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Minutes of Annual Delegates Meeting

15 August 2010

1. Meeting commenced with the introduction of special guests Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Gaio, owners of the shooting range, followed by a welcome to all by Luis Moura, the delegate from Portugal. Luis' remarks included introductions of the Chief Range Officer and the Chief of Staff for the World Championship event.
2. Apologies were given by David Brigden, Secretary-General, for those nations unable to attend, which included Jaroslaw Kowalski of Poland, Jan Svetlik of Slovak Republic and Michel Leider of Venezuela.
3. Nancy Crouse was appointed Minutes Secretary for the meeting.
4. The legitimacy of the business meeting was then challenged by Veli-Pekka Karvinen of Finland, on the basis that nothing could be approved or signed, because the meeting "does not constitute a quorum." The opinion of the delegates was requested by the Secretary-General as to whether to proceed with the meeting agenda. After clarification by a number of delegates and the Secretary-General and lengthy discussion, a vote was taken with no one voting against proceeding with the meeting.
5. Minutes from the previous meeting were briefly discussed and adopted per motion Kim Atkinson of Australia and second Merwe van Rensburg of South Africa.
6. Business Arising:
 - a. Secretary-General reported that it was impossible to have completed the new Constitution any sooner. He explained that the goal was to make the document as legal as possible; thus the length of preparation. It was sent to the Commission in January, but not to the delegates. However, most items of change have been mentioned in the newsletters.
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Letters of thanks for their service were sent to immediate past delegates Erich Illing of Germany, Ron Lovchik of Switzerland and Jose Luis Perez Pastor of Spain, who was present at this event as Chief Scrutineer.
 - b. It was announced that Piet Hoogeveen of Netherlands is retiring after this World Championship, having provided 35 years of service and seeing their new range being built to 300 meters.
 - c. It was announced that Frank Thibault of Great Britain is also retiring after this event, and will be replaced by Nick Harvey. Frank presented at this time the new trophy provided by Great Britain for the Egg team competition.
 - d. The letter received earlier this year from Alexander Eichener, a reporter for the South African Weekly Mail & Guardian, inquiring whether the MLAIC has a drug enforcement policy, was discussed and it was noted that our Constitution now addresses this question.

- e. Letter from ATAX regarding replica matchlock pistols was addressed, noting that such firearms must be a true copy of a valid original.
- f. Italy has been in contact with Croatia and will work with them over the winter to become active again after the recent death of their delegate.
- g. A letter of condolence from the MLAIC has been sent to Janet Hepsworth, the widow of Joe Hepsworth.

8. Financial Report:

- a. Gareth Callan was introduced as our new appointed Treasurer and reported a total in our bank account, after itemized expenses, of £ 2,863,49 as of June 5, 2010. A float of £ 250.00 is being held by the Secretary-General, which brings the total in our MLAIC account, as of August 5, 2010 to £ 2,613.49.
- b. Frank Thibault questioned which nations are not up-to-date with their dues, and the Secretary-General addressed the specifics. In answer to the question as to whether the dues are to be in dollars or pounds sterling, it was noted that they should now be in Euros.

9. Agenda Items:

- a. Motion 1 on the agenda was to discuss and accept the new constitution. Lengthy discussion ensued concerning whether or not the new proposed constitution be considered at this meeting, with the following points being made:
 - (1) Louise Van Greunen explained in detail the process going into the constitution preparation and stated that the document under consideration is not the final one, but rather the beginning of finalizing it. Issues need to be discussed and loose ends tied up; the document must now be streamlined so that all will be comfortable with it.
 - (2) Ed Martin spoke briefly clarifying the question about quorum requirements.
 - (3) Antonio Ferrerio agreed with Louise's statement that we do not need the new constitution finalized at this meeting, while Kim Atkinson expressed the opinion that we needed to move forward at the meeting towards the new constitution.
 - (4) The Secretary-General urged the delegates to vote on accepting the new constitution at this meeting, noting that nothing else can be done with it for two years unless it is accepted now.
 - (5) Louise Van Greunen suggested that, instead, we adopt a way of going forward with the constitution with the goal of accepting it in 2012.
 - (6) Veli-Pekka Karvinen reiterated his earlier objection and then moved that the delegate vote should be deferred in order to review and rewrite the rules, so that they can be discussed and recommendations can be made. His motion was seconded by Antonio Ferrerio. The present document is to be sent immediately, and it was suggested by Merwe van Rensburg that it be published on the MLAIC website as a "draft". It was further suggested that the changes in the document be highlighted for ease of identification. The delegates are to review the present document and refer any errors, corrections or additions to the constitution committee. The constitution committee is then to send the document with its

revisions to the delegates two additional times, the first being by 31 March 2011 and the second by 31 July 2011. The final document is then to be presented to the delegates by 31 March 2012 and voted upon at the meeting in Germany. Gary Crawford requested and received clarification that the document presented each time will be the entire document, rather than just the changes.

- (7) The above motion was carried unanimously.
 - (8) The Secretary-General stated that he wishes to receive feedback on any contentious issues so that they could be discussed via e-mail.
8. Motion 2, Australia's motion to allow all firearms that have been sleeved to be shot in the replica class, was withdrawn.
 9. Motion 3 was presented by Balasz Nemeth on behalf of the Hungarian Muzzleloaders Association, a proposal that a new team event be accepted for the Pennsylvania match. The name for the competition would be Lajos Kossuth and it would consist of a team of three (3) shooters. Firearms to be used would be both original and replica. Lajos Kossuth was a well-known freedom fighter and politician of the Hungarian revolution in 1848-1849 and later was a supporter of the national freedom movements of Europe. The motion was seconded by Kim Atkinson and the motion was carried by a vote of 19 in favor and 1 against. Balasz also presented the trophy donated by the Hungarian Muzzleloaders Association that is to be used for the event.
 10. Motion 4 was also presented by Balasz Nemeth on behalf of Poland, who was unable to attend. The proposal was for the approval of a new event for Kuchenreuter at 50 meters, which would be named Pulaski. The Secretary-General explained that in the future it is possible that competition will begin on Tuesday rather than Wednesday, and Balasz stated that it wouldn't take extra time from the schedule. Luis Moura noted that the 50 meter line is getting crowded. Frank Thibault asked, and received, clarification that the new event would be for original and replicas, mixed. Veli-Pekka Karvinen noted that if the event is accepted, it cannot be shot until 2012. The motion was seconded by Kim Atkinson and, after discussion concluding that there were too many events being added, the voted failed by 4 in favor and 13 against.
 11. Motion 5, a proposal from the Netherlands for a new team event for Hizadai replica named Hinawa (hi meaning cord and nowa meaning fire), was seconded by Antonio Ferrerio and approved by a vote of 18 in favor and none against. Netherlands will donate the trophy for this event. Sig Sugawa stated that Japan will also give a trophy for a team event for Hizadai original, which will be named Hibuta.
 12. Motion 6 to accept Austria as a venue for the Euro Zone Championships in 2013 was accepted after clarification that the program can be completed within the time allotted and some discussion regarding import permits. Issues needing resolution will be discussed with the delegate from Austria.
 13. Motion 7 to approve change of the MLAIC calendar of events in preparation for 2021 was discussed, with no objection to changing it so that there would be Zone Championships in both 2019 and 2020, so that the 50th anniversary of the MLAIC could be held as a special event as well as a world championship in 2021. It was suggested that this might be a

“Festival of Muzzle Loading Shooting”. Delegates were asked to give the event some thought and make suggestions for the special celebration.

14. With no further motions, the meeting was directed to General Business:
 - a. The 14th European Championships will be held in Finland in 2011. Finland presented some information about the event, as well as about insurance in that country. It was noted that every shooter attending must carry his/her own liability insurance. Further information about insurance in Finland, and possible cost increases, will be discussed by e-mail. The recommended event schedule was also presented.
15. David Brigden was nominated for re-election as Secretary-General by Antonio Ferrerio, with Gary Crawford seconding, and he was re-elected by unanimous vote.
16. Frank Thibault nominated Kim Atkinson for election as Deputy Secretary-General, with Antonio Ferrerio seconding. Gary Crawford nominated Nancy Crouse for the position, as well, with Ed Martin seconding. The vote was held, resulting in Nancy being re-elected by a vote of 14 to 6 with 2 abstentions.
17. Ed Martin nominated that Gareth Callan be elected to the position of Treasurer, with Louise Van Greunen seconding and a vote of 21 in favor.
18. Merwe van Rensburg proposed that the five (5) remaining members of the Commission (Gary Crawford, Gerda Lejeune, Antonio Ferrerio, Shigeo Sugawa and Kim Atkinson) stand for re-election to the Commission. The proposal was seconded by Ed Martin, and the vote to accept was 17 in favor and none against. Candidates for the sixth position, being vacated by Frank Thibaux, were Ramon Selles of Spain and Jean Bordeaux of France. The vote resulted in Jean Bordeaux being elected by 13 to 7, with 2 abstentions.
19. Final matters brought before the delegates included:
 - a. Stale Helland reported from the Black Powder Committee that much information has been gathered, but the work is still incomplete. Each country should send their information to Stale. He noted that the problems reported chiefly involve powder storage.
 - b. Luis Moura invited the delegates to lunch on Monday and presented each delegate and team captain with a book titled “The Perfect Gun” and a statuette representing Barcelos.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Crouse
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