



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE OCEANIA SHOOTING FEDERATION
HELD AT THE HAMILTON GUN CLUB, NEW ZEALAND, ON 9 MARCH 2014**

14.1 ATTENDANCE

The President	Nick Sullivan
The Secretary	Peter Anderson
And representing:-	
Australia	Damien Marangon
Fiji	Henry Stephen
French Polynesia	Louis Provost and William Gilroy
New Zealand	Gavin Paton and Ewen Pirie
Norfolk Island	Basil Vercoe
Papua New Guinea	Mel Donald
Samoa	Rob Maskell

OBSERVERS Allan Vilcins and Tony Turner (Australian Clay Target Association), Quintyn Stephen (Fiji) and Joseph Toth (French Polynesia).

14.2 OPENING

The President, Nick Sullivan, declared the meeting open at 3.30pm with a warm welcome to all present.

14.3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Catherine Fettell (Australia), New Caledonia and Niue.

14.4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved "that the Minutes of the OSF Executive Meeting of 30 November 2013 be accepted as read" Maskell Marangon **CARRIED**

14.5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that any business arising from the previous minutes would be covered in the agenda of this meeting. It was moved "that the Minutes of the 30 November 2013 OSF Executive Meeting be accepted as a complete and accurate record of that meeting" Paton Provost **CARRIED**

14.6 REPORTS

a) PRESIDENT - The President tabled his written report and spoke to it. Points included:-

- * The success of the 2013 OSF Championships, he congratulated and thanked Australia for the conduct of the championships.
- * At the 2013 OSF Executive Meeting there was a lengthy and sometimes passionate discussion on the OSF Constitution and structure. Member countries were requested to make comments and recommendations well before this 2014 meeting. No submissions have been received so the President declared that this will not be an agenda topic at this meeting adding that items such as protection for OSF personnel will be pursued.

* He congratulated OSF Technical Committee Chairman Bill Gilroy for his active start in this position.
* He reported on a recent visit, in his role as the ISSF Technical Delegate for the 2015 SPG, to Port Moresby for meetings with the 2015 South Pacific Games (SPG) Organising Committee. He was accompanied by Bill Gilroy.

* OSF member countries that are Olympic and Commonwealth Games members have interesting and busy times coming up for the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games and 2015 preparations for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

At the conclusion of this report Damien Marangon said that Australia agreed with the President's comments on the OSF Constitution and structure item. The President thanked Damien for that.

b) FINANCE - The President noted that there has been little financial activity in the short time since the 2013 meeting. There has been no expenditure. Membership subscriptions have been paid by all the countries present at this meeting.

c) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - The Chairman, Bill Gilroy's report included:-

* He has distributed to all member countries present a CD copy of the complete results of the 2013 OSF Championships. The results were provided by Aado Maranik, the ISSF Technical Delegate for the 2013 OSF Championships. The Secretary to thank Aado. Bill also distributed an email item on studies being conducted into the inclusion of clay target Trap in the Paralympic Games shooting programme of events.

* He has been in contact with New Caledonia about the 2014 OSF Metallic Silhouette Pistol Championships to be hosted by New Caledonia in November 2014.

Currently Metallic Silhouette is shot in Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Samoa.

* The OSF Operating Manual. This will be a task for the Technical Committee.

* The visit to Port Moresby was a particularly valuable experience.

* He sought nominations around the table for member countries representatives on the Technical Committee. The delegates present named – Australia, Elaine Forward; Fiji, Henry Stephen; French Polynesia, Bill Gilroy; New Zealand, Gavin Paton; Norfolk Island, Milton Bradley; Papua New Guinea, Roger Appleby and Samoa, Rob Maskell. Most delegates said that they would accept initial responsibility for the position and advise of any changes.

* He will follow up on the DTL rules.

d) ISSF- The President said that ISSF has announced the Quota Places for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games with some redistributions. The total number of Women's Clay Target Quotas has been increased by 2 with a reduction of 2 from the Men's Clay Target Quotas.

It was moved "that all reports be accepted" Pirie Stephen **CARRIED**

14.7 SUBSCRIPTIONS

There was little discussion. The fees were confirmed at the 1st December 2013 OSF General Meeting and remain at AUS\$ 1500 for Australia and New Zealand and AUS\$ 500 for the other countries for the 2014 – 2015 term.

14.8 FUTURE OSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2014 OSF Metallic Silhouette Pistol Championships will be hosted by New Caledonia in November 2014.

The 2015 OSF ISSF Championships will be hosted by Australia, in Sydney, late 2015.

14.9 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The President, as the ISSF appointed Technical Delegate, reported:-

- The venue is still under construction at Barry Budden, the most remote venue from Glasgow.

- Fullbore Rifle will be subject to occasional temporary closures due to traffic in the fallout area.
- There is an urgent need to submit Firearms Permit Forms. Gavin Paton said that the nominal date for Firearms forms was 14 March 2014.
- It will NOT be possible to enter Glasgow before 13 July...the transportation of firearms will be complicated and tightly controlled. The police will be tough.
- There are no more Shooting spectator tickets available for sale.
- The Glasgow Games "Clyde" mascot as used on badges, banners etc will be used for all Games sports except Shooting. Clyde will be seen with Javelins and Shot but not holding a Firearm. Such discrimination has never before been seen and has drawn massive criticism and protests.
- The Clay Target range will be fitted with Laporte machines and will have electronic scoreboards.
30,000 square metres of fine mesh will be laid to enable all pellets, wads and cases to be collected. Rifle and Pistol will have all Sius equipment...the layout will be similar to the London Olympics but smaller.

14.10 OSF OPERATING MANUAL

This has been covered in the report of the Technical Committee Chairman.

14.11 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES AND MINI GAMES

The President introduced Mel Donald to the Meeting and listed her current official positions, President Papua New Guinea Shooting Association, Senior Vice President PNG Olympic Committee and Deputy Chair of the 2015 SPG Venues Committee.

Mel's report included:-

- The shooting venue is being developed, now boosted as a 2015 SPG venue.
- There are some concerns about the Athletes Village. The organising committee has a theme of providing a village that will have a "home away from home" atmosphere.
- Unfortunately there have been several attempts to have Shooting dropped from the Games.
- Similarly efforts have been made to have no women in the shooting sport. But the programme for Pistol will include ISSF Standard Pistol and Oceania Sport Pistol with both events open to Men and Women. Nick confirmed that teams can be mixed.
- Mel urged all OSF member countries to promote and support the Pistol events. Pistol events have not been supported at recent SPG. If Pistol is forced to cancel out of this 2015 Games it will be removed from future SPG Sport Programmes.
- The Secretary gave some background to the bidding for the 2014 Commonwealth Games which eventuated in a vote between Glasgow and Halifax, Canada. Shooting was a key issue with Glasgow having to (very reluctantly) include Shooting to match the very good bid from Halifax that emphasised Shooting. To date, all successful Commonwealth Games bidding cities have included Shooting on their programme of Sports.
- The Shotgun Range will have two DTL layouts and a possible third (on the Rifle Range).
- Visiting national teams will be financially assisted with a "per diem" plan. The PNG Government will provide US\$ 50 per day up to a maximum of fifty team members per country for every day of the 2015 SPG. This money will not be paid in cash but will be offset against team costs including accommodation.
- The President thanked Mel for her report and asked her to pass on to the SPG Organising Committee the thanks and appreciation from the Oceania Shooting Federation for the recent pleasant and constructive SPG meetings in Port Moresby.

14.12 INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE SHOOTING

The President commented on the likelihood of Clay Target Trap being added to the Paralympic Games...as noted in the Technical Committee Chairman's Report. Nick also recommended that member countries seek Government support and finance for the development of facilities to enable Paralympic Shooting to grow. Recent international experience indicates that Governments are generally keen to foster and assist all Paralympic Sports.

Damien Marangon announced that Australia will host a Paralympic Shooting World Cup in Sydney planned at this time for September 2015. This will be a Quota Place competition for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

14.13 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The President thanked Gavin Paton for arranging the time and venue for this meeting. He thanked Allan Vilcins and Tony Turner for their attendance at our meeting and other observers Quintyn Stephen and Joseph Toth.

14.14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Sydney during the 2015 OSF Championships.

14.15 CLOSURE

The President thanked all for their attendance and contributions to what had been a pleasant and successful Meeting and declared the 2014 Oceania Shooting Federation Executive Meeting closed at 4.20pm.

These Minutes taken by Peter Anderson