

IMSSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Minutes of Meeting
9th April 2004 – Bloemfontein, South Africa

1. The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and all delegates and Council Members were welcomed by the President.

2. **Attendance**

President	Jan Linsley
Australia	Rob Boutcher, Allan Murray (Observer)
Austria	Heinz Krenn
Czech Republic	Jaroslav Jůn, Petra Simkova
Finland	Toni Kelo, Esko Lempola
France	Michel Boulanger, Jean-Pierre Beurtheret
Germany	Gerhard Stern, Friedrich Gepperth
Ireland	Nicholas Flood
Namibia	Anton Bredell, Morné Malan
Netherlands	Joep Van Hoof, Michel Bouts
South Africa	Ludy Starke, Tim Inman
Sweden	Lars-Erik Eriksson, Bengt Nilsson
USA	Ray Schnarre, Manny Melendrez
Zimbabwe	Ron Speight

3. **Apologies:** Sami Mäkelä (Finland)

4. **President's Report** – a written report was submitted and adopted.

5. **General Secretary's Report** – a verbal report was given. Regret was expressed that Jan Linsley was no longer able to be President. IMSSU is going well. In asking for modifications to our rules, proposals were requested. Very few answers contained general proposals for the overall good of the sport. Most of the proposals were only about particular points that concerned the country proposing them. There was nothing concerning the overall good of the rules and the future of IMSSU.

At the end of the meeting during miscellaneous questions, Jean-Pierre would like to speak about international referees, because of the particular problems encountered with gun certification. International shooters were involved in gun certification at recent international events and conflicts occurred. Gun certification should involve only host country members. International referees may solve the problem.

6. **Financial Report**

6.1 The financial report was presented by the General Secretary. The only expenses from IMSSU were the creation of the IMSSU website and the IMSSU meeting expenses from 2002.

6.2 The bank balance is currently €1804.05 and €25,857.70 in the mutual fund. In addition, the loan of €8014.00 is to be returned by SAMSSA.

6.3 Tim Inman advised that he had obtained sponsorship for the website over the past two years.

6.4 The mutual fund is managed by the bank and is a money market account. The return is 3 or 4%

7. **Vote for renewal of the Council.**

7.1 There were 12 candidates for 12 positions.

Sami Mäkelä	Finland
Rob Boutcher	Australia
Ron Speight	Zimbabwe
Shanaka Perera	Sri Lanka
Ivan Chmelik	Czech Republic
Gerhard Stern	Germany
Joop van Hoof	Netherlands
Nicholas Flood	Ireland
Declan Keogh	Ireland
Michel Boulanger	France
Tim Inman	South Africa
Ludy Starke	South Africa

7.2 All were declared elected.

8. Heinz Krenn moved adoption of the financial report, thanking Michel Boulanger and the FFTir. The motion was seconded by Manny Melendrez and **CARRIED**.

9. **Nominations for President**

9.1 Rob Boutcher was nominated by Michel Boulange Francer, seconded by Ludy Starke South Africa.

9.2 There being no further nominations Rob was declared elected.

9.3 Thanks were expressed to Jan Linsley for her term and regret expressed for her inability to continue.

10. **Election of Vice Presidents** (4 required for a total of 6)

10.1 Nominations were received for

Sami Mäkelä
Ludy Starke
Ivan Chmelik
Gerhard Stern
Nicholas Flood

10.2 As a result of a ballot, the following were elected

Ludy Starke
Sami
Gerhard Stern
Ivan Chmelik

11. **Annual Membership Fee:**

11.1 Fees remain at USD\$2 per member with a minimum of USD\$100 and a maximum of USD\$1000 plus 5% of the nomination fees received by the host country. Motion proposed by Germany, seconded by South Africa and **CARRIED**.

12. Medals were returned as a result of the positive drug test in 2002.

13. **Guidelines for Loans**

- 13.1 There was general agreement that IMSSU is not a bank and therefore there should be no guidelines for loans, but rather an examination of a loan application if such should arise.
- 13.2 There was further discussion on the legal aspects of lending money internationally. This will be further examined.

14. **Modifications to the Rules** – Much discussion took place on the following:

- 14.1 Production rule – no change
- 14.2 Certification boxes – no boxes
- 14.3 Handgun sights allowable – new rule

GTR All Handguns, Section II Production Rules, Point 3:

“Replacement of sights with after market sights is allowed. Adaptor blocks for after market sights are allowed. The height between the centerline of the bore and the center of the front sight or the highest point of a blade may not be more than 50 mm. Drilling and tapping for sights is allowed. No part of the sight including the sunshade or hood, may extend beyond the toe of the stock (refer to the drawing). The sights may be painted or smoked to suit the competitor. This includes painting of sight setting marks.”

- 14.4 Allowing diopters for particular events.

Toni Kelo Finland, moved that diopters be allowed in every category with a warning about breakage of sights and danger of recoil in big bore events, seconded by Esko Lempola Finland. **Motion LOST.**

Tim Inman South Africa moved that diopters be allowed only .22 rimfire and .22 centrefire Field Pistol cartridge events, seconded by Friedrich Gepperth Germany. **Motion CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3.45 p.m.

- 14.5 Target sizes and minimum calibres in unlimited Big Bore Pistol – no rule change
- 14.6 Target sizes in unlimited Small Bore Pistol – no rule change
- 14.7 Allow muzzle breaks – no
- 14.8 Classes for World Championships – it was resolved that there would be no classes at World Championships.
- 14.9 Sights in Field Pistol Any Sights – no rule change
- 14.10 Allow only straight walled cartridges for Big Bore Revolver - no rule change
- 14.11 Replacement barrels for T/C Contenders – An addition to the rules “All brands of replacement barrels are allowed for T/C Contenders plus longer genuine Contender barrels cut back to 10” provided that they conform to the same materials, twist rate and profile.”
- 14.12 Adding air pistol and air rifle events to our rules – no change to our rules, though members are encouraged to introduce air events in their own countries.
- 14.13 Creation of a Standing Aggregate (Small and Big Bore Pistol plus two Field Pistol events) – yes.
- 14.14 Maximum weight for a small bore light rifle –
Ray Schnarre USA moved an increase in weight limit of the small bore light rifle to 8 lbs. or 3.64 kgs., seconded by Nicholas Flood Ireland. **Motion LOST.**
The weight limit will remain as is.

- 14.15 Tim Inman South Africa moved that IMSSU adopts World Anti-Doping Association regulations as soon as they are available, seconded by Friedrich Gepperth Germany and **CARRIED.**
- 14.16 Light Rifles used in silhouette rifle events – Clarify the rifle to read “A rifle which meets the Big Bore Hunting Rifle (and Small Bore Light Rifle) specifications may also be used in the Big Bore Silhouette Rifle event, even if this rifle does not meet the dimensional specifications required for the Silhouette event.”
- 14.17 Allow barrels in small bore rifle to be changed when they wear out – Add to the Small Bore Light Rifle rules “Any replacement barrel must be an original factory barrel manufactured for that model rifle.”
- 14.18 Reduce rifle time to 2 minutes – no rule change
- 14.19 Establishment of official IMSSU shooting records – it was agreed to investigate the matter further but include only World Championships.
- 14.20 Shooting Revolver events standing and not freestyle – no rule change
15. **New Member** – Namibia was welcomed to the meeting.
- 15.1 Anton Bredell spoke on behalf of Namibia’s application to join IMSSU.
- 15.2 As a result of a vote, Namibia was welcomed to membership of IMSSU and will forward their Constitution as soon as possible.
16. **2006 World Championships**
- 16.1 Submissions to be in by 31st July 2004. Ireland and South Africa are both interested.
- 16.2 The USA will have a firm proposal for the 2008 World Championships.
17. **Miscellaneous Questions**
- 17.1 It was suggested that a Referees Committee be established, the cost to be borne by IMSSU and the host country. The matter will be investigated further and proposals circulated to every country.
- 17.2 There was discussion on hits on targets. The rules will remain as they are now.
- 17.3 Filters are not allowed in diopters.
- 17.4 Ireland apologized for the offensive email sent to SAMSSA from one of its shooters.
- 17.5 The USA asked delegates to encourage the Mexican organization to join IMSSU. Manny Melendrez will forward details. Canada will likewise be encouraged.
- 17.6 Email programs need to be set to allow them to receive attachments from IMSSU and to request a reply for emails sent.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 p.m.

Rob BOUTCHER
President



Jean-Pierre BEURTHÉRET
General Secretary

