



**Minutes for the WRABF General Assembly on 10th August 2025 at
5:30 PM in Finland**

Present:

- Australia
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy (UITs) – not represented by any delegate. Giovanni Atzeni, WRABF Board Member, was present
- Lebanon
- Netherlands
- Norway
- South Africa
- United Kingdom

The President of WRABF, Pavel Cink, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

Apologies:

- Eugene Manalastas (Philippines), WRABF Board Member
- Sadeq Qaranjiki (Iran), WRABF Board Member – Proxy vote given to Billy Chamberlain
- Greg Schneider (Treasurer) – Health reasons



Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by the WRABF Secretary. There were no objections, and the minutes were formally accepted. Australia and Iceland approved and seconded.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

During the 2023 General Assembly, a proposal was tabled to separate the Air Rifle and Rimfire competitions. With a majority decision, it was approved to separate these two competitions. The WRABF Executive Committee was tasked with investigating the implementation of this decision.

The President of WRABF explained how this will be implemented:

- a) Due to costs for most competitors, the two events cannot be fully split as initially planned.
- b) Going forward, the Air Rifle competition will have its own opening and closing ceremony and be treated as a standalone event.
- c) The Rimfire competition will also have its own opening and closing ceremony.
- d) The Rimfire competition will follow directly after the Air Rifle competition.
- e) With this approach, the competitions are logically separate but still held within the same overall timeframe.

Motion:

This proposal was accepted by majority of all present.

Treasurer's Report

This proposal was accepted by the majority of those present.

The WRABF Secretary presented the financials as provided by the Treasurer:

- a) All member countries have paid their membership fees.
- b) Expenses were related to website hosting and the production of 250 pins.



Motion:

The report was accepted and approved by the majority. There were no objections.

Approval of New Country Membership

The WRABF Secretary presented the membership applications of the following countries: Bolivia, Chile, Georgia, Indonesia, and Luxembourg.

The WRABF Executive Committee had already approved these applications, and they were submitted to the General Meeting for any objections.

Motion:

There were no objections, and the membership of all five countries was formally accepted.

Vision 2033 – Continental Structures

The President explained that, in order for benchrest shooting to grow, remain sustainable, and stay relevant, the WRABF must consider the creation of continental structures. These structures will function as follows:

- a) Countries will be grouped into continental bodies (e.g., all European countries under ERABSF).
- b) The WRABF Executive Committee will propose the creation of other continental structures and submit them to WRABF delegates for approval.
- c) All continental bodies will operate directly under WRABF and report to it.
- d) Each continental body will consist of country delegates reporting to that body.
- e) One representative from each continental body will act as the liaison with WRABF.
- f) Each continental body will be allowed to host WRABF-sanctioned competitions under its own structure and may invite other continental bodies at its discretion.

Motion:

The proposal was submitted to a closed ballot vote. The majority voted in favor of establishing continental structures.



Postponing the Closing Date for Entries by Name

France submitted a proposal to extend the deadline for submitting competitor names to the organizing committee, citing that their national qualification process takes place after the WRABF deadline.

Motion:

The motion was denied. However, the meeting agreed that countries (such as France) may request an extension directly from the host nation in writing. Such exceptions will be considered on a case by-case basis.

Breaking of Ties When Scores Are Equal

France proposed that the method for breaking ties in scores be amended by allocating an extra point for every X shot. The proposal was discussed.

Motion:

Denied.

Harmonizing the Weight of RF HV between WRABF and WBSF

France proposed that the rifle weight for RF HV class be harmonized between WRABF and WBSF. The matter was debated, and the general opinion was that WBSF may adapt their weight limit, but WRABF rules would remain unchanged.

Motion:

Denied.

Change of Buddy Bottle Size for AR Unlimited



South Africa proposed an amendment to WRABF Rule B6 (c), to increase the buddy bottle size from 3L to unlimited. Delegates discussed the possible safety concerns in the event of an accident.

Motion:

Denied.

Approval for the Use of Electronic Rifles in the AR LR and HR Classes

South Africa proposed allowing full electronic rifles in the AR LR and HR classes. The meeting concluded there was no competitive advantage in their use and agreed to amend the WRABF rules accordingly.

Motion:

Approved by majority vote.

WADA Membership

Iceland raised the possibility of WRABF affiliating with WADA. This was not a formal proposal for voting but a suggestion for delegates to begin discussions within their national federations regarding the potential benefits and costs (initial affiliation cost is approx. \$20,000 USD).

Motion:

No vote was taken. Delegates are encouraged to discuss the matter at national level. Pros and cons will be reviewed and presented at the next General Assembly.

25m Target for 50m

A proposal was raised to use the 25m target for the 50m classes. However, this topic was not listed on the official agenda and could not be voted on. Although it was claimed that the 2023 General Assembly mandated this vote for 2025, there is no record of such a mandate.



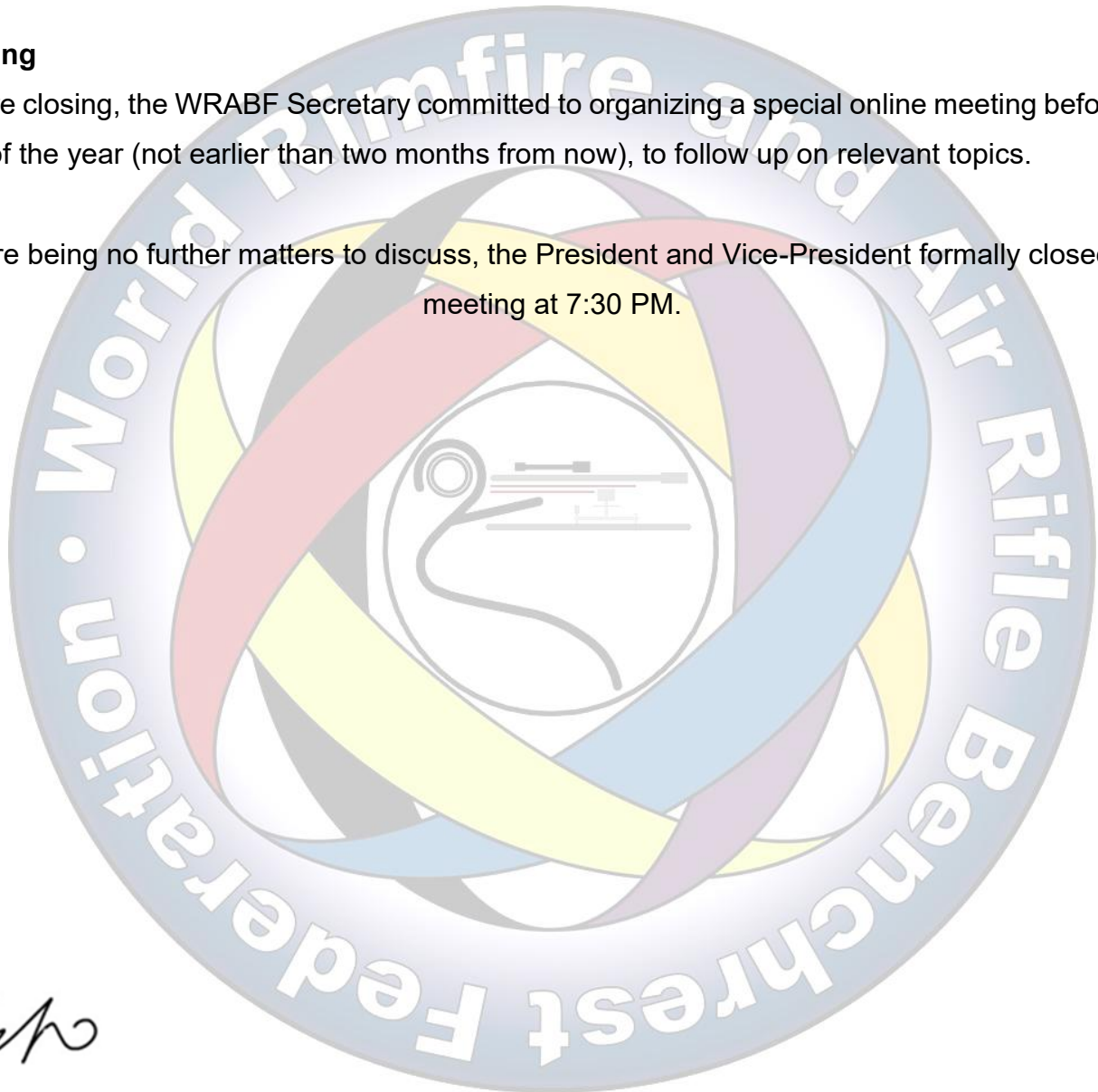
Motion:

Denied. This matter may be addressed in a Special General Meeting or during the 2027 General Assembly.

Closing

Before closing, the WRABF Secretary committed to organizing a special online meeting before the end of the year (not earlier than two months from now), to follow up on relevant topics.

There being no further matters to discuss, the President and Vice-President formally closed the meeting at 7:30 PM.



Carmen Papaleo

Secretary: WRABF

2025-08-27