than on light~~ on both Light and Heavy guns.

6.1.6. The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places at the National Championship.

6.1.6.1. ~~Five~~ Three places in each score and group aggregate in Heavy Gun and Light Gun,

6.1.6.2. ~~Five~~ Three places in twelve target group and score.

6.1.6.3. One place, small group, single target, in Heavy and Light Gun.

6.1.6.4. One place, high score, single target, in Heavy Gun and Light Gun.

6.1.6.5. One place, National Champion.

Submitted by Bruce Teel and Jeff Locke

Add to the Long Range 600 / 1000 yd records pages on the web.

A historical records Table/page.

This will let people see who has held shooting records and what they were. Plus, it shows how things have evolved over the year

Mr. Zaccanti made a motion to accept the Long Range rule changes. Mr. Mundy second the motion. Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Harris, Mr. Conry, Mr. English, Mr. Potts and Mr. Mundy approved the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodward called on Mr. English, Southeast Director to review his agenda items. Mr. English stated he did not have any new items.

Southeast Region Agenda Items:

None.

Mr. Woodward moved to the Southwest Region and stated there were not any agenda items to review.

Southwest Region Agenda Items:

None.

Mr. Woodward moved to the President's items. He had not submitted any but stated he had a few things to discuss.

President's Items:

Mr. Woodward stated Mr. Jack Neary will be holding a comprehensive 1-day Benchrest school at the St. Louis Bench Rest Club during the Super Shoot. He is asking the NBRSA to sponsor the pizza lunch at a cost of \$300-\$400.

Mr. Conry questioned why we would sponsor an event that is not a NBRSA registered event. Mr. Harris reminded him that most of the members will be NBRSA members. Mr. Zaccanti stated we could at least show good faith. **Mr. Potts made a motion to sponsor the lunch. Mr. Zaccanti second the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English, Mr. Zaccanti, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Conry, all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

The next item was the hosting of the Group, Score and Long Range Nationals for 2024 and 2025.

National Event Hosting Selection

2024 Group Nationals – Arizona Benchrest Shooters. Phoenix, AZ – end of October or first of November. Motion was approved at the 2022 Annual Board of Directors meeting. When asked about dates, Mr. Woodward stated it will most likely be the first weekend in November.

2025 Group Nationals –Mr. Woodward stated we had 2 bids. St. Louis Bench Rest Club and Raton NM - (Rio Grande Benchrest Shooters). Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated that since Phoenix has 2024 it should go back east. Mr. Harry Ward has agreed to run the match if they get it and will probably be his last match and possible Mr. Scott Piepers. Mr. Conry disagreed and said the east coast has had it quite a few times back to back. **Mr. Mundy made a motion that we award the 2025 Nationals to St. Louis. Mr. English second the motion. Mr. Mundy, Mr. Potts, Mr. Zaccanti and Mr. English voted for the Motion. Mr. Conry and Mr. Harris voted against. Motion passed.**

Mr. Mundy made the motion to give Raton the option for the 2026 Group Nationals. Mr. Conry second the motion. Motion was tabled until Wednesday until the range can be notified.

Mr. English asked what was the total number of benches required to host a Nationals? Mr. Campbell answered it is 40. Mr. English wanted to know if 30 benches could be considered so a range with only 30 benches could bid on it. Mr. Campbell spoke up that it would work with the low attendance. Mr. English asked how many additional ranges would that open up to host the Nationals? Mr. Mundy took the floor and stated we have a rule for what it takes to allow a range to host it. He continued we are getting so few ranges we need to consider changing the rules. Mr. Woodward took the floor and asked how many are out there? The board named off Dublin, GA, and Midland, TX. Mr. Conry said the hotel rooms are just too costly in Midland. Mr. Mundy named of ranges that could host that he is aware of Phoenix, Raton, Kansas City, St.Louis, Holton, and Fairchance but stated some of these are not bidding Nationals.

2024 Long Range Nationals – Table until Wednesday. Mr. Zaccanti will make a few calls and see if any of the Long Range ranges are interested.

2025 Long Range Nationals – No bids submitted.

2024 Short Range Score Nationals – Bid submitted by Whittington Score Shooters – July 23-26, 2024. **Mr. Conry made a motion that we award the 2024 Score Nationals to the Whittington Score Shooters to be held at the Whittington Center July 23-26, 2024, Raton, NM. Mr. Potts second the motion. Mr. Mundy, Mr. Potts, Mr. Zaccanti and Mr. English, Mr. Conry and Mr. Harris voted for the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

2025 Short Range Score Nationals – No bids submitted.

Mr. Woodward took the floor and stated that we have a lot of excess cash on hand and we need to find a way to use the money for the organization. We will discuss this at a later date.

He continued saying we need to give more thought to what Mr. Neary had mentioned some time ago about the score and long range disciplines having their own Board. The Board had appointed people to serve as chairman of the committees. Mr. Woodward feels that the chairman of both long range and score rule committees should be elected by their respective discipline members. Mr. Campbell agreed. Mr. Woodward said he would formalize a procedure and bring it back to the board.

Mr. Zaccanti reminded Mr. Woodward that they gave the Chairman positions to the gentlemen who were serving as the World Record Committee Chairman.

The annual Board of Directors meeting was adjourned on **a motion by Mr. Harris, Mr. Potts second the motion. Mr. Harris, Mr. Conry, Mr. Mundy, Mr. English, and Mr. Potts, and Mr. Zaccanti all voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Recessed until Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 12:28 pm on August 16, 2023 by President Mr. David Woodward.

Mr. Woodward opened the meeting by thanking all the members for attending the meeting.

Mr. Woodward stated he would like to turn the floor over to Mr. Wayne Campbell, US International Representative to give an update on the U.S. World Teams upcoming trip to France. Mr. Campbell introduced the 2023 team members and ask them to come forward to be recognized. Team one members are himself, Jeff Peinhardt, Mike Conry and Harley Baker. Team two members are Brian Robinson, Bart Sauter, Bud Mundy and Billy Stevens, Team three members are Dennis Boyet, Paul Mitchell, Steve Lee and Joel Nader. He announced that next

years qualifying matches will be the Cactus in Phoenix, AZ, Shamrock in Dublin, GA, Hogroast in Fairchance, PA, East/West in St. Louis, MO, Rattlesnake in Raton, NM and the Nationals in Phoenix, AZ.

Mr. Campbell thanked all the sponsors for their donations to this years team. He then informed the members that Krieger Barrels had donated 4 gift certificates to auction off to raise money for the team. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Jack Neary to take the floor and start the auction. The auction raised \$1675.00 for the team. Mr. Campbell thanked Kreiger for their donations and all the members who participated in the auction and for their donations.

Mr. Woodward took the floor back and continued the meeting by covering the items discussed in the annual Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

His first item was to announce we have a new website up and running. He thanked the committee members, Mr. Jack Neary, Mr. Chris Harris and Mr. Steve Lee for their hard work in getting this accomplished. He continued saying that we are still building some parts of it. He stated that Mr. Lee is fixing some new links so we can hook his bughole program directly into it. Mr. Harris is working on a stack program. We will be adding some statistical data. All members will get a new membership number which will link everything together. Some of you have them already if you have renewed recently. Mr. Woodward stated we hope to have this all completed by the end of the year.

He informed the members that Mr. Jack Neary had been working very hard with 3 different target companies but only one might be affordable. He is still waiting on some figures that won't be available until September.

Mr. Woodward then called on Mr. Chris Harris, Financial Officer to give the members an update on the financial status of the organization. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated that it is his pleasure to present this report this year. He continued that the NBRSA has always been profitable but not very profitable with the increase in our costs. He stated we are now very solid due to the increase in advertising sales and the fact we raised the membership dues last year for the first time in 11 years. He stated the increase was necessary because it really is the only place we had to increase our profits. This helped us increase our cash. He continued saying our expenses did go up some which is expected. Mr. Harris continued saying now that we are very solid he would like for us to see what we can do for the members in making this a better sport. He continued saying with the new business management system he just created and installed in the business office members will soon be able to see how they performed at matches and will also be able to compare their performance against other members. Mr. Harris continued saying that he and Mr. Lee are also looking at automating the scores into digital form right to the website. He asked if there were any questions?

After no questions, Mr. Woodward took the floor back and informed the members that the new website is up and running. He encouraged each member to check it out. He told them that soon we will have match results posted and the directors will be reaching out to the match directors on how to submit their match results to the web manager. He told them they are working on several other additions that will benefit the members.

He then moved to the agenda items submitted to the Board. He stated that the Eastern, Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent, Mississippi Valley, North Central, Southeast and Southwest regions did not have any items submitted.

He then told them that the Northwest Region had 2 items submitted that were Long Range items and that the Board approved both of them. The items submitted are as follows:

Northwest Region Agenda Items: Items submitted as written

Submitted by Bill Johnston

1.5.50 Prior to the record string the pullers will place the record target over the sighter target and run back up. When the record string is completed by all shooters the record targets are pulled and spotter discs are placed in holes of the spotter target that was just fired. In unison, the target pullers will then run the target frames with spotter discs up for 10 seconds allowing the shooters to see their impacts. Target pullers will then pull down the target frames, patch the holes in the sighter target then run them back up for any remaining sighter period. Ranges not having established pits with moving target frames have the option of spotting the record target impacts.

It is the duty of the target puller to count the number of hits in the target impact area during the record string to confirm the proper number of record shots in case a shot is through the same hole. The puller should note the total number of shots on the target. If shots are off target, the target puller should note the number of shots off target on the target. The target puller cannot touch the target frame once the record target is run up.

2.5.5 Bipods are ~~not allowed other than on light~~ on both Light and Heavy guns.

6.1.6. The Host Club shall be responsible for awarding trophies/awards for at least the following places at the National Championship.

6.1.6.1. ~~Five~~ Three places in each score and group aggregate in Heavy Gun and Light Gun,

6.1.6.2. ~~Five~~ Three places in twelve target group and score.

6.1.6.3. One place, small group, single target, in Heavy and Light Gun.

6.1.6.4. One place, high score, single target, in Heavy Gun and Light Gun.

6.1.6.5. One place, National Champion.

Submitted by Bruce Teel and Jeff Locke

Add to the Long Range 600 / 1000 yd records pages on the web.

A historical records Table/page.

This will let people see who has held shooting records and what they were. Plus, it shows how things have evolved over the year

Mr. Woodward stated that these were approved by the Board as he had stated for a one year trial basis. It will be presented to the membership next year.

Mr. Woodward informed the members that the 2024 Group Nationals would be hosted by the Arizona Benchrest Club, Phoenix, AZ. Dates have not been selected but will most likely be late October or first weekend in November.

He also announced that the 2025 Group Nationals will be hosted by the St. Louis Bench Rest Club of St. Louis. Dates are to be determined.

He announced the 2024 Score Nationals will be hosted by the Whittington Score Shooters in Raton, NM – July 23-26, 2024. No bids were received for the 2025 Score Nationals.

He announced that no bids for the 2024 or 2025 Long Range Nationals had been submitted as of the Board meeting on Saturday. He continued saying that we received a bid from Sloughhouse LR on Monday that will be considered in the Board meeting this afternoon for the 2024 Long Range Nationals.

Mr. Woodward told the members that the NBRSA is financial healthy and that he wants to find ways to give back to the clubs and members. He stated that he and the Board will be looking into ways to accomplish this mission.

Mr. Woodward moved to the next item of business which was to present the items that needed the general memberships vote. The first item he presented was from the annual board meeting held on October 8, 2022. He read the agenda items that was presented by the Northwest region members that was approved by the board last year and needed a motion and second and then approval by the members.

Northwest Region Agenda Items:

2022 600/1000 Yard Rule Changes:

- Allow the light gun to use bipods. **Submitted by Bill Johnston (2.4.11)**
- Increase light gun from 17# to 22 1/2#. **Submitted by Bill Johnston (2.1.1)**
- Give the Match Director the option to shoot Heavy Gun first then light gun. **Submitted by Bill Johnston (1.5.19)**
- Wind flag must be set up 30 minutes prior to the start of the match (on the ~~day~~ morning of the match). **Submitted by Bill Johnston (1.5.13)**
- Weigh light guns as they come off the line after the first relay of the first day. **Submitted by Bill Johnston (1.5.4)**

A motion to accept as written was made by Mr. Wayne Campbell, second by Mr. Bart Sauter. Mr. Woodward asked for a vote by the members. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodward stated the second item was from the Southwest region agenda item. It involved the use of the electronic backer system. He stated that they had not provided any feedback on this and that he would leave it in the trial status for another year. Listed below is the item that he was referring to in the discussion.

Southwest Region Agenda Items: Items submitted as written

1) rule_book_nbrsa_short_range.pages

3.6. Backers (Moving): A moving backer strip or card will be required for 100 yard, 200 yard, and 300 yard matches in all registered shoots. When the backer strip or card fails to operate at any range during a match, only the number of shot holes that can be clearly distinguished on the target will be counted to determine the number of shots on the target. It is the Match Director's responsibility to ensure moving backers function properly to capture all shots regardless of weather conditions.

Would like to amend the rule for the use of an electronic or acoustical backer system for the purpose of verification of record shots on targets. This amendment will be on a trial basis with results provided to NBRSA BoD for determination of feasibility as a permanent option

E backers track the number of shots electronically and acoustically, and are transmitted to the scorers computer

Shots are tracked and counted for each target **Submitted by: Dan Lutke**

Mr. Woodward's next item up for consideration by the members was the following agenda item submitted by Mr. Jack Neary last year.

I would like to propose the change of a minimum of 35 minutes between Group matches (versus the 30 minutes)^[SEP]. This agenda item submission is based upon most of our members evolving to weighing their respective powder charges, which requires more reloading time between matches, plus the given trend of regional matches having only 2 relays, based upon current match attendance rates. **Submitted by Jack Neary**

A motion was made by Mr. Bart Sauter to accept. Mr. Wayne Campbell second the motion. Mr. Woodward asked for a vote by the members. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodward announced that this concluded all that he had. He asked if anyone wanted to speak. Mr. Jack Neary asked for the floor.

Mr. Neary took the floor and stated he wanted to talk about his benchrest school he will be holding at the Super Shoot at the St. Louis club next year. He thanked the NBRSA for their willingness to agree to providing lunch at the school. He continued saying he will be holding a one day Benchrest School at a cost of \$75.00 per person. All proceeds will go back to the Benchrest Club of St. Louis. Mr. Neary explained his school in detail. He continued saying that it is open to all shooters but he would also like to reach out to any new shooters and get them acclimated. He also asked the members to please volunteer to help to be mentors and that he needed equipment and rifles for the new shooters.

Mr. Neary stated that a new member, Mr. Nick Dimic had just approached him and had 4 honeybee combs he would like to donate to the world team for auction at a starting bid of \$25.00 each. Mr. Neary then proceeded to auction each one individually and raised an additional \$1150.00 for the team. Mr. Campbell took the floor and thanked Mr. Dimic for his generosity.

Mr. Woodward asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. Mr. Bart Sauter asked for the floor and stated he would like to thank Bob and Nancy Scarbrough for all their hard work in putting on the Nationals. Mr. Campbell asked for the floor and he too thanked everyone again on behalf of the world team and also all the people involved in this year's Nationals.

Mr. Woodward asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Buddy Ross made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bart Sauter second the motion. Mr. Woodward called for a vote. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm EST.

The continued Meeting of the Board of Directors reconvened at 1:22 pm EST on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 and was called to order by President, Mr. David Woodward. In attendance were:

**David Woodward, President
Wayne Campbell, Vice President
Pam Campbell, Business Manager
Vic Potts, Eastern Regional Director
Mike Conry, Gulf Coast Regional Director
Bud Mundy, Mississippi Valley Regional Director
Chris Harris, North Central Regional Director & Financial Officer
Dana English, Southeast Regional Director**

Mr. Woodward opened the meeting stating that we only have a couple of things to get resolved. He said the first item is to approve the recommendation of Mr. Campbell to drop the points to 60 instead of 70. Mr. Woodward asked for a motion to approve this request. **A motion to move the points for the qualifying matches from 70 points to 60 points excluding the NBRSA National's was made by Mr. Conry. Mr. Potts second the motion. Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, Mr. Harris, Mr. English and Mr. Mundy voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

The next item Mr. Woodward brought to the floor was to resolve the motion on the floor that was tabled at Saturday's meeting concerning the 2026 Group Nationals. The motion was made and second to give the Rio Grande (Raton) first option to host the 2026 Group Nationals since they bid for the 2025 and did not get it. Mr. Conry took the floor and stated that he may have spoken too soon on Saturday when he second the motion. He continued saying that if we give them first option we are doing a disservice to at least 3 other ranges that I have heard would like

to also bid for the 2026 Nationals. He continued saying we don't know where we will be in 3 years. He feels it is not in our best interest to act on this at this time. Mr. Conry continued saying the members expect the board to make good decisions on behalf of the association. Mr. Mundy stated that historically we only do 2 years ahead. He understands that Raton may not want 2026. Mr. Harris took the floor and stated he would like to reconsider 2025. Mr. Woodward reminded him that the bid for 2025 had already been approved. Mr. Conry took the floor and stated he would like to withdraw his second to the motion on the floor. Mr. Woodward asked for a second. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Woodward stated the last item for discussion is the recent bid we received from Sloughouse Long Range, Sacramento, CA to host the 2024 Long Range Nationals. **Mr. Conry made a motion to approve the bid from Sloughouse Long Range to host the 2024 Long Range Nationals contingent that they use paper targets. Mr. Potts second the motion. Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, Mr. Harris, Mr. English and Mr. Mundy voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Woodward stated he did have one more item for discussion. He stated that the travel reimbursement is not covering the cost of directors and officers that are only coming to the meeting. He feels it should be raised. Mr. Conry agreed. Mr. Woodward asked for discussion to raise the reimbursement currently set at a maximum of \$500.00. Mr. Conry took the floor and thinks it should be raised to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for directors that can only attend the Board meeting and cannot compete in the National match. Mr. Woodward feels that is too much but thinks \$750.00 would be fair. **A motion to raise the reimbursement rate to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to a director who is only attending the annual board meeting and not competing in the Nationals. The current reimbursement rate will apply to directors competing. Mr. Harris second the motion. Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, Mr. Harris, Mr. English and Mr. Mundy voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Bud Mundy took the floor and stated he thought the NBRSA should make a donation to the World Team. **He made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the team. Mr. English second the motion. Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, Mr. Harris, Mr. English and Mr. Mundy voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Potts took the floor and stated that Bob & Nancy Scarbrough (Holton Gun Club) would like to put in a bid for the worlds. Mr. Campbell stated he would make a note of it.

Mr. Woodward stated that concluded all he had. **Mr. Conry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Potts second the motion to adjourn. Mr. Potts, Mr. Conry, Mr. Harris, Mr. English and Mr. Mundy voted for the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Pam Campbell
Pam Campbell
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP TREND COMPARISON FOR 2022 AND 2023

2022	Domestic	Intl	Total
Jan	1070	30	1100
Feb	1054	30	1084
Mar	1064	31	1095
Apr	1090	31	1121
May	1053	31	1084
June	1043	31	1074
July	1046	30	1076
Aug	1065	31	1096
Sept	1043	31	1074
Oct	1029	31	1060
Nov	999	31	1030
Dec	1011	32	1043

2023	Domestic	Int'l	Total
Jan	1006	32	1038
Feb	1026	32	1058
Mar	1001	31	1032
Apr	997	31	1028
May	1027	31	1058
June	1014	30	1044
July	1030	30	1060
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Dec			

3.87% decrease over 2021

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