

Global Benchrest Association Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2019

1. Updates:

- a. Board Members have been installed:
  - i. Gary Munson, Harry Jones
  - ii. JC Jarrell, White Horse
  - iii. Jeff Green, Virginia 1000
  - iv. Jeff Walker, Thunder Valley
  - v. David Goodridge, Narromine Dubbo
- b. The Board elected Jeff Green to serve as Chairman, two year term.
- c. One Mile match rules—Jeff W is drafting these rules. The course of fire will be the same as 1000 yard LG/HG/Factory/Hunter so these matches can be conducted at the same time as 1000 yard relay. Note: 5 shots for record and no shoot-off, so the course of fire is identical to Factory and Hunter.
- d. Status update for Australia—David is well into recruitment of additional clubs in Australia. There is a lot of good will being generated in Australia toward GBA, so this is great stuff! The Board recognizes that there is a significant need for a person in Australia to handle any issues, conflicts, protests, etc that may arise at matches in Australia. The Board voted to add a role in By-Laws section 2 d of GBA Administrator—Australia. The Board appointed David Goodridge to this role.
- e. Status update for Idaho—Larry Bryant is leading this effort. We should add one 600 yard club this year and possibly also a 1000 yard club this year.
- f. Status update for Lithuanian Club—A club in Lithuania is interested in becoming part of GBA. Jeff G will follow up with them.

2. Treasurer's report

- a. Bank account balance—Bank balance after paying most start-up expenses is \$3289.
- b. Membership update— We continue to receive GBA memberships at a good clip, including a number of new members who are joining purely to support our association even though it is unlikely that they will shoot any matches in 2019. This is a strong statement on the good will we are generating in the Benchrest Community.

3. Web Site Update

- a. HTML file capability—Our Website host (GoDaddy) does not support HTML files. It does support PDF files and we are converting all Word and Excel files on the website to PDF.

- b. Next issue for the Website is to get our key words and site promotion handled to make it easier for people to find our site.
  - c. Clubs are encouraged to update their web sites to remove IBS affiliation.
  - d. Clubs are encouraged to add a link to GBA on their websites.
4. By-Laws review and modify if needed, then finalize—With changes to add roles noted below, the By-Laws were finalized and approved by the Board:
- a. GBA Administrator Australia
  - b. Points Keeper 600 Yard LG/HG/Factory (Ken Swagart)
  - c. Points Keeper 1000 Yard LG/HG (open)
  - d. Points Keeper 1000 Yard Factory/Hunter (potentially Joe Lascarin)
5. Rules review and modification—Rules are approved with the following changes:
- a. Qualification for Nationals—Agreed that we are deleting the Club match participation as a qualification for Nationals. Qualification for Nationals only is: a) GBA member or b) proof that they are a member of another Benchrest association or Gun Club.
  - b. HG definition—Agreed that the definition is changed such that there is no assembly of weights or other parts to the rifle either on the firing line or on the bench.
  - c. Review Factory and Hunter definitions to make sure they are ok—Added clarifications for:
    - i. Bolt action only, rounded fore ends, and 22 lb max weight in the as fired configuration for Hunter guns.
    - ii. Factory class clarified that any factory rifle qualifies without modifications from the Factory configuration. Maximum weight is 17 lbs in the as fired configuration.
  - d. 1-2-3 target agg needs to be reworded—this has been reworded to get rid of confusion. Also, the course of fire has been clarified to avoid confusion.
  - e. Protest and Appeals process—No changes
  - f. Review Points for 600 LG/HG/Factory and 1000 LG/HG/Factory/Hunter and finalize—See the revised 2019 GBA Program document for changes, including club matches and Nationals, including 600/1000/1 mile.
  - g. Membership required to shoot?
    - i. Club Matches—Agreed that GBA membership is required to shoot at Club matches. A Shooter may, one time only, purchase a \$10 membership that allows him to compete for one day only. This \$10 is credited toward his GBA membership when he decides to become a member. This applies to all classes LG/HG/Factory/Hunter.
    - ii. See 5.a. above for Nationals

- h. Other Rules discussion or changes—Agreed that at Club matches, every effort should be made to avoid empty benches among the string of relay shooters. If a registered shooter is not available to take his bench at the start of the relay, that bench will remain empty to avoid match administrative problems. Shoot-offs should have one empty bench separating Group and Score shooters.
6. Appoint People to Key Roles
- a. Treasurer/Secretary—Mike W is appointed by the Board.
    - i. Mike will retain the entire workload for Treasurer/Secretary at this time. He will let us know when/if a split of workload is required.
  - b. Web Site Administrator—Mike G is appointed by the Board.
  - c. Prizes and Awards Administrators—Stanley and Larry are appointed by the Board.
    - i. Create a vendor contact list
    - ii. Start soliciting vendors for prizes
  - d. Records Administrators—Steve R is appointed by the Board
    - i. Steve should set thresholds for submitting targets as records to avoid a flood of targets to measure during our first year
    - ii. Steve should review how targets will be submitted for measurement (i.e., should the Club retain record targets until the end of the season and only send the few that are close to the Club measured smallest target?)
    - iii. Steve should recruit another member to assist him and to allow dual person measurement of targets.
  - e. GBA Administrator Australia—David Goodridge is appointed by the Board.
  - f. Other
    - i. Points Keeper 600 Yard LG/HG/Factory/Hunter—Ken Swagart is appointed by the Board.
    - ii. Points Keeper 1000 Yard LG/HG (open)
    - iii. Points Keeper 1000 Yard Factory/Hunter—Joe Lascarin is appointed by the Board.
7. International
- a. David should keep us advised so that we make sure GBA is doing all we can to fully integrate the Australian Clubs into GBA and make sure that they feel that they are fully part of GBA.
  - b. What other rules or considerations do we need to address for Australia?
  - c. David will advise what we need to do to support his Australian National Championship in 2019
8. Operational Items
- a. Review Program Announcement/Modify/Publish—See revised document

- b. Match Schedule—All clubs should review the match schedule to assure that dates and other data are correct. Be sure to review the Classes that will be shot at your matches (LG/HG/Factory/Hunter)
- c. Forms
  - i. All Forms are finalized. Note that the Membership form needs to be revised to add a family membership at \$65 annually that includes children under age 18 and their parents living in the same household.
  - ii. Mike W will make any changes to other forms as needed to fix technical issues.
  - iii. Mike W will create standardized forms so they can be easily posted to our web site, and make sure Clubs understand and use them
    - 1. Match reports
    - 2. Points
    - 3. Equipment Lists
    - 4. Other forms as needed
- d. Match Awards
  - i. Clubs are responsible for their own Club match awards.
  - ii. We will make pins for National Matches. Gary and Henry will work on the pin design and advise.
  - iii. Gary will design and purchase enough Screamer Stickers for the 2019 season, including a supply to be sent to Australia. Gary and Henry will advise the group sizes for Screamers.
  - iv. We will not make GBA patches for winners at Club matches
  - v. Open item—we need to design and purchase plaques for National matches
- e. Nationals/Regionals/International
  - i. USA 1000 Yard Nationals will be held August 17 and 18, 2019 at the Harry Jones Memorial Range
  - ii. USA 600 Yard Nationals will be held October 5 and 6, 2019 at the White Horse Range.
  - iii. Timing and venue for Australian 600 and 1000 Yard Nationals to be advised by David—Note: after the meeting David advised that:
    - 1. 1000 Yard Australian Nationals will be held August 15-17 2019, hosted by the Narromine/Dubbo Club
    - 2. 600 Yard Australian Nationals will be held August 13, 2019, hosted by the Narromine/Dubbo Club
  - iv. There are no plans to have Regional Matches in 2019. This could change as we recruit more Clubs.

- v. We are not planning to hold an International event in 2019. Results from the USA and Australian 2019 Nationals will be assessed to determine a good way to use the combined results from these events to determine our International Champions.
  - vi. We are planning that USA Nationals will have significant cash awards for the winners. We are targeting \$20 per shooter's entry fee to apply toward cash awards in each class. Prizes will be random draw.
9. Define promotional needs and assign
- a. Logo—see 8.d.ii above
  - b. Flyer(s)—not planned at this time
  - c. Web Site News—Jeff G will provide text to Mike G to update our “News”
  - d. Web promotions—We have several promotions going on, compliments of our friends in the Benchrest Community. No other promotions are planned at this time.
10. Open items to be addressed at a later time
- a. Get quotes on Officer and Director Liability Insurance
11. Good Will items to focus on
- a. Mentoring Rookies
  - b. Watching blogs to see what is stirring
    - i. Decide at Board Level how to respond, or not to respond
  - c. Keep listening to our Club embers
  - d. Keep in close contact to your fellow Board Members
12. Schedule next Board Meeting—The next Board Meeting will be held on May 18, 2019 after the conclusion of the Harry Jones 1000 Yard match. If there is a lot of business to conduct, we will find a meeting room. Otherwise we will hold the Board Meeting at the Harry Jones Range.