

REPORT W.B.S.F. DELEGATES MEETING – 2016

Meeting place: Tiro Shooting Range, Lisbon, Portugal

Time of meeting: 5.00 p.m., 19th July, 2016

Present, representatives from:

Australia,
Belgium,
France,
Ireland,
Italy,
Luxembourg,
Portugal,
South Africa,
Spain
United Kingdom.

An apology was received from Germany and also Brendan Atkinson from Australia.

Minutes of the 2014 meeting held in Volmerange-les-Mines, France were approved unanimously without discussion arising.

The President of WBSF, Francois Luciani welcomed delegates and thanked them for their attendance. He also thanked the Portuguese delegate for the work that has been done to organise what would be another successful World Championship.

Election of Office Positions

As there were no nominations, the current President indicated he would stand again. The Secretary, Brendan Atkinson had contacted the President and indicated he wishes to stand down from his position OF Secretary. Discussion ensued with the French delegate suggesting that the position of Secretary could be split into a European position and one for the remainder of the World. The French Observer, Alain Couranton was nominated as the European Secretary, as there were no other nominees he was elected to the position.

President Luciani indicated that nations attending should now look to who will conduct the 3rd World Benchrest Rimfire Championship in 2018. Discussion ensued with a number of possible venues discussed. The President indicated to the Delegate Meeting he would be happy to receive an application to hold the 3rd WBSF Championship once an interested nation cleared the possible holding of the championship with that nation's sports controlling body.

General Business

The French delegate sought clarification of the wording of paragraph B5 of the WBSF Rules, Match – 1 Target and Event 3 Targets. Discussion ensued which highlighted this and other paragraphs of the Rules that could be redrafted to provide a better understanding of the Rules.

The French delegate sought clarification of the Rule B8.1 describing the sand bag on the front rest. The Rule indicates “a bag”. The discussion highlighted that some front rests have a single bag while, adjustable front rests used to support 3” and 2¼” stocks. Adjustable rest tops have two side bags and a base bag. Such a situation had not been envisaged when the Rules were initially written. Discussion ensued that stands varied from country to country, Italy having both fixed and adjustable front bags. For the present competition, it was accepted in the “Spirit of Goodwill”, if the limited number of stands that were adjustable had a piece of tape attached across the three bag surfaces this would suffice for the 2nd World Championship.

It was agreed by the meeting that Rule B5, B8.1, the front bag definition and any other Rules that appeared to be ambiguous should be edited to achieve clarity.

The meeting accepted that Mr Carl Hanson of the United Kingdom and Mr Alain Couranton of France together should edit the Rules, the edited Rules then be submitted to the delegates for approval and to be voted on by WBSF for inclusion in the Rules for 2018.

In particular consideration should be given to a supplement to the present rules which list, A22, A22a, A22b and A22c – current records.

Discussion arose about paragraph E13, it was agreed that movement of wind flags could only occur at target change on permission being sought from the Range Officer.

The meeting concluded at 6.20 p.m. upon which the President wishing all the competitors his best wishes in their competitions.