



MINUTES of GBA ANNUAL MEETING 11 JANUARY 2020

GBA convened its first Annual Meeting at 11am, January 11, 2020 in the Executive Room of Colasessano's Restaurant in Fairmont, WV. Forty-six (46) people attended the meeting.

Jeff Green	Henry Brewer Jr.	Justin Vance
Michael Wallace	Amber Brewer	Jason Drew
Elizabeth Reimers	Mike Gaizauskas	Roger Hornick
Stephen Reimers	Tom Dunn	Mike McDougal
Ken House	Ben Cherry	Pat Saloky
JC Jarrell	Alan Malone	Ed Tenney
Chris Dunlap	Sandy Malone	William Ice
Ed Gwyn	Jeff Musgrave	Gary McDaniel
Doug Ash	Troy Lockhart	Gary Fluharty
Dan Suttle	Elaine Lockhart	Joe Laskarin
Karl Vradenburg	Ricky Hoyle	Steve Bradley
Tom Sarver	Karen Hoyle	Chase Parker
Kristene Mellor	Gary Nicholson	Lynwood Day
Dave Molloy	Jamie Loggins	Dave Gump
Larry Skivolocke	James Eazor	Ken Swiger

(+1 who did not sign in)

The agenda for this meeting was sent to all GBA members on December 13, 2019 – almost a month in advance. Proposed changes to Rules and By-Laws was also sent. GBA members were asked to go over the proposals and if they had comments or concerns to speak with their Club President in advance of the meeting so the GBA Board could consider comments and concerns before the Annual Meeting.

Agenda is posted on the GBA website.

Chairman's Comments

Jeff Green briefed attendees on the State of GBA 2019 Season Review. GBA had a very successful first season, is growing, and is positioned as a major player in Benchrest shooting. The briefing is posted on the GBA website.

Jeff also briefed findings from the 2019 Survey. Attendance at 2 days matches, electronic targets, and Memorial Day shoot were specifically highlighted, as were the numbers responding to attendance at Nationals. Jeff asked the Directors to focus on these numbers.

Jeff briefed the results of discussions with the Board concerning Nationals rotations.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Wallace briefed the Treasurer's Report, showing all income and expenses, including 600-Yard and 1000-Yard ledgers, and projected 2020 income and expenses. Attending membership was informed that the Board was briefed on the Treasurer's Report and unanimously approved it. All records were brought to the Annual Meeting and were available for audit.

Secretary's Report

Mike Wallace briefed the Secretary's Report. Contents of this brief included GBA Milestones, GBA Organization Chart, GBA Demographics, GBA Website, Aggregate Programs, 1000-Yard USA Nationals, 600-Yard USA Nationals, 600/1000-Yard Australia Nationals, Membership and Other Items to Note (related to administrative functions at matches and match reports). The Secretary's Report is posted on the GBA website.

Rules and By-laws Changes

Jeff Green summarized the Board's meeting of the previous day and that morning addressing proposed rule changes and By-Law changes. He reminded attendees that the Board had been listening closely to members as the shooting season progressed. Minor changes were expected and welcomed.

Factory and Tactical classes were the primary focus of rules changes, being careful to distinguish the four classes (LG, HG, Tactical and Factory), and to promote shooting - not to hinder shooters from entering the sport. For details on Rules and By-Laws changes, see Minutes from the Director's and Administrator's Meeting, posted to the GBA website.

The agreed point structure of .05 times the number of GBA shooters in a relay and 1 point for a match win was briefed, as was a 2 shooter relay minimum.

There was very short discussion about amending Rules to accommodate handicapped shooters. The discussion was short because there was absolutely no objection. Because individual circumstances vary a provision will be inserted into rules to the effect that how handicapped shooters will be accommodated is the decision of the Club Match Director.

Rules are expected to be finalized and posted by mid-February.

Discussion ensued about "voting" and the erroneous perception (by one or a few people) that decisions in GBA were made arbitrarily by "one person". Folks were reminded to read the By-Laws of the organization. GBA was intentionally founded as a representative democracy. Individual members are represented by their Club Directors, who sit on the Board of Directors. They vote on all matters concerning their Range, their Club and only the disciplines their Club shoots. Nobody in GBA is empowered to make arbitrary decisions. To the concern about "voting", the assembly was informed that the Board took an action to address "voting" in the By-Laws with action expected before 28 February.

Lunch

Lunch was served at noon.

Awards Presentations

Top Gun Awards, Top Consistency Award, Lifetime Marksman Awards, and GBA Records Awards were presented. Congratulations to all recipients!

Proposal to Purchase Two Electronic Targets

Jeff Green briefed the attendees on Board approval to purchase two electronic target systems for 2020. An informative discussion ensued about Dead Zero experience with them, how they functioned, etc. Jeff explained that in 2020 GBA would conduct tests with these systems to ascertain their level of accuracy and what tweaks could be made to the systems to improve performance (design of experiment). The systems will be purchased and owned by GBA, and be installed at Harry Jones range, because their backers are solid. Harry Jones will make them available to shooters on Fridays before matches, and after matches.

There was discussion from people wanting paper targets. As was explained to them, print outs are available off of electronic target systems. They only have to inform the Scorers prior to the Match starting.

Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 2pm.