

IMSSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of Meeting

12th July 2008 – Heinola, Finland

Amended version

1. **Opening** - The meeting commenced at 9.20pm and all delegates and Council Members were welcomed by the President.
He advised of the recent untimely death of Vice President, Heinz Krenn, from Austria and paid a verbal tribute to Heinz. He advised that Heinz had been a founding delegate of the IMSSU and had been a great ambassador for Metallic Silhouette shooting. He had held the position of Vice-President for many years and for the past few years had been the Vice-President charged with over sighting the accounts. The meeting rose for a minute's silence in memory of Heinz.
2. **Attendance**

President	Rob Boutcher
General Secretary	Jean-Pierre Beurtheret
Australia	Rob Boutcher, David Dewsbury
Austria	Walter Binder, Peter Lamprecht
Czech Republic	Zdenek Vejvoda, Lubos Cyprich
Finland	Sami Mäkelä, Esko Lempola
France	Michel Boulanger, Jean-Pierre Beurtheret
Germany	Marcela Dreilich, Ludwig Dreilich, Sigrid Schuh
Ireland	John Naghten, Matthew Canning,
Norway	Birger Glosimot, Egil Helgheim
South Africa	Phillip De Lange, Sarel Swanepoel
Sweden	Moritz Isaksson, Tom Jonsson
Switzerland	Bernhard Paolini, Heinrich Pfenninger
Italy	Proxy to France
3. **Apologies:** Malta
4. **President's Report** – a verbal report was given by the President, Rob Boutcher. There have been no new applications for membership since 2006. Membership numbers are at best, static. He encouraged the delegates to assist their clubs to encourage new shooters into the sport.
5. **General Secretary's Report** – The General Secretary presented a verbal report. Shanaka Perrera from Sri Lanka has resigned from his position in Sri Lanka and nothing further has been heard from Sri Lanka.
6. **Financial Report**
 - 6.1 The financial report was presented by the General Secretary.
 - 6.2 We have €48,000 invested and €1,500 in the working account. Less than €700 has been spent in the last two years on membership cards and updated computer software. Approximately €4000 is paid by members in IMSSU fees every two years.
 - 6.3 Hungary fees are unpaid, but a recent email indicates that these will be paid soon.
7. **Vote for renewal of the Council.**
 - 7.1 There were 11 nominations received for 13 positions.

Ivan Chmelik	Czech Republic
Michel Boulanger	France
Sigrid Schuh	Germany
John Naghten	Ireland

Matthew Canning	Ireland
Birger Glosimot	Norway
Henry Theelen	The Netherlands
Rob Boutcher	Australia
Sami Mäkelä	Finland
Phillip De Lange	South Africa
Ludy Starke	South Africa

7.2 The meeting agreed that all nominees be declared elected.

8. Election of the President

8.1 Rob Boutcher's nomination for President was confirmed. The meeting agreed that he be declared elected.

9. Election of Five Vice-Presidents:

9.1 Nominations were received for Sami Mäkelä, Sigrid Schuh, Birger Glosimot, Ludy Starke, Ivan Chmelik

9.2 The meeting agreed that all be declared elected.

10. Vice President in charge of Finances:

Nominations were received for Sigrid Schuh and Sami Mäkelä. A ballot was conducted and Sigrid Schuh was declared elected.

11. IMSSU Fees:

11.1 The proposal was put to change the fees from USD to Euros. Following discussions, the proposal was **confirmed** by a vote of the Council.

11.2 The proposed annual fees for IMSSU membership were €1.25 per silhouette shooter with a minimum of €60 and a maximum of €600. The fees proposed were **confirmed** by a vote of the Council.

12. Creation of a Squad of Referees:

12.1 The proposal to establish a squad of referees was discussed at some length.

12.2 A vote by a show of hands revealed the proposal was **lost**.

13. Modification of Sporting Rules:

13.1 Australia: Addition to the General Technical Rules all handguns. E) Unavailability of parts for discontinued handguns – end of first paragraph. Add If the actual composition of the material of the original part is either unknown or is unavailable through normal commercial channels then a replacement part may be manufactured from material that is of the nearest composition to the original part. For example, if the original part was a cast alloy then it could be replaced with a part manufactured from aluminium.

13.1.1 A vote by a show of hands **carried** the proposal.

13.2 France: The Unlimited event will be shot on half scale targets. The minimum caliber to be used is 6mm.

13.2.1 After considerable discussion, a vote was taken about shooting Unlimited on half scale targets. The proposal was **lost**. The calibre question was therefore ruled as redundant.

13.3 Modification of the rules about clothing in the Rifle events and Standing pistol events.
Rifle:

c) Clothing:

Commercial type trap and skeet vests (sleeveless) and shotgun shooting shirts are permitted as well as clothing normally suitable for existing climatic conditions.

Shooting clothing (vests, pants, shoes, etc) are not allowed. Unnecessarily heavy clothing, or anything on the person that would provide artificial support, such as clothing having excess padding or stiffening material, or is excessively tight or which restricts or support the body in the shooting position (including accessories worn under the clothing), may not be worn. Vests or clothes that may be considered or construed to be unnecessarily heavy, or tight, or to provide artificial support are permitted if they can be closed over a gauge made of 101.6 mm (4") thin wall PVC pipe, not less than 762 mm (30") in length, passed through the entire length of the vest. The vest must also be opened or vented from the bottom edge to a point 50.8 mm (2") above the summit of the crest of the hipbone. The same rules to apply to the handgun Standing events.

13.3.1 A vote **carried** the proposal.

13.4 Low sided shoes should be worn. Any high-sided type shoes (such as rifle, basketball or ski boots etc.) which cover the ankle bone or could give support are not permitted.

13.4.1 Following discussions, where it was pointed out that climatic condition may preclude the use of shoes and that also the current Rules regarding artificial support covered the subject, the proposal was **withdrawn**.

13.5 Ireland: To increase the weight of the Small Bore light rifle from 7lb 11oz 220grs to 8lb 8oz.

13.5.1 Following discussions, a vote **carried** the proposal.

13.6 Germany: We should continue the shooting class system with maybe classes defined by shooters age?

13.6.1 The proposal was ruled out of order by the President as there are no Classes at the IMSSU World Championships.

13.7 To introduce a technical committee.

13.7.1 Following discussions, the proposal was **withdrawn**.

13.8 Introduction of Scope Disciplines

Big Bore Category – introduce BBP Production Any Sight and BBP Standing Any Sight.

13.8.1 The item was discussed with a view to the future of silhouette shooting but not proceeded with.

13.9 Small Bore Category - To introduce the disciplines SBP Any Sight beside the SBP Traditional.

13.9.1 The item was discussed with a view to the future of silhouette shooting but not proceeded with.

13.10 Introduction of new disciplines

Air gun disciplines

Black powder disciplines

Field Pistol with standard short barrelled handguns (FP Standard)

Silhouette shooting with lever action rifles

13.10.1 The item was discussed with a view to the future of silhouette shooting. The President advised that individual countries were free to introduce new matches and that Australia already had rules for Air Pistol.

13.10.2 Those countries already shooting these matches are asked to send their rules to Jean-Pierre Beurtheret by 12th October for distribution.

13.11 Switzerland: To change the frequency of the World Championships to a 3 year or 4 year cycle.

13.11.1 Following discussions, the proposal was **withdrawn**.

14. IMSSU Website

14.1 The General Secretary stated that the IMSSU website is not being properly maintained. He proposed to have the website properly designed and moved to a commercial provider. Design for the site will cost approximately €5000. Our domain name (IMSSU.org) has cost €50 for 2 years.

14.2 The proposal to pay for design and maintenance of the website was voted and **carried**.

14.3 Finland proposed that the designer of the Finnish website be asked to quote. They believed that it might be possible at a cost of less than €1000 for design. Following discussions, all countries were invited to investigate in their own countries for quotes and forward them to the General Secretary.

14.4 Switzerland proposed expenditure to a maximum of €5000. The proposal was **carried**.

14.5 The Council agreed to decide on the various quotes by 30th September 2008.

15. 2010 World Championships:

15.1 An application was received from South Africa to conduct these Championships on the Atlantis range near Cape Town. They advised that the range needed to have a cover built over the firing line and were very optimistic that this would be done in time. However, if, due to circumstances beyond their control, the Atlantis range was not ready, the range at Bloemfontein could be used.

15.2 Following discussions South Africa was **confirmed** as the venue for 2010.

16. Miscellaneous Questions

16.1 Introduction of a Veteran Class.

16.1.1 The matter was referred to a future meeting, to be proposed in detail. National Federations can always introduce such classes.

16.2 Rule changes apply from 1st January 2009. IMSSU rules apply to the European Championships.

17. The President thanked Finland for hosting the 2008 Championships.

18. The President thanked Council members for their input into a harmonious and fruitful meeting and declared the meeting closed at 11.45pm.



President



General Secretary