

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the country delegates

WBC7 Umeå Sweden

24 July 2003

Prior to the opening of the meeting the chairman invited the two countries bidding for WBC9 to make presentations, which would be voted on later in the meeting.

On behalf of Germany, the Weimar region provided a video presentation which outlined the features of the area and its surrounding environment, followed by a presentation about the range itself. In response to questions, the presenter indicated a good way to arrive was to fly to Frankfurt and then drive to Weimar or fly on to Erfurt which is 30 minutes away. The range will have 25 benches. Accommodation is available ranging upward from 35 euro per night. Shooters may also stay in private homes. No problems are expected with obtaining powders, and the presenter indicated that it was easy to bring firearms into Germany. The shoot program will probably include 5 shot x 300 meter. They are as yet unsure about the time of year.

On behalf of South Africa, the South African BR Federation described its new proposed range on 890ha of land near Cape Town. An overview of Cape Town and its environs was provided. 30 benches will be built and the shoot would be held in April/May or September/October with up to 200 meters available. A bus would be provided to the range. The presenter said the locality was as safe as any other big city. A range of South African powders mirroring the common BR powders could be provided. Alternatively a major importer could specially import powder. Cape Town and South Africa generally was described as very economical to visit.

The chairman thanked the presenters and opened the main meeting. He asked Mr Duckworth to take the meeting minutes.

Attendees:

Chairman:	Graeme Smith
United Kingdom	Vince Bottomley
South Africa	Roland Thomsen, Paul Bowen
Spain	Xavier Besas
France	Herve du Plessis
Germany	Norbert Weigel
Austria	Alfred Troner
Sweden	Torsten Ålstöm
USA	Don Powell, George Kelbly
Russia	Vladislav Lobaev
New Zealand	Kevin Duckworth
Norway	John Flatby, Oystein Stamland
Australia	Stuart Elliot, Fergus Bailey
Luxembourg	Serge Hoss

Minutes of previous meeting. Moved USA, seconded UK that they be accepted. Carried.

Matters arising: The registration of WBSF has not yet taken place

The chairman called for items of general business and the following were tabled:

Australia

1. Number and nature of medals to be awarded.
2. Inclusion of a nominated delegate for freight reception.
3. Clarification of disqualification.

Sweden

1. Can a group shot in warm-up be eligible for medals and records.
2. What can be done about non-attendees.

Chairman

1. Provision of everyman targets.
2. Length of barrels.
3. Bidding and notification.
4. Relationship with NBRSA.

Austria

1. Why should there only be teams competitors.
2. Why is the manual different from NBRSA.
3. Why 25 bench ranges and not 20.

These items were noted for discussion in the general business section.

Applications for admission

Namibia: Proposed South Africa/ Seconded Australia. Motion carried.

Russia: Proposed Australia /Seconded United Kingdom. Motion carried

Luxembourg: Proposed France/Seconded Sweden. Motion carried

The chairman welcomed these countries to the Federation.

Report from country hosting next WBC

Don Powell representing the USA discussed the next event. He said that practice would be held on the Saturday and Sunday before the event, to be held at Kelbly's range in Ohio, the week of September 11, 2005. They will use 40 benches (not using 10 at either end). A banquet will be provided, with a BBQ on Wednesday night and a chicken dinner another night Food for partners will be free. Equipment will be available for sale. Gunsmithing will be available. Recommended accommodation will be advised. On site camping and RV hook-ups are available. He advised that rifle import permits can be lengthy to obtain and could take up to 6 months. A correctly completed form as an example will be provided. They are considering having their own website. In response to a question, George Kelbly said the SuperShoot would not be run in conjunction with WBC.

General business

Moved Australia - Seconded South Africa "That medals be provided for the individual first second and third place winners in the 2 Gun" Carried.

Moved Australia - Seconded South Africa "That the host country provide a nominated person as advisor and receiver of freight" Carried.

Moved Australia - Seconded South Africa "That a whistle be used to indicate the end of shooting, and the commands will be, -Sound of a whistle-Cease Fire. Remove bolts from your rifle and clear the benches please ". Any shots fired before the Commence Fire command and after the whistle will result in the shooter being disqualified from and not taking part in the rest of the days shooting. This applies equally to the warm-up match. Carried 13 votes for 0 against.

Moved Sweden - Seconded USA "That groups fired during warm-up are eligible for small group awards and records" Carried 12 votes for 1 against

Everyman (general use) targets are to be provided and placed so they do not result in flags being in the line of fire. This is to be added to the operating manual.

The minimum barrel length rule is to be enforced.

The chairman discussed the relationship with the NBRSA. He said it appeared that they did not want to support or promote the WBSF. He advised that he would write to Don Creach. Moved United Kingdom - Seconded Australia "That the WBSF formulates it own rulebook based on the NBRSA rulebook" Carried.

It was resolved that the current medals as provided by Sweden (which include individual 2 Gun) become mandatory for all following events. Carried.

It was resolved that medal winners for aggregates be regarded as world champions for that particular event however this honour does not apply to small group awards. Carried.

Moved Austria - Seconded Germany "That the minimum number of benches required to run a WBC event be 20" Lost 2 For 11 against

It was decided that bidding countries must provide bidding information at least 3 months prior to the delegates meeting. Carried.

Vote for 2007 World Benchrest Championship

A vote was taken on the location of WBC 8. This was won by Germany (Weimar) by 8 to 5. The chairman congratulated Weimar on winning the next event and thanked South Africa for their bid.

Indications of interest 2009

The following countries indicated interest in holding the event in 2009:

Spain

Russia

Australia.

Election of President

Graeme Smith indicated his preparedness to stand again as President.

Nominated: United Kingdom Seconded USA. Mr Smith was elected President for the next two years.

No nominations were received for the secretary position.

It was decided that countries who do not pay their \$50 affiliation fee every 2 years will be declared unfinancial and will be unable to shoot at the next event.

The meeting closed at 10:43.

President:

Date: