

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Thirty-First General Assembly

Cheval Blanc, France, 9:00 am Saturday, 15 September 2007

ADMINISTRATION

IPSC Executive Council Present:

President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
General Secretary	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
Secretary	Mr. Vince Pinto
Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IROA President	Mr. Dino Evangelinos
IROA Vice-president	Mr. Juergen Tegge

1) IPSC Secretary to present a list of voting Regions and proxies

Regions Represented:

Australia	Mr. Gareth Graham
Austria	Mr. Andreas Stettin
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Frota
Canada	Mr. Sean Hansen
Czech Republic	Mr. Roman Sedy
Denmark	Mr. Tim Andersen
Ecuador	Mr. Victor Ferrero
Finland	Mr. Timo McKeown
France	Mr. Alain Joly (Alternate)
Germany	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
Greece	Mr. Dimitrios Tzimas
Hong Kong	Mr. Vince Pinto (Alternate)
Indonesia	Mr. Bambang Trihatmodjo
Ireland	Mr. John Fitzgerald
Israel	Mr. Nachum Zarzif
Italy	Mr. Riccardo Massantini
Lithuania	Mr. Saulius Rutkauskas
Namibia	Mr. Rico Viljoen
Netherlands	Mr. Kees Guichelaar
Norway	Mr. Geir Owe
Poland	Mr. Tadeusz Golab
Portugal	Mr. Jose Rebelo (Alternate)
Russia	Mr. Vitaly Kryushin
Serbia	Mr. Spasoje Vulevic
Slovak Republic	Mr. Peter Brazdil
South Africa	Mr. Daan Kemp
Spain	Ms. Teresa Martinez (Alternate)
Sweden	Mr. Christer Back
Switzerland	Ms. Stephanie Kieninger
United Kingdom	Mr. Graham Gill
United States	Mr. Bruce Gary (Alternate)
Uruguay	Mr. Juan Jose Diaz

Voting Regions:

The following Regions were eligible to vote and were present at the meeting or submitted a valid proxy (as indicated by *italics*):

<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Aruba</i>	Australia
Austria	Brazil	Canada
Czech Republic	Denmark	Ecuador
Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Hong Kong	Indonesia
Ireland	Israel	Italy
Lithuania	<i>Malaysia</i>	Netherlands
<i>New Zealand</i>	Norway	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>
Poland	Portugal	Russia
Serbia	<i>Singapore</i>	South Africa
Spain	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	Sweden
Switzerland	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>Thailand</i>
United Kingdom	United States	<i>Venezuela</i>

Non-Responsive Regions:

The following Regions were eligible to vote and did not vote either by a delegate or by valid proxy:

Barbados	Belgium	Bulgaria
Estonia	Guatemala	Hungary
Macau	Malta	Montenegro
Philippines	Puerto Rico	Ukraine
Zimbabwe		

2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Bob Chittleborough (GBR)
Kevin Pledger (SIN)

3) IPSC Executive Council Reports

IPSC President

Regional Directors, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning and welcome to the Thirty-First General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation.

I would like to ask everyone to please stand and observe a moment of silence for our past presidents; Col. Jeff Cooper and Monsieur Jean-Pierre Denis. Their contributions are a significant part of our history and their spirit will always be with us.

I will begin this morning by saying how charged-up and proud I am.

As in the past, it is customary that I acknowledge and thank the hosting Region for preparing the championship match and for having us all here together. However, this year is somewhat special. Not only do I wish to thank the French Shooting Federation for organizing this outstanding European Championship but I especially want to thank two gentlemen for without their efforts we would certainly not be here today. Of course, I am speaking of Monsieur Philippe Crochard and Monsieur Alain Joly.

For those of you who may not know the story, several years ago the French Minister of Sport felt that in her opinion IPSC was not a sport. Based on nothing more than her whim, she declared IPSC a non-sport and directed the French Shooting Federation not to recognize IPSC and IPSC shooting. No competitions, no money, no funding, no teams, no national shooters, no range officers, no meetings, no medals, no nothing...

This situation persisted for 7 years, nevertheless IPSC shooting continued 'under the radar' thanks to Philippe Crochard and Alain Joly who relentlessly challenged the minister's decision. They fought, and fought, and fought... and they won. Last year, I am proud to say that IPSC was officially recognized in France as a shooting sport.

When I think of sport, I think of the words of Nelson Mandela;

"Sport has the power to change the world, the power to inspire, the power to unite, and the power to speak in a language all understand."

Ladies and gentleman, I believe this. I believe this because Philippe Crochard and Alain Joly proved it. These two gentlemen, these two sportsmen are an inspiration to us all and IPSC owes them our most profound appreciation and gratitude.

So when I said I was proud of IPSC, you begin to see why.

I am proud of our people and I'm proud of our programs. The new IPSC Cuddle Bear program, our on-line member's forum-the Global Village, our on-line IROA membership system, our Classification program, our Range Officer programs... and much more as we will see as we move through the agenda. This is just the beginning of taking IPSC to the 'next level.'

This next level will focus on what I call 'the feel good factor'. This new level I will raise our image by presenting and recognizing more visually exciting stages, shooters appearance, team attire, and range officer appearance just to mention a few of the new initiatives.

Our shooters are the best in the world and they deserve the best from us. They deserve the very best we can do.

I am also proud to report that we continue our upward trend. Memberships around the world are up on average 3%, and our Level III competitions increased again by almost 5%.

Every year we grow and strengthen because of the hard work of the Regional Directors. On behalf of the IPSC, I would like to thank the Regional Directors and to simply say how proud I am of all of you.

I also want to thank the Executive Council for their unselfish and steadfast commitment to this administration:

IPSC General Secretary - Mr. Fritz Gepperth

IPSC Treasurer - Mr. Ren Henderson

IPSC Secretary - Mr. Vince Pinto

IROA President - Mr. Dino Evangelinos

IROA Vice-President - Mr. Juergen Tegge

I am equally proud of the members of the President's Council whose teamwork, focus, and clarity help keep us on track.

Mr. Tim Andersen (DEN)

Mr. Neil Beverley (GBR)

Mr. Bob Chittleborough (GBR)

Mr. Victor Ferrero (ECU)

Mr. Luiz Frota (BRA)

Mr. Alain Joly (FRA)

Mr. Michael Voigt (USA) - apologies

And lastly, I want to thank the 'behind the scene' team members, the various committee chairmen and their committee members for their work and all important deliberations. And, of course, our IPSC webmaster, Mr. Ian Fachie, who tirelessly manages our web site, and Mr. Chris Zielinski for his continuing work with WinMSS and ICS.

Our future remains bright and moving IPSC to the next level will be full of excitement and promise.

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Nick Alexakos

IPSC President

Individual verbal reports were given by each Executive Council member.

4) Introduction of, and brief report from, each Regional Director

Each Regional Director spoke briefly about the latest news from their respective Regions.

5) Approval of the minutes of the Thirtieth IPSC General Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly held in Kavala, Greece on 4 September 2006 as circulated to the Regions be accepted.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Ecuador

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

6) IPSC Treasurer's Report and approval of the previous year's accounts

2. Motion

That the 2006 accounts as circulated to the Regions be accepted.

Moved: Israel

Seconded: Finland

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

7) Appointment of an auditor

3. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of Kapadia and Company, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Auditors for financial year 2007.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Canada

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

8) Regional Development Director's Report

A report was given by Chairman Vince Pinto on the work of this committee, which is comprised of Chepit Dulay (PHI), Victor Ferrero (ECU), Fritz Gepperth (GER) and Rico Viljoen (NAM).

9) Ratification of Regions provisionally accepted by the IPSC Executive Council

4. Motion

That Honduras be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Ecuador

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

5. Motion

That Romania be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Ecuador

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

6. Motion

That South Korea be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Indonesia

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

7. Motion

That Trinidad & Tobago be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Canada

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

10) Final acceptance of Regions previously accepted provisionally by the IPSC Assembly

8. Motion

That Moldova be definitively accepted.

Moved: Austria

Seconded: Finland

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

The Assembly welcomes the newly accepted Regions and wishes them all the best of success. The IPSC Secretary advised that Moldova is not yet in a voting position, hence no action was required by the tellers.

11) Declaration of vacant Regions when more than ninety days in arrears

Our records show the following Regions are in arrears and risk becoming declared vacant. If there is any question concerning this situation, please contact this office immediately (Section 10.8 of the Constitution)

9. Motion

That Bosnia-Herzegovina be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2007. (requires 3/4 vote)

Motion withdrawn.

10. Motion

That Jamaica be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2007. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Canada

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

11. Motion

That Latvia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2007. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-38 Against-1 Abstain-0

12) Annual Regional Status recognition

The IPSC President presented awards to the following Regions in recognition of their performance for the 2006 calendar year:

Top Three Regions Overall:	1 st	Brazil
	2 nd	Germany
	3 rd	Philippines
Most Improved Region		Venezuela

ORGANIZATION

13) IROA Executive Committee Report

Mr. Kees Guichelaar, Chairman of the IROA Executive Committee, gave an updated report to the Assembly. The newly created IROA official striped shirt design was introduced by IROA President Dino Evangelinos to much acclaim from delegates.

14) Rules Committee report

In the absence of Chairman Michael Voigt, an updated report to the Assembly was given by Rules Coordinating Committee Chairman Mr. Bob Chittleborough.

12. Motion

That the June 2007 interpretations of the Handgun Competition Rules, January 2006 Edition, as published on the IPSC website, be ratified.

Moved: USA

Seconded: Finland

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

13. Motion

That the June 2007 interpretations of the Shotgun Competition Rules, January 2006 Edition, as published on the IPSC website, be ratified.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Ireland

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

14. Motion

That the June 2007 interpretations of the Rifle Competition Rules, January 2006 Edition, as published on the IPSC website, be ratified.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

15) Production Division Committee report

Chairman Vince Pinto gave an updated report to the Assembly on the work of the committee, which is comprised of Tim Anderson (DEN), Fritz Gepperth (GER), George Giamarellos (GRE) and Doug Lewis (CAN).

16) Course Of Fire Committee Report

In the absence of Chairman Doug Lewis, an updated report to the Assembly was given by Juergen Tegge

17) Seminar Services Committee Report

Chairman Daan Kemp gave an updated report to the Assembly.

18) IPSC Cuddle Bear report

Neil Beverley gave an updated report to the Assembly, and announced that the first delivery of IPSC Cuddle Bears made to the hospital in Cavaillon was a huge success.

19) Action Airsoft Shooting

The President gave a brief introduction about his desire to create a committee to investigate this matter.

15. Motion

That the IPSC Executive Council appoint a Steering Committee to investigate the manner and feasibility of both recognizing and promoting Action Airsoft Shooting.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-35 Against-3 Abstain-1

The President then called for volunteers to serve on Action Airsoft Shooting Committee, and responses were received from Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

20) Texas Star Target

16. Motion

IPSC Canada moves that the IPSC General Assembly direct the IPSC Executive to approve the "Texas Star" Steel target presentation system for use in IPSC competition..

Moved: Canada

Seconded: USA

Denied: For-10 Against-25 Abstain-4

21) 357Sig Standard Division and Senior Teams

17. Motion

That the IPSC General Assembly will discuss Motion 17a and Motion 18, two proposed amendments to IPSC rules, notwithstanding that this is not an Assembly held in conjunction with a World Championship (requires 2/3 vote)..

Moved: Australia

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-31 Against-7 Abstain-1

17A. Motion

IPSC Australia moves that with effect from 1 January 2008, Item 5 of Appendix D2 Standard Division be changed from "Minimum bullet calibre for Major: 10mm (0.40)" to "Minimum bullet calibre for Major: 10mm (0.40)", see below", and that a new item be added under Special Conditions: "19. 357SIG is also an approved caliber for Major, subject to achieving the applicable minimum power factor".

Moved: Australia
Seconded: Denmark

17B. Motion To Amend:

IPSC Australia moves that for an evaluation period commencing 1 January 2008 and ending 31 December 2009, Item 5 of Appendix D2 Standard Division be changed from "Minimum bullet calibre for Major: 10mm (0.40)" to "Minimum bullet calibre for Major: 10mm (0.40)", see below", and that a new item be added under Special Conditions: "19. 357SIG is also an approved caliber for Major, subject to achieving the applicable minimum power factor". These changes are subject to amendment, deletion or extension at the 2009 General Assembly.

Moved: Germany
Seconded: Greece
Carried: For-20 Against-6 Abstain-2

22) Senior Teams

18. Motion

That IPSC recognize Senior Teams in Level IV and Level V matches.

Moved: Norway
Seconded: Israel
Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

23) Lifetime Achievement Award

19. Motion

That IPSC establish a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Moved: Greece
Seconded: Finland
Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

COMPETITIONS

24) 2007 AustralAsia Handgun Championship update report from Thailand

In the absence of a delegate from Thailand Mr. Vince Pinto gave an updated report to the Assembly.

25) 2008 World Shoot XV update report from Indonesia

Mr. Jay Reyes from IPSC Indonesia gave a brief visual presentation and a verbal report on the progress of the arrangements for World Shoot XV and answered a series of questions from the floor.

26) 2009 Three-Gun World Shoot update report from Ecuador

Mr. Victor Ferrero from IPSC Ecuador gave a brief report to the Assembly.

27) 2009 African Handgun Championships

20. Motion

That the 2009 African Handgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (African Regions only to vote on the venue).

Moved: Austria

Seconded: Greece

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

As IPSC South Africa was the only candidate they were acclaimed as the host for the 2009 African Handgun Championship.

28) 2009 European Shotgun Championships

21. Motion

That the 2009 European Shotgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (European Regions only to vote on the venue).

Moved: Israel

Seconded: Denmark

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

As IPSC Russia was the only candidate they were acclaimed as the host for the 2009 European Shotgun Championship.

29) 2009 AustralAsian Shotgun Championships

22. Motion

That the 2009 Australasia Shotgun Championship be held in the Region of the Philippines (Australasian Regions only to vote).

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-10 Against-0 Abstain-0

30) 2010 European Rifle Championships

23. Motion

That the 2009 European Rifle Championship be held in the Region of Norway (European Regions only to vote).

Moved: Denmark

Seconded: Ireland

Carried: For-21 Against-0 Abstain-0

31) 2010 European Handgun Championships

24. Motion

That the 2010 European Handgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (European Regions only to vote on the venue).

Moved: Finland

Seconded: Austria

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

The two candidates, Poland and Serbia, each gave a brief presentation and answered a series of questions from the floor after which a secret ballot was conducted. After the votes were tallied the IPSC Secretary announced that the successful candidate was Serbia.

32) 2010 AustralAsian Handgun Championships

25. Motion

That the 2010 Australasia Handgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (Australasia Regions only to vote on the venue).

Moved: Australia

Seconded: Indonesia

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

The candidate Regions of the Philippines and Singapore/Malaysia were not present, hence a secret ballot was immediately conducted. After the three Australasia votes present and the five Australasia proxies were tallied, the IPSC Secretary announced that the successful candidate was Singapore/Malaysia.

33) 2010 Latin American Handgun Championships

26. Motion

That the 2010 Latin American Handgun Championship be held in the Region of Argentina (Latin American Regions only to vote).

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Ecuador

Carried: For-5 Against-0 Abstain-0

34) 2010 Pan-American Shotgun Championships

27. Motion

That the 2010 Pan-American Shotgun Championship be held in the Region of USA (Pan American Regions only to vote on the venue).

Moved: USA

Seconded: Ecuador

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

As IPSC United States was the only candidate they were acclaimed as the host for the 2010 Pan-American Shotgun Championship.

35) 2010 Pan-American Rifle Championships

28. Motion

That the 2010 Pan-American Rifle Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (Pan-American Regions only to vote).

Moved: Denmark

Seconded: Ecuador

28a. Motion To Table:

That the matter of the 2010 Pan-American Rifle Championship be tabled until the 2008 General Assembly.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Greece

Carried: For-29 Against-0 Abstain-0

29. Motion

That the 2010 African Three-Gun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (African Regions only to vote).

Moved: Denmark

Seconded: Ecuador

Carried: For-38 Against-0 Abstain-1

As IPSC South Africa was the only candidate they were acclaimed as the host for the 2010 African Three-Gun Championship.

36) 2011 European IPSC Three-Gun Championships

30. Motion

That the 2011 European Three-Gun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly (European Regions only to vote).

Moved: Australia

Seconded: Canada

30a. Motion To Table:

That the matter of the 2011 European Three-Gun Championship be tabled until the 2008 General Assembly.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-29 Against-0 Abstain-0

37) 2011 IPSC Rifle World Shoot

31. Motion

That the 2011 IPSC Rifle World Shoot be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Finland

31a. Motion To Table:

That the matter of the 2011 IPSC Rifle World Shoot be tabled until the 2008 General Assembly.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried: For-29 Against-0 Abstain-0

38) 2011 IPSC Shotgun World Shoot

32. Motion

That the 2011 IPSC Shotgun World Shoot be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Norway

Seconded: France

32a. Motion To Table:

That the matter of the 2011 IPSC Shotgun World Shoot be tabled until the 2008 General Assembly.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: France

Carried: For-29 Against-0 Abstain-0

GENERAL

39) The General Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF) report

The IPSC President gave an updated report regarding the current situation.

40) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly

33. Motion

That the 2008 General Assembly be held in conjunction with World Shoot XV.

Moved: Indonesia

Seconded: Czech Republic

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

41) Adjournment

34. Motion

That the 2007 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0