

**World Benchrest Shooting Federation – Delegates Committee
Minutes of Meeting held of Delegates at WBC 13 St Louis USA on
Sunday 20 September 2015 at 5pm venue Range Loading Barn**

Present:

F Luciani	Luxemburg	President
M Ratigan	USA	Vice President
G Smith	New Zealand	Treasurer
G Seifert'	Germany	
A Throner	Austria	
K Visser	South Africa	
K Venzke	Namibia	
R Syverskud	Norway	
J Juntunen	Finland	
B Lenton	UK	
M Miles	UK	
I Owen	NZ	
B Richards	Canada	
R Pollock	Canada	
W Campbell	USA	
R Pearson	Sweden	
T Axelsson	Sweden	
C Rando	Argentina	
P Trautig	Netherlands	
A Andaran	Italy	
P Fishbach	France	
J Raybaut	France	
M Garcia	Philippines	
	Russia	

President opened meeting, welcomed delegates to St Louis World Championship and gave special thanks to the Benchrest Club of St Louis for all the hard work in preparing for our Championship

Roll Call of Countries:

Argentina, Austria, Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA present at that meeting.

Apologies:

Monaco with Proxy to Italy.

Minutes of 2013 meeting held in Australia: Approved Philippines / UK
President gave special thanks to Australia for the successful 2013 Championship

Business arising:

Chairman passed thanks to Rob Carnell – Australia for the efforts made on the WBSF Website

President's report: President's report has been circulated to members prior to the meeting.
Approved UK/Namibia

Financial: Treasurer presented current bank statement. It is noted no withdrawals made during the period. In addition provided list of countries that paid fee for the last 2 years.
Approved Italy / Germany

2017 Championship: On behalf of New Zealand, G Smith presented a detailed report on matters of importance towards holding this event. This was circulated to all delegates and will be provided electronically on return home.

2019 Championship Three bids were received, from Italy, Canada, Finland. Unfortunately Finland was rejected due to not meeting the 3 months prior deadline.

Both Italy and Canada Delegates made quality presentations on their bids. Italy's bid was for the known range at Dobiacco which has undergone redevelopment and will have required 25 benches

Canada proposed conducting event at their range in Alberta, between Calgary and Banff. Timed to be held a week after the Calgary Stampede.

The matter was put to a ballot vote with the final result being Italy 11 votes, Canada 9.

Finland was given the opportunity to show their presentation with the President expressing his gratitude for their efforts.

WBSF Rimfire Championship: Application received to hold the 2nd Championship in Lisbon, Portugal 18 – 27 July 2016. Approved unanimously by Delegates. M Garcia indicated significant interest from the Philippines.

General Business:

Competitor Eligibility: Discussion held on eligibility requirements of the rules. Rules do not need modification as believed adequate, but rules need formally applying. Entry form needs Individuals Passport Number, Country and Firearms License number if held.

Competitor List: Request that a list be circulated 3 months prior to event.

Wind Flags: Mr Ratigan gave explanation of what is required to determine whether placed flags are causing disruption to neighbours lane. He will provide explanation in Operating Manual

Records: Australia proposed the issuing of quality certificates to record holders. Discussion whether these should be issued for new records or whether we go back to the beginning of the Championship. The whole question was held over to the next meeting when costs / design can be determined for Teams and / or Individual records. It was agreed that should this proposal proceed, certificates would not be automatically issued due to some holders having passed away in the intervening period, but would be available on application.

Change of Controlling Body: New Zealand requested that the Manual be changed from NZ Shooting Federation to New Zealand Deerstalkers Association as Benchrest was no longer associated with NZSF Approved.

Entry Fee: Discussion held on current level of fees. It was agreed that current event fee of \$400USD was appropriate and could be used going forward.

Elections

President	F Luciani elected unopposed	Philippines / Germany
Vice President	M Ratigan elected unopposed	Argentina / UK
Treasurer	G Smith elected unopposed	USA/Australia
Secretary	A Chryss elected unopposed - subject to confirmation	
Rimfire	B Atkinson elected unopposed – subject to confirmation	

300 yd/m – 10 x 200 Day 5

Discussion held on time restrictions on final day and what options available – options of reduced time, no warm-up etc. No formal resolution but decisions remain with Championship Director on an individual basis.

Country Contacts: Advise from St Louis team that pre-championship contact should be by one delegated person per country. The level of individual enquiry caused some difficulty

Individual Country events: G Smith raised concern that we should be promoting the idea of encouraging shooters to attend events in another country, and the practise of charging membership fees in addition to regular entry fees is not helpful

Meeting closed 8.23pm

President

Date