

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth General Assembly
Philippsburg, Germany, 9:00 am, Wednesday, 22 August 2001

It is the policy of the IPSC Executive Council that the General Assembly be conducted in a businesslike and amicable manner. To this end, except where specifically permitted by the IPSC Constitution, motions were not accepted from the floor of the meeting. In this manner those Regions unable to attend the Assembly had the opportunity to vote by proxy on all subjects, and those Regional Directors present were able to consult with their Regional Directorate prior to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

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

Executive Council Present:

IPSC President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
IPSC General Secretary	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
IPSC Secretary	Mr. Vince Pinto
IPSC Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IROA Vice-president	Mr. Doug Lewis

Regions Present:

Australia	Mr. Des Lilley
Austria	Dr. Michael Ploderer
Belgium	Mr. Yvan Vogels
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Frota
Czech Republic	Mr. Josef Horejsi
Denmark	Mr. Tim Anderson
Finland	Ms. Virpi Virtanen
Germany	Mr. Friedrich Gepperth
Greece	Mr. Dimitrios Tzimas
Hong Kong	Mr. Vince Pinto
Hungary	Mr. Ede Horvath
Israel	Mr. Nachum Zarzif
Italy	Mr. Riccardo Massantini
Netherlands	Mr. Kees Guichelaar
Norway	Mr. Jan Hansen
Philippines	Mr. Myro Lopez
Poland	Mr. Jan Kolakowski
Russia	Mr. Vitali Krioutchine
Slovak Republic	Mr. Jan Rusin
Slovenia	Mr. Ludwig Dvojmoc
South Africa	Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys
Spain	Ms. Teresa Martinez
Sweden	Mr. Fredrik Regin
Switzerland	Mr. Milan Stojanovic
United Kingdom	Mr. Graham Gill
USA	Mr. John Amidon
Yugoslavia	Mr. Bjelic Miomir

Voting Regions:

The following Regions were either present at the meeting and eligible to vote or submitted valid proxy forms:

Austria	Germany	Slovenia
Belgium	Greece	South Africa
Brazil	Hong Kong	Spain
Canada	Hungary	Sri Lanka
Chile	Indonesia	Sweden
Czech Republic	Israel	Switzerland
Denmark	Italy	Thailand
Ecuador	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Finland	Norway	United States
France	Peru	Zimbabwe
	Philippines	
	Singapore	

2) IPSC President appointed two tellers

Mr. Paul Hyland (GBR)

Mr. Jurgen Tegge (GER)

3) IPSC President's report

"Good morning Regional Directors, delegates, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the 25th General Assembly of IPSC. On behalf of IPSC, I would like to thank the Bund Deutsche Sportsschutzen (BDS) and it's President, Mr. Friedrich Gepperth for acting as our gracious hosts.

This year marks the Silver Anniversary of IPSC. Twenty-five years ago the founders of IPSC met in Columbia, Missouri and in Col. Jeff Cooper's words: "Our first Conference was a meeting of enthusiasts throughout both the United States and the world attempting to devise some sort of international organization. With no more authority but our own enthusiasm we set up the International Practical Shooting Confederation with representation in fourteen nations."

That first meeting was held the week of May 24th, 1976. Forty-five delegates representing fourteen countries met to establish an international organization that would promote the safe and efficient use of firearms by persons of good character. A delegate nominated Col. Cooper and he was unanimously voted as the first IPSC president.

A lot of lead has gone downrange since Cooper and his friends started slapping leather back in those days. The Confederation that was founded in 1976 now has 68 member Regions and has revolutionized handgun competition around the world. To appreciate the extent of this revolution, remember that back then the only international handgun competition was at the Olympics.

Have we been successful in our first twenty-five years? I would answer with a qualified, yes. We have survived, we have grown, but have we thrived? We have seen where we started and where we have come from, but where are we going? As Microsoft says "Where do you want to go?" The short answer is that we want to promote, improve, and advance IPSC shooting around the world. At least, that's what we say we want. If this is so, how are we going to do it?

To start with, we need to better communicate with one another - two-way communications. We need the support of regional organizations. We need to raise our

profile, and we need to advance IPSC into the mainstream of worldwide recreational shooting and, while doing this, we must defend our progress.

How do we achieve these goals and who is going to do it? It's you, the Regional Directors, the cornerstones and building blocks of our confederation. It's our tireless Officials, the cement that binds our competitions together. It's the President's Council members who provide advice and guidance and, it's the Executive Council which discharges the constitutional responsibilities of this administration.

This past year we have achieved much. For example, we have admitted several new regions, held hundreds of sanctioned competitions, proved the 14th edition pistol rules, revised our rifle and shotgun rules, developed a new rating/scoring system for testing, and developed an International classification system to name a few.

Yes, we have achieved much, but there is more to do. There is much more we can do, and there is much more we must do. However, to do this we need to all pull together to maximize our efforts and results.

IPSC is a bottom-up organization. The Confederation of Regions decided that an administration was needed to establish our sport on solid foundation, to promote its growth, to watch over its principles, and to regulate its conduct.

This administration exists to serve your shooters. If you have a need, let us know. If you have a complaint, let us know. If you have concerns, we will address them in a constructive and positive two-way dialogue.

In my report to you at the 24th General Assembly, I committed my administration to communications, but they must flow both ways, clearly, openly and with positive constructive intent. If you don't like a decision taken, keep in mind that the majority has, in its wisdom and in the forum of this General Assembly, decided that is in the best interest of IPSC.

IPSC needs you and your support to continue this progress. In developing and protecting our sport, it is a colossal waste of effort and ammunition to circle the wagons and shoot inward.

IPSC has established trophies known as Regional Achievement Awards which will be presented annually to the top three regions. We take into account membership growth, shooting achievement, and the number of Level III or higher competitions. I would like the representatives of the following Regions to come forward and accept this recognition. First place for 2000 the Philippines, second place Brazil, and third place Germany.

I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of Mr. Pablo Stelian, the Regional Director of Argentina who passed away recently. Pablo made a significant contribution to the regional development of IPSC and on your behalf, I extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Ladies and gentleman, we have work to do, so let's get to it.”

Nick Alexakos

4) IROA President's report

“2001 has been an active year for our International Range Officers. Level III match activity is higher than for the same period last year as a result of more Regions hosting Level III.

Many Regions are utilizing their National Range Officials more often and, to that extent, I would like to take this opportunity to salute them and thank the Regional Directors for supporting their national programs.

Time is a valuable commodity and I would like to thank the International instructors Vince Pinto, Barry Pollard, Steen Nitschke, and Stefanos Cheropoulos for taking time to conduct IROA Seminars. Also thanks to IPSC President Nick Alexakos for taking time out of his busy schedule to hold IROA Seminars when in Europe.

Currently, we have a total of 254 Officials. This total represents an increase of 44% from last year. They include 120 Range Officers, 57 Chief Range Officers, 20 Range Masters, 6 Statisticians, and 50 Provisional Range Officers.

I am sure you all will agree that today we are witnessing a European Championship which has brought the "best of the best" from around the World.

As a final note, I would like to forward my best wishes to this Assembly.”

Dino Evangelinos (delivered by Doug Lewis)

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

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

6) Approval of the minutes of the Twenty-Fourth IPSC General Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly in Quincy, Illinois, September 20, 2000 be accepted as sent to the Regions.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Hungary

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

7) IPSC Treasurer's Report, and approval of the previous year's accounts.

2. Motion:

That the 2000 accounts be accepted as sent to the Regions.

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Hong Kong

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

8) Regional Development Director's Report

Mr. Vince Pinto gave a brief report on the work of his committee and asked all RD's to assist him to identify prospective new regions, particularly in the Middle East and Africa.

9) Provisional acceptance of new Regions

3. Motion:

Andorra be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Hungary

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

4. Motion:

Guam & Micronesia be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Philippines

Seconded: Hong Kong

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

5. Motion:

Kazakhstan be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Denmark

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

6. Motion:

Yugoslavia be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Slovenia

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

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

Our records show the following Regions risk being declared vacant. If there is any question concerning this situation, please contact this office immediately.

7. Motion:

That Croatia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2001.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Norway

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

8. Motion:

That Dominican Republic be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2001.

Moved: Norway

Seconded: Denmark

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

9. Motion:

That Namibia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2001.

Moved: Norway

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

11) Appointment of an auditor

10. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of Mullen Micules Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors for 2001.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Israel

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

ORGANIZATION

12) IPSC Business Plan

11. Motion:

That the 2001 Business Plan be approved.

Moved: Israel

Seconded: Switzerland

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

RULES

13) Course of Fire Committee report

"The Course of Fire Committee is made up of Luiz Frota, Peter Glenn, Alain Joly, Dino Evangelinos, and Doug Lewis. During 2000, the Committee sanctioned approximately 75 International level III matches. The transition to the 14th Edition rules has not caused any major difficulties. Course designers and match organizers have been very receptive to the suggestions and changes offered by the committee members where stages required modifications.

The Committee's reaction time has steadily improved however, there have been a number of instances recently where Course of Fire approval was done on an "emergency" basis. It is in the best interest of all concerned that match organizers provide the Committee with the necessary forms and stage layouts well in advance of the required date. It is also advisable that the stages be submitted electronically. This is much faster and allows the Committee to make suggested changes directly to the stage drawing and send them back for final review.

Thank you."

Doug Lewis

14) Rifle and Shotgun Committee report

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen, my name is Tim Andersen, Chairman of the Rifle- & Shotgun Committee. The Committee consists of Neil Beverly (GBR), Bob Chittleborough (GBR), Flemming Petersen (NOR), and Peter Glenn (AUS).

We are proud to present to you the two sets of rules you have before you. These rules were developed to make it possible and interesting to introduce and promote rifle & shotgun in the Regions and, not least, to shooters outside the IPSC fraternity.

As always, we invite all Regions to give us their input. I would like to particularly thank Mr. Riccardo Massantini (ITA) for his valuable contribution."

Tim Andersen

12. Motion:

That the Rifle and Shotgun Rules be discussed notwithstanding that this is not an Assembly held in conjunction with a World Championship.

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: Norway

Carried For-31 Against-1 Abstain-0

13. Motion:

That the Rifle rules as submitted be accepted for one year for evaluation.

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-30 Against-2 Abstain-0

14. Motion:

That the Shotgun rules as submitted be accepted for one year for evaluation.

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: United Kingdom

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

15) Rules Review Committee report

A brief report was given by Mr. John Amidon

16) Seminar Committee report

"The Level I Seminar reflecting the changes to the 14 Edition at the Quincy Assembly was completed and forwarded to all the Regions in early 2001. The Level II Seminar is under review now and will be completed around the end of the year."

Doug Lewis

17) Hit Factor Scoring

15. Motion:

That Hit Factor Scoring be discussed notwithstanding that this is not an Assembly held in conjunction with a World Championship.

Moved: Israel
Seconded: Brazil
Carried For-23 Against-9 Abstain-0

16. Motion:

That Hit Factor Scoring be accepted as an additional scoring method for evaluation purposes for a period of one year.

Moved: Switzerland
Seconded: Israel

16A. Motion to Table:

Moved: UK
Seconded: USA
Denied For-9 Against-14 Abstain-0

Motion 16:

Carried For-23 Against-9 Abstain-0

18) International Classification

17. Motion:

That an International Classification System be accepted for evaluation purposes for a period of one year.

Moved: Greece
Seconded: Brazil
Carried For-27 Against-5 Abstain-0

COMPETITIONS

19) World Shoot XIII report

Mr. Johnny Gildenhuis gave a brief update on the progress in respect of WSXIII followed by a small signing ceremony where Mr. Gildenhuis and the IPSC President signed the Level V contract.

20) Australasia Championship

18. Motion:

That the 2004 Australasia Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly

Moved: Hong Kong
Seconded: Netherlands

18A. Motion to Amend

That the 2004 Australasia Championship be held in the Region to be determined at a date not later than December 31, 2001 by electronic vote of all Regions entitled to vote on the venue.

Moved: Hong Kong

Seconded: Philippines
Carried For-23 Against-0 Abstain-0 (no proxies)

21) European Championship

19. Motion:

That the 2004 European Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Belgium

Seconded: Switzerland

Carried For-31 Against-0 Abstain-1

Eighteen Regions were eligible to vote and, after two rounds of balloting, the Czech Republic was declared the successful candidate.

Region: Czech Republic

22) European Shotgun Championship

20. Motion:

That the 2003 European Shotgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Belgium

Carried For-31 Against-0 Abstain-1

Eighteen Regions were eligible to vote and, as there was only one candidate, Italy was declared the successful candidate.

Region: Italy

23) American Handgunner Postal Match.

21. Motion:

That the Assembly wishes to thank the American Handgunner Magazine for it's 2001 coverage of the International Postal match.

Moved: Philippines

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

GENERAL

24) World Forum of Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA) report.

"IPSC can be proud of the WFSA achievements this past year. At the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons held in New York City, July 9 -20, it was clear that the conference had a political agenda to reduce small arms throughout the world, but despite the reference to illicit trade, many countries felt the only solution was to further restrict civilian possession and use of firearms.

Early documentation for the conference contained provisions from an outright ban on civilian possession and restrictions on the numbers and types of firearms that one might possess.

A delegation of WFSA members from around the world was present. Their aim was to ensure recognition of WFSA as the voice of sports shooting, to preserve personal possession and use, and to safeguard the rights of manufacturers. No doubt private ownership and use of firearms would have been included in the final text were it not for the presence of WFSA delegates.”

Nick Alexakos

25) World Shooting Federation (WSF) report.

“The World Shooting Federation has taken a new direction. Starting next July, there will be “World Series” of annual Games around the world.

These new Games will include competitions in several different individual types of shooting disciplines including a Level III IPSC Challenge. They will also offer a major “Shooting Sports Expo” for spectators and non-competitors as well. It will very well be the first such event of its kind in history.

The IPSC Challenge will be a Level III match recognizing six IPSC Divisions: Open, Standard, Production, Revolver, Shotgun, Rifle. All shooters will shoot three stages in each Division. Sponsoring manufacturers will provide the guns and ammunition for Production, Revolver, Shotgun, and Rifle Division stages. Shooters may use their own (or shared) guns and ammunition in Open and Standard Divisions.

The first Games will be held in the United States at PASA Park near Barry, Illinois, June 30 through July 4th, 2002.”

Nick Alexakos

26) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly.

22. Motion:

That the 2002 IPSC General Assembly be held in conjunction with World Shoot XIII.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Philippines

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0

Following the vote, WSXIII Match Director and South African Regional Director Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys advised delegates that the next Assembly would be held on Saturday, 14th September at a venue to be announced.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Non-binding proposed actions for Assembly discussion and direction.

27) Adjournment

23. Motion:

That the 2001 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Philippines

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-0