

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 7 MARCH 2024 AT 14:00 AM AT THE GENERAL DE WET SHOOTING RANGE, DE BRUG, BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA

1. OPENING AND WELCOME:

- The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thank them for their time.
- Representatives present:
 - B De Beer - South Africa & WCC Chairman,
 - J Webster - Great Britain,
 - S Negus - Australia,
 - M Dodson - New Zealand
 - R Mead - United States of America
 - B Sölzer - Germany

2. APOLOGIES:

- L Peden - Secretary General,
- S Bissonette - Canada
- J Frey - Germany
Nominated B Sölzer as representative for Germany

3. MINUTES OF THE WCC MEETING HELD 25 JANUARY 2019, NEW ZEALAND

- The minutes of the previous meeting had already been circulated and approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 HALF TEAM MATCHES

B De Beer reported that no entries were received for the Half Team Matches.
A point was raised pertaining to the right of existence of the match.

After a discussion, specifically regarding which countries can still field a full Palma Team, it was decided that the match should be kept for now and see what the interest will be at the following World Long Range Championships for this specific match.

In light of the above discussion where it appears that only 2 countries can easily enter a full-strength Palma team, it will have to be looked at again to perhaps reduce the size of the Palma teams.

5. DISCUSSION POINTS

5.1 2028 WLRC AND PALMA MATCH

5.5.1 REPORT FROM GREAT BRITAIN

J Webster gave a verbal report pertaining to the next WLRC and Palma Match 2028. He reported that:

- They have started with the planning for the next WLRC and Palma Match,
- Their concern at this stage is the space availability on Stickledown Range, as they just can accommodate so many shooters,
- They are looking at various programmes options to accommodate as many shooters as they can – will report back on this.

B De Beer ask the question regarding the availability of more accommodation at Bisley Camp.

J Webster said that they realize accommodation could be a problem and will look into it.

B De Beer thanks J Webster for his report.

5.1.2 AMMUNITION

A proposal was received by Mr L Peden to consider conducting the WLRC 2028 with issued ammunition, as used at that year's Imperial. The above proposal was circulated to everybody and take it as read.

After a discussion of the above proposal, it was decided that the current status of using handload ammunition in the WLRC and Palma matches, will be upheld.

J webster pointed out that some matches at the Imperial meeting where the cadets are not competing in, the shooters will be allowed to use their handload ammunition.

5.2 WLRC AND PALMA MATCH 2032 BID

A formal letter was received from the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association whereby they submit their application to host the 2032 World Long Range Championships and the Palma Match. The mentioned application was circulated.

It is proposed by B De Beer that according to the rotation system, it is Canada's turn to host the mentioned championships and that the application must be accepted.

- Proposal was generally accepted.

5.3 AUSTRALIA MATCH 2030 BID

Two bids were received to host the above match – Great Britain and South Africa.

J Webster reminded the committee that they would have held the match but was cancelled due to Covid.

In light of the above and the fact that South Africa has held the match in 2017, South Africa withdrew their bid.

- The application from Great Britain to host the Australia Match in England in 2030 was generally accepted.

5.4 NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN: 2024 – 2028

As the next World Long Range Championships and Palma Match are to be held in England, and the Chairman's position of the WCC is normally filled by the representative of the host country, J Webster is nominated for the position.

- Generally accepted

6. GENERAL

No matters were discussed under general

7. CLOSURE

B De Beer thanks everybody attending the meeting and wished J Webster all the best for the next four years.

Meeting was adjourned.