

ICFRA World Championship Committee

Minutes of Meeting held at
DanzWorx Studio, Trentham, New Zealand, 1pm, 25th January 2019.

Present;

Malcolm Dodson New Zealand and WCC Chairman, Phil Harrison ICFRA Secretary General and IRRG, Lindsay Peden ICFRA, John Webster Great Britain, Catherine Berry Australia, Ray Gross United States, Bernand De Beer ICFRA President and South Africa, Daniel Chisolm and Serge Bissonette Canada.

1. The Chairman welcomed the representatives to the meeting.
2. There were no apologies.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting had already been circulated and approved.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Bernand De Beer gave a verbal report on progress for the next Target Rifle World Championships and Palma Match to be held in South Africa in April 2023.
 - There will be no camp sites or accommodation on the range.
 - Permits should not be a problem.
 - There will be security access to the range.
 - There will be plenty of help with firearms and logistics.
 - He was confident of the personal safety of competitors provided that people were sensible.
6. NRA of Australia presented their proposal to hold the Australia Match on the Belmont Range, Brisbane in conjunction with the Australian National Championships in June 2025.

Moved J Webster/ Seconded B De Beer
“that the NRAA application to host the Australia Match in Australia in 2025 be accepted” **Carried.**
7. NRA of Great Britain presented their application to hold the Palma Match and Target Rifle World Long Range Championships at Bisley, England, in 2027.

This application is in line with the normal rotation.
It is likely that the Stickledown Range will be electronic targets by this time.
Moved J Webster/ Seconded B De Beer
“that NRA of Great Britain application to hold the Palma Match and Target Rifle World Long range Championships be accepted”. **Carried.**
8. Use of .223 calibre rifles in teams matches.

Remit from United States to allow .223 in all World Championship events.
Change the .223 projectile weight to not exceed 91 grains.

The TRC agreed to the change of projectile weight for .223 to “not exceed 91 grains”.

The Veterans Committee had already accepted the use of .223 for Veterans WC Matches and the 91 grain projectile provided .223 was permitted in the host Country championships.

After discussion it was decided that the Age group teams could similarly use the .223 rifle in their World Championship Matches

The main discussion then was whether the Palma Match and the Individual World Long Range Championships were to remain as .308 only.

It was then pointed out that the Veterans and the Age group team members all qualify to shoot in the World Individual and many are in the Palma teams as well, were they going to be required to have a .308 to shoot these matches.

The end result of the discussion was the motion

“that the .223 be approved for use in the Individual LRWC, Palma Match and all other World Championship Team Matches”

Moved by J Webster/ Seconded S Bissonette. **Carried.**

The rules about changing rifles during a match need tightening up and clarifying, and that it be reinforced that there be no changing between calibres.

9. NRANZ remit to allow a Half Teams Match alongside the Palma Match.

The committee accepted in principle the holding of “Half Teams” Match concurrent with the Palma Match, subject to range capacity.

Discussion mostly centred on the worry of a country using this as a reason to not get a full Palma Team, and the Palma Match not then getting the required number of teams for the match, four.

There are currently only three countries that do not struggle at times to get a full Palma team.

The reverse side to that is that countries would still be attending with a smaller team if they could not get a Palma team, they would still stay involved and in reasonable numbers.

Some thought there should only be a four shooter team and not an eight as the four would be so small that it would be a disincentive to not try and get a full team.

The end result is that more information was needed, particularly from those countries not attending, and that a consultation be carried out to ascertain the opinions re team sizes.

The Secretary General to conduct a consultation with a response by the end of April 2019.

This is to include the size of the Palma Team as well.

10. Team Armourer.

It was generally agreed that the position of Team Armourer was a hangover from the days of issued rifles, and these days the position was used as a 26th team member.

A vote was taken with the result that the position be dropped from the Palma team.

4 votes for / 1 against / 1 abstention.

11. Chairman of WCC.

As the next Palma Match and TR World Championships are to be in South Africa, and the Chairman's position is normally filled from the host country, Bernard De Beer accepted the position of Chairman.

Meeting Closed at 3.56pm.

Secretary-General's Clarification: The Veterans and Age Group Individual Championships are normally shot concurrently with Host Nation Championships for which the World Championship contenders are also eligible. If the Host Nation does not permit the use of .223 in its National Championship then it follows that WC Individual contenders cannot use .223 either. This does not prevent use of .223 in the Team Matches, however, nor in the IWLRC/Palma.