

WBSF Delegates Meeting
Saturday 23rd September 2023
Chateauroux, France WBC16

Countries Present – Canada, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, UK, USA, Italy, France, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, South Africa

Apologies – Graeme Smith (Secretary / Treasurer)

No Proxy Votes Notified

In the absence of the Secretary, Vice President (Bruce Lenton) took meeting notes

- The minutes of the 2019 meeting in Calgary, Canada were accepted by the members present as a true record.
 - Rule B15 – Add the following – Upper line of the sighter target as scoring surface

- WBC17 – 2025 Update
 - South Africa had to withdraw due to reasons previously stated to members, power issues, security situation etc.... we thank South Africa for their openness and they do hope to host the WBC once the current situation improves.
 - USA offered to host the WBC at any of the following locations Phoenix, Holton or St. Louis, a show of hands by the members was unanimously in favour of St. Louis and the format would run back to back with the NBRSA Nationals as per the 2015 WBC which ran very well. Likely time to be September

- WBC18 – 2027 Bids
 - Finland proposed that they would like to host the 2027 WBC and in the absence of any other challenges they were selected and asked to provide more info in due course and also a presentation at the 2025 WBC.

- It was agreed that the current rule book and competition manual would be reviewed and amended as required, a “working party” was assembled and agreed by the members, these persons would work together and engage the membership to make suitable changes to be brought to the next meeting.

Members of this “working party” are as follows

- Tony Lenton – UK
- Americo Angaran – Italy
- Rick Pollock – Canada

- The meeting was tabled a proposal from Italy which had been circulated prior to the meeting, it proposed various changes / amendments / clarifications to the existing rules.
 - Rule A7 – Delegates Committee Meeting – Accepted without challenge, was understood that this had previously been changed after WBC 2013
 - Rule B6.1 – Adjustment of barrel tuner – Motion denied based on primarily safety concerns over practicalities of adjustment whilst at bench
 - Rule B8 – Sand Bag – Accepted without challenge, current rules are unenforceable and lack clarity on test methods etc
 - Rule B9 – Restraint of Rifle – Accepted without challenge, similar to above and to allow compatibility with NBRSA rules etc
 - Rule C14 – Time Warnings – Motion denied based on a variety of issues regarding safety concerns, use of pre-recorded commands etc
 - Championship Manual edits..... it was decided that the “working party” that are looking at the rules etc would take cognisance of the above and other feedback whilst they consider the entirety of the rule book and also the championship manual.

- The issue of bank signatories was discussed, the existing Treasurer is based in New Zealand as is the account, it was agreed by all parties that we should keep the account based in New Zealand and have the following people as signatories
 - Graeme Smith
 - Ian Owen
 - Peter Haxel

- It was reported that the current bank account position is USD \$27,000 in credit, with little annual expenditure, at this stage it was proposed that annual fees to member nations be kept as is.

- Election of officers / officials
 - The current treasurer Graeme Smith wishes to stand down and the meeting thanked him for his many years of service to the WBSF
 - The current President Francois Luciani wishes to stand down at the next meeting and again the membership thanked him for his service to the WBSF
 - The following were accepted and voted on unanimously as the officers / officials of the WBSF
 - President – Francois Luciani – Luxembourg
 - Vice President – Bruce Lenton – United Kingdom
 - Secretary – Johannes Frank – Iceland
 - Treasurer – Ian Owen – New Zealand

- Post meeting note:- Bruce Lenton is happy and willing to stand as President after the resignation / retirement of the current President.
- After discussions in Calgary 2019, it was discussed that a special award in recognition of Walt Berger and his efforts and dedication to our sport and organisation.

The award was discussed and decided to be as follows – a special medal known as the “Walt Berger Legacy Championships” to be presented to the winner of the combination of the entire WBC competition, this includes (100LV, 100HV, 200LV, 200HV & 200HV 10 shot / 300HV) – effectively the “three gun champion”

This award would be inaugurally presented at WBC16 in France and to save issues with transportation the winner would receive a medal at each WBC going forward that they should keep.

The rational for this was that Walt Berger was passionate about “it all” and that this would reflect that passion and drive by the person that “won it all”

- Meeting was closed at 20:45