

Minutes
M.L.A.I.C. Delegates Meeting
Pforzheim, Germany – 12 August 2012

1. The meeting was preceded with welcoming remarks from our German hosts on behalf of DSB President Josef Ambacher, who was unable to attend. This was followed by the presentation of gifts from our hosts to the Delegates. Mrs. Nancy Crouse was then appointed as Minutes Secretary by Secretary-General David Brigden and the general meeting proceeded.
2. The SG welcomed Piet Vermaat as the new Delegate for Luxembourg. Mr. Vermaat was accompanied at the meeting by Peter Muller. Luis Moura, Delegate of Portugal, was represented at the meeting by Joao Faria; Jarowslaw Kowalski, Delegate for Poland, was represented by Tomasz Krocak, and Odd Flomark, Delegate for Norway, was represented by Oddvar Debritz. Nations absent without representation at the meeting included Denmark, Japan, Malta and Venezuela. The SG also noted that, in addition to Luxembourg officially becoming a member of the MLAIC at this championships, India is corresponding and Russia has set up a federation and will hopefully enter competition next year.
3. Minutes of previous meeting were adopted after correction of item 18: Balasz Nemeth's name, instead of that of Shigeo Sugawa, should have been listed as one of the "five remaining members of the Commission".
4. An item of correspondence regarding the use of European matchlock replicas in competition was discussed. The conclusion was that European matchlock replicas will be rejected unless they comply with proper evidence of their authenticity.
5. Nick Harvey reported on the finances of the MLAIC. He stated that, despite some difficulties with payments from individual nations, the monies in the treasury have doubled from the last report.
6. The tellers proposed by the SG to count ballots at the meeting, Antonio Ferrerio and Gerda Lejeune, were officially appointed.
7. Agenda Items:
 - a. After discussion, the annual MLAIC membership fee was approved to increase to 100 €. Because of the expense of exchanging foreign currency, the official currency of the MLAIC was changed to Euros.
 - b. The funding of the SG's expenses will continue to be by MLAIC funds, but it was decided that the expenses of the DSG and Treasurer will not be funded.
 - c. The "temporary logo" being used by the MLAIC was officially accepted as the permanent logo. The discussion regarding the proposal of three (3) new flags was deferred and will be decided prior to the next championship after determining design and cost.
 - d. Long Range Rules: It was decided that the nations participating in the Long Range competition will determine at the Long Range World Championship the

rules they wish to have in place, to be presented to the Delegates with the recommendation that they be approved.

- e. The recommendation of the SG for Championship program date changes as the year 2021 nears (50th anniversary of the MLAIC) were accepted: 2019 remains Zone Championship, 2020 becomes Zone Championship, 2021 becomes World Championship/Festival Event, with intent of combining Long Range and Short Range World Championships.
- f. Venues accepted for upcoming Championship events:
 - World Championship 2014 – Cape Town, South Africa
 - Long Range World Championship 2015 – USA
 - World Championship 2016 – Barcelos, Portugal
 Possible World Championship 2018 – Spain will be voted on at Delegates Meeting in 2014 in South Africa.
- g. A discussion to set the fees for target inspection and protests at all MLAIC events resulted in the following decision. The fee to simply inspect a target will be ten (10) €, non-refundable. The protest fee will be twenty (20) €, which will be refundable if the protest is successful, and will also include the target inspection fee if one was paid prior to and regarding the protest.
- h. Information about the Grand Prix Madrid 2013 was presented by the President of the Reales Arcabuceros de Madrid, along with caps and pins for each Delegate.
- i. Gerda Lejeune reported on missing MLAIC trophies: The Miquelet replica trophy has been returned, the Whitworth original trophy has not been located but will be replaced by France, and the Tanegashima replica trophy has not been located but the search is ongoing. Trophies were presented for new events, including the Hibuta trophy (donated by Japan), the Hinawa trophy (presented by Netherlands) and the trophies for Donald Malson Original and Replica (presented by Mrs. Nancy Malson-Crouse).
- j. The report of the Black Powder Committee will be posted on the MLAIC website for all to read.

(*Prior to discussion of the new Constitution and Rules, it was pointed out by Switzerland that each of these two parts of the document should be considered separately, as they are distinctly different. Because the new Constitution and Rules were drafted in three parts (Part A – Constitution, with amendments requiring a two-thirds majority at MLAIC Delegates Meetings, Part B - Rules, wherein amendments will require a simple majority at MLAIC Delegates Meetings, and Part C – MLAIC Information, to be updated administratively, the Constitution - Part A was discussed first. The following changes/inclusions were made.

- k. Constitution:
 - (1) Article 4 (Objectives), a., was modified by inserting the word(s) “muzzle loading” after the word “historical”.
 - (2) Article 8 (Membership), Italy’s proposal was added as “c. The MLAIC shall recognize only one governing international body per nation. The updated official list of the recognized associations is contained on the MLAIC website.”

1. Rules (Annex A):

- (1) 1.9 (Arbitration Committee, pg. 12), g. Per suggestion of Switzerland, After the first sentence, the following sentence was added: "Protest against the decision of the Arbitration Committee may be made to the S.G. in writing within one hour of being notified. Such protest shall be decided by those members of the MLAIC Commission who are present, with the S.G. only exercising a casting vote if necessary."
- (2) 1.9.1. Per suggestion of Switzerland, to be added at the end after "to the S.G." shall be "immediately following the championships." (pg. 12)
- (3) 1.12: Per Spain's proposals, the heading shall include the word "Target" after the word "Line", and inserted as c. shall be "A Chief Target Officer, reporting directly to the Match Director, shall be responsible for the Target Office and the Target Officers, who will collect targets from the range and transfer them to the scorers, ensuring their safe custody, and shall arrange for the first six (6) in each event to be passed to the Arbitration Committee for verification." (pgs. 13 and 14)
- (4) 2.1.e: Canada's proposal to change the wording of this item was discussed but not accepted.
- (5) 2.2.b.: Per France's proposal, shall read "The Delegate.....completed Preliminary estimated registration forms two (2) months before final entries....." (pg. 14)
- (6) France's proposal to alter 2.3.a (Participation and registration) was discussed but left as originally written.
- (7) 2.4.e.: Per suggestion of Switzerland, shall read "A register of recipients will be kept by the S.G. Each trophy must be signed for by the Delegate of the country winning it." (pg. 15)
- (8) 2.5.b.ii: After discussion concerning this item, per suggestion of Switzerland it was agreed to include at the end, after the sentence beginning "Delegates must be informed if temporary structures will be used"...the words "such as canvas cover for shooting ranges, and provide photographs or drawings of same. The S.G. or a member of the commission will inspect new ranges never before used for MLAIC events." (pg. 16)
- (9) 4.4.a.iii.aa, bb and cc (Prone, kneeling and standing positions regulations) were clarified. The descriptions are lengthy and are included in the new set of Rules on page 18.
- (10) 4.7.A.a.i) It was decided to delete this item., Great Britain submitted further proposals under items, 4.8, 7.4, 7.6 and 7.9 for discussion, The S.G. will review the relevant sections and suggest any necessary changes..
- (11) 4.7.D. (Originals): After discussion, it was agreed that the last sentence of the introduction shall read "The cut-off date for original verses reproduction firearms is 31 December 1899." (pg. 21)

- (12) 4.7.E. (Reproductions): The S.G. proposed wording for this introductory paragraph, which was accepted and will read as follows. "A reproduction (repro) is a close copy of an original firearm in both appearance and construction. Any such reproduction should be supported with photography and documented evidence when submitting for approval for MLAIC events." Original parts....in the original style. "For example, an original Henry barrel may be fitted to a reproduction Henry type stock to produce a reproduction Henry rifle, etc." For purposes of....proof marks and serial numbers. (pg.22)
- (13) France's proposal was accepted to add to 4.9 (Accessories) under a.i.bb. after item iv. The phrase (Photographs to be added to website) and as item v) at the end, "No hook nor button on the jacket shall be used to maintain sling position." (pg. 25)
- (14) France's proposal to add to 4.9.e.ii.cc the sentence "On referee's request, any shooter wearing all his shooting equipment shall be able to crouch down and come back to shooting position, hence proving no additional support is provided by his garments" was accepted. (pg. 26)
- (15) Spain's proposal that "The range officer will not allow a shooter to deliberately cause delay to the competition which would affect the other shooters. If he detects these delays, he will warn the competitor. If the shooter repeats the delay the referee shall disqualify the shooter from the competition" was accepted and added to the rules as 5.8.v. (pg. 32)
- (16) A number of proposals by Hungary were discussed at length, but ultimately were not accepted.
- m. Having finalized the Rules part of the document, elections of the S.G., D.S.G., Treasurer, Honorary Members and 6-Person MLAIC Commission took place. Prior to the elections, the S.G. expressed his appreciation to Louise Van Greunen for her excellent and thorough work on the Constitution and Rules. The results of the elections were as follows.
 - (1) Secretary-General – Mr. David Brigden
 - (2) Deputy Secretary-General – Mrs. Nancy Crouse
 - (3) Treasurer – Mr. Nick Harvey
 - (4) Honorary Members – Donald Malson (USA), Erich Illing (Germany), Jean Bourdeaux (France) and Jose Louis Peres Pastor (Spain)
 - (5) 6-Person MLAIC Commission – Antonio Ferrerio, Balazs Nemeth, Gerda Lejeune, Kim Atkinson, Ramon Selles and Gary Crawford
- n. Brief closing speeches were made by S.G. David Brigden and D.S.G. Nancy Crouse, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Crouse, Minutes Secretary