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# **MINUTES**

## **MEETING OF THE**

## **ISSF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

## JUNE 24, 2017

# MUNICH, GER

## Meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council

**Date:** June 24, 2017

**Time:** 14:00 hours

**Place:** Hilton Munich Park Hotel Munich, GER

## AGENDA

1.	Welcome
2.	Roll-call
3.	Preparation of the ISSF Extraordinary General Assembly

## ISSF Administrative Council Munich, GER June 24, 2017

## **Roll Call**

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Honorary Members	
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Max MÜCKL, GER Honorary Member	
Unni NICOLAYSEN, NOR Honorary Member	
Björn SCHULLSTRÖM, SWE Honorary Member	
Jacques TROUVÉ, FRA Honorary Member	APT
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### International Shooting Sport Federation Minutes of the Meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council in Munich, GER on June 24, 2017

Date:	Time:	Place:
June 24, 2017	14:00 hours	Hilton Munich Park Hotel
		Munich, GER

#### **Present:**

#### **Executive Committee**

Olegario Vázquez Raña	MEX	President
Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General
Gary L. Anderson	USA	Vice-President
Vladimir Lisin	RUS	Vice-President
Luciano Rossi	ITA	Vice-President
Yifu Wang	CHN	Vice-President
Jörg Brokamp	GER	Chairman of the Technical Committee
Abhinav Bindra	IND	Chairman of the Athletes Committee
Alexandros Dimakakos	GRE	Member of the Executive Committee,
		Auditor
Kevin Kilty	IRL	Member of the Executive Committee
Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz	ESP	Member of the Executive Committee
Robert Mitchell	USA	Member of the Executive Committee
Raninder Singh	IND	Member of the Executive Committee

### Members of the Administrative Council

Kerstin Bodin	SWE	Member of the Administrative Council
Yair Davidovich	ISR	Member of the Administrative Council
Heinz-Helmut Fischer	GER	Member of the Administrative Council
Juha Hirvi	FIN	Member of the Administrative Council
Woo Jae Lee	KOR	Member of the Administrative Council
Gerardo Trotta Arnone	VEN	Member of the Administrative Council

### **Chairman of the Section Committees**

Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee
Tomislav Sepec	CRO	Chairman of the Rifle Committee
Susan B. Abbott	USA	Chairman of the Pistol Committee
Demetris F. Lordos	CYP	Chairman of the Shotgun Committee
Pekka Kuusisto	FIN	Chairman of the Running Target
		Committee
Dr. James Lally	USA	Chairman of the Medical Committee

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Hazem Hosny Ahmed	EGY	President African Shooting Sport Fed.
Carlos Silva Monterroso	GUA	President of the Confed. of the Americas
Alexander Ratner	RUS	Nominee European Shooting Confed.
Ewen Pirie	AUS	Nominee Oceania Shooting Federation
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Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi	UAE	Member of the Administrative Council
Derek R. Ivy	GBR	Member of the Administrative Council
Feng Li	CHN	Member of the Administrative Council
Antonio Fernandez Arena	MEX	Chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility
		Committee, Auditor
Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari	QAT	Nominee Asian Shooting Confederation
Honorary Members:		
Jacques Trouvé	FRA	Honorary Member
Medhat Wahdan	EGY	Honorary Member
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Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General

### **Representatives of the Continental Federations**

#### ITEM 1 Welcome

The President welcomed all members of the Administrative Council to this meeting in Munich, GER on June 24, 2017.

He explained that interpretation was available on the following channels:

English	1
Spanish	2
German	3
French	4

#### ITEM 2 Roll-Call

The President continued with agenda item 2 and gave the floor to the Secretary General Franz Schreiber to give some information on the roll call. Mr. Schreiber thanked the President and also wished all members of the Administrative Council a good afternoon and welcomed them to the meeting. Before coming to the roll call, Mr. Schreiber said that he would like to clarify an administrative matter. With regard to the reimbursement of the travel costs of all members of the Administrative Council, Mr. Schreiber asked everybody to send their travel invoices together with the bank details to the office. After the meeting, the travel costs as well as the 500 EUR per diem would be transferred to each member's account. ISSF will pay the costs for the rooms directly to the hotel so Mr. Schreiber explained that the members only had to pay the extras when checking out.

Mr. Schreiber continued with the roll call and stated that the maximum participation of the ISSF Administrative Council is 34 members. ISSF had received the information from Mr. Nick Sullivan that he could unfortunately not attend the meeting but that Mr. Ewen Pirie, Nominee of the Oceania Shooting Federation would represent him. Mr. Schreiber welcomed Mr. Pirie and thanked him for coming. Mr. Schreiber informed the members of the Administrative Council that Mr. Derek Ivy was excused for family reasons. He had informed Mr. Schreiber that he was very sorry and wished successful meetings. Mr. Schreiber further stated that the ISSF had not heard back from Mr. Li Feng. He had not informed the ISSF if he would attend the meeting, but he did not come. Mr. Fernandez Arena excused himself for health reasons and also wished successful meetings. Also Mr. Ali Mohamed Al Kuwari, Nominee of the Asian Shooting Confederation had sent an excuse due to the presently difficult situation in Qatar. Mr. Schreiber explained that the ISSF had not received a replacement from the Asian Shooting Confederation, so no representative was present. Mr. Schreiber further explained that Mr. Ahmed Al-Raisi was not present. ISSF had received his registration for the meeting but he was supposed to arrive the previous day but did not come so Mr. Schreiber assumed something had happened that had prevented him from attending the meeting. Mr. Schreiber summed up that of the 34 members Mr. Ivy, Mr. Li Feng, Mr. Fernandez Arena, Mr. Al Kuwari and Mr. Al Raisi were absent and 29 members were present with 29 votes. According to article 1.7.3 of the ISSF Constitution the quorum was reached as more than 50 per cent of the members were present.

After the roll call, Mr. Schreiber welcomed the two Honorary Members, Mr. Jacques Trouvé and Mr. Medhat Wahdan who participated with voice but without vote.

Mr. Schreiber explained that the President had also invited Mr. Christian Keidel, Legal Advisor of the ISSF in case he was needed.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and asked if there were any questions. Since nobody raised a question, the President continued with agenda item 3.

### ITEM 3 Preparation of the ISSF Extraordinary General Assembly

The President gave the floor to Mr. Schreiber to report on the preparation of the Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber thanked the President and explained the Extraordinary General Assembly would take place the following day in the same room at 1.00 p.m. Mr. Schreiber stated that in the last meeting of the Executive Committee, some general rules on the procedure were decided and Mr. Schreiber explained them. He stated that with regard to the roll call, all Member Federations were informed that only those federations that had paid the membership fees will be eligible to participate. Some Member Federations had to be reminded as they for example sent an entry without payment details. Some federations had still not paid to this date. Those federations were:

- Algeria
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Oman
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Tonga
- Vietnam

Mr. Schreiber stated that the ISSF had received registrations for the Extraordinary General Assembly from around 130 federations with around 130 delegates but this might of course still change. The final numbers will be presented in the following day's roll call. Mr. Schreiber declared that with regard to press, ISSF had published the information that only authorized journalists would be allowed and four applications were received. All four are registered journalists and will be granted access to a designated area in the meeting room. Mr. Schreiber said that all Member Federations were informed that only two delegates per country are admitted and no additional persons would be allowed. Transportation from Suhl to Munich would be organized the following day departing Suhl at 7.00 a.m. and around five people would it.

Mr. Schreiber further explained that all members of the Administrative Council had the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly in their documents as well as several letters and the latest provisional rules of the Mixed Gender Team Events.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for the explanations and asked if there were any questions. Since there were no questions, the President announced that he would speak in Spanish now and asked everybody to listen to the interpreters. The President gave the following speech:

"In the Council meeting of 22 February in New Delhi, the proposal for the Shooting Program for the International Olympic Committee was unanimously approved. As you all know, this past 9 June, this proposal was approved by the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee. Does anyone want to change their opinion in regards to the approval of the Executive Board and why? It's clear? Ok? There is no change, the same decision stands. Tomorrow we can inform the Extraordinary General Assembly that this Council approves the decision of the International Olympic Committee?

This is really only for protocol purposes, so it is stated in the protocol. Unanimous decision? Correct. Thank you very much."

Since nobody raised the hand or had any question, the decision was unanimously confirmed.

The President gave the floor to Mr. Gary Anderson to give a report on the first Junior World Championship for Rifle and Pistol and the first Target Sprint World Championship that had opened in Suhl, GER the previous night. Mr. Anderson explained that Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee did an outstanding job by supervising the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was excellent and many people including visitors from the city of Suhl had attended. Mr. Anderson declared that the competitions included two new program initiatives that the ISSF is pursuing. First of all, to have a separate Junior World Championship for Rifle and Pistol. The aim is to do this every two years. Thanks to the initiative of the German Shooting Federation, ISSF was able to realize this goal that year with the Championship in Suhl. Mr. Anderson further explained that Target Sprint had been promoted as new discipline within the shooting sport and it too now has its first World Championship. The competition had just started and results were available on the Website. He explained that the response, especially to the Junior World Championship was excellent: 64 countries had registered more than 500 athletes for nearly 1,000 starts. Mr. Anderson stated that there was one event in Suhl where they had 75 50m firing points and an athlete on each of the 75 points so the Championship is full. The response is great and everybody should know that the ISSF has successfully initiated these important two new programs that year.

The President thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were any questions. As there were no questions, the President continued with his speech in Spanish:

This is the future of our sport. More championships. This is the future of our sport, more junior championships and more championships in all disciplines. I believe that an agreement has been reached, in which all world championships will in future be every 2 years. Truly, I believe that's the future of Shooting so it can continue being as strong as always. And I want to ask all of you, at this point, for unity. The unity of the Executive Committee for over 20 years, the unity of the Council has always resulted in unanimous decisions and I truly wish to thank you for this unity, this strength of always staying together and always making decisions for the good of our sport and not for personal reasons. We have had for 4 or 5 months, some personal problems because certain persons did not agree. However, I wish to ask that as of today, we continue this unity. As of tomorrow, in the Extraordinary General Assembly, that we continue with our unity and strength, the strength that our sport has always had.

The International Olympic Committee is the owner of the Olympic Games. The International Olympic Committee dictates the conditions under which we can have Olympic events. We, the Executive Committee and the Council, approved and requested the support of the Ad Hoc Committee, to obtain approval for the mixed events, which in reality will be for the 2020 Olympic Games, because the idea of the International Olympic Committee is really to make sports more popular.

In the Rio Olympics, more than 70 million people watched our sport. You know that the Shooting Sport used to be a family sport. Only the shooter and, 2 or 3 family members used to go to the shooting range. But here were no spectators. We have become a sport where the Secretary General of the United Nations was present. Many prominent personalities went to watch our sport in Rio. Shooting has become truly a strong sport.

I have been a Member of the International Olympic Committee for 21 years and these 21 years I have dedicated to the Shooting Sport. I have to be honest, I had the support of many Members of the International Olympic *Committee so that Shooting became strong, respected, loved. But there are* many people in the world, and I believe you know this, many many people who do not like the Shooting sport. They smell gunpowder and say "Out!" And within the International Olympic Committee there are truly many people who would like the Shooting Sport out of the Games. I promise you that I smell gunpowder and I fall in love. I don't even smoke, but I love the smell of gunpowder because it is the true feeling of our sport. There were rumors that there was going to be a change to laser shooting. That's not true. I was never in a meeting in which we discussed laser shooting. I must be respectful of the laser industry; more or less 20 years ago, we had a visit from them here in Munich and they had a demonstration and I said, "Well, that's good, but it's not Shooting." More or less 6 years ago, at an ASOIF meeting, they came and had an exhibit. They saw me and approached me and showed me their laser and asked if they could take some photos with me and the laser guns and I said, "Yes, why not. No problem." They asked, "Can we publish them in the laser magazine?" I said, "Yes. Anywhere that's about laser, but it's not Shooting and it's not for me." But then they said, "Well, but we are already in an Olympic Sport." I said, "But it's not for us." The people from the laser industry have been respectful and, as President, I give you my word that they never approached me again. They respect that we are Shooting, the Shooting Sport and the Olympic Committee has respected us, has even loved us and I am a bit hurt about these differences that have arised in the Federation. I had a meeting with President Thomas Bach to explain. He said, "What's the problem?" I said, "I don't know. But we made our proposal to the International Olympic Committee Sports Commission. We have explained our sport. They know. They understand." Thomas Bach was a shooter, he loves the Shooting sport. He would never think of eliminating the Shooting sport and these rumors are not good: whether it's laser coming or laser isn't coming. I truly guarantee that the laser shooting rumor is not true. Never have we supported that type of shooting and we never will because our essence is the True Shooting Sport.

As to the events that were approved by the International Olympic Committee, I believe nothing can be changed, there is no turning back and I ask that if tomorrow there is any proposal that they be cancelled, you think about it carefully. We should not cancel these events because the owner of the Games is the Olympic Committee and if they were cancelled, I know what the decision of the Olympic Committee would be. Perhaps I shouldn't say this, but I have to. The decision of the International Olympic Committee would be: ok, you don't want the 3 mixed events? They're out. At this time, they have already reduced our quotas from 390 to 360. If you were to cancel the 3 events, we would have only maybe 300 quotas and the 3 events would be eliminated and we would have 12 events. And there is no way these events could be replaced for these Olympic Games, because the decision has been taken.

We have a great advantage. What advantage? The events that were added are mixed. With 15 events we used to get 15 gold medals. However, now with 15 events, we are going to have 18 gold medals. What do people want? What do our countries want? To win a gold medal. Well now we have the opportunity to win 3 gold medals more. A shooter arrives in his country with a gold medal...mixed or not, but it's an Olympic gold medal and he is a hero. So we shouldn't take this opportunity away from these people who want to win 3 more medals, take away this chance for these medals.

If for 2024, Rifle Prone, Double Trap and Free Pistol became popular and women were shooting them, there would be no problem for the International Olympic Committee and the International Federation to say "Well, now we want to eliminate X and add one of these". That's valid, it's possible, but for 2024. For this next Olympiad in Tokyo, the matter is closed and there will be no more changes.

Forgive me for extending my comments a bit, but I wanted to say this to you so you are conscious that any country in the world wants to win a medal and we are going to give the countries 3 more opportunities to win medals. I hope they don't all go to the same country! That they go all over the world. That's a huge advantage and that's what we have to see. Our sport has to grow more and more and more...I am ready to answer any question you may have.

Mr. Yair Davidovich took the floor and said he had no questions but some remarks. He stated that everybody knew that he was opposed to cancel the 50m Rifle Prone, Free Pistol and Double Trap. He said that in his opinion, the General Assembly came too late by a year or so. Mr. Davidovich stated that as the decision was already made, it does not make sense to fight the IOC; they are stronger than us and could take decisions over our head. He said he thinks the General Assembly has to decide that for 2024 and 2028, we have to study our events and change them for the future, make them more attractive, maybe bring back Prone, Men and Women together. Mr. Davidovich closed his remarks by stating that he hopes to have the majority in the General Assembly as fighting the IOC is not the right thing to do.

The President thanked Mr. Davidovich for his comments and explained that he himself was a prone rifle shooter and the decision did hurt him as this was his event, the love of his life. But he had to accept it. This is the sport. And prone together with Free Pistol and Double Trap were simply the least popular events. The President asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Robert Mitchell took the floor and stated that certainly everybody was aware that the whole process was extremely difficult for everyone but 2020 is not the last change to the Olympic Programme. He said that certainly every four years there would be the possibility and likelihood that there will be a need to review our events, make changes, make improvements to make our sport more promotable, more desirable, more appealing for viewers so as we go forward, it will

be important to continually review the events and see how we can keep our sport in the forefront, make appropriate changes and grow and continue to propel our sport forward. So we should look beyond 2020, to 2024 and 2028 and this is something we should stress to everyone, that it is a process that is ongoing and not completed with just this particular 2020 Games.

The President thanked Mr. Mitchell for his words and gave the floor to Mr. Vladimir Lisin.

Mr. Lisin commented on Mr. Davidovich's remark that the General Assembly would be held too late. He said that everybody knew that the IOC had requested a solution after the Rio Olympic Games in 2016. The IOC gave a report on the popularity of the single events, in shooting but also for all sports. The same situation will re-occur in the future. Mr. Lisin stated that five new sports will be included in the Olympic Program but participation is limited and so is the time schedule. This creates pressure for everyone, for the sport, the athletes, juniors. Mr. Lisin explained that we will see the result of the decision after the Tokyo Olympic Games. He said that we have to move from our own position and we have to deal with statistics and numbers and take the necessary action with regards to the low ranking events. After each Olympic Games, there will be a review of the events and sports and there will always be changes and modifications to the Olympic Program. Mr. Lisin pointed out that 50:50 gender equality will be coming and ISSF needs to be careful. Shooting needs some renovations and tests need to be conducted during World Cups and Continental Competitions.

The President thanked Mr. Lisin for his remarks and asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions.

The President informed the members of the Administrative Council that the following day, Mr. Kit McConnell, the IOC Sports Director would attend the Extraordinary General Assembly as representative of the IOC.

The President thanked all members of the ISSF Administrative Council for attending the meeting and also thanked the interpreters for their great job and informed the members of the Administrative Council that this night, dinner would start at 7.00 p.m. and asked to meet at 6.30 p.m. in the lobby. Dress code is casual.

Mr. Lisin took the floor and informed the members of the Administrative Council that the European Shooting Confederation would meet the following day at 11.00 a.m. and invited everybody.

Finally, the President asked the members of the Administrative Council to come to the front for a picture and closed the meeting of the Administrative Council.

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Franz Schreiber ISSF Secretary General