

## IPSC Ontario – Annual General Meeting 2008

Date/Location: September 2008 – AGM (East Elgin, Ontario)

### Attending:

Craig Stoklosar – Chair

Rachel Blum

Virgil Fala

Dave Huta

Regrets: Bud Melless

Minutes recorded by Rachel Blum

Agenda/Minutes

### Proposed Agenda

Call Meeting to order

Roll Call

Review and accept the current agenda

Board Report (see details below)

Questions from the floor

Adjournment

### Minutes

#### Proceedings:

Called to order at 7:20 pm

Agenda accepted by John Evers, seconded by Pat Harrison

Review minutes from 2007 accepted: Virgil Fala & seconded by Joe (last name was not recorded)

#### Financials and related matters

**Not for profit status** – The board is currently Incorporating as a “not for profit” This is being done concurrently with an update to the current (1996) Constitution.

**Financial Statements** - New way of reporting revenue – based on information received by our accountant we will longer be deferring income, all income in the current year will be reported as such. We will continue to record all financial transaction that happens in the year for that year.

#### **The following comments were received from the floor:**

1. There was a concern that reporting this way we would not be able to have audit statements, reply for other members, it was felt that we do not need audit statements due to the finances we have. This would be a big expense, if not need why pay for this service.
2. Another concern from a member was regarding the statement was not signed by the accountant. The board agreed to follow up with the accountant.

3. There were some questions regarding the expense of the sitrep and some suggestions offered. The Board replied that the cost of the sitrep is way down and we will look into the suggestions discussed and review at the next board meeting. It was noted that there is more work involved, that people are not aware and what goes into printing of the sitrep, it was also mention not all members have access to the Internet.

**The following Questions were received from the floor:**

1. Do we get monies for advertising in the sitrep to offset the cost? The Board replied that yes not sure what each advertiser pays but the annual total is not significant.
2. Can we do a survey, asking member what they think, via email? The reply from the Board was no. Not all members have a current email address on file, and it would not be fair to do an email only survey, thus omitting members that do not use email, and therefore rely on Sitrep and their main source of info regarding IPSC Ontario activities.

Move to accept the financials – Accepted by Dino Evangelinos and seconded by John Evers, vote for the floor – one opposed – Julie Goodfellow.

Pat Butera was appointed be our accountant for the following year.

**Elections and the Constitution**

Elections: there are two positions up for election for 2009

- Virgil Fala is stepping down
- Bud Melless is up for re-election

Nominations for the election committee

Rachel Blum and Phil Carreria nominated.

Rachel stepped down

Phil Carreria accepted the nomination – all in favour, none opposed.

**The following Questions were received from the floor:**

1. Given the amount of work that Bud Melless currently performs, is there a clear understanding of the duties in the event that he steps down? The board replied that the duties of all Directors are clearly understood, and could be backfilled by other Board members in the event that anyone is unable to continue with their Board responsibilities.
2. Should the board maybe consider adding one or two more to the board? The Board replied that it is not under consideration at this time.
3. Should there be term limits for serving Board Members? The Board replied that this is a constitutional matter and cannot be decided on at the AGM but would be looked at as part of the review of the 1996 Constitution. It was also noted that at least 4 of

the previous 10 annual elections were settled by acclimation, so turning down volunteers when there is insufficient interest from the general membership may not be a wise thing to do.

4. Will the changes to the current Constitution (1996) be brought before the members? The Board confirmed that yes any changes to the Constitution would have to be accepted by the members (at the following years AGM) It was also agreed that a committee would be formed to complete the review, and required updates to the 1996 Constitution.
5. Should an independent third party, perhaps an accounting firm, manage the election process? The Board replied that the issue had been addressed earlier in the meeting with the appointment of an Election Chairman. It was also agreed that the Election Chairman not be a member of the Board of Directors.

#### **Other Questions from the Floor:**

1. Is IPSC Ontario considering any changes to the RO program, and how do we move forward. There are some concerns with certain aspects of it. The Board replied that there have been several changes regarding NROI Canada but the program itself in National (not specific to Ontario) Bud Melless stepped down as president of NROI Canada, but is continuing on as the Ontario NROI representative to NROI Canada (every section has one) Any concerns can be addressed to Bud Melless (regarding our administration of the Program) or to directly NROI Canada for higher level issues or suggestions.
2. What is the status of new RO shirts and will we be able to see the shirts before they are ordered, will someone get to try them out? The Board replied that at this time we are not sure of the exact process, but new shirts are on the way.
3. Will current RO's have to pay for new shirts? The Board replied that all new RO's will get on free shirt upon completion of the RO course, no other costing or pricing details are available but will be communicated to the members when all detail have been finalized (sometime in 2009)
4. What is IPSC Ontario planning on doing to assist with the Range Officer Program? The board replied that this is a National Program, and the new NROI President (Mark Hamrol) will communicate all details to the sections as the information comes available.
5. Is IPSC Ontario considering an expansion of the current "Mentoring Program" to include new Range Officials? The Board replied that Rachel Blum (Director in charge of the Mentoring Program) would contact NROI Canada to discuss.
6. Regarding the changes to the RO Program (shirts, point cards, rules books) how will this be communicated to the members? The Board replied that with the expectation of the change at the head of NROI Canada, there have been very few changes.

Things will operate as before and if there are changes, they will be communicated to all RO's as they have been in the past, by email from Bud Melless (IPSC Ontario's NROI representative)

7. Why were only 20 people invited to the CRO course held in the spring when there are over 100 members eligible? As per existing NROI Policy, people need to be invited to attend
8. Follow up question: How is it determined who is invited? The board replied that with the recent changes with NROI Canada, this would have to be discussed with NROI Canada and our Ontario Representative.
9. What is IPSC Ontario doing regarding the issue of "Holstering firearms between ranges"? The Board replied that this is a club matter and IPSC Ontario does not have the jurisdiction to step in. It does not contradict anything in the IPSC rule book...so not our matter to address.
10. What has IPSC Ontario done to prepare for the 2009 Provincials and would IPSC Ontario consider several clubs being involved to help build and run stages? The Board clarified that when referring to IPSC Ontario you should be referring to all 1,000 members...not just the 5 members of the Board. Regarding the 2009 Provincials, as in past years all proposals will be considered. If more than 1 proposal is received, the Board will vote and select the venue.

#### **Other Comments from the floor:**

Ontario and Quebec run a very solid and consistent RO Program. We are working together so that all Range Officers are the same. It is time for us to unit. Between the both of us we have a majority. Let spend some money on consistency.

A concern was brought up that less than 20% of our members were certified officials and burn out was a possibility.

A concern was brought up that a group of members who took the RO course in the spring, no one from that course has received anything, shirt or card.

Dino Evangelinos (President of IROA) asked that we please allow for the transition between Mark and Bud, Mark has a full plate, let him work out the details. The Board also commented that this was NROI Canada jurisdiction, but we would bring it up with our Provincial Representative (Bud Melless)

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 pm motioned by Ed Parry, seconded by John Evers.

Minutes recorded by Rachel Blum and submitted by Craig Stoklosar