



MINUTES OF THE AETSM GENERAL ASSEMBLY Decin (CZECH REPUBLIC) – 26 July 2009

List of the delegates attending the meeting:

BEURTHERET	Jean-Pierre	FRANCE	
BOULANGER	Michel	FRANCE	
CANNING	Matthew	IRELAND	
CHMELIK	Ivan	CZECK REPUBLIC	
GERARDS	John	NETHERLANDS	
ISAKSSON	Moritz	SWEDEN	
LAMPRECHT	Peter	AUSTRIA	
LEMPOLA	Esko	FINLAND	
LINDBERG	Christian	SWEDEN	
NAGHTEN	John	IRELAND	
SCHUH	Christian	GERMANY	
SCHUH	Sigrid	GERMANY	
VAN DORT	Willem	NETHERLANDS	
ZWIAUER	Ernst	AUSTRIA	
BOUTCHER	Rob	AUSTRALIA	Observer
DEWSBURY	David	AUSTRALIA	Observer

The Assembly begins at 9h00.

The General Secretary asks if the Assembly agrees Rob BOUTCHER and David DEWSBURY to attend the Assembly as observers. The Assembly agrees.

1) President's report:

Silhouette shooting survived till now, but there is the same number of entries in 2009 than in 2005. There is no progression. The results are good and of a high level, but there are not enough newcomers. Big bore rifle ranges are missing, gun laws are restrictive. We must promote the sport through new events, attract young people, create airgun events, promote events shot with "out of the box" pistols.

2) General Secretary's report.

I fully agree with the President speech. First of all, I am glad to see that almost all the AETSM member countries have shooters attending these Championships and that our friends from down under made the trip for the World Cup.

We are still alive.

There is a European member country from which I don't know exactly what they are becoming. It is Hungary. They have not yet paid the 2003 European Championships fees and I think we can forget about it. They paid their annual fees since then except for 2008. Fery KOVACS is still there. He reads

my mails and sometimes answers them but I cannot get precise information about their national silhouette association. Hope to get more in the future.

We will have to treat two subjects in the coming months. At AETSM level of course but also at IMSSU level.

The first is the dioptre issue. In France, many shooters complain about the use of dioptres and I understand that this issue is discussed in others countries. The dioptres were first used in the standing events. Some people already objected that due to the use of dioptres and to the shooting position, this was more short rifle shooting than pistol shooting. Since then the situation worsened. Dioptres are used in freestyle. The shooters use the prone position. They have pistols with special short grips, half the dimension of the width of the palm of the hand. Such grips are unusable say in standing or Creedmoor position. There is not enough purchase. But in prone, they allow to firmly setting the hand on the ground without risking the grip to contact the ground. And the shooters firmly press the dioptres against the protection glasses. Should it be possible to screw the dioptre into the eye socket, they would do it. This way, they are completely locked in shooting position. It is really more bench rested short rifle shooting than pistol shooting. And it is true that scores amazingly improved using this technique and with no great practice. Some people say it will kill the sport. Anyway, we will have to take position. There are several possibilities:

- Do nothing.
- Change something. Following this option we can manage to forbid dioptres in all Production events or maybe only in freestyle Production events. It is something we will have to discuss about in the coming months.

The second subject is the introduction of air gun events. Austria and Germany would be glad to have such events introduced at European level to begin with. Usually, rules changes are made at IMSSU level but why not to begin in Europe. We will discuss that at the end of the meeting in the miscellaneous questions. Of course, we will have not enough time this morning to design a set of rules. But we can decide how to work and communicate on the subject in the coming months. The important thing is to keep it simple.

3) Vote for the renewal of the Council:

There are five candidates for five seats.

Are elected:

Jean-Pierre BEURTHERET
Ivan CHMELIK
Esko LEMPOLA
Bernhard PAOLINI
Sigrid SCHUH

4) Election of the President and the General Secretary by the Council:

The candidates are:

- For the Presidency: Mr CHMELIK
- For the General Secretariat: Mr BEURTHERET

Both candidates are elected.

5) Election of the Vice President responsible for overlooking the financial management by the Council:

Mrs SCHUH is candidate and is elected.

6) Report from the Vice-President responsible for overlooking the financial management:

Sigrid SCHUH approves the accounts.

Current situation:

Bank account: 4 704.33 € (30/06/2009).

Mutual funds : 16 244.46 € (31/12/2008).

The only expenses were the bank fees and the delegate's meal.

7) Approval of the accounts for the past year:

Approved at the unanimity

8) Determination of the membership annual fee (article 5 of the AETSM Rules & Regulations):

The assembly votes for the status quo which is 1.25 Euro per silhouette shooter and 5% of the entry fees of the European Championships paid by the sponsoring country.

9) Vote to designate the hosting country for the 2011 European Championships:

Finland is candidate to host the 2011 European Championships presumably in July 2011 in Heinola.
Approved at the unanimity.

Sweden would like to host the 2013 European Championship on a range located 680 km north of Stockholm. They will confirm in due time. The Assembly is favourable to this proposal.

10) Miscellaneous questions:

Esko LEMPOLA and Peter LAMPRECHT propose the AETSM to finance silhouette referee courses at national level. It is a good idea to be examined.

Ivan CHMELIK proposes to help the Euro Champ hosting countries by providing them some kind of "customised and verified" program managing the match entries, the shooting schedules, the fees collection, etc. Esko Lempola mentioned for example the FSSF program. It is only necessary to translate it in English. A similar program is available at the CzMSSA (already in English version). If needed, support is available in Finland or in Czech Republic.

Airgun events could take place as side events at the next European championships. The lending of the weapons by the hosting club is one possibility.

Jean-Pierre BEURTHÉRET will compile the different rules to extract the common points. This will serve as a basis for the elaboration of a common set of rules.

The target size and shooting distances are already set.

- The targets are 1/10 of the full scale ones.
- The shooting distances (meters) for handguns are 9, 12.5, 15 and 18.
- The shooting distances (meters) for rifle are 18, 27, 33 and 41.

The rule for the weapons could be all pistol and rifle compelling ISSF rules.

The Assembly ends at 12h00.

The President

IVAN CHMELIK



The General Secretary

Jean-Pierre BEURTHÉRET

