

2019 WRABF General Assembly

August 10, 2019

Zebra Country Lodge, South Africa

9:00 AM

Attendees:

1. Nicolaas Schoonwinkel- President
2. Richard Fernandez – Secretary
3. Tomi Korpi – ERABSF Representative
4. Flavio Goncalves – Brazil
5. Richard Collins – UK
6. Peter Viberg – Sweden
7. Eugene Manalastas – Philippines
8. Giovanni Atzeni – Italy
9. Ulla Murisoja – Finland
10. Soldatov Alexi – Russia
11. Sadeq Qaranjiki – Iran
12. Norm Bardell – Australia
13. Tobie Barlow – Namibia
14. Billy Chamberlain – South Africa
15. Pavel Cink – Czech Republic
16. Adrien Hasell – UK Guest
17. Maria Carmen Papaleo – Italy Guest
18. Bill Collaros - Guest

The Secretary, called the Assembly to order at exactly 9:00am at the Conference Room, Mountain Lodge, South Africa.

- Treasurer's report (Treasurers Report is attached herewith)
 - o The Secretary, Richard Fernandez, presented in behalf of the Treasurer, Greg Schneider, the Federation's transactions, opening and closing balance from 2017 to 2019
 - o The balance as of July 30, 2019: \$4,949.45
 - o Outstanding membership payments: Trinidad and Tobago 2019, Ukraine 2018-2019

- Membership
 - o The treasurer recommends the removal from roster countries with outstanding dues with the WRABF. : Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Slovakia, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, North Ireland, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

- **President Schoonwinkel proposed that the membership status of the aforementioned countries be changed from Regular Members to Associate Members. Associate Members can use WRABF Targets with their local competitions but they will not be permitted to join the World Cup/Championship unless they renew their Regular Membership. Associate Members have neither vote nor voice in the assembly.**
 - **The ASSEMBLY voted unanimously in support of this proposal.**
- Competition Manual Change – Pres. Nicolaas Shoonwinkel
- Min requirement of 40 benches to 25 benches
 - **President Schoonwinkel proposed to adjust minimum bench requirement for all World Cup/Championship from 40 to 25 benches.**
 - **The assembly denied the proposal.**
 - Webmaster as permanent position
 - **Policy on Social Media was proposed by Richard Collins to ensure cohesion in the management. Norm Bardell and Richard Collins volunteered to submit sample policies for the Executive Committee to study. The Executive Committee will formulate the policy for WRABF after which this will be submitted to the Delegates for approval.**
 - **The assembly approved the proposal.**
- 50M Unlimited Air Rifle Class- Billy Chamberlain
- Inclusion will add one day by shooting only 2 targets
 - Event is very popular
 - Class proposed rules
 - The same restrictions of WRABF Air Rifle Heavy Varmint except it will be UNLIMITED Weight, UNLIMITED Velocity.
 - Bi-pod may be used
 - 50M Rimfire targets will be used
 - Rimfire scoring will be applied
 - Any manual or electronic modification may be made to the rifle
 - Any magnification scope may be used.
 - Any air regulators can be used.
 - Air pellets up to .22 Caliber only. No Slugs Allowed
 - Postal Match to include 50M Unlimited Air Rifle
 - The Executive Committee is tasked to come up with a Postal Match, which will include the 50M Unlimited Air Rifle Event.
 - **The Assembly approved the proposal.**

- 5 Event Aggregate Champion Award- Gene Manalastas
 - 5 Event Aggregate Award to be adopted in all WC/WCh
 - All aggregate awards (2 Gun, 3 Gun & 5 Gun) will now include medals for 2nd and 3rd place
 - **The Assembly approved the proposal.**

- Dropping of Rimfire HV Class for Rimfire Unlimited- Tomi Korpi
 - The proposal is to drop Rimfire HV in favor of Rimfire Unlimited
 - **The Assembly denied the proposal.**

- Sporter Rimfire Scope Magnification- Tomi Korpi
 - From 6.5X to 12X
 - **The Assembly denied the proposal.**

- Creation of public relations officer- Richard Fernandez
 - Public relations is a must for any federation
 - PRO will be responsible for managing social media and WRABF website
 - PRO must have experience in Web Site development and management.
 - **The Assembly approved the proposal.**

- 2021 World Cup in Pilsen, Czech Republic
 - Pavel Cink is not ready to make a presentation but he promise to submit one in the Delegates Page
 - Lapua will be a sponsor
 - Hotel price is around €40/ Twin Sharing

- Application to Host 2023 World Championship
 - ITALY- Giovanni Atzeni reported that they are still seeking approval from their National Association. If they will host, it will be in Bologna, Italy.
 - Namibia- Tobie Barlow made a presentation regarding Namibia and showcased their shooting range, however, at present, they only have 25 Benches available.
 - **The Assembly gave both Countries until November 1, 2019 to finalize their bids. Moreover, the Assembly opened the acceptance of offers from other member Countries with the same deadline.**

- Other matters
 - o Gene Manalastas reported to the Assembly that Indonesia is hosting a WRABF Format Benchrest Competition in the Southeast Asia Shooting Championships. Nicolaas Schoonwinkel reports that Indonesia is not a member of the federation but is in the process of applying. **The Assembly decided to appoint Gene Manalastas to be the official representative of WRABF in the said competition and ensure that the rules and regulations are followed.**
 - o Junior Team Medals – Tomi Korpi suggested that the juniors be given team medals.

- **Election**
 - President: **Flavio Concalves**, Brazil (Uncontested)
 - Vice President: **Pavel Cink**, Czech Republic (Uncontested)
 - Secretary: **Nicolaas Schoonwinkel**, South Africa (Uncontested)
 - Treasurer: **Greg Schneider**, Australia (Uncontested)
 - Committee Member Candidates: Thru Election 4 out of 5 was chosen, although a tie for the fourth and final place between Craig Young and Colin Evans was decided by another round of voting. Craig Young won.
 - **Ulla Murisoja**, Finland
 - **Eugene Manalastas**, Philippines
 - **Giovanni Atzeni**, Italy
 - **Craig Young**, USA
 - (Colin Evans, UK)
 - PRO: **Richard Collins**, UK
 - TBD: Technical Director for Air Rifle
 - TBD: Technical Director for Rim Fire
 - Constitution and Membership Committee Chairman: **Stuart Elliot**
 - Adviser to the Executive Committee: **Bill Collaros & Richard Fernandez**

Certified true and correct;

Richard T. Fernandez
WRABF Secretary
(2015-2019)