

WORLD BENCHREST SHOOTING FEDERATION

Minutes of meeting of Delegates held at Volmerange de Mines, France

21 August 2011.

Present:

USA	Australia	New Zealand
France	Sweden	Finland
Great Britain	Austria	Italy
Luxembourg	Germany	South Africa
Spain	Canada	Norway
Russia	The Netherlands	Argentina
Philippines	Belgium	Colombia

Apologies:

Japan	Monaco
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Acknowledgment – Norway Day of Mourning: The meeting stood in respect to the people of Norway

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved New Zealand/Canada

Business arising: Referred to general business

President Report: Report read as distributed and accepted with acclamation.

Applications for Admission: The following countries were submitted for acceptance

Zimbabwe	Approved	South Africa / New Zealand
Columbia	Approved	Luxembourg / USA
Ukraine	Approved	Russia / Norway
Bolivia	Approved	Argentina / Belgium

Change of Association: Approved change of Association for Russia to “National Shooting Federation of Precision Shooting”. Philippines / USA

Reports:

WBC11 No matters discussed – referred to Technical Meeting

WBC12 Australia spoke to recently distributed report on preparations for this Championship.

Members raised concern of high level of entry fees – Australia advised fees set to meet budget and necessary. Members requested additional practice time – to be considered. Members questioned no warm-up target. Australia advised there were restrictions on use and time constraints on their range. If six relays – there would be inadequate time.

WBC13 No bids received prior to meeting to host this championship. Applications called from the floor and USA advised that they were prepared to conduct the Championship in St Louis USA. The members welcomed this application and confirmed acceptance.

WBSF Rimfire Championships: Australia talked to recently distributed paper on preparations for this Championship in 2012 and confirmed all matters were under control.

Issue from 2009 Meeting: Rule A.5 Multiple Representation: President reminded members of their obligations under these rules. Any such matters formally raised with the Federation would result in a report being prepared for the Delegates Meeting and could lead to a member Association being struck-off or replaced.

General Business:

Review of Policy:

Centrefire Individual entry (Italy). The meeting confirmed that the basis of our championship is Team competition and only official Delegation team members are eligible to compete for individual awards. Additional individual entries will not be accepted.

Individual Entry – Rimfire Championship (Australia): To ensure the event is financially viable, individual entry should be accepted until such time as the event becomes more established. Approved

Continental Championships: President raised concern that this aspect was not developing and was limiting growth. There was no clear direction given and the matter held over.

Supershoot Trophy; Chairman sought approval from the meeting to request the establishment a perpetual trophy to be awarded at the Supershoot to the highest placed International (Non – USA) shooter. Approval in principle has been received from the Kelbly family. Approved USA / New Zealand.

Chairman sought consideration of the name the trophy in the name of well known benchrest identities.

Self loading device: Dr Rando – Argentina had present at the meeting a prototype of this equipment. Meeting agreed this was not attached to the rifle and therefore was part of the rest and therefore no restrictions apply.

MOA v Metric: A wide discussion on the issue of minutes of angle. It was agreed that our traditional scoring system should not be interfered with, acknowledging it was not technically perfect. It was agreed that we should not refer to MOA in our rules but inches. Resolved Rule book to be updated.

Dope Testing: Chairman advised this is a potential issue that is likely for those Association who have direct links with their National Sports body. Chairman reminded members that WBSF Rule Book does not have any provision for testing or sanctions. In his view there is no need for change however members need to be aware of likely implications if confronted with proposed testing.

WBSF Hall of Fame: Philippines proposed the establishment of a Hall of Fame points system. A report will need to be prepared outlining the proposal and operating arrangements.

Financial: President presented current Bank Statement showing our balance 16 August 2011 as \$5076.83 NZD.

Membership Fees for 2011 -13: Meeting agreed to leave fee unchanged at \$100USD for next 2 year period.

Rimfire Championship

President advise per 2009 meeting that a decision had been made to approve the use of the Target submitted by France .

The issue of scoring procedures was considered – 3 options offered. It was agreed by vote of delegates that the system of 10 points plus inner bull would be retained. The Rimfire Shooters would be able to further consider this matter at the Inaugural meeting to be hd at Brisbane Championship.