

**MINUTES OF THE M.L.A.I.C. GENERAL MEETING
HELD 19/08/2018, EISENSTADT, AUSTRIA**

As per the constitution, the Secretary General, Mr. Gerhard Lang, had invited the Delegates to the Meeting, advising that any matters for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Secretary-General at least four months before the meeting.

The Secretary-General then sent all agenda items to the Delegates three months before the meeting to allow time for the Delegates to discuss it within their Associations

1. MEETING OPENED 10.18AM.

2. ATTENDANCE: 25 Delegates in attendance. See attached sheet.

The Secretary General, welcomed Delegates, and the former Secretary General, David Brigden. He then presented David Brigden with an Honorary Member certificate in recognition of his work as Secretary General.

The Secretary General then told the meeting that the firearms of American shooter had been lost by the airline. Moved Australia, seconded USA that he be able to borrow firearms for the Championships

For 25. Against Nil. Motion Carried

3. APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE SECRETARY: Moved Netherlands, seconded Australia that Steve Nicholas from Australia be appointed Minute Secretary. **For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

4. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES: The Secretary General welcomed the new Delegates for Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Germany, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

5. APOLOGIES: New Zealand

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated

Moved Australia, seconded USA, that last year's minutes be accepted.

For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: All the year's correspondence has been forwarded to the Delegates by the Secretary General.

Moved Australia, seconded USA, that the correspondence be accepted.

For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The MLAIC is now registered and a bank account has been opened in Switzerland. The Secretary General thanked R. Bragger and L Van Groenen for their work establishing the account

As of 31/12/2017 the balance stood at 9180 Euro

Income 2800 Euro

Expenditure 1519 Euro

Balance 9100 Euro

Outstanding Fees 5200 Euro

As of today balance 14245 Euro

Outstanding fees 2900 Euro

The first tax declaration has been lodged on 31/12/17 for the 2017 year. The documents have been returned, with the comment that there is no tax to pay

Moved Australia, seconded South Africa that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Moved Australia, seconded Great Britain that the personal account set up by the Treasurer be ratified.

For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.

9. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS: D Brigden from G Britain, R Bragger from Switzerland and M Lauth from Sweden were proposed. Moved Australia seconded South Africa that they be appointed as tellers.

For 25. Against nil. Motion Carried.

10. AGENDA ITEMS:

(i) Agenda item 7-a.i. Setting of membership fees.

Discussion took place regarding upcoming expenses in particular insurance, and the purchase of equipment associated with firearms control.

Proposal was put forward that the fee be 100 Euro, withdrawn

There was discussion about a sliding scale for nations with a small numbers of shooters.

Counter proposal that we have a sliding scale of membership fees, to be decided at the next meeting

Moved Australia, seconded Great Britain.

For 6. Against 17, Abstain 1 . Motion Lost

The need for a business plan along with a budget was discussed.

Moved Australia seconded Great Britain that the annual fee be 120 Euro per nation.

For 23. Against 1 Abstain 1. Carried

(ii) Agenda item 7-a.ii. Proposal that we extend the period of time of office for the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Treasurer and Commission from 2 to 4 years. So moved Great Britain, Seconded Austria.

For 23. Against 2. Motion Carried

Because the next World Championships will be in three years time, the next vote for positions will be held in Argentina. The constitution will be changed to reflect this decision

(iii) Agenda item 7-a.iii. New European law concerning data protection. Data protection policy needs to be in the constitution and to be referred to in the rules

Moved Australia, seconded Switzerland, that changes be made to the constitution and rules that the MLAIC abide by the data protection laws of Switzerland and European Regulations, and that there be an appendix to reflect same.

For 25, against nil. Carried

(iv) Agenda item 7.a.iv. Moved Great Britain seconded USA that fees be paid for the next three years in advance.

For 24 Abstain 1. Motion Carried

(v) Agenda item 7.b.i. Items from Spain see appendix C

The first two points were for clarification.

Item re random checking of firearms. 1.x.e.(v)

Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands that we remove the reference to at the firing line immediately after the event has been shot and insert at anytime during the meeting, up until the final results for the event has been posted.

For 22. Against 3. Motion Carried.

Motion to increase the number of competitors in Kuchenreuter and Vetterli from 8 to 16 shooters in both replica and original. Moved Spain, no seconder.

Motion lapsed as there was no seconder

Duration of the National anthems should not be limited

Moved Great Britain, seconded Australia that we change rule (f) that hosting nations adopt anthems approved by the MLAIC.

For 25, against nil. Carried

(vi) Agenda item 7.b.ii. Refer appendix D
Item one already discussed and amended.

(vii) Agenda item 7.b.xii Refer appendix N
Proposal from South Africa re Pacific Zone Championships seconded USA.
For 23, against nil, Abstain 2. Motion Carried

(viii) Agenda item 7.b.1 Items from Spain see appendix C

Re the use of electronic devices that facilitate coaching. After much discussion, the item was withdrawn by Spain. Leave rule as is

Re spectators behind firing line. Item withdrawn by Spain

Sub paragraph (f) Moved Slovak Republic, seconded Spain that corrective shooting lenses are permitted except on firearms.
For 7, against 13, abstain 2. Motion lost.

Proposals from France

Add a sub paragraph (k) to 3.1. Moved France seconded Great Britain, A half cock position if present, must be in a safe working condition.
For 24, against 1. Motion carried.

Add a sub paragraph (l) in flintlock events, the loading must be done with the cock down.

Motion lapsed due to no seconder

Add a sub paragraph (e). The minimum width of the front blinder must be 3cm. Moved France, seconded Italy.
For 16. against 6 abstain 2. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.b.ii. Appendix D. Moved Italy that the use of hammers to load bullets when on loading tables, which may cause problems to other shooters be forbidden. Withdrawn by Italy.

Moved Belgium, seconded Australia. Priming charges may be in single use vials, or where a priming device is used, it must be fitted with a pressure relief device.
For 25, against nil. Motion carried

This will refer to both Matchlock and Flintlock events

Refer Appendix M. Preparation time. Moved Slovak Republic, seconded Switzerland that prior to the commencement of an event shooters may bring equipment to the line once clear. Firearms may not be handled until the Range Officer has given the all clear, but a minimum of 5 minutes will be required.

For 23, against 1, abstain 1. Motion carried

Rule changes Items 18 -19 proposed by Spain were withdrawn by Spain

Refer Appendix M 4.4a.iii.bb.i Moved Slovak Republic that the use of reinforced sleeves not be permitted. Already covered in rules

Moved Switzerland, seconded Australia that in the offhand rifle position the following be added either a sling or a palm rest may be used on the rifle as long as it is contemporary with the rifle.

For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Refer Appendix M 4.4.b.ix Moved Slovak Republic, seconded Hungary that Immediately after the signal is given for a ceasefire, competitors must remove firearms and equipment from the firing line, except for those selected for random inspection.
For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Discussion took place re identification of shooter on the targets. No name or country to appear. It will be further discussed when a better solution is found

Refer Appendix M 4.6 Number of shots on paper targets. Moved USA, seconded South Africa, that if more than 13 shots are fired, the highest scoring shots will be dropped, and the lowest 13 shall be scored.

For 25, against nil. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.b.x. Refer Appendix M 4.7.b. Ownership of firearms. Moved South Africa, seconded Great Britain that 4.7.b be deleted.

For 23, against nil, abstain 2. Motion carried.

Refer Appendix M 4.7.E.g. Reproduction flintlock rifles

Insert previous motion regarding aperture sights. In Grenada a decision was made to include either aperture or ring sights. Comment that English rifles never had ring sights. This was changed in Hungary but not included in the rules. Ring sights are not permitted on either Original or Reproduction rifles. Refer back to the Commission or Small Arms Committee.

Refer Appendix H. Referring to grip sizes on revolvers. Are Mariette and Colt events for either Civilian or Military firearms?

Moved Hungary, seconded USA that Colt can be either Civilian or Military firearms, Mariette, Malson reproduction and Remington reproduction are military events. **For 19, against 5, abstain 1. Motion carried.**

Agenda item 7.c.i. Refer Appendix I. Re Baumkircher reproduction of the Remington Navy.

Moved Hungary, seconded Great Britain that this specific firearm is to fall under the current amnesty for certain firearms until 2020.

For 24, against 1. Motion carried.

Refer Appendix J. Re trigger system of Billingham and FWB History 1 reproduction. If they are to change to "Wood" type system. Small Arms Committee is OK with this

Refer Appendix K. Rear sight of Wurttemberger M1857

Agenda item 7.c.ii. Refer Appendix L. Hadley dioptre disc. Is it eligible for use on Muzzle Loading percussion rifles. Small Arms Committee have not found any examples of this or similar items being used on Muzzle Loading firearms.

Proposal from France. Pistol and revolver events, in cc, dd and ee, amend to handgun events

Moved France, seconded Great Britain.

For 25, against nil. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.b.xi. Refer Appendix M, re 4.10.a Moved Slovak Republic, seconded Great Britain

iii) The frames shall be so constructed that the height of center of the target is :

25m distance 140cm +10cm / -20cm

50m distance 100cm + 25cm / -50cm

100m distance 150cm +/-100cm

from the shooting point (ground or table for prone position).

For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.b.viii. 4.11.A.1 Miquelet. Moved Hungary, seconded Netherlands that the minimum calibre for military flintlock muskets be .65 or 16.5mm.

For 23, against 1, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7-b.xiii. Refer Appendix O. Moved Hungary, seconded USA. we would like to propose a separate team event for originals only under the name Königgrätz (No XXX Königgrätz: Teams of 3 in No 37, Lamarmora (O)). Hungary would like to also donate a trophy for this event.

For 21, against 3, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7.b.iii. Refer Appendix E

5.4.d. In the event that the relay is halted due to a persistent technical equipment malfunction, **or if the launcher has to be replaced**, the clock shall be stopped, the time elapsed and scores achieved up to that point should be recorded. Once the problem has been resolved **or if the launcher has been replaced**, the relay should be resumed at the point where it was stopped. **If the stoppage time exceeds 10 minutes**, then shooters may clear their guns **prior to the relay being restarted** and be given the opportunity to see a **trial clay**. **The relay should not be restarted from the beginning.**

Moved Great Britain, seconded Australia. For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried

5.8.e. Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands, that A misfire is defined as the failure of the main charge to ignite through a fault in the ignition system or main charge itself. This could be due to a faulty flint or percussion cap; fouling or a blockage of the nipple or vent; no ignition due to the priming powder getting wet in damp/ wet weather or being blown out of the pan due to extreme windy conditions.

For 25, seconded nil. Motion Carried

5.8.o. (should a shooter go to the wrong stand, the clay is deemed to be lost) Moved, Great Britain, seconded that It is permitted for the range officer to advise the competitor if they go to the wrong stand. However, should the competitor still proceed to shoot from the wrong stand then this will be deemed a clay lost. Withdrawn by shotgun committee

Refer Appendix C . 5.8.u. The maximum number of competitors on a relay is five for No. 21 (Manton). Moved Spain that if a sixth shooter is added in Manton, then 15 minutes be added to the shooting time. Motion lapsed due to no seconder.

Refer Appendix E. 5.9 Ties. Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands, that the following changes be made.

- a.) Any ties within the top six individual places will be determined by a shoot-off, with the tied shooters each shooting five clays. Dates and times of a shoot-off will be published on the official notice board the day before **the shoot off where possible** and individual notes **placed** in the countries letter box, if time is limited the Chief Range Officer must make every effort to inform the team captain **and all the** competitors **involved in the shoot off** by alternate means.

For 22, against nil, abstain 3. Motion carried.

Moved Great Britain, seconded Australia

- b.) **In the event of a tie in the team scores**, the team score will be determined by the longest unbroken string taken from the final relay of any one of the 3 **shooters** in the team.

For 25 against nil. Motion carried.

Refer Appendix E. 5.11.(b) Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands, Lead (or non-toxic lead substitutes of single metals only) shot size may have a maximum diameter of 2.6 mm. **The use of cups to hold steel shot is not permitted.**

For 24, seconded nil, abstain 1. Motion carried.

The minute Secretary had to leave the meeting. Position was taken over by N Harvey (Great Britain)

The following items were moved by Australia, seconded Netherlands.

Refer Appendix E. 5.12.b. When walking from the loading table to the stands and back, competitors **must** carry their firearms with the muzzles pointed upwards and above their heads.

For 25, against nil. Motion carried.

Refer Appendix E. 5.12.vii. Proposal from the Commission.

vii) a misfire or default is due to the mechanical breakdown of the firearm, the lock or the cock;

A mechanical breakdown is defined as:

a broken lock or component of the lock

a broken or severely cracked stock which impairs the shooter

a broken hammer/cock/trigger (not the trigger guard unless it is an integral part of the trigger mechanism)

A mechanical breakdown does not include a rib becoming partly separated or detached from the barrel; a ramrod breaking (either an original ramrod or one being used to load the firearm); a ramrod tube becoming loose or becoming detached from the barrel; losing a sight pip; a butt plate becoming loose or detached from the stock.

Refer Appendix E. 5.12.viii) the competitor believes that he has been hindered by a third party then they must raise their firearm immediately and speak to the Range Officer. The Range Officer will then suspend shooting, consult with the officials/Clay Jury and give a final decision. The protest will be entered into the Range Report. **At this point, the clock shall be stopped, the time elapsed and scores achieved up to that point should be recorded. The relay should be resumed at the point where it was stopped. If the stoppage time has exceeded 10 minutes then the shooters may clear their guns prior to the relay being restarted and be given the opportunity to see a trial clay. (The relay should not be restarted from the beginning).**

For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.b.v. Refer Appendix G. Moved South Africa, seconded Netherlands, that the item be put back to the Long Range Committee to review all rules at the 2019 meeting in Bisley.

For 24, against 1. Motion carried.

Agenda item 7.c.iii. Clear definition of amnesty required. Amnesty runs to 31/12/2020. Fire arms produced and used prior to 2014, are covered by the amnesty. Those that come after that date, are not covered. The item was not voted on but given as fact

Agenda item 7.c.iv. The 2020 European championships cannot be held in France. An alternative would be Parma, Italy.

Moved Australia, seconded that the 2020 European Championships be held in Parma, Italy.

For 24, against nil, abstain 1. Motion carried

A presentation was made by the Hungarian delegate, regarding the 2019 European Championships. It will be sent out to delegates in the near future

The 2021 Long range championships will be held in Hungary and the 2021 Short range championships will be held in Pforzheim/Germany

A presentation was made by the Hungarian delegate regarding the 2021 long range championships. There will be a fixed firing point and targets to be moved. This was not acceptable by the long range shooters at the meeting. At this point there are two possible locations. Long range to be held first, then short range to follow.

Agenda item 7.b.v to increase the time limit for Hizadai, Tanegashima and Maximillian (O and R) from 30 minutes to 40 minutes, for safety reasons. No support for this proposal

Agenda item 7.b.vi. Discussion needed regarding rifling, length etc of military firearms. To be taken up by the Small Arms Committee

Agenda item 7.b.ix Minimum trigger weights for flintlock muskets, percussion military rifles and revolvers. No minimum weight required.

Dates for Long Range Championships in Bisley 26th August 2019

Any Other Business

The Swiss delegate pointed out they are consistently against the accepting of new events, and would like a decimal scoring system for all targets. To be discussed at the Captains meeting.

Swiss rifle palm rests. Pictures were shown regarding the size of the palm rests for discussion. To be taken up by the Small Arms Committee.

Clamp type palm rests shown on flintlock and percussion rifles. Moved Germany, seconded Switzerland that they be allowed on flintlock target rifles. **For 17, against 4, abstain 4. Motion carried.**

Discussion took place regarding the WADA anti doping policy. The declaration in our rules is not enough for WADA Austria. MLAIC can be WADA signatories or WADA non signatories. Moved Great Britain, seconded Australia that the matter be left on the table for tomorrow. Matter was not voted on

ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL:

There was one written nominations for the position. Gerhard Lang from Germany and Gerhard Lang was duly elected.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL:

There was only one written nomination for the position being Ramon Selles Calabuig, (Spain), who was elected unopposed.

ELECTION OF TREASURER:

That was only one written nomination for the position being Antonio Ferrerio, (Italy), who was elected unopposed.

Pacific Zone Coordinator

Corena De Beer was appointed

ELECTION OF SIX COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Nominations were received from the following,
Antonio Ferrerio, (Italy),
Balazs Nemeth, (Hungary),

Gerda Lejeune, (Netherlands),
Kim Atkinson, (Australia),
Michael Mc Daniels, (USA)
Robert Zsuppin, (Austria)
All were elected unopposed.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS:

Nil

CLOSING SPEECHES:

Secretary General thanked the Delegates, Commission and all the Committee members who have assisted him over the past year. He also thanked the Deputy Secretary General for his hard work and efforts, and look forward to working with him in the future. He then wished all involved a successful championship.

Deputy Secretary General, and thanked all delegates and congratulated all those involved in organising this shoot. He wished everyone an excellent championship.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.05 PM.

Stephen Nicholas



Minute Secretary
19/09/2018