

Minutes of the 2017 ICFRA F-Class Committee meeting

Old Mess Hall, Connaught Ranges, Ottawa Ontario Canada

11 August 2017 13:10 – 15:52

F-Class Committee members in attendance:

Kenny Proulx, Canada (chairman). Also acting as proxy for NZ.

Mik Maksimovic, UK. Also acting as proxy for IT.

Maksym Semonovykh, UA

Rick Jensen, USA

Jannie Els, ZA

Boro Licina, SI

Volkey Zeitz, DE

Craigh McGowan, AU (representing Bob Pederson)

Maurice Egan, IE

Other persons in attendance

Ray Gross, USA

Tony Marsh, UK

Rod Mahon, AU

Scott Bisset, CA

Daniel Chisholm, CA

ITEM 1

Chairman Kenny Proulx call the meeting to order at 13:10. Attendance was taken and Daniel Chisholm was appointed as meeting Secretary.

ITEM 2 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mik Maksimovic and seconded by Jannie Els. CARRIED.

ITEM 3 Minutes from the 2013 meeting and 2014 vote

A motion to approve was MOVED by Rick Jensen and SECONDED by Mik Maksimovic. CARRIED.

ITEM 4 South Africa 2021 dates etc

- Jannie Els reported that there are no changes and all is on track. The competition will be held late March + early April 2021 and span approx. 3 weeks.
- It is 99% sure that pairs squadding will be used
- Jannie will meet SABU over the next two months and confirm details to the F-Class Committee

ITEM 5 Various rule change proposals

Document “Rules Proposal 2017-07-12.pdf”, circulated by email prior to meeting, was discussed.

- Proposal #1 “...adding a U25 Individual World Championship...”
 - ACCEPTED
- Proposal #2 “...limit F/TR projectile weight..”
 - REJECTED
- Proposal #3 “...Apply modifications to the rule made by the ICFRA Council..”
 - Not voted on; scratched. Please see below “Varia – IRRG #3 - Els”
- Proposal #4 “...Adding these elements below on Electronic Target...”
 - REJECTED
 - A subcommittee was formed to set minimum requirements and test protocols for Electronic Targets. Tony Marsh UK (Chair), Ray Gross USA, Kenny Proulx CA, plus someone from AU to be appointed
- Proposal #5 “...F2.21. Ammunition, once chambered...”
 - REJECTED. It was asked to be noted that NRAA is in favour.
- Proposal #6 “...rain shield...”
 - ACCEPTED
- Proposal #7 “...rear rest where rear bag..”
 - REJECTED
- Proposal #8 “...must not have any mechanical..”
 - AMENDED
 - Consensus of the meeting was that “rear bag must not have any mechanical adjustment and must be deformable on all sides except bottom”
 - It was agreed that the exact wording is to be written by rules committee
 - ACCEPTED as amended
- Proposal #9 “...electronic target, all projectile must remain supersonic...”
 - Deferred to subcommittee

ITEM 6 vote on host nation for 2025 FCWC

Two proposals were received to host the 2025 FCWC, one from NRA-Ireland and one from NRA-UK.

The FCC voted as follows:

ROI bid, 3 votes in favour (IE, AU, US)

UK bid, 5 votes in favor (CA, UK, UA, DE, SI)

ITEM 7 next F-Class Committee Chairman

Jannie Els was elected as the new FCC chairman. Voting in favour were CA UK US UA DE and SI. No other votes were cast.

ITEM 8 Varia

- Electronic target shot delay. A discussion was held.
 - US wants a 12s delay
 - CA wants a 12s-20s delay
 - Ray Gross (US observer) commented that no shot information should be shown during the delay period (in reference to experience from the 2016 US FCNC matches fired on SMT e-targets, in which a 7s delay was used but the shot VALUE was immediately known to the shooter)
- A discussion was held on buttplates. Little progress was made, it was felt to be not particularly relevant to F-Class. Since an accepted and common technique is to fire "free recoil" without any shoulder contact at all, F-Class would prefer to avoid mentioning details of buttplates.
- It was agreed to have a discussion on adding non-voting observers to the F-Class Committee (for example to ensure that both FTR and FOpen viewpoints are fully understood)
- Rick Jensen US would like an FTR "Rutland" trophy (FC8.5) to be arranged
- Scott Bissett CA also wants Under-25 trophies to be arranged
- Rick Jensen US wants the match conditions to be reworded, to add in that it is a WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
- JANNIE ELS will follow up on IRRG proposal #3, to give members more time to provide feedback.
- There was a discussion on wireless headsets. No one was opposed.
- The format of the FCWC was discussed. It was **PROPOSED** to make mandatory an individual and/or team practice day prior to the FCWC. This proposal was **PASSED**.
- It was **PROPOSED** and **PASSED** that for pair firing the 45s shot time limit rule will apply to equipment failure/breakdown, where first offense is a warning, second offense a 2 point penalty, etc. The intent was to prevent a shooter from "manufacturing" an apparent equipment failure in order to gain the ability to string fire.
- A discussion was held on the appropriate relationship of F-Class shooting to the ICFRA organizational structure. It was agreed that the ICFRA Executive would be approached to create standing orders for F-Class. The goal is to have the ICFRA F-Class Committee not be subject to override by any other council or group.
- It was agreed that for pairs firing, no string shooting was to be allowed. It was agreed that further discussion toward a more workable permanent solution is needed, e.g. shooting in threes, or enforcing a 45s delay/pacing, etc.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 15:52