



MINUTES OF THE 2012 IMSSU ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 4 APRIL 2012 IN CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

The President declared the meeting open at 08.20pm and welcomed all Delegates

Present

Rob Boutcher – President
Jean-Pierre Beurtheret – Secretary
David Dewsbury – Australia
Michel Boulanger – France
Johan Venter – Namibia
Zelma Burger – Namibia
Ron Bain – USA
Rodney Wood – USA
Birger Glosimot – Norway
Rauno Arvas – Finland
Sami Makela – Finland
Casper Doppen – Netherlands
Joep van Hoof – Netherlands
Sigrid Schuh – Germany
Wulf Post – Germany
Ludy Starke – South Africa
Phillip de Lange – South Africa

Apologies

Austria – proxy to France
Brazil
Czech Republic - proxy to Australia
Denmark
Hungary
Ireland – proxy to Germany
New Zealand
Sweden – proxy to Norway
Switzerland – proxy to Finland

1 President's Report

The President advised that as there had been no Meetings of the Council since the last General Assembly in 2010 there was nothing to report on the affairs of the Council. There had only been the day to day running of the IMSSU. He advised that the General Secretary would be giving an update on Greece, Thailand, Malta and Spain.

2 General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary advised that the IMSSU is now 20 years old. Whilst it is still active the number of silhouette shooters have been dwindling for some years. Our aim must be to keep our competitors and to also gain new ones. We must work towards achieving that goal.

I had received and replied to inquiries about the IMSSU from Greece and Thailand. I had several exchanges with Greece, but have had no news for some months. I guess that the Greeks have, unfortunately, other problems to cope with just now. Nothing further has been received from Thailand.

Just before leaving for these Championships I received an email from Spain requesting information about the IMSSU, with the reply to be "preferably in Spanish".

Two years ago, Malta asked for some time to pay their annual fees because there was the possibility of them leaving the IMSSU. I received their payment two weeks ago.

3 Financial Report

Mutual funds investment: 50,468.75 €

Bank account: 3,250.21 €.

Total amount: 53,718.96 €.

Expenses of the last two years:

Delegates meal 2010: 453 €.

IMSSU web site: 2,730.50 € (October 2010) + 1463 € (July 2011).

Replacement of the General Secretary computer: 350 €.

Bank fees: 55 € + 16.89 €.

IMSSU web site provider annual fees: 71.76 €.

We will have to add to these expenses the refund of the President's trip to the Assembly for 2010 and 2012 and the 2012 Delegates meal.

4 Approval of the accounts

South Africa proposed that the financial report be approved. It was seconded by Australia.

The financial report was approved unanimously.

5 Renewal of Council

As there were more vacancies than nominations the President proposed that, with the agreement of the Meeting, the 11 nominated members are approved.

The Meeting unanimously agreed and the 11 nominated members were declared elected to Council:

BOUTCHER	Rob	Australia
DE LANGE	Phillip	South Africa
DEWSBURY	David	Australia
GLOSIMOT	Birger	Norway
KOUKAL	Klara	Czech Republic
LAMPRECHT	Peter	Austria
MÄKELÄ	Sami	Finland
SCHUH	Sigrid	Germany
STARKE	Ludy	South Africa
THEELEN	Harrie	Netherlands
ZWIAUER	Ernst	Austria

6 The Chairperson advised that Point 6 of the Agenda would be withdrawn as it does not comply with the Statutes.

7 Election of the President

Jean-Pierre Beurtheret proposed Rob Boutcher. This was unanimously approved.

8 Election of 6 Vice Presidents

The following members were elected as vice presidents:

1. Ludy Starke South Africa
2. Phillip de Lange South Africa
3. David Dewsbury Australia
4. Birger Glosimot Norway
5. Sami Mäkelä Finland
6. Sigrid Schuh Germany

9 Election of a Vice President appointed to oversee the financial matters.

Sigrid Schuh was the only nomination and was unanimously declared elected.

10 Location of the headquarters of the Union:

The General Secretary advised that the IMSSU Official Headquarters were at the FFTir. The FFTir had moved to a new address and to comply with the Statutes the new address needed to be noted. The meeting unanimously approved the change of address.

IMSSU Headquarters:

FFTir - IMSSU
38, rue Brunel
75017 PARIS
FRANCE

11 Membership fees:

The recommendation that there be no change to the membership fees was approved unanimously. The fees remain at €1.25 per member with a minimum of €60 and a maximum of €600. The Member Country sponsoring the World Championships must also refund 5% of the Entry fees to the IMSSU.

12 Sporting rules modifications (all the modifications voted will be effective as of January 1st, 2013):

12.1. Increase in number of events:

Many proposals, submitted very late, were received regarding increasing the number of events. The President suggested that these proposals not be discussed at this meeting as not enough time had been given for member countries to consider these matters. There are already 14 matches and increasing the number of events needs to be considered very carefully. Norway submitted a motion that all proposals received for this Assembly regarding the introduction of new matches be left to the Council to discuss and decide upon. Australia seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

12.2. Big Bore Rifle events:

The President advised that there were problems with the Big Bore Rifle events where a 500m range was not available. He recommended that all the proposals regarding the Big Bore Rifle issue be treated as a whole at this point in the meeting. The Meeting agreed. Following lengthy discussion about the size of the ranges, the size of the targets, the distances to be used, etc, the following proposal was unanimously approved. If a Country nominating to sponsor the World Championships has no 500 meter range to shoot the Big Bore Rifle events, a substitute event will be organized. The Big Bore Rifle events will be shot on the 200 meter pistol range using ½ scale (Field Pistol) silhouettes. The chickens will be set at 100m, the pigs at 150m and the turkeys and rams at 200m. Except for the targets and the distances, the matches will be shot according to the IMSSU Big Bore Rifle rules.

The following paragraph will be added to the "General Technical Rules for all rifle events" in "Section V: Shooting procedures":

If no 500 metres range is available in the Member Country sponsoring the World Championships, a substitute event will be organized for the Big Bore Rifle on the 200 meters Big Bore Pistol range. The Big Bore Rifle events will be shot by the Big Bore Rifle Rules except that ½ scale (Field Pistol) silhouettes will be used at the following distances:

- *Chickens set at 100 meters.*
- *Pigs set at 150 meters.*
- *Turkey set at 200 meters.*
- *Rams set at 200 meters.*

12.3. Separate World Championships for Handgun and Rifle events:

Following discussions, the motion to split the World Championships into separate Pistol and Rifle Championships was deemed to be divisive and against the spirit and Statutes of the IMSSU by the Assembly. Many member countries also felt that it would lead to the death of the rifle disciplines.

The motion was lost through majority vote.

12.4. Adopting NRA rules for the Big Bore Hunting Rifle:

Following discussions and after listening to the comments from the US Delegate, this proposal was seen as favouring the equipment race and possibly disadvantaging new shooters.

Following further discussions the motion was lost through majority vote.

12.5. Banning Dioptre sights in Small Bore Handgun Production and Revolver events:

The proposal was discussed at some length. It was pointed out that if the proposal was adopted it could lead to losing some shooters who preferred using diopters in Small Bore.

The motion was carried by majority vote.

From 1 January 2013 the Small Bore Handgun Production and Revolver events will be limited to post and notch sights (as per Big Bore Pistol).

12.6. Banning Dioptre sights in Small Bore Handgun Standing event:

Following discussions the motion was lost by majority vote.

12.7. Allow Dioptre sights in Field Pistol Production:

Following discussions the motion was lost by majority vote

According to point 12.5/6/7, modification of the "General Technical Rules for all handguns categories", "Section II: Production rules":

Diopters are not allowed on pistols used in Production events for the Big Bore Pistol categories (Revolver, Production and Standing), as well as in the Small Bore Production and Revolver categories and the Field Pistol Production category.

Diopters are allowed only in the Small Bore Standing category and the Field Pistol Any Sights category.

12.8. Allow all kinds of aftermarket barrels on T/C Contender, G2 and Encore frames. Allow Anschütz Exemplar barrels to be shortened to fit the Production rule.

Following discussions the motion was carried unanimously.

Modification of the "General Technical Rules for all handguns categories", "Section II: Production rules":

All brands of replacement barrels are allowed for the T/C Contenders, the G2, the Encore and the Encore Pro Hunter, plus longer genuine or after market T/C barrels cut back to 10" $\frac{3}{4}$, provided that they conform to the same materials, twist rate and profile.

Anschütz Exemplars with 10 inches and 14 inches barrels can be shortened to 7.5 inches to be used in Production categories.

12.9. Modification of the Production Rule:

The proposal to remove the requirement that a pistol could not be considered for Production until it had been available for 1 year and at least 30 pieces had been made was discussed at some length. It was agreed the requirement was impossible to enforce and should be deleted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Modification of the "General Technical Rules for all handguns categories", "Section II: Production rules", paragraph "A. Production Pistol":

A. Production Pistol

The following sentence:

"A pistol which has been in Production for at least one year and is or was a catalogue item readily available to the general public, with a proven manufacture of at least 30, with open/aperture sights."

Is replaced by:

"A pistol which, with its technical specifications, is readily available to the general public."

12.10. Use Half scale Field Pistol targets for Big Bore Handgun Unlimited event (minimum calibre of 6mm/.243)

Following discussions the motion was carried unanimously.

Modification of the "General Technical Rules for all handguns categories", "Section III: Unlimited", paragraph "B: Unlimited cartridges":

B. Unlimited Cartridges

a) Big bore:

The sentence *"No other limitations"* is replaced by *"For the Unlimited event, which is shot on 1/2 scale targets, the minimum calibre is 6mm (0.243)"*.

Modification of the "Special Technical Rules for the Big Bore Pistol Category", paragraph "B: Targets specifications":

The following sentence is added.

"For the Unlimited event, 1/2 scale (Field Pistol) targets will be used".

Modification of the "Special Technical Rules for the Big Bore Pistol Category", paragraph "D: Rams":

The following sentence is added.

"This rule does not apply to 1/2 scale rams used for the Unlimited event".

12.11. Use Small Bore Rifle targets for Small Bore Handgun Unlimited event.

Following discussions the motion was carried with majority vote.

Modification of the "Special Technical Rules for the Small Bore Pistol Category", paragraph "B: Target specifications":

The following sentence is added.

"For the Unlimited event, the Small Bore Rifle targets will be used".

12.12. Utilise existing IMSSU funds to sponsor member countries hosting the World Championships:

Details of the motion:

The IMSSU to provide the possibility to sponsor the Member country hosting the World Championships if required. To receive financial assistance, the applicant Member country must be the hosting country for the Championships accepted by the IMSSU Assembly. A detailed written submission must be submitted to the IMSSU Council for decision at least one year before the date set for the Championships. Funds will only be released after the expense has

been justified by way of paid invoices etc.). The maximum amount which can be granted is 5000 €.

Following discussions the motion was passed unanimously.

12.13. Proposal to allow more than one team per aggregate

Following discussions the motion was lost through majority vote.

13 Application to host 2014 World Championship:

The Czech Republic was the only application received by the closing date.

The application was carried unanimously.

14 Miscellaneous questions:

South Africa stated they believed that the Air Rifle and Air Pistol Rules adopted at the 2010 Assembly had been incorrectly minuted.

Finland agreed and stated they believed the NRA rules were adopted. The meeting agreed that the NRA Rules had been adopted.

The correct distances are:

For Air rifles:

- Chickens - 18 meters.
- Pigs - 27 meters.
- Turkeys – 33 meters.
- Rams - 41 meters.

For Air pistols:

- Chickens - 10 meters.
- Pigs – 12 meters.
- Turkeys – 15 meters.
- Rams - 18 meters.

The meeting concluded: 11.40pm

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IMSSU President

Jean-Pierre BEURTHÉRET
IMSSU General Secretary

