



INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FULLBORE RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of the ICFRA Council meeting held at Bisley, United Kingdom, on
Wednesday and Thursday 9th and 10th July 2003

Present:	S.E. Frost (CAN)	-	President & Chairman C& R Committee
	Prof. A.R. Horrocks (GBR)	-	Vice-President
	S.J. Bissonnette (CAN)	-	Chairman, Palma Committee
	A.H. Bowden (AUS)		
	G.J.P. Burger (RSA)	-	also representing Namibia
	J.R. Cantlay (ZIM)	-	Part Day 2 only, representing D. Elliott
	R. Chombart (CPC)		
	Col. M.S. Gilchrist (USA)		
	N.D. Gomez (WI)		
	S. Kihara (KEN)	-	representing A. Vayani
	D. Lee (JAM)	-	Day 2 only
	Col. C. Le Roux (RSA)	-	Chairman, Veterans Committee
	C.C. Mallett Jnr. (CI)		
	R. McVeigh (NIR)	-	Day 2 only
	D.M. Mesletzky (GER)		
	D.T. O'Leary (WAL)	-	Day 2 only
	M.Z. Pardi (MAS)	-	Day 2 only
	M. Persaud (GUY)	-	Day 2 only

Secretary-General: C.C.C. Cheshire (GBR)

In attendance:

	R.J. Aitken (SCO)	-	Part Day 2 only
	P. Amy (JER)	-	Part Day 2 only, representing C.C. Mallett
	A.J.C.B. de Launay (ENG)	-	Part Day 2 only
	F. Evers (HOL)		
	M.G. Farnan (GBR)	-	Day 2 only
	Ph. Ginestet (CPC)		
	S. Goslin (RSA)	-	Day 1 only
	B. Hawkins (KEN)	-	Part Day 2 only
	S. Hijman (HOL)		
	R. Kloosterman (HOL)		
	N.C. Mace (GUE)	-	representing Dr. A.M. Jory
	J.N. McLaren (NZL)	-	Day 2 only, representing A.A.M. Loughnan
	Mrs. C. McShane (AUS)		
	C.S. O'Brien (GBR)		
	G.R.H. Smith (NZL)	-	Day 2 only
	M.W. Tompkins (USA)		

Apologies: Were received from the following: S. Rayner (BER), G.J.F. Gous (NAM), J. Sohal (MAW), J. Rousseau (RSA), W. King (BAR), G. Goodwin (FKI), J.P.S. Bloomfield (ENG), A.A.M. Loughnan (NZL), A. Vayani (KEN),

1. **Welcome** - The President welcomed everyone to this the first ICFRA Council meeting and hoped that this newly formed World Body for the Governance of International Fullbore rifle shooting would flourish and go from strength to strength.

He advised that there would necessarily be some changes to the order of the Council agenda as sent out and asked the Secretary-General (SG) to cover the first two items.

2. **The Minutes** - The SG advised that the Minutes of this meeting would be sent out to those present in draft form in late August having first been cleared by the President and Vice-President, he asked that all attendees read the Minutes as quickly as possible and send any e-mail corrections to the SG as soon as possible.

SG also proposed, subject to Council approval, that in order to keep the Minutes to a sensible and readable length that where possible only decisions taken would be recorded in these Minutes but that it was up to individual Council members to decide if they wished a lengthening of any particular item once the draft Minutes were circulated. Council approved.

3. **Membership**

- a. **Restriction to those who shoot fullbore only** - Clause 4 of the Constitution states that membership is restricted to those NRAs that "controlled fullbore rifle shooting (less 300m) on a daily basis". SG was concerned that prior to his election as SG that Pakistan had applied to become an affiliate member. Neither he, nor any other ICFRA member, was aware that any fullbore rifle shooting took place in that country.

SG recommended that he write to Pakistan NRA and seek clarification of their status regarding fullbore shooting and if it should transpire that they did not participate that their affiliate membership should be withheld until such time they became fully involved in this discipline.

This recommendation was proposed for approval by South Africa and seconded by USA and carried unanimously.

After Note: Following e-mails exchanged between SG and Pakistan the latter has acknowledged that fullbore rifle is not yet a discipline widely practiced in Pakistan. Their SG has said that the matter will be fully discussed at their next meeting and they may decide to become observer members until such time that fullbore rifle is fully integrated into their shooting disciplines.

- b. **New members** - SG reported that St. Helena had agreed to join ICFRA but that he still awaited names of their delegates. Other than that the list as sent out in May was correct. He hoped that Scotland, Isle of Man and England would join following the Commonwealth discussion at the Council meeting on 10th July.

- c. **Countries not contacted** - Council approved that SG had not contacted Samoa as their only fullbore shooter was resident in NZ, Uganda as they appeared to shoot fullbore with SLRs and Swaziland where there had been no sign of fullbore activity since the 1994 Commonwealth Games.
4. **Application for membership by Holland** – The President advised that the paperwork for this had been sent to all Council members with the agenda and that the application by Holland for affiliate membership of ICFRA had been opposed by CPC. He proposed that both sides be allowed to present their case and that Council would then vote on the matter.

The Dutch representative, Frans Evers, laid out their case to join ICFRA which included:

- a. Their club (IRC of Holland) was recognised by the Royal Netherlands Shooting Association (KNSA).
- b. KNSA had provided a letter confirming that IRC was a member of KNSA and that KNSA also advised that IRC represented them for “long distance shooting”.
- c. IRC was open to all members in Holland.
- d. It had provided 9 members of the CPC Palma Team in 1999 in South Africa.
- e. Holland was only applying for affiliate membership.

A number of members posed questions to Mr. Evers. These included the confirmation that any Dutch fullbore shooter could join IRC and that the other Dutch fullbore clubs were content with the recognition given by KNSA, these points were both confirmed by Mr. Evers.

M. Philippe Ginestet then laid out the case for the CPC objection to the Holland application for membership. This included that the KNSA was not a fullbore governing body and was an ISSF controlled body and that many Dutch shooters did not recognise the KNSA support of IRC.

The Holland representatives then left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed.

Australia then proposed that “subject to bona fides being established, that ICFRA should accept Holland as an affiliate member”. This was seconded by USA and carried unanimously.

It was further agreed that the SG would write a diplomatic letter to KNSA asking them to confirm that all Dutch fullbore clubs supported the KNSA delegation of responsibility for “long distance fullbore shooting” to IRC of Holland and that there was no bar to membership of IRC of Holland for any Dutch fullbore shooter. SG should also request that KNSA advise ICFRA if there was any change to their delegation of responsibility to IRC of Holland in the future.

IRC of Holland members were welcomed back to the meeting, advised of the Council decision and invited to stay on at the meeting as observers.

Mr. O'Brien (GB) proposed that that an ICFRA by-law be established similar to the Appendix 6 in the NRA of GB Bisley "Bible" so that in future there were no misunderstandings on membership. This was unanimously agreed and it was also agreed that GB would draft an appropriate by-law for approval by Council.

After note: The letter to KNSA from the SG was sent on 14th August.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Constitution and Rules Committee

Mr. Frost (CAN), as Chairman of the C&R Committee, reported on the meeting held the previous day. The minutes of this meeting are appended to these Minutes.

Mr. Frost said he wished Council to approve, by a show of hands, each of the recommendations made by his committee (see attached Minutes) and these would be put to the vote:

- i. Council to become responsible for the Constitution and that Council appoint a sub committee, which must include the Chairmen of each discipline committee, to assist in the work of amendments as required – **Carried**
- ii. Discipline Committees to be responsible for the drafting of appropriate technical rules, all in a similar format, and then to be approved by Council – **Carried**
- iii. To approve the amendment to Clause 10 – **Carried**
- iv. To move Clause 12.4 to become Clause 12.1 and all other Clause numbers to be renumbered accordingly – **Carried**
- v. Clauses 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9 and 15.10 to be amended to read at the beginning of each "The Chairman or his authorised deputy" replacing the words "One representative of the" and in 15.10 replacing the word "Representatives" – **Carried**
- vi. 15.8 – delete the word Games after "Commonwealth" and wherever else it appears within the Constitution – **Carried**
- vii. Clause 16.12 – delete "such as chairpersons of ICFRA committees" – **Carried**
- viii. Clause 17.1 – Delete "World Championships LR Committee" in title and insert "Palma and World Championships Committee" – **Carried**

- ix. Clause 17.2 – delete in its entirety BUT leave Council only to amend Rules and move this to Clause 18 – **Carried**
- x. Clause 17.5 – delete Constitution and Rules Committee and wherever else it may appear – **Carried**
- xi. Clause 25 – first line – delete word “will” and replace with word “may”. After “another Council member body” add “or suitable individuals” Delete final sentence relating to DCRA – **Carried**
- xii. Clause 34 – delete in its entirety – **Carried**

The USA proposed at the C & R Committee that all electronic votes must be unanimous. This proposal was not accepted by Council and resulted in considerable discussion and eventually led to the following revised proposal by NZL and seconded by CI:

“That there must be a 75% response to all e-mail votes and that there must be a 75% acceptance” **Carried**

It was also agreed that the results of all ballots would be made known to all members.

It was also proposed that voting procedures become part of a new by-law and this was carried. However until this and other by-laws were drafted and approved then it was agreed unanimously that the decisions of Council would be binding.

The following amendments were then proposed by GBR who had been unable to be present at the previous days C&R meeting:

- i. Clause 15 – To read “ICFRA shall be governed by a General Assembly. The General Assembly will meet every at least every four years, most likely at the Palma and Individual World Long Range Championships, as a general assembly for the following purposes:
 - a) To receive the President and Secretary General’s reports for the 4 year period.
 - b) To agree the financial statement of accounts for the period.
 - c) To amend the Constitution and ratify amendments undertaken by the Council in previous Council meetings or postal/electronic votes since the previous General Assembly (see Clauses 33-38).
 - d) To agree or ratify proposed rule changes

- e) To undertake any other business requiring the input of all member organisations irrespective of membership type.

During intervening periods, the Council will meet or communicate as an executive body to discuss and execute business in respect of fulfilling the aims (Clause 12) of ICFRA. Should issues require a General Assembly meeting decision, this will be decided by postal or electronic voting.

- ii. The Council will govern in accordance with the following provisions:

Amendment to Clause 15.3 – “One (optional) representative (Councillor) of each affiliate, who shall have a voice but not a vote during a Council meeting but who shall have a vote at a General Assembly meeting unless such affiliate is a Commonwealth country representative and is a member of an Association that is a Full Member of ICFRA, when he shall not have a vote with the exception that on Commonwealth and associated matters the affiliate shall vote and not the parent member association.

- iii. Amendment to Clause 31 – “Publication of Financial Reports”

Annual reporting: After final acceptance by the Council, the financial statements, together with a report will be circulated to all member bodies by the Treasurer within 3 months of the end of the financial year.

Four year reporting: At the end of each 4 year period, an audited set of financial statements of accounts and a report will be submitted to the next General Assembly after prior circulation at least 2 months before the date of the meeting for approval.

(It was accepted at the Council meeting that auditing by a member NRA, that was not the account holder, was acceptable).

These amendments generated much discussion but were eventually approved and carried.

Drugs Policy - Mr. Frost sought approval that the NRA of Australia be requested to develop a draft ICFRA drugs policy. This was approved.

Membership fees – see agreement under Accounts

- b. **F Class Committee** – SABU, as hosts of the next F Class World Championships proposed that the 2004 Championships be deferred by one year to 2005. Council approved. Germany were concerned that they had paid money to various outlets in RSA for the proposed Championships in 2004 and it was agreed that SABU would be asked to ensure that such funds be carried over to 2005 or refunded in full.

It was noted that Australia had bid for the F Class World Championships to be held in Australia (Brisbane) in 2009 but agreed that such approval must first be considered by the F Class Committee before being ratified by the Council.

SG advised that he had received, that morning, a set of F Class Rules for approval by Council. After a very short discussion Council agreed that it was not prepared to accept draft Rules for approval at such short notice and especially when there had been no chance to read them and it was felt that these Rules may have been rushed through the Committee stage and Council was not convinced that all member countries' delegates of the F Class Committee had had sight of and approved the proposed Rules.

The F Class Committee were asked to thoroughly review the proposed Rules for the 2005 F Class World Championships and re-submit them in good time for Council approval.

It was also suggested and approved that the F Class and TR Committees get together to ensure that Rules were drafted in a similar format.

- c. **TR Committee** – The TR report had been sent to all Council members (and is attached to these Minutes) and was read out at Council.

USA proposed support of the report and this was seconded by Australia and carried.

USA, however, was very concerned about a drugs policy to be drafted by ICFRA and which may or may not be acceptable to IOC. Whilst USA supported that an ICFRA drugs policy had to be formulated, and that many drugs currently banned by the IOC were not in any way performance enhancing to shooters, it was important that we should remember that IOC drugs policies seemed to change monthly given that "state of the art detection" was also rapidly improving and changing.

As discussed in the C& R Committee report Australia had kindly offered to draft an ICFRA drugs policy and this matter would have to be addressed in due course by ICFRA Council. It was agreed that any future proposal put forward by ICFRA to have bans lifted on some drugs under the IOC and CGF policies for use by shooters would have to have had a thorough medical review and this may well prove prohibitively expensive. It was agreed that for the time being shooters in the Commonwealth Games would have to meet the current rules and that any changes would be necessarily long term.

Council decided that the discipline Committees should interact to ensure that each discipline's technical Rules would be drafted in a similar format as this would reduce complexity, length and cost of production in due course. Council requested that the Palma, TR and F Class Committee Chairmen should exchange views on this matter at the earliest opportunity. It was agreed that cross-referencing was acceptable.

Council asked that the TR committee proceed in a timely manner to establish a standardisation of international fullbore shooting rules and an international calendar (roster), in conjunction with the F Class and Veterans Committees, for international matches and tours.

- d. **Veterans Committee.** Col. Cas le Roux (RSA), Chairman of the Committee, read out the Minutes of the meeting held the on 8th July and they are attached to these Minutes. Their report and the following recommendations of the committee were proposed for acceptance by RSA and seconded by GBR and carried unanimously:
- i. That Veterans World Championships be maintained on 4 year cycle.
 - ii. That the Veterans World Individual and Team Championships continue to be held in conjunction with the IWLRC and Palma Match.
 - iii. The withdrawal by the United States of America of their bid to stage a 2005 Veterans World Championships.
 - iv. That the next Veterans events will be in 2007 in Ottawa and shot after their Grand Aggregate and that Australia would stage the following event in 2011.
 - v. That the course of fire would be 2 convertible sighters and 10 to count at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards (or metric equivalent)
 - vi. Ammunition would be as issued by the host country for 2007
 - vii. Team size – 17 – Captain, Adjutant, Main Coach, 2 coaches, 10 firers, and 2 reserves.
- e. **Palma and World Championships Committee.** Mr. Bissonnette (CAN), Chairman of the committee, said that there had been a committee meeting on 8th July but that it that had not yet completed all the business on Rules for the future and they intended to meet again before the end of the Bisley Imperial meeting.

However there had been agreement to a number of minor rule changes for the matches this year (2003) and other straightforward matters and these were:

Rule changes for 2003

- i. The draw for targets this year would be done on a mathematical system where the first draw at 800 yards would determine the draw for the remaining ranges. After the draw at 800 yards on Day 1, which would also give the draw for 900 yards, envelopes related to the initial draw would be handed out before 1000 yards on Day 1 and before 800 yards and 1000 yards on Day 2.
- ii. The committee supported the request by USA that the Fulton Trophy, donated by them, be awarded, with effect from 2003, to the team that won the Palma Match and then to be awarded by that Team to the person whom they thought was their most valuable team member.

The future

- i. That the 2011 Matches should be staged in Australia (Brisbane) as per their formal request.
- ii. That Australia also be permitted to stage a Short Range World Championships in conjunction with the their other matches in 2011.

These matters were proposed for acceptance by Australia and seconded by Canada and carried unanimously.

- iii. That the bullet for the future matches be of any commercial manufacture of less than 156gr in weight.

This was proposed by CPC and seconded by Canada and **carried** but Australia and USA voted against.

Palma Match Director and Umpire for 2003

It was agreed that Maj. M.G. Farnan, as proposed by the NRA of GB, would be the Match Director and Council approved the nomination of The Secretary General as the Match Umpire.

Bailment Agreement for Palma trophy

Mr. Bissonnette advised that USA had requested that ICFRA sign a Bailment Agreement for the Palma Trophy. He had shown this document to a number of members of the committee and to a number of lawyers and recommended that ICFRA should sign the document.

Australia proposed that the Bailment Agreement be signed and this was seconded by Canada and approved unanimously. The Agreement was then signed by the SG and he requested that USA return a copy to him once it had been countersigned by them. This was agreed.

Insurance of trophies

SG enquired if the agreement meant that ICFRA had to insure this trophy to which the answer was affirmative. SG then recommended that it might be cheaper if the trophy remained insured by the NRA of America and that ICFRA repaid the cost. USA said they would investigate the matter but did not foresee a problem.

Bailment Agreements and insurance for other trophies and provision of medals

SG then raised the issue of other trophies and medals for competitions that would in the future be sanctioned by ICFRA. After some discussion the following matters were approved:

- i. That Australia would consult the NRAA board over agreement to a similar Bailment Agreement for the Empire Trophy for the Australia Match.

Australia also said that they wished to hold an Australia Match in 2005 and sought ICFRA approval. This was granted. It was also agreed that Australia had to be present for the staging of an Australia Match.
- ii. That the F Class World Championship trophies, awarded in Canada in 2002, come under ICFRA control.
- iii. That the Fulton Trophy (USA) for the Palma Match, the Paterson Trophy (GBR) for the IWLRC and the 1907 Rose Bowl (GBR) for the Australia Match also be the subject of Bailment Agreements and loaned to ICFRA.
- iv. That the insurance for the trophies remains the responsibility of the owning NRA and that ICFRA repays the annual cost if this is the cheaper option.
- v. That ICFRA become responsible for the provision of medals for the Palma Match, the IWLRC and IWSRC, the F Class World Championships, The Veterans World Individual and Team Championships, The Australia Match (subject to NRAA approval). It was agreed that these medals would in future have some form of ICFRA detail on the medal and the matter was left with the SG to sort this out in due course and to then seek Council approval.
- vi. That the costs for medals would be incorporated into entry fees of each respective match.
- vii. It was agreed that all trophies would be returned to the venue of the next event at the cost of the winning country.

Registration of Palma name and logo

USA also wished all countries to note that the Palma name and logo was internationally registered and that it could/should not be used without reference to the NRA of America. USA said that such agreement for use would be given to a host country once an application in writing had been made.

Short Range World Championships

It was agreed that this new event would come under the responsibility of this committee, The Palma and World Championships Committee.

It was also agreed that the World Championships, whether Long or Short Range, should have equal importance.

Name of Committee

It was agreed that the Committee would in future be called the Palma and World Championships Committee and the use of the abbreviated form of Palma Committee was quite acceptable.

Number of teams to warrant the name "World" in the title of a Championship.

After much discussion it was agreed that 4 international teams needed to participate in order for ICFRA to designate a championships a "World" Championships.

World "Cups"

It was agreed that the Palma Committee should consider whether World "Cups" be held in between World Championships and that these would require sanction by ICFRA but no other ICFRA involvement. There was some discussion that World Cups could be misinterpreted for World Championships but it was also stated that in the shooting world these events were well know n and understood.

Mini "Palma Match"

There was much discussion on a proposal by Zimbabwe and WI to allow a smaller version of the Palma Match so that countries with a smaller number of shooters could shoot under these conditions. Mr. Bissonnette said that this matter was still under discussion in Committee.

USA said that they could not support the name "Palma" in such a Match but the principle of such a Match was fully accepted.

It was proposed, and agreed, that this should be for teams of 8 shooters and should be shot alongside (where possible) the main Palma match.

Revised Palma Rules

These are still being drafted and it is hoped that the final draft will be available to Palma Committee members by the end of August. It was agreed that the new Rules should be available and approved by Council before Christmas 2003.

Entries for the IWLRC

There was much discussion on the entry qualification for the IWLRC. Whilst this matter was in the hands of the Palma Committee to recommend to Council the Council felt that entry should be: All Palma Teams, World Veterans Teams, World U25 and Under 21 teams and the top 100 from the previous IWLRC and then allocation of remaining spaces to other countries on a fair and equitable basis based on target space available.

By-law

It was agreed that a by-law was needed to deal with trophies and medals.

f. Commonwealth Committee

The President thanked so many people for turning up to the Commonwealth part of the ICFRA Council meeting. The following opening remarks were made:

- i. With regard to the Commonwealth Games (CG) and Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSFC) ICFRA's intention is to ensure that the fullbore rifle events remain as a discipline in these Championships and Games. It was already the event with the largest number of competitors.
- ii. Where fullbore rifle events were competed for that the World Body, in this case ICFRA, ensured that its technical rules applied to these events as already happened in both CG and CSFC where ISSF rules applied to ALL the other matches in these events.
- iii. ICFRA had no desire or intention to run or take over the shooting events of CG or CSFC.
- iv. CSF had no authority to amend technical rules for any ISSF events at CG or CSFC, especially if Olympic Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) have been approved by ISSF, and therefore it followed that fullbore rifle events should have the World Governing Body (ICFRA) technical rules applied.

Mr. de Launay (ENG) said that he felt better having heard these opening comments but thought that the fullbore rifle Rules that applied to CG and CSFC were those of the NRA of GB.

Mr. O'Brien (GBR) said that NRA of GB had passed all responsibility for the fullbore rifle technical rules for CG and CSFC to ICFRA with effect from the end of the 2002 CG.

Mr. O'Brien and the Vice-President then outlined details of their May meeting with Mr. Hooper (Secretary General CGF), Mr. Hudson (President CSF) together with Mr. Cliff Mallett (Vice-President CSF) in London. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Horrocks said how they felt the meeting had gone well and that all parties had left the meeting feeling that an acceptable agreement had been achieved.

Mr. O'Brien said that he and Mr. Horrocks had sent an e-mail to Mr. Frost after the meeting of which the following is an extract:

- That the CSF and CGF welcome the formation of ICFRA and will use its technical rules as the basis of its own rules to cover fullbore rifle shooting (excluding 300m) at future Commonwealth events including the Commonwealth Games.
- That CSF will seek membership of ICFRA
- That insofar as the rules applicable to competition within the Commonwealth such as the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships and Commonwealth Games the rules applicable will be those set by ICFRA unless amended by a majority vote of the Commonwealth fullbore countries at such Commonwealth events at a meeting convened by the CSF.
- That ICFRA will be informed of any such amended rules.

However Mr. O'Brien said that he and Mr. Horrocks now expressed their concern that what had been agreed (as above) at that meeting now seemed to be in considerable doubt due to the apparent intransigence, and recent communications, of the President CSF.

Mr. Frost advised that he had sent a letter to Mr. Hooper at CGF expressing his concern at the latest developments and asked for Mr. Hooper's assistance to try to resolve the matter. As of the date of this Council meeting, some three weeks after having sent the letter, he still had had no response.

Many delegates expressed their concern that the CSF allowed voting, at its General Assemblies, on matters to do with fullbore rifle by countries who neither competed in nor had an interest in fullbore rifle events. It was therefore of paramount importance that ICFRA, through its Commonwealth Committee, did discuss CG/CSFC fullbore rifle matters as widely as possible and came to a consensus. It was equally important that ICFRA delegates ensured that they fully briefed their country's CSF delegates so that no "fullbore unfriendly" decisions were made at CSF General Assemblies.

ICFRA delegates were reminded that there was a CSF General Assembly in New Delhi later this year and, that whilst there were no fullbore rifle events at the CSFC in India, there may be fullbore rifle items on the agenda and therefore ICFRA delegates must be aware and ensure that any such items were discussed within the Commonwealth Committee and decisions passed to each country's CSF delegates prior to the CSF General Assembly.

Council agreed unanimously that ICFRA and CSF needed to work together on fullbore rifle matters to do with the CG and CSFC and agreed that the ICFRA President should write again to Mr. Hooper to seek his assistance in the matter.

GBR then proposed 3 further amendments to the ICFRA Constitution that related specifically to Commonwealth matters:

- a) Clause 13.4 shall have inserted after "co-operate with", the words – "act as an official source of technical rules". **Carried unanimously.**
- b) Clause 17.3 – Commonwealth Games. The ICFRA Council will provide ratified technical fullbore rifle rules (drafted by its relevant committee) for fullbore rifle events at the CSFC and CG to the CSF. Any proposal by the CSF for major changes to these technical rules should in the first instance, be discussed between the officers of both ICFRA and CSF.

With regard to the technical rules applicable to shooting competitions within the CSFC and CG, then fullbore rifle technical rules will be those set by ICFRA.

The ICFRA Council will be informed of any such proposed amended technical rules after which they may be fully ratified at an ICFRA Council and subsequently, General Assembly meeting. Should a vote have to be taken on Commonwealth issues ICFRA General Assembly members not representing Commonwealth countries or groupings thereof shall not have a vote. **Carried unanimously.**

- c) After Clause 14.4 insert the following new clause 14.5 and renumber old 14.5 as 14.6

New Clause 14.5 – Associate members: Organisations and/or Federations of other International associations having a common but specific fullbore rifle interest (e.g. Commonwealth Games Federation). **Carried but Australia and USA opposed.**

- d) Insert Clause 15.5 (and then re-number later Clauses accordingly) – One (optional) representative of each associate member, who must be or have been an active fullbore rifle shooting member, shall have a vote on all

matters at a General Assembly meeting and a voice and a vote regarding specific areas of interest relating to the associate member only (e.g. Commonwealth matters if the associate member is CSF). **Carried but Australia and USA opposed.**

In view of some opposition to c) and d) above WI, later in the meeting, proposed and alternative which might, it was hoped, be carried unanimously. This is defined later in Item 12.

6 Accounts

The President advised that the accounts and budget for 2003 had been sent with the agenda.

He requested that the following items be voted on:

- a. Approval of accounts – proposed by USA and seconded by Canada and **carried**.

It was suggested, and approved, that all property values and depreciation be included in the accounts in future.

It was also agreed that the accounting (fiscal) year for ICFRA would be the calendar year starting on 1st January 2004.

- b. That Canadian \$ continue to be used for all membership fees – **carried**
- c. That the annual full membership fee remains the same as now (\$CAN 325) – proposed by West Indies and seconded Australia and **carried**.
- d. That affiliate members pay half fee (\$CAN 162.50) and observer members pay one quarter of the full fee (\$CAN 81.25) – proposed by USA and seconded by Australia and **carried**.
- e. That the expenses, as laid out in the budget, for the Secretary General be approved – proposed by Australia and seconded by West Indies and **carried**.
- f. That the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, through their Executive Director, be appointed as ICFRA Treasurer – proposed by USA and seconded by RSA and **carried**.
- g. That DCRA set up a separate account in the name of ICFRA and that all funds from the previous Palma Council be transferred to it-**carried**

- h. That the President, The Canadian ICFRA Council member and the Executive Director of DCRA become signatories to cheques and that 2 signatories are necessary on all cheques – proposed by Channel Islands and seconded by New Zealand and **carried**.

7. **International Match records**

SG reported that the NRA of GB had decided that they no longer required him to maintain the International Match records of those matches shot solely in GBR (National, Mackinnon, Kolapore and other associated records) and that these records would now be undertaken by Mrs. Karen Robertson.

NRA of GB had said that they wished the records of the Australia Match, as undertaken by SG when CEO of NRA of GB, to be transferred to the responsibility of ICFRA and that the Palma Book written by SG might also become the responsibility of ICFRA.

SG explained that he was happy to continue updating the records of the Australia Match if that was the wish of both NRA of Australia and ICFRA. This was confirmed. SG said that it would now be necessary to charge those people in receipt of these records for paper, printing and postage as he could not bear these costs himself, this was agreed. He felt that a charge of £4-£5 was likely with postage on top. His time in updating the records would of course remain free.

The Palma Book, as written by SG, had in the past been updated with the help of the NRA of GB in that updates had been typed by them and posted out at a nominal charge and any small profits had been retained by the NRA of GB for Overseas Teams Fund fund. SG now proposed that he prepare these and that all profits (if any) be retained by ICFRA. He said that he had been asked to produce a 3rd edition of the Palma book but that this could only be done if there were sufficient orders and that numbers under 80 or so would cost about £72 a book and numbers over that about £46 a book. Amendments to the book would be sent out to all those who had asked for them and a list was maintained. Spare copies of the 1992, 1995 and 1999 amendments are held by the NRA of GB and can be obtained at a small charge (refer to secretary to Secretary General NRA of GB).

SG advised that his son, Kit, who was in the printing business, had now scanned in the whole of the Palma book and it was his firm (Printwise of Lymington) who would undertake future amendments and its posting and any new book.

Council strongly agreed that the records of all ICFRA sanctioned International matches should be held for record by the SG and was grateful to SG for his work in this matter.

SG said that he would be grateful if DCRA could send him a complete record of the F Class World Championships results from 2002 and that the records for the matches in 2003 (IWLRC, World Veterans Individual and Team Championships) he hoped would be sent to him by the NRA of GB

Afternote: There were only orders for 50 new Palma books and therefore it is felt that a new edition of the book should be left until 2007. If 80 books were printed now at say £46 = £3680 and 50 sold this would leave a shortfall of £1380. ICFRA Council may feel that it might be worth having a supply of such books available for sale between now and the next Palma Match if ICFRA was prepared to bear the outlay from its funds. SG would be happy to hear from Council members on this topic.

8. **2009**

RSA had formally requested that they hold a World Championships in 2009 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of their foundation. However RSA accepted that World Championships were now to be held only every 4 years and they agreed that they would withdraw their request and would seek permission to hold a World Cup in that year.

Afternote: SABU has subsequently advised that it wishes to continue with a special SA Open Championships to celebrate SABU's 80th birthday, under the new title "SA Bisley 80 International Championships". This is submitted for approval. **(Comment by SG – unless there are any objections then this matter will be deemed to be accepted unless any opposition is received by SG by 30th September 2003.)**

9. **Drugs**

It had been discussed at the C&R committee and Australia had kindly agreed to develop the first draft of the ICFRA drugs policy. Council concurred.

10. **By-laws**

The President said that it was quite clear that a number of by-laws need to be drafted and that it would be helpful if some countries would volunteer to assist in this matter.

It was agreed that the following by-laws needed to be drafted:

- a. Election procedures
- b. Membership
- c. ICFRA trophies and medals
- d. Voting procedures

Col. Gilchrist (USA) and Mr. O'Brien (GBR) agreed to form a small committee to complete the first draft of these by-laws.

11. **Election of President, Vice-President and Secretary General**

It was pointed out by RSA that under the Constitution Council was required at this meeting to elect or re-elect the President, Vice-President and Secretary-General.

RSA proposed and Canada seconded that the President, Vice-President and Secretary-General be re-elected, this was carried unanimously and by acclamation.

12. **New Associate membership amendment**

Following a proposal by the West Indies, and after a considerable discussion, GBR proposed, and this was seconded by West Indies, that the following amendment to the Associate membership rule:

Associate Members: Upon nomination by a Full member, the ICFRA Council may decide by majority vote to grant associate membership to organizations and/or federations of other international associations having a common but specific fullbore rifle interest.

This was **carried unanimously**.

13. **Nomination of CSF as an Associate member**

GBR proposed and this was seconded by RSA that the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) be elected as an Associate member.

This was **carried** but with Australia voting against.

REPORT OF THE ICFRA CONSTITUTION & RULES COMMITTEE

The ICFRA Constitution and Rules Committee met at Bisley on Tuesday, 8 July, 2003.

Attendance: S.E. Frost, Canada, Chairman	C.C.C. Cheshire, Secretary General
G.J.P. Burger, South Africa	J.R. Cantlay, Zimbabwe
A.H. Bowden, Australia	Mrs. C. McShane, Australia
M.S. Gilchrist, USA	M.W. Tompkins, USA
C.C. Mallett Jnr., Channel Islands	N.D. Gomez, West Indies
W. Schattenburg, Germany	C.S. O'Brien, Great Britain
M. Zaidon Pardi, Malaysia	

Committee Future

The future need for the Constitution and Rules Committee was discussed. There was a general desire to reduce the number of committees. The constitution was viewed as being more the direct responsibility of the Council, particularly after the current review is complete, after which there should be few amendments required.

It was also agreed that the major responsibility for rules should lie with the discipline committees. However, the need was recognised for some overall consideration of rules for uniformity of format and to ensure that different disciplines were not in conflict on their rules. It was also recognised that certain issues such as drugs are of general interest and need a broader view than a single discipline committee.

As a result of these deliberations, the following two motions were made by the USA, seconded by South Africa and passed:

1. The C&R Committee recommends to Council that in future the Council take responsibility for the constitution, appointing a subcommittee to assist in the work of amendments as required.
2. The C&R Committee recommends to Council that Council take responsibility for rules, with the assistance of a subcommittee that includes the chairman of each discipline committee.

SABU Proposals

Deon Burger led the committee through the SABU proposed amendments to the constitution, resulting in the following recommendations to Council. Numbering follows the SABU document.

1. Amend Clause 10 to read: The vision of the ICFRA is: "Fullbore shooting is a well-established international competitive shooting sport with world-wide recognition."
2. Replaced with the following.
3. Replaced with the following
In Clauses 15.6 to 15.9, replace the "one representative" with "the chairman".

4. In Clause 15.8, delete the word Games from the name of the committee and similarly deal with any consequential changes in subsequent sections.
5. Clause 16.12 delete the phrase “such as chairpersons of ICFRA committees”.
6. The committee recommends the restoration of the word Palma in Clause 17.1, creating several consequential changes in this clause. The committee should be known as the Palma and World Championships Committee. Further refinements of this Clause should be done by the Palma Committee.
7. Delete Clause 17.2, eliminating the C&R Committee. However, the sentence noting that only the Council may adopt or amend rules, by postal vote if necessary, should be retained in the constitution.
8. Discussion of the Commonwealth Committee was tabled until the Council discussion on this matter.
9. Delete from Clause 17.5 the phrase in brackets, referring to the C&R Committee.
10. Clause 25 should be amended to read “The Secretariat **may** be provided...
...another council member body **or suitable individuals** to perform... Delete the final sentence referring to the DCRA.
11. Delete Clause 34, since the current review completes this requirement.

USA Proposals

The USA proposed and the committee recommends to Council that Clause 12 (Aims) be re-ordered, placing the current 12.4 (safety) first and renumbering the others.

The USA also expressed dislike for e-mail votes on rules. It was recognised that such votes may be necessary to deal quickly with unexpected circumstances that may affect an upcoming event. However, it was agreed that unless an e-mail vote on rules was unanimous, it would not be written into the ICFRA rule book without discussion at a general meeting.

GBNRA Proposals

Because of the absence of any GBNRA representative to lead the discussion on their proposed amendments, it was moved by the USA, seconded by South Africa, and carried that the consideration of these proposals be tabled until the Council meeting.

World Championships

After discussion it was agreed that the frequency of world championships should be recommended by the discipline committees for Council approval.

The minimum international participation in an event before it can be deemed a world championship was discussed. It was recommended to Council that a minimum requirement should be stipulated and that Council should decide whether it should be in the constitution or by-laws or rules. The debate was between 3 and 4 countries for the minimum, with another option being a minimum percentage of the countries participating in the particular discipline.

Drug Rules

Some countries have national requirements imposed upon them for drug testing for all drugs on the banned list for the Olympics. It is recognised that few, if any, of these drugs are beneficial for shooting. It was suggested that a suitable medical expert be sought within the ICFRA membership, who could take on the task of developing a case for elimination or reduction of drug testing for shooting; however, this is recognised as a longer-term project. The NRA of Australia has put considerable effort into the drug issue and they were asked to further develop a draft ICFRA drug policy. Since the C&R Committee is recommended to be disbanded, this report should go to the Council and any rules subcommittee that it may form.

Membership Fees

After discussion of a fee structure, a motion was put forward by the NRAA, seconded by Channel Islands, and carried that the Council develop a fee structure whereby full members pay the full fee, affiliate members pay half this fee and observer members pay one-quarter of the full fee.

By-laws

It was recommended by the GBNRA and supported by the committee that Council develop a set of by-laws to cover such matters as election procedures and membership fees.

Respectfully submitted by

Stan E. Frost
Chairman C&R

ICFRA VETERANS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT BISLEY ON 8TH JULY 2003

Present: Australia
Canada
Germany
Great Britain
South Africa
United States of America

The following was agreed for recommendation to the ICFRA Council:

1. That the Veterans World Championship be maintained on a 4 year cycle
2. That the Veterans World Championship be held in conjunction with the Individual World Long Range Championships and Palma Match
3. The United States withdrew their request to hold the next Veterans World Championships in 2005
4. The Committee confirmed that it was their wish to hold the next event in 2007 at Ottawa in Canada and that the event was to be shot after their Grand Aggregate.

The 2011 event was to be staged in Australia (Brisbane) .

5. Course of fire effective from 2007: 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots for record at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards (or metric equivalent).
6. Ammunition: to be issued by the host country
7. Team size – 17 – Captain, Adjutant, Main Coach, 2 coaches, 10 firers and 2 reserves.

Signed

Cas le Roux
Chairman