

MLAIC DELEGATES' MEETING #1 (PRELIMINARY):

1. Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland) moved that Nancy Malson record the minutes of the meeting; seconded by Brian Gould (New Zealand) and carried.
2. It was announced that proxies had been received for the meeting as follows: Argentina's and Portugal's proxies to Spain, Canada's proxy to the USA.
3. Erich Illing introduced Armin Franke as the new delegate from Germany.
4. Minutes of the previous MLAIC Delegates' Meeting (Bordeaux, France), as printed on our website, were accepted per motion from Frank Thibault (Great Britain), seconded by Tony Van Elst (Australia) and carried.
5. A brief discussion was held regarding the correspondence previously circulated about Italy's representation to the MLAIC and how the organization handles such matters. It was noted that the MLAIC officially supports the membership of the CNDA, as stated in the letter sent to the UITs by Kim Atkinson, as President. Kim asked that this letter be included in the minutes of this meeting. Antonio Ferrerio (Italy) moved that this be done, seconded by Reijo Naatanen (Finland). and carried.
6. The financial report of the organization was given by Nancy Malson. The current balance in the bank at the time of the meeting was \$4,397.41, which does not take into account any additional dues collected in or after the World Championship in Australia, which will increase the balance by an additional \$1,500.00 or more. It was noted that, due to the use of electronic, rather than land/air, mail there has been very little expense to the organization and, therefore, the bank balance is growing. Gary Crawford (USA) moved the financial report be approved, seconded by Tony Van Elst (Australia), and carried.
7. Antonio Ferrerio (Italy) moved that Item 132a (states that the Secretary General be elected at the end of the Delegates' Meeting) be suspended, and the election be held at this preliminary meeting instead. Motion was seconded by Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland). Discussion followed, which included the feeling that there was no precedent for this and that it would be against our Constitution. Additionally, Frank Thibault (Great Britain) expressed the feeling that it would be unfair to any new Secretary General to have to deal with the Agenda without preparation. Both Candidates for the position agreed, and the motion was denied.
8. Motion 1, proposed by Australia, that "after the figure 132 of the MLAIC Constitution the letter 'a' be inserted so that the rule number will be 132 (a)" was approved by motion of South Africa, second Germany, with no opposition.
9. Motion 2, proposed by Australia, 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.' " was approved by motion of South Africa and second Great Britain. No opposition.
10. Motion 3, proposed by Australia and amended, that "A Sub-Committee of Revision, consisting of a minimum 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 revise the Constitution of the MLAIC" was approved by motion of Great Britain, second South Africa, with no opposition.
11. Motion 4, proposed by Australia, 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." was approved by motion of Finland, second Australia, with no opposition.
12. Motion 5, proposed by Australia, 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." was approved by motion of Italy, second USA, with no opposition.

13. Motion 6, Section 1, proposed by Australia, consisted of five (5) Rules for the Election of the Secretary General, to replace the present rules. After discussion of the various points, the amended rules were passed per motion South Africa, second Switzerland, with no opposition. Changes to the original proposal included that 1.3 and 1.4 should be reconsidered and reworded in order to not be as strict, and that 1.5 should be changed to read "Upon the death, incapacity or resignation of the Secretary General, all of the duties...Deputy Secretary General forthwith."
14. Motion 6, Section 2, proposed by Australia, consisted of 13 duties of the Secretary General, and after discussion the amended duties were passed per motion Switzerland, second Australia, with no opposition. The amended duty, 2.13, will read "The Secretary General shall at all times....records of the Committee. All records shall be kept as hard copy for a period of two years, but should also be kept as computerized copies using the facilities produced and used by the general populace and be available on the MLAIC website."
15. Motion 6, Sections 3 through 5, were approved as written.
16. Motion 7, proposed by Australia, added to the Constitution the new position of Deputy Secretary General, including Rules for Election, Duties, Travel Expenses and Qualifications. Section 1, Rules for the Election of the Deputy Secretary General, and Section 2, Duties of the Deputy Secretary General, were approved as written.
17. Motion 7, Section 3, Travel Expenses of the Deputy Secretary General, was discussed at length, a proposal for an amendment that travel expenses be reimbursed. Proposal failed, and motion was ultimately approved as written.
18. Motion 7, Section 4, Qualifications of the Deputy Secretary General, was approved with the elimination of the last sentence ("The nomination for election...shall not be considered as any part of a term served as Secretary General.").

MLAIC DELEGATES' MEETING #2 (REGULAR):

1. Gary Crawford moved and Corena De Beer seconded that Nancy Malson record the minutes of the meeting.
2. Germany's proposal that the wording for No. 8/Walkyrie be changed to eliminate the use of rifles that qualify for No. 3/Minie was discussed. It was felt by the majority of delegates that approval of the proposal would prevent the participation of some ladies in the event, and that "free" rifle rules allow any rifle to be used. A vote was taken and no one was in favour; therefore the motion failed.
3. Germany's proposal to change the wording for No. 15/Vetterli to include only "Any percussion rifle or original matchlock rifle" failed after discussion during which it was noted by Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland) that our intention should be to encourage participation rather than restrict it. This motion, it was felt, would restrict the Vetterli event to only two rifles. There was no one in favour, and the proposal failed.
4. The proposal of Germany 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, was approved.
5. Germany's proposal to change rule 417a (Ties), as amended, was approved with no opposition. The rule will now read: "Any ties within 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.)"
6. Seven (7) possibilities for an official MLAIC logo were presented, with the one being approved that shows a flintlock mechanism in the centre. (This logo now appears on the home page of the MLAIC website.)
7. Italy's proposal to allow an e-mail vote to be used as a decisional instrument of the MLAIC for urgent situations was discussed and passed, with the following wording: "E-mail votes will be permitted for extraordinary situations involving procedural matters." In addition, it was recommended that:
 - a. rather than a simple majority of delegates, a minimum number of responses should be necessary in order for the vote to be valid;
 - b. the final wording should be considered by the Constitution Revision Committee.
8. Italy's proposal that the Secretary General manage and double check urgent requests of delegates, etc., was deemed unnecessary due to the results of the previous proposal regarding e-mail voting.
9. Italy's proposal that an Arbitration Commission Report be sent to the MLAIC Secretary General and Commission after each official event was approved, and will be included in the Constitution as Rule 257a.
10. Italy's proposal that a folder for the Arbitration Commission Report be created was discussed, and it was concluded that this information would be placed on the website.
11. Italy's proposal that a digital and paper copy of the top six (6) targets be enclosed with the Arbitration Commission Report at any event possible was discussed, with the conclusion that the host country should keep the top six (6) targets for one year, and that the protest period at each event should resolve any problems.
12. Discussion concerning Italy's proposal that a random weapon control be effected on the stands concluded that this is already in the Constitution and should be done where possible. It was further recommended, by a show of hands, that the word "weapons" be changed to "firearms" wherever it appears in the Constitution by the Review Committee.
13. Italy's proposal that a heavy disciplinary penalty be given for the use of powder other than black powder in international events was discussed, with the recommendations that (a) anyone using other than black powder be disqualified for one year for international events, and (b) this situation, if discovered, be sent to the Commission at present, and then to the Constitution Review Committee.
14. Italy's proposal that Art. 355, no. 3 be modified in order to admit original Adams revolvers in no. 7/Colt was approved for all three models of the original Adams revolver, and the wording is to be added to Art. 355, no. 3. There was no opposition.
15. Italy's proposal that a Register of MLAIC Approved Replicas (serial production only) be created and made available to Firearms Control Officers during international events was discussed, and it was recommended that this question be sent to the Commission and/or Small Arms Committee for further consideration.

16. Italy's proposal that MLAIC Grand Prix Circuit events be only under the Commission's approval was discussed and it was noted that, according to the Constitution, the Secretary General will coordinate the approval of these events.
17. Italy's proposal that the MLAIC seek official recognition by the CIO or GAIFS and attempt to be a demonstration sport in the 2012 Olympics in London was discussed, and it was decided that the MLAGB and Secretary General will approach the organizing committee of the Olympics regarding the possibility. The question of how far ahead of the event would be necessary for approval was noted and will be determined.
18. Italy's proposal that the possibility be examined for disabled people to take part in MLAIC events was referred to the Commission.
19. Italy's proposal that all decisions taken by vote during the Delegates' Meeting should be supported by a written report of votes per nation, summary of meeting arguments and related votes expressed be transmitted to all delegates via newsletter was approved, but only on critical decisions at the request of the proposing nation.
20. Spain's proposal regarding 411 d) (Shooting Stands) was approved as amended, with note of the fact that a shooter must be allowed to return to get the tools necessary to make firearms repairs. The rule will now read: "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 with the gun until the gun is unloaded."
21. Spain's proposal for modifications to 415 a) (Range Officer and Arbitrators) was approved, as amended, and will now read: "The Range Officer controls the shooting, with the assistance of three arbitrators for scoring. An additional Firearms Safety Officer will be appointed to supervise the unloading and repair of firearms at the appropriate table." (This will create the new position of Firearms Safety Officer.)
22. Spain's proposal regarding 416 q) (Shooting Rules) was discussed and determined to already be covered by the rules.
23. Spain's proposal regarding 416 a) (Shooting Rules) was discussed with attention to the necessity for the amount of time to be both reasonable and flexible from when the shooter leaves the waiting post until firing. It was slowness sometimes may be beyond the control of the shooter, and this determination should be made by the chief arbitrator. It was finally decided that this proposal should be sent to the Commission for reasonable wording suggestions.
24. Spain's proposal for change to rule 416 k) (Shooting Rules) was approved as amended and will now read: "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 post for his/her turn to go. This point should be placed at least 3 meters offset from post number 3."
25. Spain's proposal for change to 416 r) (Shooting Rules) was approved as amended and will now read: "The normal maximum number of shooters to be squaded on a round is six for No. 21 (Manton) and six for No. 22 (Lorenzoni). Should it be absolutely essential, this may be increased to a maximum eight in No. 22, but the time for the round is to be increased by ten minutes for each additional shooter above six in No. 22."
26. Spain's proposal for change to 420 b) (Shooting Rules) was approved and will now read: "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."
27. The proposal from Norway that the 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 was approved and will be initiated by the Secretary General. The proposal that a committee be appointed to use the database as a source for an approach towards the UN to obtain a more realistic classification of sporting black powder was also approved.

28. The proposal from the USA for a new individual event, No. 23, Donald Malson was seconded by Australia, with the modification that the nominated pistol for the Mariette or Colt must also be the one used in the Malson event. Proposal passed with four dissenting (Switzerland, France, Italy and Netherlands). The delegate from Switzerland wished to place on record that she was directed not to vote in favour of any new events, and it was so noted. The new event details are:
- A) Pistol: Free percussion revolvers, original or replica; must be same as used by competitor in Mariette or Colt event
 - B) Sights: Contemporary sights. Height or foresight unlimited but profile must be of original style.
 - C) Target: ISSF 50-meter pistol target
 - D) Position: Standing
 - E) Distance: 50 meters
29. USA's proposal to create an unfired individual aggregate revolver event, No. 38, suggested name Remington, was approved. This unfired event will consist 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 will determine which 25-meter match score is selected. The event will be available for competition during the European and Pacific Zone Championships in 2009 and the World Championship in 2010 and all years thereafter.
30. Czech Republic's proposal for a new team competition for Lamarmora original and replica was approved. However, Netherlands suggested the name "Enfield" be used rather than the proposed name "Hradec Kralove", and the event will now be named "Enfield". All approved the proposal except Switzerland.
31. Great Britain's proposal, with second from Antonio Ferrerio (Italy) that a new Cominazzo team competition named "Egg" for original flintlock pistols only was approved, with the dissent of only Switzerland.
32. A request for clarification of the rule concerning Rule 411 c (shotgun layouts) was discussed, with the determination made that it is correct as written: "For the flintlock (No. 21) and percussion (No. 22) there shall be five stands at 8 meters behind the point..."
33. David Brigden of Great Britain was elected Secretary General by secret ballot.
34. Nancy Malson of the USA was elected Deputy Secretary General by secret ballot.
35. The election of the Commission was held by secret ballot, with following results: Kim Atkinson (Australia), Frank Thibault (Great Britain), Jose Luis Perez Pastor (Spain), Antonio Ferrerio (Italy), Balasz Nemeth (Hungary) and Gary Crawford (USA).
36. The Secretary General appointed a Constitution Revision Committee, to consist of Gary Crawford, Chairman (USA), Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland) and Merwe van Rensburg (South Africa). This Committee will, as per the direction given in the preliminary meeting, complete the critical work of re-examining the current Constitution and making it clearer and more readable, while maintaining its accuracy.
37. In answer to a question regarding the number of competitors for Long Range team events, it was confirmed that they are to consist of four (4) members, as per the decision taken by the delegates in 2006.
38. Upcoming planned MLAIC events were noted, to include the following:
- a. Italy is planning a Long Range event in October, 2008 as a "test" for further such events.
 - b. 2009 Pacific Zone Championship will be held in Barrie, Ontario, Canada.
 - c. 2010 World Championship - It was confirmed that it will be held in Portugal, but the exact location is yet to be finalized.
 - d. 2012 World Championship will be held at Pforzheim, Germany.
 - e. There has been a bid by South Africa to host the 2014 World Championship.