



Board of Directors Meeting Notes Friday March 18, 2022 3:00 to 5:00 pm EST

Attendees in person and by Zoom: Jeff Green, Gary Munson, David Goodridge, Gary Vanlier, Mike Wallace, Mike Gaizauskas, Steve Reimers, Justin Vance, Joe Laskarin.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for our Shooters who Left the Range in 2021. These Shooters included Larry Bryant, James Isaacson, Robert Kelly, and James Sisk. We will miss them all.

Treasurer's report and Secretary's report were accepted as presented. Note that the Association is in very good financial health. GBA does not wish to accumulate a large bank balance, and so we may be seeking one or more ways to use excess funds toward the end of 2022. GBA continues to be focused on our Shooters. We intend to continue to be a Shooter's Association, not a bureaucracy.

Gary Vanlier reported on expansion of the Short Range discipline. We should add two or even three Short Range clubs to hold GBA matches in 2022. Also, we will be adding Short Range Group shooting at the request of our Shooters.

David Goodridge reported on the situation in Australia. The general climate continues to be against blind benchrest shooting. And to complicate things, electronic targets are pretty much required at the Narrowmine/Dubbo range. David continues to work on getting a reasonably acceptable level of electronic target accuracy and precision. It is noted that in our rules to have electronic target records that are separate from paper target records, so the level of accuracy and precision of the electronic targets needs to be good enough to keep our Shooters happy, we are not expecting the electronic targets to be as precise as paper targets.

We continue to seek additional Long Range clubs to hold GBA matches. All attendees should keep an eye out for any possible new clubs.

All proposed Rule Changes were approved by membership vote and will be put into the revised rules by Mike Wallace:

- Short Range: If a rifle is equipped with a muzzle brake, all ports on the muzzle brake must be positioned forward of the bench. If the rifle is not equipped with a

muzzle brake, the muzzle of the rifle does not need to extend forward of the bench.

- Short Range: Short Range Group will be added as sanctioned matches. Gary Vanlier will coordinate rules creation and then the Group rules will be added by Mike Wallace to our existing Short Range rules.
- Long Range: For both 600 and 1000 Yard, we are adding TOP GUN awards for the best Light Gun Shooter and for the best Heavy Gun Shooter.
- Long Range: For 1000 Yard, we will recognize Records for all targets shot in shoot-offs. And for these shoot-off targets, both group and score records will be recognized regardless of whether the Shooter was competing for either Group or Score.
- One Mile: One Mile clubs will be allowed to hold up to 18 points matches each calendar year. This is being done to support expansion of the One Mile Discipline.
- One Mile: GBA will sanction One Mile Pistol matches beginning for the 2022 Season. Creation of the rules for One Mile Pistol will be coordinated by the Thunder Valley Match Director and these rules will be added to the GBA Long Range Rules when completed.

GBA provides cash prizes to each of our National Matches. We will continue to do this. The Board will decide in a couple months if we should increase the amount of the GBA contribution to National Matches.

Other items:

- We need to do a better job of providing Potential Record submission forms to the Record's Administrator. We had a lot of potential record targets in 2021 and sorting through them was a problem.
- Discussion on the number of points awarded at our 600 and 1000 Yard Nationals continues. The problem is that for 600 yard we award a very large number of points, and for 1000 yards we award a relatively few number of points. The Points Keepers will review this and make a recommendation to the Board.
- Because of inflationary impact on rifles, we are revising the Factory Gun MSRP from \$2000 to \$2500 (note, this is for the rifle only, not the optics).
- It was agreed to set up a GBA Facebook page. Joe Laskarin will lead this effort with help from other members as he feels is necessary.
- We want to revive the effort to print GBA targets. Jeff Green will lead this effort.
- We need to standardize the names of electronic files sent to the Web Master. For Match results, please use a format that includes the Club name, Match type and number(s), and date. For example, files should be named similar to this: Harry Jones 1000 yard matches 1&2 May 21, 2022
- When submitting match results, please be sure to include the GBA member number. This will make it easier for the Points Keepers.