

Las Vegas, Nevada September 20, 1986

The meeting of the International Basque Committee was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 20, 1986 at the Union Plaza Hotel beginning at 4:00 p.m. President Pierre Etcharren presided over the meeting. In attendance were the following:

Paul Robert, Honorary President

Javier Ortega, delegate Argentina

Juan Uribe, delegate Australia

Javier Mendiburu, delegate Chile

Cosme Sanz, delegate Chile

Jose Torontegui, delegate Colombia

Antonio Correcher, delegate Euskadi-Sud

Javier Rojo, delegate Euskadi-Sud

René Bereau, delegate France

Jean Claude Elissalde, Delegate France

Juan Larroza, delegate Mexico

Jean Leon Tobarren, delegate United States

Jean B. Aguerre, delegate United States

Jesus Celaya, delegate Venezuela

Mr & Mrs. Joe Beristain, Las Vegas Basque Club

Several players were also present at the meeting.

President Pierre Etcharren welcomed all the delegates and players. He excused David Zigeren, President of the North American Basque Organizations for being unable to attend this meeting. Pierre gave a brief explanation as to the selection of Las Vegas as tournament location. He introduced the Honorary President, Paul Robert, and proclaimed that the 1986 International Basque



Championship Tournament be opened. Minutes of the past meeting of September 15, 1985, held in St. Jean Pied de Port, France were read and accepted.

- 2) The second order of business: Qualifications for participation. The countries of Columbia and Venezuela are represented at this tournament having only one player each thus requesting a partner from another country. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted unanimously to record in the International Tournament Rules the following:

- A) A country can be represented by two (2) players. One player could act as a delegate.
- B) A country who does not have two (2) players cannot participate in the International Tournament.
- C) Champions: If one player is unable to attend, he can participate by having a partner appointed by his/her country.
- D) If both champions are unable to attend, they cannot participate in the International Championship.

The President announced that a semi-final and a final will be held with the four best teams.

Rules adopted last year (1985) and rules proposed by Euskadi-Sud were discussed. It was moved by the delegate from Argentina, Javier Ortega to use the same rules as last year for this Tournament. Seconded by

Antonio Correcher, the motion passed unanimously.

The delegate from Mexico made a motion to add the English language to Article 19 of the Rules that currently specifies that only Basque, Spanish and French languages can be spoken during play. Following discussion, a vote was taken and not passed.

The location for next year's tournament was discussed. The delegation from Euskadi-Sud requested to have the next tournament held in San Sebastian (Donostia). This was unanimously accepted by those present.

Antonio Correcher was elected President for 1987. Judges for this tournament will be the delegates.

The International Commission for this tournament will consist of:

Pierre Etcharren, President 1986

Antonio Correcher, President 1987

Paul Robert, Honorary President

Any interpretation of the rules by the judges can be reviewed or changed only by the above commission.

Paragraph #2 of the Rules is being clarified in that the judges will shuffle the cards at the beginning of each face.

The schedule of the games and countries was distributed. Another meeting will be held during the tournament with the delegates to discuss



correspondence and the future of the International
Stus.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
on September 20, 1986.

Pierre Etcharren

Las Vegas, Nevada

September 25, 1986

President Pierre Etcharren called to order a meeting of all delegates on September 25, 1986, at 3:00 p.m. at the Union Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The President thanked all delegates and players for their cooperation and for the way in which the tournament was progressing. He congratulated all participants for their full cooperation in following the schedules.

He then gave a report of communications received from Canada, the Philippines, Uruguay and Peru. Pierre asked for suggestions on how to form a more solid line of communication between countries not currently participating but having indicated an interest. Chile volunteered to personally contact Uruguay, Argentina will contact Peru, the United States will contact Canada and the Philippines by President Antonio Correcher.

Pierre reported concern during his term if Euskadi team was representing Euskadi-Sud or Spain. Correcher clarified that

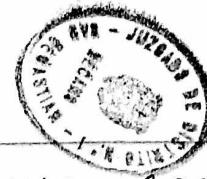
they are representing Euskadi-Sud and not Spain. At this point, Pierre suggested that we should open the doors to any country that has a Basque community, including Spain. Following discussion by the group, a vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

The new President indicated that he would work through the Basque Government to locate other Basque communities around the world and invite them to send one team per country to participate in the 1987 International Jai Alai Tournament to be held in Donostia during the month of September.

President Pierre Etcharren opened the floor to discussion.

1. Australia requested that the Spanish cards "faunier" be used because of characters differing from other decks of cards.
2. In determining the championship team of the tournament, some suggested the method of awarding the championship to the team with the most wins. Having a semi-final and final was discussed. Each country offered their opinion. It was approved unanimously to leave the decision to the hosting country.

Discussion was held regarding smaller countries hosting future International Jai Alai Tournaments as many are reluctant to do so because of the financial burden. This problem was acknowledged, but no solution reached at this time.



President Pierre Etcharren again thanked all present for their cooperation during the tournament and appreciated all cooperation shown him. He pledged his cooperation and assistance to the new President.
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Pierre Etcharren

This book of Minutes of the Federacion Internacional de Mus was transferred to the incoming President, Antonio Correcher, by out-going President, Pierre Etcharren on September 27, 1986 at

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Antonio Correcher