

Minutes of WCSA Council Meeting held at the Hotel Gameiro, Entroncamento, Portugal on 1st September 2009.

1: Welcome, examination of credentials and roll call

The meeting was opened by President John Bingham at 5.07pm. John welcomed all present. The national federations represented in person were National Crossbow Federation of Great Britain, CCNE (Ireland), Czech Crossbow Federation, FABP (Portugal), The National Crossbow Federation of the USA (TNC), Swedish Crossbow Union, with visitors being: Graeme Peatfield(GBR), Eileen Pylypchuk (USA), Tony McLoughlin (IRL), Mickey Skottlund (SWE), Graeme Watkins (GBR), Jerry Pylypchuk (USA), Tomoo Umehara (JAP), Yoshiaki Sugiyama (JAP), Stephen Sommers (AUS), Johnny Yeow (IRL), Piotr Hordyjewicz (POL), Keith Reynolds (NCF),

WCSA officers in attendance included President John Bingham and John Clark. There were apologies from 1st VP Bill Pimm, 2nd VP Gunter Wetzler, Judges' Chairman Clive Barnett and Technical Officer Tony Kemp.

A quorum was present.

Apology from IAU Secretary General, Charles Mechin.

2: Receipt of Minutes of 2007 Council Meeting, Bloomfield, New Jersey, USA

Moved USA, seconded Steve Sommers that the minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record.

CARRIED

3: Report from Executive Officers Meeting

Held over until Agenda item 7.1

4: Presidents' Report

Moved USA, seconded GBR that the report as circulated be taken as read.

CARRIED

5: Secretary Generals' Report and receipt of financial statements and audit reports for 2006/7 and 2007/8

Moved USA, seconded GBR that the reports be accepted and that a vote of thanks be made to Honorary Auditor Les Jones (NZL).

CARRIED

6: Technical Committee Report and notification of combined shooting rules

There was no Technical Officers' report tabled.

Moved USA, seconded GBR that the combined shooting rules (January 2009) be ratified and that a vote of thanks made to Clive Barnett for his efforts.

CARRIED

7: International Championships reports and proposals

7.1: Report from 2nd World Indoor Postal Championships 2008

John Clark reported that the championships were a success.

7.2: Report from organising committee for 2nd World 3D champs, Salzburg, AUT, August 2009.

John Clark advised that there were 50 competitors from 5 countries participating.

7.3: Report from Organising Committee for 4WC Entroncamento, Portugal, August/September 2009.

Antonio Nogeiuira reported that everything was in hand and that new arrangements would be put in place for catering for the ensuing days.

7.4: Proposals for other championships

7.4.1: 5 WC, Hamilton NZL 2011

There was no formal report, however John Clark reported that everything was proceeding well.

7.5: New Proposals

There are tentative proposals in preparations for the championship events in IRL, SWE and the USA, but no formal proposals have been received.

John Bingham advised that the Executive Committee was preparing a revised WC/RC Guidelines document plus a licencing agreement.

8: **Other Business of which notice has been given**

8.1: IAU/WCSA Relationship

John Clark advised that we have received a letter from the IAU which states that they want to suspend the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations. They acknowledge the re-unification efforts of Chris Aston and John Clark.

The IAU also acknowledge some of the issues between the organisations but they are not prepared to accept the WCSA proposed re-unification plan. They want to retain control of Match & Field (Target) and propose that WCSA should only control Sport and Medieval crossbow – Target, Forest Field and 3D.

Moved John Clark, seconded USA that the WCSA EC be empowered to continue dialogue with the IAU and that WCSA should pay costs associated with travel to a possible meeting in Europe of both ECs
CARRIED

It was agreed that a copy of the IAU letter be provided for member federations.

8.2: Budget Review

It was agreed that the fees remain unchanged.

9: **Election of Officers**

1st Vice President - Nomination for Bill Pimm (USA) from GBR

Secretary General – Nomination from GBR for John Clark (AUS)

Chairman of Judges – Nomination from GBR for Clive Barnett (AUS)

There being no other nominations the chairman proposed that the three nominees be declared elected for the next four year term.

There was also a proposal for Les Jones (NZL) to be honorary auditor for the next period.

CARRIED

10: **Other business & issues forum**

10.1: World and World Championship Records

Steve Sommers raised the question as to which records WCSA should recognise. Steve proposed that there be World Championship and World Records. (There can also be Regional Records). World Championship records can only be claimed at WC, whereas World Records may be claimed for performances shot at WCSA registered (Star) events. WR can also be claimed WC.

It was agreed that this be accepted.

It was also proposed that there be separate records for Senior Men and Women, Junior Boys and Girls and Assisted Men and Women and that these be recognised from and including the 3WC Bloomfield, USA.

CARRIED

There was a query regarding Medieval Records – there are none recognised as yet.

10.2: Target/Forest and 3D WC/RC timing

There was a discussion relating to the timing of Target/Forest and 3D World and Regional Championships. For example this year we have had both a 3D WC and Target WC in very close proximity. We have 2 possibilities – to combine Target/Forest and 3D into a single program or to have Target/Forest and 3D in alternate years. It has unanimously agreed that the latter be done. This means that Target/Forest WC be in odd years and 3D WC in even years. (This allows regional championships in the intervening years).

10.3: Special Awards

There were two proposals from GBR relating to the awarding of special awards for Secretary General John Clark and Chairman of Judges Clive Barnett for their efforts on behalf of WCSA. The proposals were countersigned by a number of shooters. The proposals were both agreed unanimously. (Certificates were subsequently presented at the banquet).

10.4: WCSA Website

It was agreed that the homepage should be periodically refreshed.

11: **Closure:**

The meeting was closed by the President @ 6.05 pm and he thanked all present for their contributions.