

WORLD BENCHREST SHOOTING FEDERATION

Minutes of meeting of Delegates, held at the Chifley Hotel, Penrith, Australia on

Wednesday 23 October 2013.

Roll Call of Countries: Australia, Canada, Germany, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Luxemburg, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, USA, Russia.

Present:

F Luciani	President
M Ratigan	V.President
G Smith	Treasurer
A Laidlaw, R Pollock	Canada
M Ahlava	Finland
S Karlsson	Sweden
B Atkinson, A Chryss	Australia
W Campbell,	USA
M Garcia	Philippines
P Guffanti	Germany
A Angaran	Italy
R Thomson, K Visser	South Africa
Ian Owen	New Zealand
B Lenton, M Miles	United Kingdom
A Skouratov	Russia

Visitors: S Pieper USA
S Sori AUS

Apologies: Monaco, Argentina, Netherlands, Czech Republic

Minute of silence: Meeting paid respect to those Benchresters who had passed since the last meeting

Welcome: President Luciani welcomed countries to the meeting and wished them well in their deliberations.

Minutes 2011 meeting Approved New Zealand / Canada Carried

Business arising: Discussion on need for warm-up target – meeting agreed warm-up target will continue.

Presidents Report Presented and approved

Election of Officers:

Motion to accept F Luciani to be President for next two years.	USA / Italy	Carried.
Motion to Accept M Ratigan as Vice President	South Africa / Philippines	Carried
Motion to accept G Smith as Treasurer	Philippines / Canada	carried
Motion to accept A Chryss as Secretary	South Africa / Italy	Carried
Motion to accept B Atkinson as Rimfire Manager	United Kingdom / South Africa	Carried

Financial: Treasurer presented bank account statement showing current funds \$7646.81 – no expenses incurred for term.

Website: Ongoing up-to-date Website important to the Federation. Sweden to speak with Web Master to ensure improved performance.

Application for Membership: President advised Interim Membership has been granted to India. As nothing further has been heard or heard, matter to be held over to the next meeting.

Report WBC 12: Report from Australia. Event preparation had been challenging but all matter to ensure a full event now complete. From SSAA perspective there had been considerable interest and Association is pleased with the country entries. However disappointed with non-response from other countries. President thanked Australia for their efforts – a job well done. To date event proceeding smoothly. It was noted the event was under some concern from the bushfires in the area.

WBC 13 St Louis: Representative of Organising Committee present. He thanked Australia for their hospitality and for making available any and all information needed. They had discussed many issues and received many helpful suggestions. Many photos have been taken and overall learnt a lot. Advised the range is a privately owned facility and able to make their own decisions without restriction. It is their intention to hold the NBRSA Nationals the week prior to WBC and all international shooters would be welcome to enter. Clarification will be sought on the question of membership of NBRSA. Final dates to be decided early new year but most likely mid September.

There will be a day between the crossover between Nationals and WBC, however an alternative range will be available if shooters want to earlier practise.

Scott Pieper assured the meeting that a warm welcome awaits the shooters and they are excited about the opportunities to host the championship.

WBC 14 No formal Bids received prior to the meeting. New Zealand advised the meeting that they were prepared to ensure the event continued and would be available. There were suggestions that Italy may be in a position but would be at least 6 months before this was known. There was also suggestions that Germany could be available but had not received authorisation from the authorities to shoot at 200m. President advised in accordance with the rules, that the Championship was to be awarded 4 years in advance. It was unanimously agreed that New Zealand be award the 2017 Championship

Website: Delegates requested that a translation facility be incorporated on website to be used for WBC.

World Rimfire Benchrest Championships: To be conducted Volmerange-les- Mines Range, France, from 7 – 12 July 2014. Members are encouraged to ensure that the Rimfire Shooters in their country are aware of the event and encouraged to enter.

Rules – Rifle Specifications: add words “or smaller” to the Rifle Diagram. Carried Finland / South Africa

WBSF Delegates Meeting: Members discussed the timing on when Delegates meeting is held during the Championship. It was agreed (Ratigan/Italy) that:
 Meeting will not be held on a shooting night
 Will follow same evening as Technical Meeting
 Preference is first night of Official Practise.

Changes to Rule Book

Committee considered 23 proposals for changes / modifications to the current rule book. It was agreed that M Ratigan would incorporate those accept in a re-organised version to be distributed when completed and signed off at the St Louis Meeting

Section E16.2 Words "minute of Arc" to be removed.	Agreed	Ratigan / Aus
E16.4 words "from the event" be added	Agreed	Ratigan/ Italy
Appendix B New layout in PDF approved	Agreed	Ratigan/NZL
Appendix B.1 New layout approved	Agreed	Ratigan /USA
A9 Conduct of events: Last sentence removed	Agreed	Ratigan / NZL
Test Calculation – Title changed to "Testing of Software calculations	Agreed	Ratigan / Canada
Appendix – Records To be split into separate Imperial and Metric pages.	Agreed	Ratigan /R SA
Small group records delayed for further consideration		
C9e Scores aggregates in Imperial or metric	Agreed	Ratigan / Aus
C14 Interpretations a) add until "after"	Agreed	Ratigan / NZL
C14 Command 4 remain unchanged		
C9d reference to MOA conversion to be removed	Agreed	Ratigan / NZL
Appendix G To be added	Agreed	Ratigan /RSA
C3 Target dislodged - Change from "match continue" to" cease fire called"	Agreed	Ratigan /RSA
A7 Final sentence of clause to be removed	Agreed	Ratigan / Australia
E15 –I.4 To be combined into one clause	Agreed	Ratigan / Australia
Project to re-organise Rule Book M Ratigan given approval to proceed and circulate		
C15 Fix typo Clear you rifle "by"	Agreed	
C16 Add "Referees" and split duties between Referees and Protest Committee		
To provide a second tier of dealing with disputes / issues.	Agreed	Ratigan / NZ
C11.d (c) Change Protest Committee to Referee's	Agreed	Ratigan / NZ
Country abbreviations To follow Olympic Standard	Agreed	Ratigan / Sweden
E11 Change "can be changed" to "will be changed"	Agreed	Ratigan /R SA
WBSF Logo approved in principle – Pancho Garcia to consider ideas		
B.6.4 Weight Limits conversions fix typo - conversion information approved		Ratigan / Canada
C9a Remove provision	Agreed	Ratigan / USA
E4 Add option 100LV, 100HV, 200LV, 200HV	Agreed	Ratigan / UK
10c GA Tie – Language improved	Agreed	Ratigan / SA
D4 Remove from Rule Book	Agreed	Ratigan / Australia

Meeting closed 11.45pm

François Luciani
President

Date: 21.11.2013