

MINUTES OF THE M.L.A.I.C. GENERAL MEETING

HELD 14/08/2016, SARLOSPUTSKA, HUNGARY

As per the constitution, the Secretary General, Mr. David Brigden, 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 10.06AM.

2. ATTENDANCE: See attached sheet.

The Secretary General, welcomed Delegates, and introduced the new Delegates from Luxemburg. He then apologised to the meeting for his non attendance at the European Championships due to ill health. He then thanked the Hungarian Delegate and his team for doing an excellent job in preparing the venue for the Championships. He then indicated that he will not be seeking reappointment.

The Hungarian Delegate then welcomed the Delegates, and thanked the MLAIC, for placing it's trust in Hungary to run these Championships. There has been much work done, and we now realise how much work has been done by those in the past.

He then offered a special welcome to the shooters from Bulgaria, another Eastern European country. He then indicated that they would need some consideration by the Delegates due to the strict firearms laws in their Country

Moved Hungary, seconded Australia that the Bulgarian shooters be able to use the same firearm in separate details, and that they be able to use Company owned firearms rather than privately owned firearms.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE SECRETARY: Moved Australia, seconded that Steve Nicholas from Australia be appointed Minute Secretary. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

4. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES: The new Delegate for Russia is Sergey Bushin

5. APOLOGIES: Denmark, Ireland, Japan and New Zealand

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Tanzutsu, item regarding stainless steel barrels removed from General Rules, this was an omission.

English flintlock rifles 4.7.E. Sights must be commensurate with the time. English flintlock rifles never had ring foresights. Historical research indicates that no flintlock rifles were fitted with ring sights. The Commission will propose that ring foresights be removed from all flintlock rifles.

Last year's agenda item 11 (k) Inspection Fees. The Commission agrees that if the protest is upheld, then both fees be refunded,

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

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: All the year's correspondence has been forwarded to the Delegates by the Secretary General. The Secretary General noted that sadly Gary Crawford has motor neuron disease, and has sent a letter resigning from the commission. For the last eight years he has produced exemplary work. The Secretary General offered his thanks to all the Commission members and he also suggested that the incoming Secretary General should send a letter of thanks to Gary Crawford.

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

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: There is light the end of the tunnel. Since the loss of our account in Jersey, the new bank account will be opened so. A proposal has been put up to register the MLAIC in Switzerland. Invoices have been sent to all the Delegates.

Approximately 7,900 Euro outstanding, 7900 Euro in the bank with expenses since Granada of 3120 Euro, which has included work on the new website and travel expenses. The final balance once all fees in will stand at approximately 11,850 Euro.

Some countries have been unable to pay because of a lack of a bank account. Cash payments are acceptable if the Delegate wishes to pay that way.

The Commission gave the Treasurer permission to set up a personal account which funds could be paid into as an interim measure. This account is solely for MLAIC funds. Once the new account has been set up, this account will be closed.

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

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

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

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

9. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS: Eddy Desmet from Belgium and Pieter Truter from South Africa were proposed. Moved Australia seconded South Africa that they be appointed as tellers.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

10. AGENDA ITEMS:

(i) Agenda item (a). Membership Fees for 2017-2018.

The proposal from the Treasurer is that fees remain the same for the coming year.

Moved Italy, seconded Australia. For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

We need to think about what we need to do with our funds given that also some need to be kept in reserve. There could be the possibility of waving fees of small emerging nations.

(ii) Agenda item (b). Definition of the term reproduction.

In our rules the term is unacceptable. The Commission suggests that wherever the term reproduction appears that we replace it with the word replica. Discussion followed, and it was found that in a number of countries, the term replica can mean a number of different things. Therefore agenda item (b) was withdrawn.

(iii) Agenda item (c). Moved Australia, seconded Great Britain to revoke Chapter 12: Transitional Period 2014 -2016. As it was no longer relevant. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

(iv) Agenda item (d).

(a) Refer appendix A.

This document is essential if we wish to register our Association in Switzerland.

Moved South Africa, seconded Australia, that the name Muzzle Loaders Associations International Committee be changed to, Muzzle Loaders Associations International Confederation. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Moved Germany, seconded Australia that page 10. 8(i) to read.

The MLAIC may appoint a patron and honorary members. Patron is a title awarded to individuals who have shown exemplary service to the MLAIC. Honorary Member is a title which may be awarded by the MLAIC to dedicated individuals who have retired from the MLAIC. The patron and honorary members, *may attend all meetings with voice, but without voting rights.* **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Moved Great Britain, seconded Australia to insert 14 (D).

That the financial year of the MLAIC be from 1 January to 31 December, and that the books be audited annually and be presented to either the World or European Championships, or be approved electronically by the Delegates. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Moved Australia, seconded Germany that we approve the document by Louise Van Greunen, and that the Commission be given latitude to make alterations to comply with Swiss law which will be circulated to all Delegates. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Moved Australia, seconded Great Britain. That once the document has been finalised to comply with Swiss law that we be able to take an electronic vote on the final document. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

(b)Refer appendix B.

Page 2, 4(a) to be discussed by the Commission in relation to Appendix A.

Page 9, 1.1B.b.(i) Entitlements. Moved Germany, seconded Great Britain, that the amount should be as per Swiss law. **For 23. Against nil. Abstentions 1. Motion Carried.**

Page 8, 1.1B.a.(xvii). Moved Great Britain, seconded Germany and after the name and logo of the MLAIC, the words "if appropriate" . **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Page 10, 1.2.B.b.(i) is no longer applicable. Moved Australia, seconded Netherlands, that the entitlements for the Deputy Secretary General be the same as the Secretary General. **For 23. Against nil. Abstentions 1. Motion carried.**

Page 12 Small Arms Committee to adopt a list of Non approved firearms and accessories.

Moved USA, seconded Great Britain that,

Page 15. Chapter 2 2.1.(b) to read

World Championships shall be held every two years between 1 July and 30 September, unless an alternate date is approved at the MLAIC Delegates meeting. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Moved Great Britain, seconded Germany, to add to Chapter 2, 2.1.c(iii) Countries not falling within either of these two zones may elect to compete in that zone which is most convenient. *"The decision will be permanent."*
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 16. 2.2.(f). Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands. The championships shall be completed within seven days starting on Sunday. The delegates are to be notified of the proposed program no later than December prior to the Championships. The weekdays are also to be deleted and instead called day one, day two,.. Et cetera.
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 16. 2.3. Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands.
(a) delete the words "permanently resides in" and insert the words *"is a permanent resident of"*
(c) to be left as is
(ix) add (45) El Alamo (O and R).
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 17 2.4.(i) parallel medal ceremonies, **will not be proceeded with.**

Page 19 3.3(i) the use of grease or felt wads in revolvers. Motion lapsed no seconder.

Page 19. 3.3 j (iv) moved Netherlands, seconded USA the section is to read
Priming powder shall be contained at all times in a small plastic container or individual vials.
For 19. Against 2. Abstained 3. Motion Carried.

Page 19. 3.6.(c) moved USA, seconded Australia. Delete the words "all events shot with such powder during the championship in" and insert, "the Championships"
For 24. Against nil. Motion carried.

Page 21. 4.4. b. (viii). Moved USA, seconded Germany. To insert the words "Competitors shall be notified remaining before firing is resumed."
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 22. 4.6.(h). Item withdrawn.

Page 23. 4.6. (k) moved Australia, seconded Germany to delete the wording of (iii) and insert "For completed scores posted less than two hours before the scheduled presentation time, the protest time will commence at 09:00 hours the following morning."
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 23. 4.7 B Repairs. Moved USA, seconded Canada that we accept the item as written by M McDaniels.
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 23. 4.7. D. Delete "Any alteration" and insert "Major modifications." This item needs further consideration by the new Secretary General.

Page 23. 4.7.D. (a) Military Rifles. Moved USA, seconded South Africa that we had the words *"Enfield Volunteer Rifles (cal .577).* **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Page 24 4.7.D.a.(ii) item withdrawn.

Page 24. 4.7.D.b.(i) insert "prior to 1900"

Page 24. 4.7.D.d. Matchlock Muskets. Moved Great Britain, seconded USA, delete the words “Japanese or Portuguese” and insert cheekstock matchlock musket. Page 24. 4.7.D.d. (iv) to read. “Original shoulder stock matchlock muskets are only eligible for the reproduction events.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 25. 4.7.D.(c) Pistols and Revolvers. Moved USA, seconded Canada that in item (v), read “Replacement grips of modern manufacture are allowed on original revolvers without altering their status, but must have the same dimensions, shape, surface and be of the same materials as originals.”

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Additional item. Original revolvers are to have their sites measured for discussion in 2018.

Page 25. 4.7.E Reproductions. General. Moved USA, seconded Germany that we accept (i) with the exception of point (e). That we accept (ii) with the exception of point (e), and that points (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) be deleted.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 25-26 The use of Original Parts in Reproduction Arms. This item is to be given further consideration by the new Secretary General.

Page 26. Identification of Reproduction Arms. To be looked at by the new Secretary General. The question of liability and proofing will need further discussion.

Page 26. Special Rules For Reproductions By Match. These have already been accepted in other sections.

Page 27. Moved Germany /Commission, seconded USA that item F.(a). (iv) be deleted.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Page 31. Moved Canada, seconded Netherlands that the words, “ *including Enfield volunteer rifles*”, be added to 4.11.A, No.3. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

Page 31 No 14 Tanegashima, rejected.

The Secretary General, then thanked Michael McDaniels for his work.

(c) Appendix C. Proposed changes to the long range rules. Moved South Africa, seconded Netherlands that the proposed changes be accepted. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

(d) Appendix D. Proposed changes to the MLAIC PACIFIC ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT. Moved South Africa, seconded Canada, that the proposed changes, be accepted subject to modifications suggested by the Commission regarding numbers et cetera. **For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.**

(e) Appendix E. New Event, Smooth Bore Percussion Muskets. Item lapsed due to lack of support.

Agenda item (e). To discuss shooting positions for disabled and elderly shooters.

The new Secretary General is to look at all possibilities, particularly those that may relate to Swiss law.

Agenda item (f). Flintlock rifle sights.

The Moved Great Britain/Commission, seconded Belgium that in future the use of ring foresights be banned and only laid or picket sights be used all future flintlock rifle events.

For 23. Against 1. Motion Carried.

Agenda item (g). Notification of non-approved firearms for MLAIC events.

This has been delayed up until now. The previous motions passed this meeting will now help with decisions. A provisional list of non-approved firearms will be compiled as soon as possible and the reasons for their normal approval be published, preferably with photographic evidence.

Agenda item (h). Acceptance of nominations for future events.

European Zone Championships, 2019. Hungary will accept, subject to no other nation hosting the event.

Argentina are wanting to host a World Championship.

Agenda should read Zone Championships 2020, not World Championships.

2020, Zone Championship proposal has been received from France.

2021, Festival of Shooting.

2022, World Championships to be hosted by Argentina.

Moved Australia, seconded Germany, that the above dates be accepted. **For 23. Against 1. Motion Carried.**

The 2018 World Championships, will be held in Eisenstadt, Austria. The delegate from Austria gave a short presentation on the proposed event.

Agenda item (i). Festival of muzzle loading shooting 2021.

Presentations were given by both the German and Australian Delegates.

Moved Great Britain, seconded Netherlands, to defer a decision until 2018. This will also give time for Great Britain to put up a proposal. **For 7. Against 14. Abstained 3. Motion is lost.**

A ballot regarding the venue for the 2021 Festival of muzzle loading shooting was held.

Germany/Hungary, for 19.

Australia, for 2.

Abstentions, 3.

Agenda item (j). Missing trophies.

It is the job of the Delegate to ensure trophies are returned. The rules state that they must be replaced if they are not returned.

Agenda item (k). Setting of fees for targeted inspections and protests.

Moved Australia/Commission, seconded Netherlands, that the fees be,

10 Euro for inspections, and 20 Euro protest fee. If upheld all monies are to be returned.

For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Louis Moura will hand over the position of Portuguese Delegate, and resume his shooting activities. He has enjoyed his position and time as the Portuguese Delegate.

2. An enquiry from Canada, regarding the restoration of antique firearms. How can this be done without affecting the originality of the piece? One of the shooters has the original Rogers and Spencer revolver which has had a dovetail cut in for the front sight. How can it be restored without it being relegated to Reproduction?

3. The Delegate from Belgium presented a new trophy for the El Alamo event.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL:

There were two written nominations for the position. Gerhard Lang from Germany, and Gerda Lejeune from the Netherlands. A ballot was held, 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.

ELECTION OF SIX COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Nominations were received from the following,
Antonio Ferrerio, (Italy),
Balazs Nemeth, (Hungary),
Gerda Lejeune, (Netherlands),
Kim Atkinson, (Australia),
Michael McDaniels, (USA)
Robert Zsuppin, (Austria)
All were elected unopposed.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS:

Moved USA, seconded South Africa, that Gary Crawford be awarded the status of Honorary Member.
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

Moved Hungary, seconded Australia, that David Brigden be awarded the status of Honorary Member.
For 24. Against nil. Motion Carried.

CLOSING SPEECHES:

Deputy Secretary General, and thanked all delegates and congratulated all new elected members. He then thanked the outgoing Secretary General all his past work and efforts on behalf of the MLAIC.

Secretary General, gave his sincere thanks to David Brigden all his hard work over the past years. He then thanked the Delegate, and the Hungarian shooters all their hard work in putting the championships together. 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.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:50 PM.

Stephen Nicholas



Minute Secretary
14/08/2016