

Muzzle Loaders Associations International Committee

Monday, 17 December 2012

Newsletter 140

Dear Delegate,

I thank you for your tolerance and patience; I am pleased to present the first Newsletter since our championships in Pforzheim. And what a fantastic championships it was; all presentations were on time, weather was perfect and the shooting was conducted very sportingly – there very few protests to the Arbitration Committee. I congratulate both the organisers and competitors, well done.

Shooting incident USA

As I write this, news is circulating the world regarding the tragic shooting at the school in Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, USA. This type of event is particularly poignant to us who get so much pleasure from the sporting use of firearms. I am sure that I speak for all of us in sending our thoughts and condolences to our friends in America who are suffering because of this tragic incident.

There is little that can be done to prevent this type of incident but we as shooters must be on our guard as to who we invite into our sport and continuously monitor those around us. Our friends and families could be the next victims.

MLAIC Minutes 2012

You should have received the Minutes as an attachment with this document.

The minutes speak for themselves but I would like to make the following comments:

7.c. Flags. This item was deferred for resolution prior to the next championships. I suggest a rectangular flag with the MLAIC logo centrally located, the background to be similar to the current flag which I think is "ice blue" with a gold braid round the perimeter as per the current flag. Four flags will be required; one 2m for world championships and three 1.5m for LR W/C's and the two Zone events, the ratio of width to height to be based on the "Golden Section formula" (this is the most pleasing to the eye and should be known to the flag maker); I think standard A4 paper is a good example of this.

I have spoken to Merwe and Nancy; both have agreed to obtain quotes

Rules (Annex A):

- (1) 1.9. This section has been further modified and the relevant rule should be examined.
- (10) Certain proposals by Great Britain regarding Long Range were deferred for debate by those countries concerned but after very careful consideration I found that it was virtually impossible to reconcile the issue, the only solution was to place an exclusion at the heading of the General Rule; I found that this also applies to certain shotgun rules.
- (14) This proposal has been modified slightly, please see the relevant rule.

I am pleased to announce that the following were duly proposed and elected as Honorary Members of the MLAIC:

Donald Malson (USA)  
Erich Illing (Germany)  
Jean Bourdeaux (France)  
Jose Louis Peres Pastor (Spain)

Constitution and Rules

You should receive with this newsletter the new Constitution and Rules of the MLAIC as updated following our meeting in Pforzheim.

The final document has been updated by Nancy and myself and reviewed by Louise. When I received it back a further review revealed more minor mistakes in layout, punctuation and repetition. All of the amendments and revisions are highlighted for easy reference. I doubt that there will be any need for further corrections/amendments but if you find any cause for concern please email me as soon as possible. The document is protected and cannot be edited.

The document (without highlights) will be available for download and will be published on the MLAIC web page by the end of the week.

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Report from the MLAIC Black Powder Committee

July 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

This committee was appointed by David Brigden in 2008. The following committee members contributed to this report:

Steve Nicholas – Australia

Barbara Grisdale-Helland – Norway

Sandy Robertson – UK

Ståle Helland – Norway – Chair of the committee

Collection of information and reference materials has continued with special emphasis on the physical and chemical properties of BP (Black Powder). The survey of the storage regulations that was conducted a few years ago by this committee revealed, as expected, a great spread in national regulations, from almost no governmental interference to a virtual ban on storing BP in private homes. Additionally, several national BP organizations reported that their governmental regulatory agencies intended to or had recently revised their regulations related to storage of BP. There was valid concern from some MLAIC delegates that publishing the results from such a survey might lead to inappropriate reactions by local regulatory agencies.

The storage of BP in private homes is in many countries linked to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, where BP is in the most restrictive class (1.1D). Most countries have fewer restrictions on the storage of smokeless powder (UN Class 1.3 and 1.4). A reasonable aim would therefore be to get BP in the same class as smokeless powder. These UN recommendations are concerned with the transport of dangerous goods TOGETHER with the packing used. This situation opens for a reclassification of BP by exploiting the physical and chemical properties of BP in conjunction with manipulation of either the size of the BP-canisters and/or the construction of the transport/storage device that the BP-canisters are placed in. A technical note by Ståle Helland and Barbara Grisdale-Helland with further details and supporting evidence is provided as an annex to this report.

On behalf of the MBPC,

Ståle Helland

The Technical not is attached with this document

New Delegate for Poland

I have great pleasure in welcoming Tomasz Krocak as the delegate for Poland. His contact details are: ul.

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e-mail:.

Our grateful thanks got to Jaroslaw Kowalski for his contribution to the MLAIC as the outgoing delegate for Poland.

New World Records Pforzheim 20012

Franz-Josef asked me at the beginning of the meeting how many new world record certificates we would require, I told him that it is now getting very difficult to achieve new records but including the two new events I suggested about six or eight. How wrong I was! The shotgun, 50m scores with revolvers and flint rifles are outstanding and I am quite sure that these competitors and many others are quite capable of qualifying and competing in Olympic events; it's a testament to the nature of muzzle loading that they stay with us.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
Minie/R.	Individual	97	Tania Heber	Germany
Maximilian/R.	Individual	97	Frank Börtzler	Germany
Lorenzi/O.	Individual	49	Jane Capewell	Great Britain
Donald Malson/O.	Individual	84	Eugenio Martin Fisac	Spain
Donald Malson/R.	Individual	89	Philippe Journet	France
Pennsylvania/O.	Individual	97	Johan Karlsson	Sweden
Pennsylvania/R.	Individual	99	Alfred Bailer	Germany
Tanzutsu/O.	Individual	90	Karl Hamman	Germany
Remington/R.	Individual	183	Philippe Journet	France
Amazons	Team	290		Germany
Hawker	Team	127		Spain and Germany
Nagashino	Team	295		Germany
Rigby	Team	295		Germany
Wogdon	Team	276		Spain
Batesville	Team	145		Germany

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Egg	Team	246		Austria
Halikko	Team	282		Germany
Magenta	Team	281		Germany
Hibuta	Team	243		Great Britain
Hinawa	Team	295		Germany

These record breakers are worthy of our respect and admiration and should be congratulated.

Calendar of future events

2013 French Open Championships Tuesday, 21 May 2013. La Canourgue, France

2013 5th MLAIC-Grand-Prix-Austria, June, Eisenstadt, Austria.

2013 1<sup>st</sup> MLAIC- Grand-Prix, Italy. 14 – 15 June. Agne (SE of Venice)

2013 15th European Zone Championship, 19 to 25 August, Eisenstadt, Austria. Info

2013 8th Long Range World Championships, 9-14 September, Cape Town, South Africa

2013 15th Pacific Zone Championship

2013 1st Grand Prix, Madrid, Spain, 16 - 20 October. Attended by Don Filipe, Prince of Asturias.

**As far as I know this is the first MLAIC event that has received Royal Assent. I urge you all to send a team if you can. Madrid should be very pleasant in October.**

2014 26th World Championship, Cape Town, South Africa

2015 16th European Zone Championship, Barcelos, Portugal

2016 27th World Championship, Italy

It is just a few days away from Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family good health and happiness during the festive season. May 2013 bring you success and good fortune

May peace be with you.



David Brigden  
Secretary General  
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