

**Minutes of the MLAIC delegates' meeting**  
**held 19/08/2022 in Pforzheim, Germany**

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

**MEETING OPENED 10.18AM.**

**ATTENDANCE:** 22 Delegates in attendance.

R. Selles (Argentina), S. Nicholas (Australia), R. Szuppin (Austria), J. Clara (Belgium), A. Libran (Brasil), B. Lagroix (Canada), F. Kadavy (Czech Rep), R. Näätänen (Finland), B. Collot (France), T. Klaner (Germany), Nemeth (Hungary), A. Ferrerio (Italy), G. Lejeune (Netherlands), P. Ljøgodt (Norway), T. Kroczac (Poland), J. S. Marracho (Portugal), J. Svetlik (Slovak Rep.), C. de Beer (South Africa), J. Esteban (Spain), J. Eriksson (Sweden), L. van Greunen (Switzerland), M. Pafford (USA)

**OBSERVERS**

M. McDaniel (USA), D. Gamma (Switzerland), M. Lauth (Sweden), L. Bathge (1. Vice President German Shooting federation), J. Brokamp (Managing Director German Shooting federation)

A short speech of welcome was given by the representative of the 1. Vice President of the German Shooting Federation (DSB).

**1. APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE SECRETARY:** Moved Netherlands, seconded Australia that Steve Nicholas from Australia be appointed Minute Secretary.

**For 22, Against 0, Motion Carried**

**2. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES:** The Secretary General welcomed the new Delegates, Bernard Collot for France, Thomas Klaner for Germany, Per Ljøgodt for Norway and Jim Erikson for Sweden.

**3. APOLOGIES**

H. Yonov (Bulgaria), H. Elmer (Denmark), M. Nunokawa (Japan), D. Winandy (Luxembourg), B. Tatham (Malta), P. Ewins (New Zealand)

**4. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated. See notes on 2018 minutes  
Moved Australia, seconded USA, that the 2018 minutes be accepted.

**For 22, Against 0, Motion Carried**

**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 22, Against 0, Motion Carried**

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A. Ferrerio gave the financial report. There are still some countries with outstanding fees.

Income	€ 30,509.80 (including outstanding fees)
Expenditure	€ 4,686.46

Balance	€ 25,823.34
Outstanding Fees	€ 8,615.00 (included in Income - see above)
As of today Balance	€ 25,823.34
Outstanding fees per 31/12/2021	€ 8,615.00

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

**For 22. Against 0, Motion Carried**

**6. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:** Mikael Lauth from Sweden and Damian Gamma from Switzerland.

Moved Switzerland, seconded Sweden that they be appointed as tellers.

**For 22, Against 0, Motion Carried**

Claudio Nosti from Argentina could not attend due to his work, and he transferred their vote to R Selles (Spain)

## 7. AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Moved South Africa, seconded USA , that fees remain at 120 Euro/year

**For 22. Against 0, Abstain 0 . Motion Carried**

The treasurer suggested that countries outside Europe pay for two years in advance, to be paid prior to the Championships.

Was there a vote? If yes, what result?

**(ii) Agenda item 7-b.i. - Appendix A - Anti doping**

The Secretary General indicated that our biggest problems were with Beta blockers and, because of the age range of muzzle loading shooters, this presents a problem. MLAIC supports the WADA code but we must also consider the health of competitors. He had a long conversation with the NADA and they confirmed that in the WADA rules, there is only ISSF and IPSC mentioned. Therefore, if any shooter must use Beta blockers then they must carry a letter from their medical practitioner.

Dr. Corena de Beer indicated that Beta blockers are not much of use in our style of shooting as the competitor is continually getting up and down to load etc.

Once again it was reiterated that a certificate must be carried.

**(iii) Agenda item 7-b.ii. Appendix B - Underhammer firearms**

The original discussion was based on the History 1. There are however many other underhammer firearms, that have similar trigger systems - i.e. three part trigger systems.

Most examples in reference books indicate that the trigger systems were only 2 part, however, it seems that also original three part trigger systems were in use.

Moved Australia, seconded Switzerland that the trigger systems for underhammer pistols for use in MLAIC competition must be presented to the Small Arms Committee for approval. The decision of the SAC will be circulated to the Delegates for final approval. Rifles will not be subject to approval as they were (including their technical equipment) always more sophisticated than pistols

**For 17, against nil. Abstentions nil. Carried**

**(iv) Agenda item 7.b.iii. Appendix C - The amendment of the age of youth.**

Moved Great Britain seconded USA that the age for Youth shooters be increased.

**For 9, Against 12 Abstain 1. Motion Lost**

**(v) Agenda item 7.b.iv. Appendix D - Proposal for shotgun events.**

Moved Netherlands, Seconded Switzerland that should a competitor shoot from the wrong stand, he will be given the clay again from the correct position. This will be allowed only three times per 25 clays.

**For 18. Against 1. Motion Carried.**

**(vi) Agenda item 7.b.v. Appendix E. - Proposal from the long range committee**

There was a report from B. Nemeth on the 2022 Long Range World Cup in Hungary. The camera system used at the event was particularly successful. 25 cameras would be needed for the 2023 Championships in Hungary.

Moved Germany, seconded Netherlands that the use of electronic or optical devices be allowed in world championships, and that allowances be made for some loss of picture on our rectangular targets. The aiming mark remains exactly the same as the target pulling system. The proposed amendment of the LRC will be integrated in our rules

**For 20. Against 0. Abstain 1. Motion Carried.**

Proposal from Hungary that the MLAIC purchase 14 new camera units. Storage could be in Hungary and be available to other nations running long range world championships.

MLAIC financial support to the Hungarian team, who purchased camera systems out of their own pockets to be sent to the Long range committee, then the recommendation for next year's L. R. world championships be sent to the Commission and delegates.

So moved South Africa, seconded France.

**For 21, against 0, abstain 0. Motion Carried**

**(vii) Agenda item 7.b.vi (no appendix)**

A data sheet is now available for rifling twists for all original and reproduction military rifles. This data sheet will be given to the Small Arms Committee by B. Nemeth for checking.

Moved France, seconded Hungary that in MLAIC competition the rifling twist rate in military rifles must comply with the data sheet, plus or minus 10%. The first six places will have their firearms checked in Minié and Lamarmora original and replica events.

**For 21, against 0, abstain 0. Motion Carried**

Moved France, seconded Hungary that the question of re-rifling military and civilian rifles be passed on to the Small Arms Committee for finalisation, then the recommendation be sent to the Commission and delegates.

**For 19, against 0, abstain 0. Motion Carried**

Moved Hungary, seconded Australia that Military rifles can be refreshed, but the calibre must not be increased by more than 2%. Re-rifling of civilian arms is allowed without any limitations to the calibre.

**For 19, against 0, abstain 0. Motion Carried**

**(viii) Agenda item 7.b.vii appendix F - Proposal from Hungary on new events.**

Moved South Africa, seconded Poland, that the following events be adopted by the MLAIC into Section 6 Historical events, for

- "open top - frame" revolvers on 25 metres called e.g. "Patterson"
- Hawken style rifles on 50 and 100 metres called e.g. "Trapper"

Exact rules still to be worded and to be presented to the delegates.

They may be held in European and Pacific Zone Championships at the discretion of the host nation.

**For 18, against 1, abstain 1. Motion carried**

Moved Hungary, seconded Switzerland, that we introduce the event Mariette youth.

**For 19, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

Moved Poland seconded Netherlands that we re-name all youth events, e. g. Vetterli youth etc

**For 19, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

Moved USA, seconded Canada, that we divide the **replica** Kuchenreuter event into two classes, being Kuchenreuter U (underhammer) and Kuchenreuter S (sidelock). The team event Pforzheim may be a mixture of both

**For 14, against 4, abstain 2. Motion carried**

### **Agenda item 7-c General**

#### 7-c.i - Lead ban by ECHA

An update on the proposed lead ban by ECHA was given by B Nemeth

#### 7-c.ii - Report from the SAC.

No report given. L. Mertens is probably no longer able to assist with the SAC. SAC member Mark Hambleton has passed away recently. Nominations for the SAC to go to the Secretary General;

#### 7-c.iii - P Z Championships

A short report on the Pacific Zone Championships was given By Dr Corena de Beer.

Moved Australia, seconded USA, that Dr Corena de Beer be the organiser for the Pacific Zone Championships for the next two years.

**For 20, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

#### 7-c.iv - EZ Championships

A short report on the European Zone Championship was given by R Selles.

Moved Switzerland, seconded USA, that R Selles be appointed as European zone organiser.

**For 20, against 0, abstain 1. Motion carried**

#### 7-c.v - World Championships 2024

A short presentation was given A Ferrerio on the Italian proposal to host the 2024 World Championships on their range of Valeggio sul Mincio.

Moved Switzerland, seconded South Africa that the 2024 World Championships are to be hosted by Italy.

**For 21, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

#### 7-c.vi - European Championships 2025

Moved Netherlands, seconded France that Portugal host the 2025 European Championships.

**For 21, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

#### 7-c.vii - LR World Championships 2023 and 2025

Planning for 2023 LRWC will be held in Hungary.

2025 still open (might be USA)

One Canadian shooter has lost his firearms en-route to Germany.

Moved Austria, seconded Italy that he be able to borrow firearms already in use during the Championships to compete.

**For 19, against 0, abstain 1. Motion carried**

One American shooter has lost his firearms en-route to Germany. He will be given firearms by non competing members of the German team

## **8. Any Other Business**

An item from South Africa regarding the supply of black powder

Moved Australia, seconded USA that South Africa be given permission to use a black powder substitute (Obatex) in their national events. Commercial black powder will be used in all Pacific zone events.

**For 22, against 0, abstain 0. Motion carried**

## **9. ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL:**

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

## **10. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL:**

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

## **11. ELECTION OF TREASURER:**

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

## **12. ELECTION OF SIX COMMISSION MEMBERS: Nominations were received from the following,**

Gerda Lejeune (Netherlands)

Antonio Ferrerio (Italy)

Kim Atkinson (Australia)

Mike Mc Daniels (USA)

Balazs Nemeth (Hungary)

Robert Szuppin (Austria)

All were elected unopposed.

## **13. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS:**

Nil

## **14. CLOSING SPEECHES:**

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

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 is looking forward to working with him in the future. He then wished all involved a successful championship.

He also asked for information on Paul Marchand to be put on the website.

MEETING CLOSED:  
5.47 PM.  
Stephen Nicholas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. B. Nicholas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Minute Secretary  
20/12/2022