INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth General Assembly Continental Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia, 9:00 am Saturday, 11 September 2010

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>

Executive Council Present:

IPSC President Mr. Nick Alexakos IPSC Gen. Secretary Mr. Alain Joly IPSC Secretary Mr. Vince Pinto **IPSC 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 by delegates (voting and non-voting): 32

Australia Mr. Gareth Graham Austria Mr. Andreas Stettin Belgium Mr. Yvan Vogels Bosnia-Herzegovina Mr. Damir Delibegovic Bulgaria Mr. Krasimir Mihtiev Croatia

Mr. Dubravko Gvozdanovic

Czech Republic Mr. Roman Sedv Denmark Mr. Tim Andersen Estonia Mr. Dimitri Udras Finland Mr. Taisto Takkumaki France Mr. Alain Joly

Germany Mr. Fritz Gepperth Mr. Ioannis Anastasiou Greece Mr. Ivan Ketler Hungary

Ireland Mr. John Fitzgerald Mr. Nachum Zarzif Israel Ms. Silvia Bussi Italy

Liechtenstein Ms. Stephanie Kieninger Mr. Saulius Rutkauskas Lithuania Monaco Mr. Alain Joly (D)

Mr. Kees Guichelaar Netherlands New Zealand Mr. Matt Weber

Mr. Stanislaw Kweicien Poland

Portugal Mr. Jose Rebelo Romania Dr. Jimmy Barbuti Serbia Col. Spasoje Vulevic Slovak Republic
South Africa
Mr. Jan Palka
Mr. Adnaan Jacobs
Mr. Stefan Ekstedt (D)
Mr. Beat Schmitt (D)
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Mr. Juan Jose Diaz

Voting Regions – Represented by a delegate or a proxy (45):

Regions voting (28) by delegate present: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

Regions voting (17) by written proxy: Argentina, Aruba, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Macau, Malta, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taipei, Thailand, Zimbabwe.

Voting Regions - Unrepresented (6):

Regions with no voting representation: Estonia, Montenegro, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, United States.

2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Mr. Neil Beverley (GBR) Mr. Dimitri Tzimas (GRE)

3) IPSC Executive Council Reports

IPSC President

Good morning and welcome to the 34th Annual General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation.

I would like to thank IPSC Serbia for hosting this General Assembly and for hosting the very prestigious European Handgun Championship. Thank you for making this all possible and for bringing us the Battle of Knights.

I am again pleased to report that in 2009 we continued our upward trend. Regional memberships continue to grow, our Level III match activity last year set a new record, and I can say that this year, we are on track to shatter even that new record. In short, IPSC continues to enjoy an increase in the number of Regions, in individual memberships, and in the number of high-level competitions including dramatic increases in both Shotgun matches and Rifle matches.

I am also proud to say that politics does not drive this organization as it does so many others. Shooting is what drives this organization, and accordingly, IPSC is constantly striving to be better and do better. I heard somewhere that "if you aim at nothing, you will hit your target every time". Our aim has never been clearer or stronger and our direction more unwavering.

We aim at being the Best, the most Exciting, and the most Respected shooting Federation in the world and with your help, we will continue to be the leaders in promoting the recreational, safe use of firearms and in setting the example of the finest gun handling skills in the world as witnessed by the millions upon millions of safe rounds down range every year by our members.

IPSC truly defines 'excellence in shooting.'

And speaking of excellence, every year we surpass our expectations.. and this is largely thanks to the energy and leadership of the Regional Directors. I would like to personally thank all of you for the remarkable achievements and for a job well done.

I also want to thank our volunteers. The very foundation of IPSC is only as strong as our men and women volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent... There is nothing stronger than the spirit and the heart of a volunteer and IPSC owes our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the outstanding men and women who give so freely year in and year out.

I want to thank the Executive Council for their important service to this organization:

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

And likewise, I am proud of the members of the President's Council for their deliberations and their focus. Along with the Executive Council, I could not ask for a better team.

Mr. Tim Andersen (DEN)

Mr. Neil Beverley (GBR)

Mr. Bob Chittleborough (GBR)

Mr. Victor Ferrero (ECU) apologies

Mr. Luiz Frota (BRA) apologies

Mr. Myro Lopez (PHI) apologies

Mr. Michael Voigt (USA) apologies

I want to thank the members of the various committees for their work and to thank our webmaster, Mr. Ian Fachie, who manages the IPSC web site, Mr. Chris Zielinski for his work with WinMSS and ICS, and Mrs. Jayne Moon for her much appreciated help with IROA and IPSC.

In closing, we must keep our aim steady and our target always in focus. Our vision needs to remain clear and firm... and our resolve unshakable.

DVC Nick Alexakos IPSC President

Other individual verbal reports were 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-Third IPSC Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly held at Clark Freeport, the Philippines on 18 October 2009 as circulated to Regions be accepted.

Moved: Australia Seconded: France

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

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 2009 accounts as circulated to Regions be accepted.

Moved: Israel Seconded: Belgium

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

7) Appointment of an auditor

3. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of Fleischer Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Auditors for the 2010 financial year.

Moved: South Africa Seconded: Denmark

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

8) Regional Development Committee Report

A report was given by Chairman Vince Pinto on the work of his committee, which is comprised of Sarath De Zoysa (SRI), Chepit Dulay (PHI), Victor Ferrero (ECU) Fritz Gepperth (GER), Dimitri Tzimas (GRE) and Rico Viljoen (NAM).

9) Ratification of Regions provisionally accepted by the Executive Council

4. Motion

That Channel Islands be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Germany Seconded: Australia

Carried: For-44 Against-1 Abstain-0

5. Motion

That Costa Rica be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Belgium Seconded: Greece

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

6. Motion

That Laos be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Hungary Seconded: Lithuania

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

7. Motion

That Liechtenstein be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Italy Seconded: Germany

<u>Carried:</u> For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

8. Motion

That Peru be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Austria Seconded: Ireland

Carried: For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

10) Final acceptance of Regions provisionally accepted by the Assembly

9. Motion

That Guyana be definitively accepted.

Moved: Greece Seconded: Israel <u>Carried:</u> For-45 Against-0 Abstain-0

10. Motion

That Isle of Man be definitively accepted.

Moved: Ireland Seconded: Germany

Carried: For-44 Against-1 Abstain-0

11. Motion

That Kuwait be definitively accepted.

Moved: Portugal Seconded: Germany

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 as Kuwait had now been accepted as a full Region. Voting numbers will increase by one.

- **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 office immediately (Section 10.8 of the Constitution)
 - 12. Motion withdrawn
 - 13. Motion withdrawn
 - 14. Motion

That Kazakhstan be declared vacant if not in good standing by

31 December, 2010. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Hungary Seconded: Netherlands

<u>Carried:</u> For-45 Against-0 Abstain-1

15. Motion

That St. Lucia be declared vacant if not in good standing by

31December, 2010. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Netherlands Seconded: Belgium

Carried: For-46 Against-0 Abstain-0

12) Annual Regional Status recognition

The IPSC President presented awards to the following Regions in recognition of their performance for the 2009 calendar year:

Top Three Regions Overall: 1st Germany

2nd Philippines

3rd Brazil

Most Improved Region: Puerto Rico

ORGANIZATION

13) IROA Executive Committee Report

IROA President Dino Evangelinos gave an updated report to the Assembly.

14) COF Approval Committee Report

The IPSC President gave an updated report to the Assembly, which included plans for COF Approval and Match Sanctioning to become automated in the near future.

15) Seminar Services Committee Report

Committee Chairman Daan Kemp gave an updated report to the Assembly.

16) Rules Committee report

Rule Committee Chairman Bob Chittleborough gave an overall view of the work of his committee, particularly in respect of giving Course Designers additional flexibility. He then invited each Technical Director to give their reports.

16a) Rifle Technical Director's report

Mr. Tim Andersen stated that he is investigating the possibility of proposing a 22LR Mini-Rifle Division, and a separate 10 round Manual Action Division for consideration at the 2011 Assembly.

16b) Shotgun Technical Director's report

Mr. Neil Beverley stated he was reviewing a number of issues, including the general image for IPSC Shotgun, and other issues related to ammunition. Those items and the future of Modified Division are to be decided by the 2011 Assembly.

16c) Handgun Technical Director's report

Mr. Vince Pinto stated that he has minor tweaks to improve the readability and application of the rules, and a handful of new rules. He also added that the possibility of Modified Division being deleted and replaced by a "Single-Stack" Division, as well as a proposal to abandon Standard Exercises, Virginia Count and Fixed Time, would also be presented to the 2011 Assembly for consideration.

17) WinMSS Committee Report

No report was available.

18) Communications & Media Committee Report

The IPSC President introduced the new Communications and Media Director, Mr. Marco Hernandez. He and Mr. Trevor Stooke, jointly gave an audio-visual presentation of the upcoming revamped IPSC Website and features of 'My IPSC World' including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and a periodical digital magazine, 'IPSCWorld.'

COMPETITIONS

19) 2011 World Shoot XVI update, Greece

An audio-visual presentation was given by IPSC Greece Regional Director Mr. Ioannis Anastasiou.

20) 2012 African Handgun Championship update, Zimbabwe

In the absence of a delegate from IPSC Zimbabwe, a report was not given.

21) 2012 European Rifle Championship update, Bulgaria

A brief report was given by the delegate from IPSC Bulgaria.

22) 2012 Pan American Handgun Championship update, Paraguay

In the absence of a delegate from IPSC Paraguay, a report was not given.

23) 2012 Shotgun World Shoot I

An audio-visual presentation was given by IPSC Hungary Regional Director Mr. Ivan Ketler.

16. Motion

That the 2012 Shotgun World Shoot be hosted in the Region of Hungary

Moved: Finland Seconded: Denmark

Carried: For-46 Against-0 Abstain-0

24) 2012 South East Asian Handgun Championship

17. Motion

That the 2012 SEA Handgun Championship be hosted by the Region to be determined by a vote of this Assembly (AustralAsian Regions only to vote).

Motion deferred.

25) 2013 European Handgun Championship

18. Motion

That the 2013 European Handgun Championship be hosted in the Region of Portugal (European Regions only to vote)

Moved: Israel Seconded: Ireland

Carried: For-27 Against-0 Abstain-0

26) 2013 Australasian Handgun Championship

19. Motion

That the 2013 Australasian Handgun Championship be hosted in the Region of New Zealand (AustralAsian Regions only to vote)

Moved: Austria Seconded: Israel

Carried: For-11 Against-0 Abstain-0

27) 2013 Latin American Handgun Championship

20. Motion

That the 2013 Latin American Handgun Championship be hosted in the Region to be determined by a vote of this Assembly (Pan-Am Regions only to vote)

Motion deferred.

28) 2013 African 3 Gun Championship

21. Motion

That the 2013 African 3 Gun Championship be hosted in the Region to be determined by a vote of this Assembly (African Regions only to vote)

Motion deferred.

29) 2013 Pan American Shotgun Championship

22. Motion

That the 2013 Pan American Shotgun Championship be hosted in the Region to be determined by a vote of this Assembly (Pan-Am Regions only to vote)

Motion deferred.

30) 2013 Rifle World Shoot

23. Motion

That the 2013 Rifle World Shoot be hosted in the Region of Norway.

Motion withdrawn.

GENERAL

31) Date and place of next IPSC Assembly

24. Motion

That the 2011 Assembly be held in Rhodes, Greece, in conjunction with Handgun World Shoot XVI.

Moved: Belgium Seconded: Portugal

Carried: For-46 Against-0 Abstain-0

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Non-binding items for Assembly discussion.

- 32) That this Assembly debates a Sub Junior Category for shooters under the age of 16 years.
- 33) That this Assembly debates a Special Super Senior Category for shooters over the age of 70.

With no comment from the floor, the IPSC President offered to refer the above matters to the President's Council for discussion.

- 34) That this Assembly debates whether any proxy document supplied or made available by IPSC for the use of Regional Directorates should contain voting recommendations (e.g. crosses).
- 35) That this Assembly debates whether the current procedure and timetable as set out in the IPSC Constitution for issuing Provisional and Final Agendas for IPSC Assemblies would be of more benefit to Regions if changed.

The Regional Director of the United Kingdom read a short statement to address Items 34 and 35 which were submitted by him. With no comment from the floor, the IPSC President offered to refer the above matters to the President's Council for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

36. Motion

That the 2010 IPSC Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Denmark

Seconded: Italy

Carried: For-46 Against-0 Abstain-0