

**Minutes of a World Benchrest Shooting Federation Delegates Committee  
held at Krokodilspruit ,South Africa , on 20 June 2009**

President Graeme Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everybody present.

Graeme conducted a roll call and the following Countries verbally confirmed their presence:

Australia	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Finland	South Africa
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Italy	United Kingdom
Namibia	USA

**Apologies** received for Monaco and Russia.

**Previous minutes** - were read and accepted as true. USA accepted and South Africa seconded.

**Matter arising** - no matters arising.

**WBC12 - Australia**

Rob Carnell hosted a video presentation on the Championship to be held in Sydney during 2013.

The following was highlighted:

- Entry Visa's will not be a problem
- The Range lends itself towards the use of spotting scopes
- Firearm permits will not be a problem
- The event will take place during the months of September through to November due to the moderate weather experienced at that time of year.
- It is proposed to offer Central accommodation for all participants.
- Transport in the form of Buses will be available.

There were no further questions and the Chairman thanked Rob for his presentation.

**Presidents Report**

The Presidents Report was circulated before the meeting.

The following issues were highlighted:

- The next European championship will be held in Austria during 2010.
- The next Oceania championship to be held in New Zealand and will include Rimfire.
- The African Regional Championship for 2008 were held in Namibia. The next event will staged in South Africa 2010.

Interest has been show from Zimbabwe to join WBSF and South Africa had been requested to co-ordinate and assist where practical. Contact Duncan Frost

- The Chairman asked Sweden and Finland to include Russia in their future events.
- Rimfire: Chairman briefed members on outcome of discussions held with those responsible for the conduct of recent world championship. Members agreed that this was not a matter that we should enter, and that WBSF should take its own path in the development of it own Rimfire World Championship.
- Chairman raised concerns that a number of countries have experienced internal issue. He had taken a firm view that it was not the role of WBSF to enter such issue – this was a

matter for the countries to resolve internally. The members supported this position. This led to divided loyalties in some countries and separate groups wishing to enter teams in our championship.

Stuart (Australia) suggested that if a recognised National Benchrest Organisation cannot field a team then a secondary organisation from that specific Country should be invited.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman asked for time to think the issue through and it was decided to formalise the process by the next meeting.

- The Chairman complimented South Africa for their effort in hosting WBC10.

### **WBC11 Presentation**

Jean Louis Espinet addressed the meeting and passed the following information:

- International airports close to range
- Hotel accommodation available @ Euro 80 for bed only.
- Firearm permits will be arranged prior to the event
- Freight to be sent to the range
- 6 Relays (28 benches) are available
- There is no 300m facility available
- The target system will be improved
- New benches will be made available
- No short flagpoles are required
- Specially trained range staff will be employed
- The event will take place from the 18th to the 22nd August 2011, with 5 practise days before
- A 2 bench rotation will be in place
- It was suggested that an entry fee deadline be enforced.

Chairman reminded members that this event is likely to be over-subscribed and therefore priority will be given to those countries who meet the required deadlines.

### **WBC13 Bid**

- No bid was raised at the meeting. It was decided to circulate an email to this effect.

### **Financial**

The current Bank Balance is \$ 4,365.53

- The annual subscription fee was fixed at \$ 50 per country.

### **General**

Rimfire Benchrest:

Australian proposed that WBSF should proceed to develop and grow the sport as a formal part of the WBSF programme.

It was moved Australia that

- 1) A separate WBSF Rimfire Championship be established
- 2) That Australia would host an Inaugural championship in 2012 at a venue to be confirmed in the next 12 months.
- 3) That the format would be as proposed in the circulated draft rules – ie both Individual and Teams point score matches.
- 4) That the Draft Rules be accepted and become part of the WBSF Rules and Operating Manual.

The above was moved Australia, seconded Namibia - carried without dissent.

- . Chairman will circulate the approved interim rules to all.
- It was decided that Graeme Smith will stay on as chairman and Mike Ratigan as vice Chairman.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

**Chairman**

**Date:**