

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the 39th General Assembly
Point Hotel, Conselve (PD), Italy,
9:00 am Saturday, 12 September 2015

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Council Present:

IPSC President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
IPSC Gen. Secretary	Mr. Alain Joly
IPSC Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IPSC Secretary	Mr. Dimitris Tzimas
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 (voting and *non-voting*): 27

Argentina	Mr. Dino Evangelinos (D)
Australia	Mr. Gareth Graham
Austria	Mr. Mario Kneringer
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>Mr. Andrei Siuniakou</i>
Brazil	Mr. Demetrius Da Silva Oliveira
Bulgaria	Mr. Krasimir Mihtiev
Czech Republic	Mr. Roman Sedy
Denmark	Mr. Mark Weisinger (D)
Estonia	Mr. Janus Viirlo (D)
Finland	Mr. Petri Runtii (D)
France	Mr. Stephane Quertinier
Germany	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
<i>Gibraltar</i>	<i>Mr. Mario Apap</i>
Great Britain	Mr. Kevin Strowger
<i>Greece</i>	<i>Mr. Ioannis Anastasiou</i>
Hungary	Mr. Karoly Kriszan
Italy	Mr. Luca Zolla
Moldova	Mr. Dimitris Tzimas (D)
Netherlands	Mr. Sasja Barentsen
Norway	Mr. Kyrre Lee
Romania	Dr. Jimmy Barbuti
Russia	Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin
Serbia	Mr. Milan Terzic (D)
Slovak Republic	Mr. Karoly Kriszan (D)
Slovenia	Mr. Robert Cernigoj
South Africa	Mr. Jan Fouche Van Den Berg (D)
United States	Mr. Phil Strader

Voting Regions – Delegate or proxy: 45

Regions voting by delegate (24): Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, United Kingdom (Great Britain), United States,.

Regions voting by written proxy (21): Barbados, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Lithuania, Monaco, Northern Ireland, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Venezuela.

Voting Regions – Unrepresented (12): Aruba, Belgium, China, Honduras, Hong Kong, Macau, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Taiwan, Zimbabwe.

2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Mr. Ioannis Anastasiou (GRE)
Mr. Ivo Rehberger (CZE)

3) IPSC Executive Council Reports

IPSC President

Good morning and welcome to the 39th Annual General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation.

I would like to begin by thanking, Luca Zolla, Gavino Mura and the FITDS for hosting both the 2015 IPSC General Assembly and the largest IPSC Shotgun World Shoot ever held.

As we stated at last years' General Assembly, IPSC began the SportAccord membership application. I would like to thank all the Regional Directors who helped with their application submissions. We could not have done it without your help.

To say that it has been an interesting year would be an understatement but we rode the SportAccord roller coaster through the application process and we are now waiting for the next step.

For those of you that may not be aware of the extent of our involvement over the years, I would like to take a few minutes this morning to summarize.

SportAccord is the world umbrella organization for both Olympic and non-Olympic international sport federations. Their stated mission is to unite and support its members in the coordination and protection of their common aims and interests while preserving and respecting the autonomy of their members.

To fulfill this mission, SportAccord encourages and facilitates knowledge sharing among members and provides resources and expertise in relevant areas such as good governance, social responsibility, integrity, anti-doping, and digital media. By establishing multi-sports games, SportAccord aims to promote its members and to increase their visibility.

If we are successful in being voted in as a SportAccord member, IPSC will achieve standing as an international sport federation that will allow our Regions to take their rightful place alongside all other sport federations.

We have worked to become a member for over 15 years.

In early 2000, at the request of Dr. Tamas Ajan (President International Weightlifting Federation), I met with Gilbert Felli Executive Director International Olympic Committee at the Olympic headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. The friendly one hour meeting concluded that IPSC should make application to General Association of International Sport Associations, GAISF for short, as a first step toward international recognition.

After three years of visits to GAISF headquarters and several conferences in both Monaco and Switzerland, IPSC made application in 2003.

At the 2004 GAISF Assembly in Monaco, the International Sport Shooting Federation (ISSF) tried to block our participation to the 2005 GAISF Assembly, but with support from GAISF Executive Council members Tamas Ajan, Paul Henderson (President International Sailing Federation) and others, ISSF was not successful.

At the 2005 GAISF Assembly in Berlin, Germany, none of the candidates were accepted including IPSC.

GAISF presented itself as an association of international sport federations that has come together in fellowship and goodwill to promote competition and to embrace diversity in sports among nations and cultures. However, its conduct does not reflect an association where the promotion of sport, sportsmanship, and fair play is the primary mission. By the treatment of the international federations that were considered for membership at the Berlin Assembly, GASIF abandoned diversity and inclusiveness for discrimination and exclusivity.

The GAISF criteria, procedures, and requirements for membership application were very clear. IPSC submitted a completed application along with the required fees and all the other materials, information, and translations. The GAISF Executive Council recommended IPSC for membership based on our application and affirmed that we met all the criteria. However, to our astonishment, the Council's recommendations went totally ignored.

In November 2005, GAISF replied by saying that the Council would like to clarify the meaning of the vote in Berlin and the non-acceptance of new International Federations. The GAISF Council presented the new International Federations for ratification and each federation was voted on separately and again none made the required 75% for acceptance at that time.

It should be noted that the vote was only on acceptance to GAISF. The ad hoc Commission recommended that the GAISF Statutes be revised and the federations who sought acceptance for membership will be resubmitted to the 2006 General Assembly in Seoul, Korea provided they meet the new criteria set by the new Statutes, as approved by the General Assembly.

In February 2006, IPSC received a letter from GAISF informing us that we could present again at the 2006 Assembly in Korea.

In Seoul, IPSC again presented but ISSF blocked IPSC membership by saying that the IOC did not agree that IPSC was a sport. A statement that the IOC vigorously denied simply because the IOC had not ever actually defined 'sport'!

Since then, GAISF has been restructured and rebranded as SportAccord and today IPSC is again renewing its efforts to seek membership as a international sport federation within SportAccord which was previously known as GAISF.

SportAccord has defined the term sport and, of course, IPSC fully meets that definition.

By our rules, regulations, physical demands and competitive challenges, IPSC is very different from any other shooting sport. In fact, IPSC originally made a request seeking membership in ISSF, but was denied because ISSF considered IPSC to be too different from its style of target shooting and, thus, did not fit within its framework.

As we all know, IPSC shooting is primarily a physical sport. It imposes physical demands on athletes who must move from target to target rather than shoot from a static, fixed position. IPSC shooting is not only a challenge to coordination, but also to the human mind. In fact, IPSC is the only shooting sport where the competitor moves through a series of complex targets that change with each stage of the competition, and are never the same in any competition. IPSC's competitive objective is "speed, power and accuracy."

Because of the movement of the athletes, and that each stage is different in terms of target placement, challenges, and design, our sport has a broad international appeal recognized in 96 participating countries around the world.

The fact, that IPSC requested membership in ISSF and was denied clearly illustrates these differences. The differences between IPSC shooting and the shooting sports governed by ISSF are far greater than many other sports to each other that have already been accepted in SportAccord.

We are expecting that under SportAccord our membership application will receive a fair, unbiased and transparent consideration and that IPSC will be able to take its rightful place among the international sport federations of the world.

We should have more news before the next Assembly.

Again, I want to personally thank all our Regional Directors for helping us with the SportAccord application and for the great work that has been done by every Region around the world.

I also want to thank the thank the Executive Council for their invaluable service.

General Secretary - Mr. Alain Joly
Treasurer - Mr. Ren Henderson
Secretary - Mr. Dimitris Tzimas
IROA President - Mr. Dino Evangelinos
IROA Vice-President - Mr. Juergen Tegge

I also want to thank our directors, deputy directors, and the members of the various committees for the outstanding work they do.

Executive Director - Mr. Vince Pinto
Communications Director - Mr. Marco Hernandez
Sponsorship and Co-Competition Director - Mr. Alain Joly
Co-Competition Director - Mr. Vince Pinto
Education Director - Mr. Daan Kemp
Match Sanctioning Director and Sport Director - Mr. Juergen Tegge
Shotgun Director - Mr. Dimitris Tzimas
Rifle Director - Mr. Tim Andersen
Action Air Director - Mr. Karoly Kriszan
Webmaster - Mr. Ian Fachie
WinMSS Director - Mr. Chris Zielinski

We again held our pre-match seminars and General Assembly Workshops and I would like to thank Alexander Milyukov for the outstanding IROA First Aid seminar, and Marco Hernandez for his presentations.

As always, our future is bright, our vision is clear, and our resolve is unshakable.

DVC
Nick Alexakos
IPSC President

Verbal reports were also given by each Executive Council member.

4) Introduction of and brief report from each Regional delegate

Each regional delegate present spoke briefly about the latest news from their respective Regions.

5) Approval of the minutes of the Thirty-Eighth IPSC Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly held in Lakeland, Florida, October 11, 2014 as circulated to Regions be accepted.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Moldova

Carried: For-43 Against-0 Abstain-2

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

The Treasurer guided delegates through the report and answered questions.

2. Motion

That the 2014 accounts as circulated to Regions be accepted.

Moved: Austria

Seconded: Germany

Carried: For-43 Against-0 Abstain-2

7) Appointment of an auditor

3. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of R.S. Fleischer, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Auditors for financial year 2015.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Moldova

Carried: For-43 Against-0 Abstain-2

8) Regional Development Committee Report

Mr. Vince Pinto gave an update to the Assembly.

9) Final acceptance of Regions provisionally accepted by the Assembly

4. Motion

That Gibraltar be definitively accepted.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-44 Against-1 Abstain-0

5. Motion

That Panama be definitively accepted.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Austria

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

The Assembly welcomes the newly accepted Regions and wishes them the best of success. The Secretary advised that there was no change in voting tally.

10) Ratification of Regions provisionally accepted by the Executive Council

6. Motion

That Cayman Islands be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Norway

Seconded: Italy

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

7. Motion

That Cyprus be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Great Britain

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

8. Motion

That Guyana be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Denmark

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

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 the IPSC Head Office immediately (Section 10.8 of the Constitution)

9. Motion

That Armenia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Italy

Seconded: Brazil

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

10. Motion – Withdrawn

11. Motion

That India be declared vacant if not in good standing by
31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Great Britain

Seconded: Austria

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

12. Motion - Withdrawn

13. Motion

That Kuwait be declared vacant if not in good standing by
31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Italy

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-43 Against-0 Abstain-2

14. Motion

That Kyrgyzstan be declared vacant if not in good standing by
31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Denmark

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

15. Motion

That Laos be declared vacant if not in good standing by
31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Czech Republic

Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

16. Motion - Withdrawn

17. Motion

That Turkey be declared vacant if not in good standing by
31 December, 2015. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Austria

Seconded: Italy

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

18. Motion - Withdrawn

12) Annual Regional Status recognition

The IPSC President presented awards to the following Regions in recognition of their performance for the 2014 calendar year:

Top Three Regions Overall:

1 – Germany

2 - Brazil & Philippines (tie)

3 – Australia & Greece (tie)

Most Improved Region: Malaysia

13) Constitution Amendment

19. Motion

That the IPSC General Assembly allows the following constitutional amendment, notwithstanding that this is not a Handgun World Championship Assembly. (requires 2/3 vote)

Moved: Bulgaria

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

20. Motion

That the existing text under Article 15 Law & Jurisdiction of the Constitution be replaced with the following text:

Any dispute arising from this Constitution which cannot be settled amicably under any other provision of this Constitution may be submitted for arbitration, by any party to the dispute, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts. The parties undertake to comply with the statute and regulations of the CAS, to accept in good faith the decision rendered without appeal, and in no way hinder its execution.

Moved: Austria

Seconded: Romania

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

ORGANIZATION

14) Executive Director Report

Mr. Vince Pinto gave an update to the Assembly.

15) Communications Director Report

Mr. Marco Hernandez gave an update to the Assembly.

16) Sponsorship Director Report

Mr. Alain Joly gave an update to the Assembly.

17) Competition Director Report

Mr. Vince Pinto gave an update to the Assembly.

21. Motion (RSA)

That this Assembly consider and approve the introduction of a World Shoot Grand Tournament using the following 3 matches:

2018 Shotgun World Shoot

2019 Rifle World Shoot

2020 Handgun World Shoot

Upon completion of the last component match, the "IPSC 3-Gun Champions" be determined and declared as such in all the Divisions and Categories as applicable per IPSC Competition Rules Appendix A2, with the exception of Team awards. The award ceremony for the 3-Gun Tournament to take place together with the award ceremony for the World Shoot Handgun match in 2020

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Netherlands

Denied: For-5 Against-35 Abstain-5

18) Sanctioning Director Report

Mr. Juergen Tegge gave an update the Assembly.

19) Handgun Director Report

Mr. Vince Pinto gave an update to the Assembly.

20) Shotgun Director report

Mr. Dimitrios Tzimas gave an update to the Assembly.

21) Rifle Director report

No report was available.

22) Action Air Director report

No report was available.

RULES COMMITTEE

22. Motion

That the IPSC General Assembly allows Motions 23 through 29, notwithstanding that this is not a Handgun World Championship Assembly. (requires 2/3 vote)

Moved: Great Britain

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-44 Against-1 Abstain-0

23. Motion

That the current definition of "compensator" in the Glossary section (12.5) of all rule books be deleted and replaced with one of the following:

Motion withdrawn

A review will be conducted by a committee to be formed, with the participation of Italian Regional Director Mr. Luca Zolla.

23A. Motion

Compensator: A device fitted to the muzzle end of a barrel to counter muzzle rise by diverting away escaping gasses.

Motion withdrawn, as above (see Motion 23)

23B. Motion

Compensator: a gas operated device, either integral part of or attached to a firearm, that counters muzzle rise.

Motion withdrawn, as above (see Motion 23)

24. Motion

That Rule 2.2.1.5 be replaced in all rule books with the following text:

If a COF has a passageway visibly delineated by fault lines and/or a clearly demarcated shooting area, any competitor who takes a shortcut by stepping on the ground outside the passageway and/or shooting area will incur one procedural penalty for each shot fired after beginning the shortcut.

Moved: Denmark
Seconded: Czech Republic
Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

Motion from the floor to amend Motions 25 & 26 to apply only for Handgun.

Moved Great Britain
Seconded Australia
Carried For-24 Against-0 Abstain-0.

25. Motion (as amended)

That Rule 4.3.3.2 be replaced in the Handgun ~~and Rifle~~ rule book with the following text:

Metal plates do not recognize power and are not subject to calibration or calibration challenges.

Moved: Slovenia
Seconded: Denmark
Carried: For-24 Against-0 Abstain-0

26. Motion (as amended)

That Rule 4.3.3.3 be deleted from the Handgun, Rifle, ~~and Shotgun~~ rule book.

Moved: Slovenia
Seconded: Denmark
Carried: For-24 Against-0 Abstain-0

27. Motion

That all references to the A4/A and A3/B targets be deleted from the Rifle rule book.

Moved: Slovenia

Seconded: Argentina

Carried: For-41 Against-2 Abstain-2

28. Motion

That Point 8 in the Action Air Standard Division rules be replaced with the following text:

A handgun in its ready condition (see Section 8.1), but unloaded and without an empty magazine inserted, must fit wholly within the confines of a box which has internal dimensions of 225mm x 150mm x 45mm (tolerance of +1 mm, -0 mm).

Moved: Romania

Seconded: Great Britain

Carried: For-42 Against-0 Abstain-3

29. Motion

That the IPSC Executive Council be authorized to make corrections to any numbering, spelling, punctuation and/or formatting errors in updating affected rule books to 1 January 2016 versions, provided that such changes do not otherwise alter the meaning or intent of any rule. Likewise, other errors and conflicts may also be corrected.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

COMPETITIONS

20) 2016 European Handgun Championship update (Hungary)

Mr. Karoly Krizsan gave an update.

The match dates will be 2-8 Oct. 2016

21) 2016 Australasia Handgun Championship update (Indonesia)

Mr. Vince Pinto gave an update.

22) 2016 Latin American Handgun Championship update (Colombia)

Mr. Dimitris Tzimas gave an update.

The match dates will be 15-20 Aug. 2016

23) 2016 Rifle World Shoot update (Russia)

Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin gave an update.

24) 2016 Pan-American Shotgun Championship update (Brazil)
Mr. Demetrius Da Silva Oliveira announced Brazil is unable to host this match.

25) 2017 Handgun World Shoot XVIII update (France)
Mr. Alain Joly gave an update.

26) 2018 European Rifle Championship venue

30. Motion

That the 2018 European Rifle Championship be hosted in a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (European Regions only to vote)

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Moldova

Carried: For-37 Against-0 Abstain-8

The 2018 European Rifle Championship candidates are:

Denmark

France

Hungary

Norway

France, Hungary and Norway withdrew their bids in favor of Denmark, on the understanding that if Denmark is unable, by next year's Assembly, to confirm their ability to host the subject match in 2018, the match will be reopened for bidding by all interested candidates.

27) 2018 Pan-American Handgun Championship venue

31. Motion

That the 2018 Pan-American Handgun Championship be hosted in a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (Pan-American Regions only to vote)

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: USA

Carried: For-37 Against-0 Abstain-8

The 2018 Pan-American Handgun Championship candidates are:

Ecuador

Guatemala

Jamaica

Jamaica was voted by a majority of 7 votes to 5 for Ecuador and 0 for Guatemala.

28) 2018 Far East Asian Handgun Championship venue

32. Motion

That the 2018 Far East Asian Handgun Championship be hosted in a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (Far East Regions only to vote)

Moved: Australia

Seconded: Germany

The 2018 Far East Asian Handgun Championship candidates are:

Indonesia

Papua New Guinea

Due to insufficient votes from Far East Regions, the Motion was deferred to an electronic vote.

29) 2018 African Handgun Championship venue

33. Motion

That the 2018 African Handgun Championship be hosted in the Region of South Africa to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Germany

Carried: For-29 Against-0 Abstain-16

30) 2017 Action Air World Shoot venue

34. Motion

That the 2017 Action Air World Shoot be hosted in a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Italy

Seconded: Norway

Carried: For-39 Against-1 Abstain-5

Hungary was the sole bidder.

31) 2018 Shotgun World Shoot III venue

35. Motion

That the 2018 Shotgun World Shoot III be hosted in a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Italy

Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

The 2018 Shotgun World Shoot III candidates are:

France
Hungary

France won the vote and will host the subject competition.

GENERAL:

32) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly

36. Motion

That the 2016 General Assembly be hosted in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Italy

Seconded: Great Britain

Carried: For-44 Against-0 Abstain-1

The 2016 General Assembly candidates are:
Hungary (European Handgun Championship)
Russia (Rifle World Shoot)

Hungary was voted by a majority of 29 votes to 15 for Russia and 1 Abstain.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Germany and Netherlands reported on their analysis and evaluation of a .22 Pistol Division.

Germany requests the IPSC Assembly extend the trial period for one more year. A report about the progress in the forthcoming year will be given at the next IPSC Assembly.

Germany reported on their analysis and evaluation of lowering the Open Division Power Factor to 150.

Germany requests the IPSC Assembly extend the trial period for one more year. A report about the progress in the forthcoming year will be given at the next IPSC Assembly.

Germany reported on their analysis and evaluation of Revolver Division changing to 6 Rounds for Major and +6 Rounds for Minor.

Germany recommends the IPSC Assembly considered a rule change in 2016, so that it will be effective by the Handgun World Shoot in 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

33) Adjournment

37. Motion

That the 2015 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: USA

Seconded: Great Britain

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0