

**Record of Minutes
of the
World Championship Committee
held on the
14th August 2007
at
Connaught Rifle Ranges - Ottawa - Canada**

In attendance

Serge Bissonnette	Chairman	Canada
Geoff Grosskreutz		Australia
Martin Townsend		Great Britain
John McLaren		New Zealand
Richard van Lingen		South Africa & Zimbabwe
Denis Lee		West Indies
Middleton Tompkins		United States of America
Detlef Mesletzky		Germany & Continental Palma Council
Michael Martel		Channel Islands

Observers

Colin Cheshire	Great Britain (Secretary General ICFRA)
Catherine Berry	Australia (Executive Officer NRAA)
Phil Harrison	Great Britain (ICFRA - IRRG)
Larry Bartholome	United States of America (Veterans Team)
Tony Loughnan	New Zealand (Chairman ICFRA - TR Committee)

Item 1 Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance to the second meeting of the ICFRA World Championship Committee.

On a point of information the following personnel have been appointed;

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| a) | Jim Thompson | Match Director |
| b) | Gordon Caverly | Chief Range Officer |
| c) | John Webster | Referee - Long Range Team Championship |
| d) | Bill Molnar | Referee - "Ages" Group Team Championship |
| e) | Peter Hayden | Referee - Individual Long Range World Championships |

Item 2 Approval of Agenda

The order of sequence should be adjusted to have item six on the agenda moved to be after item nine. Item nine has several issues dealing with the administration of matches which may have a bearing on item six.

Item 3 Minutes of last Meeting

An electronic copy was circulated among you. There are two items which arise from those minutes which have to be recorded.

1) Target Draw.

The mathematical draw used in 2003 was to be entrenched as our standard procedure. The designer of the 2003 mathematical draw offered the use of the (formula) but it was decided not to use it.

This resulted in the Match Director for the 2007 World Championships, Dr. Jim Thompson was drafting another mathematical draw which will be used for the 2007 World Championships.

2) Conditions of awarding the Fulton Trophy

Confirming the reinstatement of the conditions of awarding the Fulton Trophy donated by Mr. Art Jackson of the United States. In 2003 its original designation was changed, as we now know, without the donor's consent. Let the record show that the condition of awarding the Fulton Trophy has reverted to the donor's instructions, to wit:

“To be awarded to high scoring individual at each Palma Team Match “.

Move that minutes be adopted	Moved	Denis Lee
	Seconded	Martin Townsend
	CARRIED	

Item 4 Programme of 2011 Championship, Australia

The programme of the 2011 World Championship in Australia is attached (App. “B”).

The NRA of Australia is to be commended on their flexibility on arranging the 2011 World Championship dates to best accommodate the majority of competitors.

A co-presentation by Geoff Grosskreutz and Catherine Berry affirmed the venue as being very suitable for the 2011 World Championships. The Brisbane range facility has both its ranges dressed and have the necessary amenities.

The venue is within easy driving distance from Brisbane.

Well done NRA of Australia

Item 5 Venue for the 2015 World Championship and squadding/firing method

There were no applications forwarded to the ICFRA Secretary General or to this Committee prior to the meeting.

From the floor New Zealand submitted a bid for the 2015 World Championship. The meeting recognised that, on a rotational basis, it would be America's turn. The United States of America advised that it would table a bid, pending the outcome of the drug testing issue coming before Council the tomorrow.

With two bids, and assuming resolution of the Anti-Doping issue, the vote was for the United States of America for the 2015 World Championships, with New Zealand as the alternative. A new range at Las Vegas was cited as the possible venue.

Note to minutes: Pursuant to the Meeting of Council on 15 Aug 07 at Connaught whereat the issue of drug testing was tabled, the NRA of USA was satisfied that there was no conflict in ICFRA's drug testing policies and that of the NRA of USA. The NRA of USA's formal acceptance to host the 2015 ICFRA World Championships will be confirmed after the next meeting of the NRA of USA's senior board in Feb 08.

Item 6 Ammunition for the World Championships be supplied by the Host Nation

Deferred to after item 9

Item 7 Confirmation of rule changes relevant to 2007

The principle of shooting to the ICFRA - TR Technical Rules, "except as may be provided in the conditions" is now confirmed. The one year rule on changes must now operate properly.

Item 8 Matters arising form the ICFRA TR Committee Meeting

Tony Loughnan gave a summary of the major items that his Committee reached a consensus on. His full report can be read in the TR Minutes attached to the Council Minutes.

Item 9 Matters raised by I.C.F.R.A. Rules Review Group to the World Championship Committee on 25 December 2006

Item 9a) Australia Match/Junior Australia Match Rules

The Australia Match has been passed in all aspects to the control of ICFRA and that the only major provisos in the rules are that Australia had to compete and there had to be at least 3 teams.

Australia Match timing remitted for NRA of Australia's review to deal with their request of not having the Australia Match at the same time as the Palma.

The rules to remain codified "as is" for the time being as the Australia Match is to be shot at Bisley in 2010.

This item should be reviewed and carried over to the 2011 WCC meeting in Australia.

Item 9 b) ICFRA Rules Manual Structure

i) World Championship Management

The streamlining of the various ICFRA Rules into one comprehensive manual was supported by the Committee. This to comprise Technical Rules for each recognised discipline, common rules for the Management of all World Championships and other ICFRA - run events, and specific exclusive Match Conditions, where these are applicable.

ii) LRWC Match Conditions

a. admissibility of 5.56mm/.223 Rem

.223/5.56 is not accepted to any ICFRA sanctioned World Championship series. Australia is happy to admit .223 to the Australia Match, subject to 'no change of calibre' during the match.

iii) "Under" Age Group(s)

a. Agreed all Age Group World Championships to be Teams of 5, and the option for a country to enter more than one team is permitted.

b. "Under" Age Group Individual WCs to be the LRWC Course of fire: A 'young' individual may win his age-group AND any older group and/or the 'open' as well.

c. Age-qualification to be " day-of-the-first-day-of-the-match " as proposed by ICFRA Rules Review Group "The age cut off for age group matches will be the person's age on the date of the start of the match or series of matches that comprise the said championship".

iv) Short Range World Championship

It remains an open question. There will not be a SRWC shot in Australia in 2011 and there is an implication that the N.R.A. of the United States may consider it in 2015.

That a SRWC along with the existing ICFRA World Championship series of matches abutted onto a National Annual Prize Meet is unlikely to be viable due to the length of time to shoot the entire series and the associated costs.

Deferred to incoming World Championship Committee.

Item 9 c) Top Ten shoot off for Individual Long Range World Championship

To remain in the Individual [Open] LRWC.

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Motion by Martin Townsend

Seconded by Denis Lee

Defeated

Item 10 Other Business

Clear slate

Item 11 Election of Chairman 2007 - 2011

The new Chairman of the ICFRA - World Championship Committee is
Mr. Geoff Grosskreutz of the NRA of Australia effective 3 September 2007.

Meeting Adjourned 16:00 hrs.

Serge J. Bissonnette
Chairman
ICFRA - World Championship Committee