MLAIC DELEGATES MEETING

30th MLAIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Valeggio sul Mincio – ITALY

AUGUST 25th, 2024

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

1. Appointment of minutes' secretary.

The secretary should be a native speaker of English.

Bernard Collot was appointed to take the minutes.

2. Registration and Accreditation of delegates Welcoming the new delegates:

- Mr. Arvid Buckard (Sweden)
- Mr. Josef Forman (Czech Republic)
- Mr. Jukka Päärnilä (Finland)
- Mr. Gunther Kunz (Germany) - Temporary replacement for the German delegate.

In attendance :

Mr. Gerhard Lang, Secretary General.

Members;

- Steve Nicholas (Australia), Robert Szuppin (Austria), René Lauwers (Belgium), Alvaro Libran (Brazil), Ed Martin (Canada), Josef Forman (Czech Republic), Jukka Päärnilä (Finland), Bernard Collot (France), Guenter Kunz (Germany), Nick Harvey (United Kingdom), Balasz Nemeth (Hungary), Antonio Ferrerio (Italy), Gerda HM Lejeune (Netherlands), Per Ljøgodt (Norway), Tomasz Kroczac (Poland), José Sevivas Marracho (Portugal), Jan Svetlik (Slovak Republic), Dr Corena de Beer (South Africa), Xavier Fau (Spain), Arvid Buckard (Sweden), Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland), Eugene Kinnel (USA).

3. Apologies for absence

- Ramon Selles, for personal problems,
  Australia, Brazil, Finland and Portugal came into the meeting later.

Absentees.

- Argentina, Bulgaria, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Luxemburg,

Transfer of voting rights?

- Luxemburg rights to vote transferred to Josef Forman (Czech republic).
- Argentina rights to vote transferred to Alvaro Libran (Brazil).

4. Adoption of previous minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 2022 (Pforzheim, Germany) have been sent to all delegates and were **approved by all member countries involved via electronic vote.** The previous minutes are available on the MLAIC website.

5. Financial report.

Presented by our Treasurer, Mr. Antonio Ferrerio (Italy).

Due to a computer issue, an oral report was given. A paper report will be distributed later to the delegates.

- € 20.423,66 available.
- Investment in the long range system is outlined, Which is a significant asset for MLAIC.
- Balasz Nemeth contact person for this matter.

Vote : FOR 20, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried, discharge given.

6. Appointment of tellers

- Damian Gamma and Pieter Truter were appointed.

7. Business arising / Agenda items.

7-a. Proposals for changes of the Constitution

(see Constitution version 2016 on the website)

- No amendment to the Constitution needed.

7-a.I Setting of MLAIC membership fees for 2025 and 2026. (Currently €

120,-- per country per year)

- Although the expenditure of MLAIC was limited, there was arguably a need to build up a reserve.

  Proposal; Increase the membership fee to € 150,-- starting in 2025, proposed by Poland and seconded by Hungary.

Vote : FOR 17, AGAINST 1, ABSTENTIONS 2, Motion carried

7-a.II Payment frequency.

- In terms of the MLAIC Constitution, member countries are obliged to make annual contributions in January. Although seemingly more convenient for some countries to pay biannually, it was agreed that annual payments facilitated financial reports to Swiss Tax Authorities.

- Treasurer will send an annual invoice and payment can be made via bank transfer or cash. Proposal: Confirmation of yearly payment. Proposed by Switzerland and seconded by Italy

Vote : FOR 20, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTIONS 0, Motion carried

7-a.III Subscription fees - payments - delays (Mr.

Antonio Ferrerio, Treasurer)

- Late payments might impact the right to vote and should therefore be monitored meticulously.

- Argentina and Luxembourg were in arrears with annual contributions, by 5 an d 3 years respectively.

- The situation of Luxembourg's federation and delegate had to be clarified, to ensure compliance with the principle of only one governing body per country.

- Postscript : Argentina has paid in full.

7-b.Proposals for changes of the Rules (see Rules version 2022 on the website)

7-b.I Questions/clarifications on slings used - (see Appendix A)

Extension of MLAIC rule 4.9.a) Appendix

is enclosed in these minutes.

Rule approved by the SAC.

Vote : FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried

7-b.II Proposal on rule extension clay target rule no. 5.12.s

(see Appendix B)

- Addition: A shooter shoots after pull but has no bird, no clay being launched, shall be considered as no bird. Proposed by the UK, seconded by Australia

Vote : FOR 21, AGAINST 1, ABSTE NTION 0, Motion carried

7-b.III Proposals for the extension of rule 4.11.C nos. 7, 12, 23

Cleaning of revolvers (see Appendix C)

- Original proposal: Revolvers may only be cleaned when unloaded and uncapped.
- Secondary proposal; Cleaning permitted only when all the chambers are empty in revolver events. Mariette Colt and Malson.
  Proposed by the UK, seconded by Italy and Poland

Vote : FOR 21, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 1, Motion carried for the Secondary Proposal.

7-b.IV Proposal for extension to rule no. 4.5 Markings of shooting lanes - additional point "g" - (Appendix D)

- Proposal amended to read: Lanes shall be identified with numbers, (minimum size A4, figures size 180mm, alternating black on white and white on black).

Vote : FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 02, Motion carried

7-b.V Discussion about rifling length etc. on military firearms.

- Proposal to suspend gun control on Minié and Lamarmora rifles, for rank 1 to 6, measure twist rates. Proposed by Germany, seconded by Switzerland

Vote : FOR 8, AGAINST 10, ABSTENTIONS 4, Motion rejected

7-b.VI Differentiation between O and R. (Appendix G)

- A result in a team event can only be counted once, except for Remington and Grand Prix de Versailles events. Proposed by the UK, seconded by France.

NB : several points of the Rules are to be modified Vote : FOR 20, AGAINST 1, ABSTENTION 2, Motion carried

7-b.VII Kuchenreuter O and R – clarification of rule.
(Appendix J)

- Addition to the Rules :

  Recall of proposal in 2022 by USA "A shooter can only shoot either Kuchenreuter O or R. When shooting R, he must choose between S and U."
- Additional proposal
  "maximum entries per country should maximum 8 reproductions, S and U added". Proposed by USA, seconded by Poland

Vote : FOR 18, AGAINST 4, ABSTENTIONS 0, Motion carried

7-b.VIII Long Range matters.

- 2025 Long range world championship : located in NRA Whittington Centre, Raton, New Mexico. first week of October.
  Closest airport : DENVER , CO.

Vote : FOR 23, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried

- Put in the Rules
  "Folding sight on long range rifle, tipping forward and backward", purpose

being avoid accident, proposed by France, seconded by Germany. **Vote : FOR 21, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTIONS 2, Motion carried**

- Matter on organizing team events during a long range championship, confer relevant annex.

Vote : FOR 23, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried

- Proposal on team coaching, coach shall be of the same nation as the team. **Vote : FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried**
- INFORMATION : Handicapped people who cannot kneel on the ground, have them shooting from a table. **decision belongs to hosting country considering rule 9.3 and 9.4.**
- INFORMATION : Matter on target inspection between relays to solve double hits or shots not identified by camera system. Presentation by Balasz.

<u>7-c. General</u>

7-c.I Updated information on the proposed lead ban by ECHA as well as other issues (concerning our sport) raised by ECHA
(by Mr. Balázs Nemeth)

- INFORMATION : Matter is lead restriction / ban.

<u>7-c.II Short reports of the Small Arms Committee.</u>

(Mr. Bernard Collot, Chairman of SAC)

- INFORMATION : report on SAC activity for 2024.

<u>7-c.III Short report on the Pacific Zone Championships.</u>

(Dr. Corena de Beer)

- INFORMATION ; about the Pacific Zone Championships.

<u>7-c.IV Short report on the European Zone Championships</u>

- (Mr. Ramón Selles Calabuig - DSG)
- INFORMATION by Gerhard LANG : satisfaction

7-c.V Who will be hosting the 2026 and 2028 World Championships?

- Proposals, discussion and decisions.

INFORMATION : 2026 : Austria Eisenstadt ?

Postscript is confirmed.

2028 : France ?

- Who will be hosting the 2027 European Championships **2027 : Hungary ?**

7-c.VI Portugal will be hosting the 2025 European Championships

- A short presentation;
  INFORMATION : First week of august 2025. Postscript : 3 until 10 of august 2025.

7-c.VII Planning for 2025 - LR WC.

- The USIMLA did apply. Presentation. Closest airport : Denver

7-c.VIII Hungary might want to introduce in 2025 a Mid and/or Long Range European or World Cup.

- INFORMATION given by Balasz Nemeth.
- Who will be hosting the 2027World Championships Long Range **2027 : United Kingdom**

  Bisley ?

Short break.

8. Any other business (|Not on the agenda)

- Bernard Collot reads the speech sent by Ramon Selles.

9. Election of the new Secretary General

- Mr. Gerhard Lang S.G. since 2016 (Germany) stood down due to personal reasons.
- Two candidates were presented and each had the opportunity to present themselves with a short speech.
  - Mr. Nick Harvey (UK)

- Mrs. Gerda Lejeune (The Netherlands)

Vote : Nick HARVEY 4 votes
Gerda LEJEUNE 20 votes

Gerda Lejeune was elected as the new Secretary General.

10. Election of a new MLAIC Commission Member?

As Mrs. Gerda Lejeune is elected as new S.G., an election of one new MLAIC Commission Member is necessary.

- Louise Van Greunen (Switzerland) was proposed by Switzerland and seconded by the UK.

Vote : FOR 23, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 1, Motion carried, Louise van Greunen ELECTED to the commission.

11. Election of a MLAIC patron?

- M. Gerhard LANG, Proposed as patron by France and seconded by the MLAIC commission

Vote : FOR 23, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried

12. Election of Honorary Members?

No proposals for Honorary Members.

13. Closing speeches

- Deputy Secretary General
- Gerhard Lang (Former Secretary General) gave a short speech, thanking everyone for their cooperation.
- Gerda Lejeune (New Secretary General) gave a short speech, expressing het gratitude and commitment.

End of the meeting: approx.16:30

Bernard Collot

Minute Secretary
25/08/2024