

Item 1: Proposal(s) from Germany

1. To change the wording for No. 8/Walkyrie as follows (changes in boldface):
 - A) Firearm: Free or military percussion rifles (**not qualifying for No. 3 Minie**)
 - B) Sights: **According to Free rifle rules**
(Remaining wording remains the same)
2. To change the wording for No. 15/Vetterli as follows:
 - A) Firearm: Any percussion rifle **or original matchlock rifle**
(Remaining wording remains the same)

(The Vetterli proposal is based on the fact that we have now created new competitions for the flintlock rifle and the military standing rifle. The inclusion of the original matchlock rifle will allow our Japanese friends to compete and we should let this possibility exist.)

3. To eliminate the use of the matchlock pistol from No. 5/Cominazzo, based on the fact that we now have an event
(Tanzutsu) for the matchlock pistol.

4. Rule 417 (Ties) for shoot-offs now reads as follows:

"a) Ties for the top three individual places will be determined by shoot-off with the first five birds. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined with the first fault being the loser. Shoot-offs shall comprise..."

Recommended change:

- a) Ties for the top six individual places will be determined by shoot-off with the first five birds. **(Place certificates will be assigned, beginning with the last place shooter of the top six.)**

Item 2: Financial Report

Item 3: Possibilities for MLAIC Logo

Item 4: Proposal(s) from Italy

1. As already done in Lucca 2002 for a comparable situation, to fix at point No. 1 of the Agenda: Election of the new General Secretary, suspending temporarily art. 132 due to the urgency of such matter.
2. Candidacy of Mr. Antonio Ferrerio from Italy, as Member of the MLAIC Commission.
3. The MLAIC Commission should elect a President between its Members that will represent officially the Commission.
4. A Vice General Secretary should be elected by the Delegate Meeting in order to avoid missing of the G.S. due to whatever reason, and he will work in partnership with the Official One, or alone if delegated. (double candidacy for General Secretary and Vice G.S. acceptable)
5. E-mail vote to be used as a decisional instrument of the MLAIC for urgent situations, under request of a single majority of the Delegates.
6. Rules modifications acceptable after MLAIC Zone or World Championships, under mail discussion and vote, in order to have a quicker solution of the problems occurred in the previous MLAIC Event (decision to be taken at least 4 months before the following one)
7. The G. Secretary should manage and double check the urgent requests of the Delegates about Rules modifications, with the Commission, should arrange and send the questions to the Delegates, manage the vote, and send a summary of the results to the Delegates (detailed per Nation, and this will assure all Delegates about eventual errors in counting).
8. An Arbitration Commission Report have to be sent (as per Rule 257) to the MLAIC G.S. and Commission, after each Official Event.

9. A folder for the Arbitration Commission works report have to be created, and all International Events should have its own report there.
10. A digital and a paper copy of the top 6 target have to be enclosed to the Arbitration Report at any event (where possible).
11. A random Weapon control on the stands could be effected (and the weapon could be removed from the stand where it was used only after the permission of the Weapon Control Officers, and a digital photo of that gun have to be taken)
12. An heavy disciplinary penalty have to be proposed in case of use of different kind of powders than Black Powder in International events.
13. Modification of art. 355 miscellaneous No. 3, in order to admit Original Adams Revolver to the Colt discipline (..except for Original Adams Revolver only...?).
14. Creation of a Register of the MLAIC Approved Replica's (serial production only) and availability of such text for Weapon Controls Officers during international Events.
15. MLAIC Grand Prix Circuit Events (presentation times, events number, records discipline...) only under Commission's approval.
16. Official recognition of the MLAIC by the CIO or GAIFS and attempt to be demonstration sport in the next (2012 Paris) Olympics
17. Possibility for Disabled people to take part to the MLAIC Events in a unique result lists (disability level, and participation rules to be defined).
18. All decision taken by vote during the Delegates Meeting should be supported by a written report of the votes per Nation and summary of the Meeting arguments and related votes expressed should be transmitted to the Delegates via mail (Newsletter).

Item 5: Proposal(s) from Spain

(Proposed changes in boldface)

1. *411 Shooting stands:*
 - d) Individual loading tables shall be provided within a few meters behind each stand
An additional table will be prepared on a side of the stand aligned with the posts 1 and 5 with a minimum space of 3 meters. Those shooters who have had a failure and the gun remains loaded must go to this table to repair their guns under supervision of the arbitrator. If referred to this table, shooters will not be allowed to return to their loading posts until the gun is unloaded.
- 415 Range Officer and Arbitrators:*
 - a) The Range Officer controls the shooting, with the assistance of three arbitrators for scoring. These officials are the only people allowed to intervene if a shooter has difficulties, **and they will supervise the unloading and repair of the guns at the appropriate table.**
- 416 Shooting Rules:*
 - a) After a misfire, a gun may be unloaded or fired away subject to the authorization of the Range Officer, **and in the designated place in the area of the repair table.**
2. *416 Shooting rules:*
 - a) Each round to be 25 clay targets in 60 minutes. **Also, the time spent by a shooter from when he/she leaves**

the waiting post until firing should be limited to 24 seconds, which will be controlled by the arbitrators.

When a shooter clearly exceeds this time, he/she will be warned by arbitrator one time, but if it

occurs in successive times, the shots fired outside of the time limit will be counted as zeros.

3. *416 Shooting rules:*

k) The allocation of stands for each round will be made by the shooters drawing lots. Each shooter shall fire his or her first shot in the sequence determined by the draw, but may subsequently fire in any order as soon as ready. **At that time, he/she must go to the waiting point for his/her turn to go.**

This point should be

placed at least 3 meters behind post number 3.

4. *416 Shooting rules:*

r) The normal maximum number of shooters to be squadded on a round is **four** for No. 21 (Manton) and six for No. 22 (Lorenzoni). Should it be absolutely essential, this may be increased to a maximum of **six** in No. 21 and eight in No. 22, but the time for the round is to be increased by ten minutes for each additional shooter above **four** in No. 21 and above six in No. 22.

5. *420 Shooting rules:*

b) When walking from the loading table to the stands and back, shooters must carry their guns with the muzzles pointed upwards **and above their heads.**

Item 6: Proposal(s) from Norway

Due to the increasing restrictions world-wide on the storage and transport of black powder, Norway suggests the following:

1. MLAIC initiate/delegate the establishment of a database of the registration of the regulations in the different member countries with regards to transport and storage of black powder. These regulations should be translated to English, and a copy in the national language should be attached. This should contain a proper relevant reference, preferably a direct link to a governmental web page. It should include the collection of relevant research addressing the danger involved in the use, storage and transport of black powder, as well as documentation of actual accidents that have occurred while using, storing or transporting black powder. This should be available for the delegates of the organization, and each delegate can provide the information to the officials of their countries.
2. The MLAIC meeting should appoint a committee that can use the database as a source for an approach towards the UN, in order to obtain a classification of sporting black powder that is more "realistic".

Item 7: Proposal from USA

1. Received from USA Delegate Gary Crawford:

"In May of 2007 the MLAIC lost not only a popular, knowledgeable and effective Secretary General but also one of its all-time champion shooters, Donald "Bucky" Malson. In addition to helping to pave the way for new MLAIC members such as Poland, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, he encouraged and was in the process of bringing several Latin America nations into the MLAIC competitions. As many as 8 new countries were added during his tenure. But beyond this strengthening of our organization was the great example Donald Malson provided to every competitor over the years with his gold medal shooting performances. Whether pistol or rifle, flint or percussion, Donald Malson's name was most often at the top of the awards charts. He inspired not only his own team but also the members of all teams to achieve the discipline and excellence necessary to meet or exceed those scores. Additionally, he provided hands-on assistance with helpful advice to any

competitor who would ask. The MLAIC today is a much larger, more competitive and excellent shooting organization because of his leadership and presence.

By way of recognition for all that he freely contributed to the development of our organization I would like to propose a new match in his honor. Donald Malson's prime competition was on the pistol range where he excelled time and time again. The creation of a needed new match and named for him would constantly remind current competitors of his great contributions to our sport and would serve to inform future generations of his highest competitive and moral standards. The match I am proposing would be a 50-meter revolver event using the ISSF 50-meter target. Competitors would be free to use either replica or original revolvers as currently used in the Mariette and Colt events.

Competitors in the latter two events are becoming so skilled that one must turn in a nearly perfect score to win. The creation of a new 50-meter event would not only offer an additional match but also would present an interesting challenge and provide room for growth in those skills. In the United States the North-South Skirmish Association has long offered revolver competition at both 25 and 50 yards with scores constantly rising, especially in the latter distance. The 50-yard event allows the shooter to use all his skills and is a very popular part of the program. At present in the MLAIC we have 5 pistol events though only 4 receive many entries. The addition of a 50-meter match would provide an interesting new challenge and would not require the purchase or transporting of any additional firearms. (An important factor with today's transportation restrictions.) It would require a new testing of skills, which is what the MLAIC is all about.

Range usage would rarely be an issue. At the most recent World Championship in Bordeaux, the range facilities had 70 firing points at 50-meters. With 8 relays per day x 3 days there were 1680 available target slots. Currently there are seven matches being fired on the 50-meter ranges. (Miquelet, Vetterli, Tanegashima, Hizadai, Pennsylvania, Lamarmora and Soper.) The total number of entries in those events was 370. The Mariette and Colt entries totaled 226. Even if 80% of the pistol competitors (180) elected to also compete at 50 meters, the total range usage would be only 550 of the available 1680. Certainly, smaller ranges might have fewer 50-meter firing positions but if a range had 50 firing positions the total available would be 1200 targets. If a range had 40 positions, the total would be 960. If only 30, the total would be 720 targets and this would still provide a sizable cushion over the 550-usage figure.

A concern for scheduling might arise wherein competitors need time to add another event. Pistol shooters tend to concentrate heavily on just pistol events of which there are currently five. However, the Tanzutsu draws relatively few competitors thus leaving just four events for those competitors. The addition of one more event should not present a problem and schedulers would certainly be able to work a total of 5 or 6 events into a 3-day period.

I also recommend that we create an unfired *revolver aggregate individual event* combining the score of the Malson 50-meter match with the score of either the Colt or Mariette 25-meter match for an aggregate match total. The pre-election of the firearm to be used in the Malson event would determine which 25-meter match score is selected.

Details: Proposed Match No. 38, Donald Malson

- A) Pistol: Free percussion revolvers, original or replica
- B) Sights: Contemporary sights. Height of foresight unlimited but profile must be of original style.
- C) Target: ISSF 50-meter Pistol target
- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 50 meters

Motion # 1: The United States presents a motion to create a new 50-meter revolver event to be formally named the Donald Malson, match # 38. This event, if approved, to be available for competition during the European and Pacific Zone Championships in 2009 and the World Championships in 2010 and all years thereafter. Match details as listed above.

Motion # 2: The United States presents a motion to create an unfired individual aggregate revolver event match # 39, (suggested name, the Remington) consisting of the fired scores from either the Colt or the Mariette 25-meter and the Malson 50-meter revolver events. The pre-election of the firearm to be used in the Malson would determine which 25-meter match score is selected. This event, if approved, to be available for competition during the European and Pacific Zone Championships in 2009 and the World Championships in 2010 and all years thereafter."

Item 8: Proposal from Czech Republic

1. Proposal for new team competition for Lamarmora original and replica - proposed name "Hradec Kralove" (the town in Bohemia that was the site of a bloody battle which took place on 3 July 1886, the peak of the armed conflict between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Prussian Kingdom over influence in the German republics. In this battle the advantage of the breach loading rifle over the musket was proven, and thus its future in the army assured.

Item 9: Proposal from Great Britain has two proposals

1. We propose David Brigden for the post of Secretary General.
2. Many years ago the MLAGB presented the Wogdon Trophy for the Cominazzo Team Event, which was for original pistols, but became 'mixed' O and R. Two years ago, Bucky allowed a vote to be carried that allowed three replicas. Great Britain proposes a new Cominazzo Team event for original pistols. We suggest that it be called the Egg Competition as that name is well associated with flintlock pistols, but we would welcome alternative titles

Item 10: Election of Secretary-General

Item 11: Election of Deputy Secretary-General

Item 12: Election/Appointment of Constitution Revision Committee

Australia has proposed a special meeting of delegates to be held prior to the regular August 2008 Delegates Meeting, for the purpose of adopting the following motions:

1. Motion 1: It is proposed that **after the figure 132 of rule 132 of the MLAIC Constitution the letter “(a)” be inserted so that the Rule Number will be 132(a).**
2. Motion 2: It is proposed that **after end of Rule 132, now to be 132(a), of the MLAIC Constitution that the following Rule be inserted: “132(b). The Deputy Secretary General of the MLAIC shall be elected at the end of each World Championship Committee Meeting, but after the election of the Secretary General, by a simple majority vote.**
3. Motion 3: It is proposed that **“A Sub-Committee of Revision, consisting of three Members of an MLAIC Country Member (each from a different Member Country and each to be proficient in English), be established to completely overhaul and reviser the Constitution of the MLAIC.”**
4. Motion 4: It is proposed that **“The Sub-Committee of Revision shall liaise with the Commission in the process of preparation of the proposed new Constitution over the two-year period between 2008 and the 2010 World Championships in order to obtain reasonable consensus. The Sub-Committee of Revision shall complete an initial submission for presentation to the Commission by 30 August 2009. The Commission Members shall then consider the submission and make their final submissions to the Sub-Committee of Revision by 30 November 2009. The Sub-Committee of Revision shall present their final submission to the Secretary General by 31 March 2010 and it shall then be immediately distributed to the Delegates by the Secretary General.**
5. Motion 5: It is proposed that **“The Proposed New Constitution shall be presented by the Sub-Committee of Revision to the Committee of Delegates for adoption at the 2010 meeting.**
6. Motion 6: It is proposed that **“All words in the Constitution of the MLAIC under Appendix 5, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, and under the heading “SECRETARY GENERAL” be deleted and the following words be substituted:**

1. RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- 1.1 The Secretary General shall be elected at the end of each World Championships Committee Meeting by a simple majority as set out in the new Rule 132(a) and
- 1.2 Except as provided, nothing shall prevent any previous Secretary General from being nominated for a further term and
- 1.3 No person who is declared as a bankrupt or is an undischarged bankrupt shall hold the office of the Secretary General. Such a person shall be ineligible to hold the office of Secretary General for a period of at least five years subsequent to the discharge of his bankruptcy and
- 1.4 No person who has been convicted of dishonesty, violence or feloniously breaching firearms laws of his own country may hold the office of the Secretary General and
- 1.5 Upon the death of the Secretary General, all of the duties of the Secretary General shall be deferred to the Deputy Secretary General forthwith. The Deputy Secretary General shall request the Trustees of the Estate of the Secretary General to pass all records and assets of the Committee to the Deputy Secretary General forthwith.

2. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL:

2. The Secretary General shall have the following duties:

- 2.1. Preside over all MLAIC meetings during the following two years, but have no vote on considered items during those meetings, and Chair all technical and committee meetings and**
- 2.2. Be responsible for the day to day administration of the MLAIC and enforcement of MLAIC Rules and the Committee's decisions and**
- 2.3. Receive correspondence from member associations and distribute pertinent information to all delegates and**
- 2.4. Set and send the agenda for committee Meetings to all delegates at least three months prior to those committee meetings and**
- 2.5. Except in extraordinary circumstances, refuse matters for inclusion on agendum of meetings unless received at least four months prior to the date of such meetings**
- 2.6. Edit and circulate newsletters and**
- 2.7. Appoint a Recording Secretary, Webmaster and Small Arms Committee and monitor their activities, as well as those of the Commission and**
- 2.8. Appoint appropriate ad-hoc advisory committees as necessary and**
- 2.9. Edit amendments and voted alterations to the MLAIC rules and regulations and have them posted on the MLAIC website and transmitted to all Delegates. Edit and maintain World and Zone Records lists and mail same to all Delegates in the first newsletter following the World or Zone event.**
- 2.10. Develop a list of individuals who have expertise in working with the MLAIC rules and regulations and utilize this list to assist the host country to obtain properly qualified individuals to serve on the MLAIC Firearms Control and Arbitration Committees¹ and**
- 2.11. Assist delegates and their match directors with information helpful to their operation of upcoming matches and**
- 2.12. The Secretary General shall at all times keep the Deputy Secretary General aware of all facets of the activities of the Secretary General during his term of Office and shall liaise with and utilize the Deputy Secretary General to assist in the workings of the day to day management of the MLAIC and**
- 2.13. The Secretary General shall be responsible for the keeping of the history and all records of the Committee. All records shall be kept as hard copy² but should also be kept as computerized copies using the facilities produced and used by the general populace (i.e., systems produced both by Apple Corporation and Microsoft Corporation.) Copies on either disk/disks, memory sticks or the latest generation of computer record keeping systems.**

- 1. This rule is a combination of rules 10 and 10a of appendix 5 of the existing Constitution.**
- 2. Computer disks are subject to deterioration and it is thought that hard copies provide insurance for this circumstance. Additionally, as computer programs advance and change, it is possible that disks produced today may not be readable in the future.**

3. TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General's travel expenses (economy class air, rail and auto plus hotel and food) for attendance and World and Zone Championships are to be reimbursed by the host country except where low attendances make this impracticable³ and

4. INCAPACITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES

- 4.1. Should the Secretary General become incapable of carrying out the duties and/or accepting the responsibilities of the office of Secretary General due to:**
- a) Becoming bankrupt or**
 - b) Having committed an offense as in 1.4 above or**
 - c) Suffering from an incapacitating illness or**
 - d) Mental sickness or**
 - e) From any other cause whatsoever, as may be determined by the Commission, shall forthwith yield up all of the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General together with all records and assets of the Committee to the Deputy Secretary General**

5. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- 5.1 Any person nominated for the office of Secretary General must be a member of an organization admitted as a Member Country to the MLAIC and be sponsored, in writing, by that country. The Secretary General shall be proficient in the use of the English Language**

7 Motion 7: It is proposed that "In the Constitution of the MLAIC under Appendix 5, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, and after sub-clauses 1 to 5 under the heading "Secretary General" as amended under motion 6, above, the following words shall be inserted:

DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

1 RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL:

- 1.1 The Deputy Secretary General shall be elected at the end of each World Championship Committee Meeting, after the election of the Secretary General. The Deputy Secretary General shall be elected for a term of two years by a simple majority of the voting delegates. Nominees for the position of Deputy Secretary General shall be from the Membership Ranks of Member Countries and sponsored in writing by his own country and**

This rule is taken directly from the current Constitution rule 134. The Sub-committee of Revision should consider this matter with the Commission when considering the new Constitution.

The temporary or permanent relinquishing of authority by the Secretary General to the Deputy Secretary General should, perhaps, be a subject of debate by the Sub-committee of Revision and the Commission during the complete revision of the Constitution.

Removal of the Secretary General for non-performance would be covered by rule 4.1 e).

- 1.2 Except where otherwise provided, nothing shall prevent any previous Deputy Secretary General from being nominated for a further term and**
- 1.3 No person who is declared as a bankrupt or is an undischarged bankrupt shall hold the office of Deputy Secretary General. Such a person shall be ineligible to hold the office of Deputy Secretary General for a period of at least five years subsequent to the discharge of his bankruptcy and**
- 1.4 No person who has been convicted of dishonesty, violence or feloniously breaching of firearms laws of his own country may hold the office of the Deputy Secretary General.**

DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL:

2. The Deputy Secretary General shall have the following duties:

- 2.1 Preside over all MLAIC meetings during the following two years whenever the Secretary General is unable to attend or whenever directed by a majority decision of the Commission, but have no vote on considered items during those meetings and**
- 2.2 Chair all technical and committee meetings whenever the Secretary General is unable to attend or whenever directed by a majority vote of the Commission, but have no vote on considered items and**
- 2.3 Assist as required by the Secretary General in the day to day administration of the MLAIC and enforcement of MLAIC Rules and the Committee's decisions and**
- 2.4 Assist delegates and their match directors with information helpful to their operation of upcoming matches when asked to do so by the Secretary General and**
- 2.5 Make every endeavour to keep up to date with and be aware of all facets of the activities of the Secretary General during his term of Office and**
- 2.6 Upon the death or complete disability or incapacity of the Secretary General to comply with his job description as determined by the Commission, assume all duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General asset out above.**

3. TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Deputy Secretary General's travel expenses (economy class air, rail and auto, plus hotel and food) for attendance at World and Zone Championships are to be reimbursed by the host country, except where low attendances make this impracticable These expenses shall only be reimbursed whenever the Deputy Secretary General has assumed the full role of Secretary General as set out above.

4. Qualifications of the Deputy Secretary General:

Any person nominated for the office of Deputy Secretary General must be a member of an organization admitted as a Member Country to the MLAIC and must be sponsored, in writing, by that country. The Deputy Secretary General shall be proficient in the use of the English Language. The nomination for election as the Secretary General and any term or part term served by the Deputy Secretary General as required by regulation 2.7 above shall not be considered as any part of a term served as Secretary General.

This is the wording used in the current Constitution and should be the subject of debate by the Sub-committee or Revision and the Commission.