



EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION MINUTES OF THE XXIX ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Baku, Azerbaijan

Date: October 21st, 2023

Place: Khazri Business Centre

1. Welcome and Opening of the General Assembly (10:00)

The ESC President Alexander Ratner welcomes the delegates, colleagues of the Presidium and guests of the XXIX Ordinary General Assembly of the European Shooting Confederation. He thanks the Shooting Federation of the Republic of Azerbaijan for its hospitality and perfect organization of the General Assembly. He also thanks Mrs. Mariana Vasileva, Deputy Minister of Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for attending the event and gives her the floor.

On behalf of the Ministry of Sport Mrs. Mariana Vasileva welcomes the ISSF President Luciano Rossi, the ESC President Alexander Ratner, the delegates and guests in Baku. She expresses hope that the decisions taken during the XXIX General Assembly will contribute to further development of the shooting sport in Europe.

The President thanks Mrs. Mariana Vasileva for the attention that is given in Azerbaijan to the shooting sport. After that, he reminds that there was a proposal made by several Member Federations, under the initiative of the Finnish and Danish Member Federations, to include certain items to the Agenda of the General Assembly. According to the ESC Statutes the Review Committee evaluated the proposal and recommended to the Presidium not to include this proposal in the Agenda as an item for voting (but for discussion only). The Presidium decided to follow the recommendation of the Review Committee. After that, only the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation (FSSF) filed an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) with a petition to include the respective item into the Agenda. The CAS dismissed the claim of the FSSF based on a decision rendered through provisional measures. This basically means that the General Assembly may proceed according to the Agenda approved by the Presidium and sent out to all the Members Federations, according to the ESC Statutes.

The FSSF President Mr. Vesa Nissinen takes the floor. He explains that the CAS decision was only about dismissal of temporary measures, but the case itself is still open on the merits.

The ESC President confirms that CAS decision dated October 18th, 2023 concerns the dismissal of the FSSF's application for provisional measures and everyone has to respect it. After that he asks the ESC Secretary General Doris Fischl to proceed with the Agenda.

2. Roll-call

The Secretary General proceeds to the roll-call. It shows that 74 delegates representing 47 Member Federations from 42 countries are present in the meeting room. So, there is a quorum for any decisions with 84 votes.

No objection is raised by the General Assembly.

3. Nomination of Scrutinizers and the Minutes Committee

Upon proposals of the Presidium the Delegates unanimously take the following decisions:

- to approve as Scrutinizers Mr. Sander Duisterhof, delegate of the Netherlands Shooting Sport Association, Mrs. Elena Allen, delegate of the British Shooting Limited, and Mr. Dragan Marković, Delegate of the Serbian Shooting Sport Federation;
- to approve Mr. Petros Kyritsis, ESC Vice-President, and Mrs. Janine Kettels, ESC Presidium member, as members of the Minutes Committee.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the XXVIII ESC Ordinary General Assembly held in Larnaca, Cyprus, on October 21th-22nd, 2021.

The President notes that the Minutes of the XXVIII ESC Ordinary General Assembly were sent out to the Member Federations and published on the ESC website in due time. No comments or observations have been received. So, he proposes to approve the Minutes.

Decision: the Minutes are approved with one abstention.

5. Report of the Presidium

Mr. György Nagy, ESC Vice-President, takes the floor. He reminds that the Presidium's report has been made public in due time and that he is ready to answer any questions. He proceeds with the report:

Presidium meetings

During the reported period the ESC Presidium had the following meetings:

- Larnaka, Cyprus, October 22nd, 2021;
- Zoom, November 18th, 2021;
- Zoom, January 26th, 2022;
- Zoom, April 5th, 2022;
- Larnaka, Cyprus, September 3rd, 2022;

- Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, November 30th, 2022;
- Zoom, February 21st, 2023;
- Frankfurt, Germany, April 22nd, 2023;
- Wrocław, Poland, June 29th, 2023 (in person + Zoom);
- Zoom, August 19th, 2023;
- Baku, Azerbaijan, October 20th, 2023.

Agenda of the meetings

The Agenda of the ESC Presidium meetings included the following items:

- reports on the activity of the President;
- reports on the preparations of the European Championships in 2022 – 2024;
- reports on the preparations to the III European Games;
- cooperation with the Organizers of the future European Championships;
- cooperation with the European Olympic Committees on inclusion of Shooting in the program of the III European Games;
- discussions with the European Broadcasting Union for live TV coverage of the European Championships;
- appointment of Technical Delegates and Officials to the European Championships and the III European Games;
- approval of the Organizers of the European Championships;
- relationship with ESC Member Federations;
- relationships with partners and sponsors of the ESC;
- preparations of the 2023 General Assembly;
- cooperation with the ISSF on 2024 Olympic Qualification competitions;
- financial matters;
- approval of sponsorship agreements;
- membership matters;
- legal matters;
- issues of the Technical Committee;
- European Youth League Championships;
- Air Cup;
- European Champions League;
- issues of the Athletes Committee;
- environmental matters.

European Championships

The following European Championships were organized since October 22nd, 2021:

- European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Hamar, Norway, March 18th-28th, 2022: 482 athletes representing 43 nations.
- European Championship 300m, Zagreb, Croatia, July 25th-30th, 2022: 55 athletes representing 14 nations.

- European Championship Shotgun, Larnaca, Cyprus, August 24th – September 12th, 2022: 395 athletes representing 41 nations.
- European Championship 25m/50m, Rifle/Pistol, Wrocław, Poland, September 5th-18th, 2022: 451 athletes representing 35 nations.
- European Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol/Running Target, Tallinn, Estonia, March 5th-13th, 2023: 517 athletes representing 40 nations.
- European Championship Shotgun, Osijek, Croatia, September 8th-27th, 2023: 415 athletes representing 41 nations.

III European Games

The Shooting events in the III European Games Kraków-Małopolska were held in Wrocław from June 21st to July 3rd, 2023. 389 athletes from 45 NOC have been registered for the competitions.

The total number of starts in individual events is 635. The total number of events is 30.

The competition featured a high level of participation, with 16 Olympic Champions competing and 12 Quota places distributed to 10 National Olympic Committees. Furthermore, 25 European Games Records were established, and 5 records were equaled during these Games.

135 athletes from 24 NOCs won medals.

European Youth League Championship

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 EYL competitions were not organized.

In 2022 the EYL Final took place in Budapest, Hungary, with 16 teams from 11 nations which qualified through the regional qualification rounds. The first four teams in each event received special prizes – SIUS HS10 electronic targets – provided by the sponsor.

In 2023 the EYL Final took place in Tallinn, Estonia, with 20 teams from 15 nations which qualified through the regional qualification rounds. The first four teams in each event received special prizes – SIUS HS10 electronic targets – provided by the sponsor. All the other Teams got SCATT systems provided by the sponsor.

Lapua European Cup 300m

The Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Zagreb - Croatia, and in Århus - Denmark, with a Final taking place in Winterthur - Switzerland. A total of 286 athletes participated in the three competitions including the Final.

The Qualification rounds for 2022 were organized in Uppsala - Sweden, Århus - Denmark, and in Zagreb - Croatia, with a Final taking place in Zagreb too. A total of 336 athletes participated in the four competitions including the Final.

The Qualification rounds for 2023 were organized in Eskilstuna - Sweden, Buchs - Switzerland, and in Århus - Denmark, with a Final taking place in Zagreb - Croatia.

Lapua European Cup 25m

The Qualification rounds for 2021 were organized in Århus - Denmark, Tallinn - Estonia, Suhl - Germany, and in Rečica Pri Laškem - Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Châteauroux - France.

The Qualification rounds for 2022 were organized in Suhl - Germany, Århus - Denmark, Tallinn - Estonia, and in Rečica Pri Laškem - Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Lisboa - Portugal.

The Qualification rounds for 2023 were organized in Suhl - Germany, Öckerö - Sweden, Tallinn - Estonia, and in Rečica Pri Laškem - Slovenia, with a Final taking place in Zagreb - Croatia.

The ESC Air Cup powered by Walther and Capapie

The ESC Air Cup was organised by the ESC Technical Committee with events in Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Running Target. The idea behind this Cup, is to offer athletes who have not participated in any ISSF/ESC Championships a stepping stone and an opportunity to compete in an international competition via internet from their own club range. It encourages participation and makes the Air Cup a shooting sport for all.

Despite the problems caused by the COVID pandemic, the competition was adapted to allow participation with a final to be shown in a new way with each of the finalists taking part on their home ranges. In the 2020-2021 season there were 536 participants from 40 clubs of 18 countries.

In 2021-2022 ESC Air Cup there were 331 participants representing 46 clubs from 18 countries and 180 participants representing 33 clubs from 15 countries in the 2022-2023 ESC Air Cup.

The ESC Air Cup is powered by Walther and Capapie. These two companies are sponsoring the competition and prizes for the winners. Capapie also established the awards for all finalists. The sponsor agreement is for a period of four years.

PR and Promotion

Five (5) European Championships mentioned above were broadcasted online using ESC video and social media platforms (YouTube, Facebook).

During each Championship a lot of photos were uploaded on the ESC website, Facebook page and Instagram on a daily basis.

The same services were secured for the shooting competitions within the III European Games as well.

The ESC website has been totally reprogrammed and modernized.

About 150 articles were published on the ESC website and shared over social media covering ESC Championships and other official ESC tournaments.

Environmental matters

During this time period, the main focus has been on the request from the European Commission (EC) that the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) prepares a proposal for a restriction of the use of lead in ammunition for hunting, outdoor sports and in fishing. The ESC President met with the EC representatives (June 20th 2023).

The Member Federations (MF) received a letter from the ESC (dated August 3rd 2022) summarising this EC/ECHA process. The ESC has been actively involved in discussions with other members of the European Shooting Sports Forum (ESSF). The ESSF is a platform for shooting organisations and industry to discuss common interest issues. Other ESSF activities and dialogues include an EU study of the “weight” of the shooting sector, and Regulation 258/2012 on import, export and transit measures for firearms, their essential components and ammunition.

The ISSF has shown their support and understanding of the impact of the EU proposals on the ESC and MFs. Also, the ESC Presidium appreciates all MF initiatives, such as contributions during the ECHA consultation period, and discussions with local and national politicians.

Mr. Vesa Nissinen, FSSF’s President, takes the floor. He refers to the CAS decision that did not allow the inclusion of the vote of confidence to the Presidium in the Agenda of the General Assembly but requests the delegates not to approve the Presidium’s report and all other reports included in the Agenda.

The President opens the voting and invites Scrutinizers to count votes.

Decision: The Presidium’s report is approved with 54 votes in favor and 22 votes against.

6. Treasurer’s Report

The report is presented by the ESC Vice-President and Treasurer Mr. Pekka Kuusisto:

Dear Delegates,
Dear Colleagues,

The financial situation of our Confederation is stable despite of all the challenges. It can be easily understood from the ESC Balances. By December 31st, 2020 the ESC capital was equal

to 659.092,58 €. By December 31st, 2022 the ESC capital was equal to 688.561,27 €. And, as before, the ESC has fulfilled all its obligations towards the Member Federations, the athletes, partners, organizers of the competitions. It means we are in good shape.

As in the previous years the most considerable part of the ESC income came from the sponsorship. Thanks to this contribution the medalists and finalists of the 2021-2022 European Championships received prize money. The TV production and Internet streaming of the European Championships was arranged. The medal winners of the 2022 European Youth League got special prizes. Certain promotional and protocol activities were accomplished.

Another part of the income came from the membership fees. In 2021 the Member Federations were exempt of the fees. In 2022 all Member Federations paid the fees, though in some cases the banking fees have been deducted from the amount received by the ESC.

The 2021-2022 European Championships attracted a lot of participants and the income from the entry fees arranged by the Organizing Committees is also significant. The Organizers of the 2022 European Championship Shotgun paid their part of the entry fees in the amount of 13.755,00 € in February of 2023. That is why this money is not in the Balance for 2022 but will be in the Balance for 2023. We cannot neglect the effort done by organizers of the Lapua 25m and 300m European Cups.

From our Balances you can see that we are very accurate with expenses and that our accounting is transparent. It is confirmed by the Auditors and by Swiss Tax authorities that check out balances. I want to thank our Secretariat for extremely good co-operation and well-done bookkeeping.

I conclude by asking you to approve the Financial Report and the 2021-2022 Balances.

Decision: The Treasurer's Financial report is unanimously approved.

7. Auditors' report and official discharge of the Presidium for financial activity in 2021-2022.

The ESC Auditor Mr. Massimo Biamonte presents the Auditors' report of the ESC accounting for the years 2021-2022. In the report he confirms that the accounts had been duly audited and approved by him and Mr. Siegfried Boeck. The ESC accounting has been found correct and in accordance with the decisions of the Presidium.

There are no questions from the delegates. The President proposes to approve the Auditors report. Voting takes place.

Decision: The Auditors report is unanimously approved.

Following the approval of the Auditors report, the President proposes that the Presidium is discharged for the financial activity of 2021-2022.

Voting takes place.

Decision: The Presidium is unanimously officially discharged for the ESC financial activity in 2021-2022.

8. President's report

Mr. Alexander Ratner takes the floor and addresses the General Assembly.

Dear Friends! Dear Colleagues!

I would like to thank my colleagues from the Presidium, Secretary General, Chairs of Technical and Athletes Committees for contribution to our team work.

TEAM WORK

There were organized 11 Presidium meetings, including 6 in-person meetings. 22 different directions of activity were discussed during the Presidium meetings. Among them:

- cooperation with the ISSF on Olympic Qualification competitions;
- preparations to the European Championships, European Games, European Youth League and European Champions League;
- sponsorship agreements;
- cooperation with the Organizers of the Championships;
- PR and Promotion;
- TV broadcasting and streaming;
- financial reports;
- environmental issues;
- development of the ESC website;
- matters of the Technical and Athletes Committees etc.

I would like to thank my colleagues from the Presidium, the Secretary General, Chairs of the Technical and Athletes Committees for their contribution to the Team work and successful activity of the ESC.

TRANSPARENCY

Documents for the Presidium meetings are always sent in advance. Discussions on many matters in going on permanently basis. Financial reports, including Preliminary Budgets and Balances, are discussed openly and must be approved by the Presidium. Auditors elected by the General Assembly check all financial documents every year. The Swiss Tax authorities check our Financial Statements and Tax Return forms. The General Assembly approves the Treasurer Report and yearly Balances.

COMPETITIONS

All European Championships that had to be organized according to the ESC General Regulations took place:

- 2022 European Championship 10m, Hamar, Norway
- 2022 European Championship 300m, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2022 European Championship Shotgun, Larnaca, Cyprus
- 2022 European Championship 25m/50m, Wrocław, Poland
- 2023 European Championship 10m, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2023 European Championship Shotgun, Osijek, Croatia

I would like to thank the Organizers of our Championships, the Technical Delegates, Jury Members, all officials for their dedication to the common goal and responsibility they undertake to make our Championships comfortable for the athletes.

Also took place:

- European Youth League Championship (2022 Finals in Budapest, Hungary, 2023 Finals in Tallinn, Estonia)
- Lapua European Cup 300m
- Lapua European Cup 25m
- ESC Air Cup

We are all set for 2024 and 2025:

- 2024 European Championship 10m, Győr, Hungary
- 2024 European Championship Shotgun, Lonato, Italy
- 2024 European Championship 25m/50m/300m, Osijek, Croatia
- 2024 European Championship Running Target, Plzeň, Czech Republic
- 2024 European Youth League Championship Final, Belgrade/Novi Sad, Serbia
- 2025 European Championship 10m, Osijek, Croatia
- 2025 European Championship 25/50/300m/Running Target/Shotgun, Châteauroux, France

BROADCASTINGS

Live broadcasting of the European Championships Finals, European Youth League Championship Final and 2023 European Champions League in Trap and Skeet was provided on the ESC platforms (YouTube, Facebook).

The total live views are 376 900 and the delayed is 524 200 views.

Live broadcasting of the 2023 European Champions League in 10m Rifle and Pistol will be provided on the ESC platforms.

SUSTAINABILITY

The main focus has been on the request from the European Commission that the European Chemicals Agency prepare a proposal for a restriction of the use of lead in ammunition for hunting, outdoor sports and in fishing. I met with EC representatives on June 20th, 2023.

The ESC has been actively involved in discussions with other members of the European Shooting Sports Forum. The ESSF is a platform for shooting organizations and industry to discuss common interest issues. ESSF activities and dialogues include, e.g., an EU study of the “weight” of the shooting sector.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship Agreement with Fletcher Group Holdings Ltd has been signed for a guaranteed amount of 500.000 USD per year in 2022-2025.

Main directions of sponsorship:

- Development
- Production of TV signal and streaming
- Innovations during competitions (VAR, testing of new formats)
- Prize money for the athletes at the European Championships
- Special prizes for the European Youth League winners and medalists
- Expenses not included in the ESC Budget

Sponsorship Agreement with Laporte SAS

- Free of charge targets for the 2023-2024 European Championships;
- Free of charge targets for the 2023-2024 European Champions League;
- Free of charge targets for the 2023 European Games in Wroclaw;
- Free of charge targets for the 2023 ISSF World Championship in Baku;
- Discount on machinery for the new developing projects in Europe.

Organizers' Support

The financial support of the ESC to Organizers of the ESC Championships to produce the signal amounts to 237.013,04 €.

Support to the Organizers of the European Championships

- travel expenses of the ITOs;
- accommodation of the TD and Jury members;
- 50 Euro per diem to all officials;
- Production of the TV signal and streaming;
- VAR equipment;
- Free Laporte targets in 2023 (European Games, European Championship, European Champions League, ISSF World Championship).

European Games

There were 30 events in the program of III European Games in Poland – 12 individual, 6 Mixed Team and 12 Team events. 394 athletes from 45 nations took part in the Games. 135 athletes representing 24 nations left Wrocław as medalists including 46 who became Champions.

SUPPORT TO THE 2023 EUROPEAN GAMES

- ESC insisted on inclusion of the shooting sport competitions in the program of the Games;
- ESC provided technical assistance to construction of the shotgun ranges;
- ESC paid for production of the TV signal;
- ESC paid for VAR;
- ESC provided clay targets free of charge;
- ESC covered travel expenses of additional staff members.

The total amount of support is 5 730,85 €.

European Games Broadcasting

- Live broadcasting of the shooting competitions at the III European Games was provided through the European Broadcasting Union (EBU);
- The 2023 European Games were broadcasted on 43 TV channels in 27 European countries, says the EBU report;
- Shooting is among the top sports in both: duration of TV transmissions and hours viewed, it was revealed by European Broadcasting Union (EBU) in its “European Games 2023” report presented at the 52nd EOC General Assembly in Istanbul;
- The EBU report provides separate data for athletics, aquatics, cycling and all other sports included in the program of the 3rd European Games in Poland. Among those 24 sports shooting is on third place in duration of TV broadcastings and also in hours viewed;
- Only boxing and canoeing had more hours of broadcasting, nearly 69 and 98 respectively. But the hours viewed of boxing, for example, are 700.160 less than of shooting;
- With nearly 62 hours of broadcasting the shooting sport competition accumulated 1.641.452 hours viewed, it means an average audience of 26.500 viewers per hour.

SUPPORT TO THE YOUTH

EUROPEAN YOUTH LEAGUE

The ESC pays entry fees for all the Teams to the Organizers of the Regional Rounds and the Finals; The ESC paid for production of the TV signal and streaming of the 2023 Finals in Tallinn; The number of Teams qualified for the Final has been increase from 8 to 10 in both Rifle and Pistol. The number of special prizes – SIUS HS10 Electronic Targets – has been increased from 12 to 20. Each Team has received one SCATT system.

EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Following great success of the shooting sport competitions at the 2023 European Games, Shooting has been included in the program of the 2025 European Youth Olympic Festival to be held in North Macedonia.

It will be the first appearance of our sport in the history of the EYOF organized by the European Olympic Committees.

NEW COMPETITIONS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

In 2023 we introduced the European Champions League in Trap/Skeet and 10m Rifle/Pistol events

- The ISSF World Ranking is used to determine the qualified Teams;
- Each Team consists of 2 Men and 2 Women;
- 2 days of competitions (Day 1 – Semifinals, Day 2 – Medal Matches);
- Individual duels till 6 points in Trap/Skeet and till 16 points in Air Rifle/Air Pistol;
- Each won duel give a Team 1 point;
- To win the Match a Team must get 3 points;
- In case of a score 2-2 after four individual duels, a Mixed Team duel takes place.

2023 European Champions League in Shotgun already took place in Osijek, Croatia, on October 12th-15th. 2023 European Champions League in 10m Rifle and Pistol will take place in Budapest, Hungary, on November 2nd-5th. All respective information about the formats, the qualified Team and the winners can be found on the ESC website. Live streaming of all Matches can be followed on the ESC platforms from the presentation of the Teams till the last shot. We are open for proposals how the European Champions League can be developed in future!

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Additional Sponsorship Agreement with Fletcher Group Holdings Ltd on the European Champions League: Sponsorship contribution in 2023 – up to 570.000 €.

- Grants to the Member Federations;
- Prize money for the participating Teams;
- Travel expenses of the ITOs;
- Accommodation and local transportation of all participants;
- Production of the TV signal and streaming.

PRIZE MONEY TO THE ATHLETES

In 2022-2023 thanks to sponsorship the ESC distributed among the athletes 1 288 500 € of prize money.

Events	Athletes	Nations/Teams	Prize money
2022 European Championships	318	29	158 650 €
2022 ISSF President's Cup	130	47	794 000 €
2023 European Championships	230	27	77 200 €
2023 Champions League	64	16	100 000 €
TOTAL:			1 288 500 €

2024-2025

European Championships are sets, European Champions League will continue, development program is placed. Unity is a guarantee of success! Hope you understand the ESC is very successful.

Thank you for your attention!

Voting on the President's report takes place after the coffee break.

Decision: The President's report is approved with 76 votes in favor and 8 abstentions.

9. Proposals of the Presidium:

- **Addendums and changes in the ESC General Regulations;**

The President refers to addendums and changes in the ESC Statutes and the ESC General Regulations. The respective documents were placed on the ESC website in due time and they can also be found in the booklet distributed to the delegates.

He gives the floor to Mrs. Biserka Vrbek who explains the reasons of the proposed changes that, mostly, are determined by the requirements of the new ISSF Constitution and General Regulations. She proposes to approve the addendums and the changes in articles 3.4.1., 3.4.2., 5.3., 10.1.11., 10.2.7 of the ESC General Regulations and to delete articles 10.1.12., 10.1.13.

Voting takes place on each proposal separately.

Article 3.4.1

Decision: the amendment of article 3.4.1 of the ESC General Regulations is approved with 83 votes in favor and one vote against.

Article 3.4.2.

Decision: the amendment of 3.4.2 of the ESC General Regulations is approved with 81 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.

Art. 5.3

Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee and delegate from the German Shooting Sport Federation, proposes that in the European Championships, as a general principle, the formats of the ISSF recognized events should be followed but at the same time it will be possible to include in the program of the European Championships any other special event/competition which can be organized in an exclusive special format, as decided by the ESC.

The President proposed to postpone any decision on Art. 5.3

Decision: the amendment of art. 5.3. of the ESC General Regulations is unanimously postponed.

Art. 10.1.11

Decision: the amendment of art. 10.1.11 of the ESC General Regulations is unanimously approved.

Art. 10.1.12

Decision: Article 10.1.12 is unanimously deleted from the ESC General Regulations.

Art. 10.1.13

Decision: Article 10.1.13 is unanimously deleted from the ESC General Regulations.

Art. 10.2.7

Decision: the amendment of Art. 10.2.7 of the ESC General Regulations is unanimously approved.

- **Honorary Membership Mr. Ernfried Obrist**

The President invites Mr. Lionel Cox, Presidium member, and Mr. Ernfried Obrist to the podium.

Mr. Cox gives an account of the accomplishments of Mr. Obrist in the European shooting sport, including 20 years of being ESC Presidium member, and requests the General Assembly to approve the Honorary Membership.

Voting takes place.

Decision: Honorary Membership for Mr. Ernfried Obrist is unanimously approved.

10. Proposals of the Member Federations

- **Review Committee's recommendations and Presidium's decision**
- **Information and discussion about Member Federations' Proposals and improvement of the ESC governance**

The President clarifies that ESC is currently awaiting the CAS decision on the merits. Additionally, the Presidium is ready to establish a Working Group tasked with overseeing the Statutes and General Regulations to enhance the ESC own governance. The President extends an invitation to all the Member Federations to actively cooperate with this Working Group and to make proposals to modify the ESC Statutes.

Furthermore, the President discloses that approximately 100,000 € of ESC funds have been spent already to cover expenses related to the court proceedings.

Mr. John Hansen, President of the Danish Shooting Union (DSU), comes to the podium and asks why the Presidium did not accept the proposal of the Member Federations and include the vote of confidence to the Presidium in the Agenda? This would avoid the need to go to court and could save money.

The President responds saying that there are no facts to confirm any allegations mentioned in the anonymous letter which was distributed by the FSSF and the DSU. Democracy can't be built on disinformation and incorrect facts. There is no reason for the Presidium to step down and the General Assembly has demonstrated it. The CAS decision is awaited to determine future actions.

No further comments or proposals from the delegates.

11. Membership fees for 2024-2025

The President proposed not to change the annual ESC Membership fee.

Decision: The ESC annual membership fee will remain the same without any change.

12. Voting on Organizers of the European Championships in 2026-2027

The President reminds that initially there were applications from Finland and Latvia for the 2026-2027 European Championship 10m and from Greece and Italy – for the 2026 European Championship Shotgun. Finland is the only candidate for the 2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun.

2026-2027 European Championship 10m

Shortly before the General Assembly, Latvia withdrew its application. So, there is only one candidate for the European Championship 10m that of Estonia which can decide in which year the country will host the competitions.

Mr. Meelis Loit, Secretary General of the Estonian Shooting Sport Federation, says Estonia prefers to host the 2027 European Championship 10m

Decision: the 2027 European Championship 10m will take place in Tallinn, Estonia.

2026 European Championship Shotgun

Mr. Ioannis Koilakos, from the Hellenic Shooting Federation, takes the floor and provides information on the conditions of holding the 2026 European Championship Shotgun in Malakasa, Greece.

Mr. Costantino Vespasiano, President of the Italian Shooting Union, takes the floor and provides information on the conditions of holding the 2026 European Championship Shotgun in Lonato del Garda, Italy.

Voting takes place. Greece – 47 votes, Italy – 28 votes

Decision: the 2026 European Championship Shotgun will take place in Malakasa, Greece.

2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun

Ms. Anne Laurila, Secretary General of the FSSF, takes the floor and provides information about the conditions to host the 2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun at the Shooting Range Ruutikangas in the city of Liminka.

The President refers to the discussion at the Presidium meeting and proposes to postpone the final decision till 2025 when it will be clear if the range is ready and financing is in place. At the same time he proposes to confirm that Finland is the only candidate and that no other candidatures should be accepted before the final decision is taken. Such approach can help to avoid pressure for both – the FSSF and the ESC – in case of unpredictable happenings.

Mr. Vesa Nissinen says it's a fair approach and agrees with the proposal of the President.

Decision: Finland is confirmed as the only candidate of the 2027 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun with the final decision to be taken in 2025.

13. Miscellaneous

Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Secretary General of the German Shooting Sport Federation, takes the floor and mentions three points:

- The General Assembly did not pay tribute to the deceased members of the ESC community;
- The General Assembly did not express sympathy and solidarity with Israel and Ukraine;
- It was forgotten to welcome Mrs. Unni Nikolaysen, ESC Honorary President.

The President responds saying that the ESC has sent a letter of support to the Israel Shooting Federation while on the other hand is continuously supporting the Ukrainian Shooting Federation. He also mentions that Mrs. Unni Nikolaysen, who is sitting in the first row, was officially invited to Baku to attend and honor the GA with her presence.

After that the President thanks all the delegates for their participation in the General Assembly and closes the meeting.

Minutes Committee

Janine Kettels

Petros Kyritsis