

Minutes of the ICFRA F-Class Committee Meeting Held at the 2005 FCWC

Larry Bartholome acting for Paul Monaghan, the Committee Chairman called the ICFRA F-Class Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, April 6th, 2005 prior to the awards ceremony in the board room of the SABU building on General De Wet range.

Committee Members present were:

Larry Bartholome - USA

Derek Wade - RSA

Ulrich Kwade – GER

Representing the UK - for FCWC bid voting purposes - Mik Maksimovic

Representing the USA - for FCWC bid voting purposes and minutes recorder -
Vanessa Warner

Also present as observers/commenter:

Colin Cheshire - UK Match Referee

Richard Van Lingen-RSA Match Director

Alec Lauterbach – SA Team Captain

Manuel Cue- German Team Captain

With the meeting called to order, Larry Bartholome proposed the following order of business:

1. Vote on the venue for the 3rd F-Class World Championships (FCWC).
2. Name a Match Referee for the 2005 FCWC, IAW rule 4.3
3. Name a Match Committee IAW rule 4.4
4. Conduct a short discussion of F-Class rules to include:
 - a. Rule 5.7 since it requires rewording.
 - b. Rules 5.4 & 6.3 which refer to 4.12.
 - c. Rule 9.23 reference spikes which had come up during the SABU National Championships.
 - d. Rule 4.2 Course of fire and length of the FCWC.
 - e. Rule 7.1 Targets to be used for the FCWC in future years.

Mr. Bartholome's proposal was agreed to by all present.

Item 1 on agenda – Venue for 3rd FCWC

Mr. Bartholome explained that he had been give proxy votes for the location of 3rd FCWC by the Committee Chairman, Paul Monaghan, who had received them from the five ICFRA organizations not represented at the meeting.

A secret ballot was taken by means of slips of paper which were then totaled with the proxy votes by the chair. The final vote was:

Australia – 2

Canada – 2

Great Britain – 5

Therefore Great Britain will host the 3rd FCWC in Bisley, England, July 26-30, 2009.

After the vote Mr. Bartholome requested the following statement be added to the minutes: "The USA would have considered the NRAA bid more favorably had it not stated the FCWC would be fired prior to the Australian National Individual Championships. We do not consider this proper. The USA believes a World Championships should hold precedent over a national championship. We also believe major matches such as an FCWC require warm up matches to provide necessary practice time for out of country competitors." Everyone present expressed agreement with his statement.

Item 2 on agenda – Appointment of the FCWC Referee:

Mr. Colin Cheshire, ICFRA Secretary-General agreed to accept the post.

Item 3 on agenda – Naming of a Match Committee:

Mr. Bartholome proposed the committee be as follows:

Himself

Mr. Richard Van Lingen, the Match Director as appointed by SABU

Mr. Cheshire, the Referee

Mr. General Alexander, the Chief Range Officer

Mr. Derek Wade, Representative RSA

Mr. Ulrick Kwade, Representative GER

Mr. Mik Maksimovic, UK Team Captain

This was agreed to by all present.

Item 4 on agenda – short discussion of F-Class rules:

Rule 5.7 Refers to teams for the Rutland Cup, 4 shooter team match. It was agreed to re-word the rule as follows:

5.7 "Subject to target availability the host nation shall offer a concurrent or immediately preceding separate team event for countries or regional groups unable to field a team of eight shooters, and/or other teams as determined by the Committee. This will be known as the Rutland Cup Match. All competitors are eligible to participate, except Members of FCWC National Team Squads participating in the FCWC International Team Match (Farquharson Cup). Teams shall consist of a Team Captain, Adjutant, four shooters and one coach. As in rule 5.3., separate team officials are not obligatory, which allows four shooters on their own, to compete. The course of fire and other conditions will be identical to that of the FCWC International team match."

Rules 5.4 & 6.3 Which refer to 4.12 should refer to 4.15, NOT 4.12, it was so agreed to by all present.

Rule 9.23 Reference spikes had come up during the SABU National Championships. It was decided to leave the rules as written since changing this would among other things affect the national rules of member countries.

Rule 4.2 Course of fire and length of the FCWC. A discussion was held on a proposal by GB to change the course of fire to three days individual and one of team shooting. The USA counter proposed three days individual and two days team. In the end after it was pointed out by Mr. Cheshire, if the GB proposal was adapted and the team match was rained out on its one day, there would be no team championships held. The members present then voted to leave the Rules as written.

Rule 7.1 Targets to be used for the FCWC in future years. It was agreed F-Class should use whatever target the Palma side of the house uses. It was further agreed that we would get together after the matches and before we left SA to see if we liked the 5" white center F (we called it V). It was agreed that a simple majority vote of Mik Maksimovic, Derek Wade, Ulrich Kwade and Larry Bartholome would constitute agreement on the target to be recommended for use in the future.

At the conclusion of the team match firing on April 14th Derek Wade, RAS, Mik Maksimovic, GB and Larry Bartholome, USA, (Ulrick Kwade having left the range) got together and evaluated the target used. All agreed we didn't like the white center 'V' and Larry proposed we keep the 5 inch 'V' ring, but make it black with a white line the same thickness as the other rings. Everyone agreed to this. Everyone decided the center ring would be called the "V" ring, not "F". It was further decided that each of us would measure the thickness of the 10 inch "X" ring on our respective targets to try and determine why everyone found it impossible to see the '5' ring in SA in any kind of mirage condition.

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