



**ICFRA F-Class Committee - 2013 Meeting
NRA Whittington Center Conference Room
Raton, NM
August 21, 2013**

1. Attendance –

Present: The Chairman, Larry Bartholome (USA) and representatives from the following countries:

Mik Maksimovic (GB)
Jannie Els (RSA)
Terry Perkins (Canada)
Maksim Semenovkyh (Ukraine)
Cedric May (Australia)
Volker Zeitz (Germany)
John O'Donoghue (Ireland)

In attendance:

Phil Harrison, Secretary-General ICFRA
FCC delegate-designate, USA, Rick Jensen
John-Paul Craven (NRAI).

2. Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman reminded Committee Members of the need to fully participate in FCC electronic debates. It is the duty of all Committee members to participate in all discussions. The chairman should not have to twist members' arms to get them to participate in matters concerning F-Class.

The minutes of the 2009 FCC meeting were read and approved.

3. Rules business agreed out of committee

The following rules changes, previously agreed out of committee were confirmed:-

- 3.1 Electronic wireless devices on the firing point (rule F6.8): banned except electronic ear defenders and personal medical devices,
- 3.2 Individual Tie shoot format (rule F20.4) : Two sighters instead of one,
- 3.3 Position on Firing Point (rule F6.1/add F6.1.1) , also removal of 'supine' position from rules,
- 3.4 FCWC Coaches (FC3.7) no longer required to compete in Individual Matches,
- 3.5 Amend Rules to include new trophies received since 2009 (rules FC 8 & FC 9).

4. Rules business

4.1 To discuss the provision of shelter (rule 6.12)(at GB Request). The proposal that the rules should allow cover to be provided on an 'all or none' basis was approved, noting that the rule was merely permissive (and unlikely to be used in the F Class context).

4.2 Replace - "Chamber dimensions must conform to SAAMI or CIP dimensions." With "Maximum chamber dimensions will adhere to SAAMI or CIP dimensions for the cartridge case itself. However lead and throat dimensions may be selected to suit the bullets used." - Chairman. Advice was given that this change is unnecessary and the proposal was consequently withdrawn.

4.3 Forbidden natures of ammunition (Canada against proposal). The proposal (rule F2.22.1) to include a list of forbidden natures of ammunition which includes monolithic bullets was passed by a vote of 6:2 (Canada and Ukraine against).

5. Insurance and carriage of Trophies (RSA).

ICFRA Secretary General indicated that he would consult widely with a view to ceasing the process of moving Trophies around the world, on which basis this item was not further proceeded with.

6. 2021 FCWC – Bids from NRAs to host the event.

Bids had been received from RSA and GB. It appeared that a bid had also been submitted by ROI which bid had not been received in a legible form (despite a request from the Chairman for clarification) and which had not therefore been placed before the Committee. Noting that RSA was next in the informal rotation governing hosting of FCWC, the GB representative withdrew the GB bid, noting that GB would bid for 2025.

There was a debate about whether to admit the ROI bid, or proceed straight to approval of the RSA bid.

Following a vote, it was decided by 4 votes to 3 to give ROI until 23 October (8 weeks from closure of the FCWC Meeting) to place its bid, following which a decision would be made.

7. Chairmanship of FCC 2013 – 2017.

Mr Kenny Proulx has been nominated by DCRA. He was approved unanimously.

8. Any Other Business of which due notice has been given.

8.1 ICFRA SG, speaking as Chairman of IRRG, asked whether the US definition of what was allowed under the feet of a bipod should be taken into the rules, noting that the rules continued to remain silent. (Afternote: there was a challenge during the Individual FCWC on precisely that issue).

8.2 ICFRA SG, speaking as Chairman of IRRG, reminded the committee that the question of change of calibre and/or change of cartridge if a rifle was replaced during a Team match had not been finally settled for the future.

It was agreed that IRRG would provide a paper on each of these topics, for consideration at the same time as the committee finalised the 2021 hosting of the FCWC.

9. Closure.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting. The Chairman in his closing remarks stated he hoped the Committee members would make take the time answer the new Chairman's e-mails in a timely fashion and support him in his efforts to improve the state of F-Class around the world.

ICFRA SG invited the Committee to acknowledge Mr Bartholome's chairmanship over the last four years, which was carried with acclaim.

Larry Bartholome
Chairman,
ICFRA FCC