

We wish to inform the members of the UKBR22 that the committee has taken the decision to resign its membership of the ERABSF & WRABF associations. This took effect on 21st January 2012.

A disciplinary matter with one of our members in connection with the above has prevented us making this known earlier, as we didn't want to prejudice the disciplinary hearing.

We can now tell you that Carl Boswell (CB) sent us a communication on the 4th January 2010 raising some issues with us and asking for our opinion of these matters. The communication itself was far from clear as to exactly what he wanted our opinions on, we therefore requested CB to offer clarity. After several emails some clarity had been achieved, although not in total.

CB then informed us on the 8th January 2012 that he had taken the matter to the ERABSF & WRABF feeling duty bound to do so as Secretary of both organisations. In fact he admitted to taking this action on the 6th January, around 48hrs after first contacting us and while we were still communicating with him on the matter.

The feeling of the committee was, that while CB had the right to take the matter to the above two organisations, this should have been after due process and once all other avenues had been explored, not before we had even been given a chance to reply to his original points. Further it is our opinion that both the ERABSF & WRABF should not have given his complaint credence until such time due process had taken place. However that was not the case and both organisations, although

supposedly run separately, presented us with exactly the same lengthy documents supporting CB's case.

It became clear to us that both associations were in collusion and that a fair hearing of any reply we made to their claims would not be met. We therefore decided, by unanimous vote, to resign our membership of ERABSF & WRABF.

Because of the above, the committee, again as a whole, voted to bring charges against CB on the grounds of bringing the UKBR22 into disrepute under Constitution Rule 5.2. These charges were presented to CB on the 24th January 2012. CB was given the opportunity to come before a disciplinary meeting arranged on the 15th February 2012 or to enter his reply in writing, he opted for the latter.

The findings and decision of the full MC is as follows:

The United Kingdom Association of Rimfire and Air Rifle Benchrest Shooting (UKBR22) Management Committee (MC) have reviewed the charge of disrepute brought against you under rule 5.2 of the Constitution.

Your reply to these charges, along with your supporting documentation and the recommendations of an internal disciplinary review committee have been taken into consideration.

Our findings are, that you did, on the 6th January 2012, by your own admission, make a complaint to the two international shooting associations (ERABSF & WRABF) and that this

complaint was made approximately 48hrs after first raising the issue with ourselves, and to which we were still in the process of seeking clarification with yourself on the points raised.

While it may be your right to file any grievance against the UKBR22 when we were still a member of those organisations, that course of action should have been taken after due process, not in such a short time frame and while still communicating with ourselves on the matter.

We, the MC of the UKBR22, therefore find, by unanimous vote, that you did bring the UKBR22 into disrepute through your actions and your membership of the association is therefore terminated with immediate effect.

Your name will be taken from the UKBR22 squad presently selected to take part in the air rifle postal competition with the USA due to take part in March.

Regards
UKBR22 Committee