

MLAIC DELEGATES MEETING

30th MLAIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Valeggio Sul Mincio – ITALY

AUGUST 25th, 2024

Beginning at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

1. Appointment of minutes' secretary (10 mins.)

This person should be a native speaker of English.

Bernard COLLOT appointed for the report.

2. Registration and accreditation of the delegates

Welcoming the new delegates:

Mr. Arvid Buckard from Sweden

Mr. Josef Forman from Czech Republic

Mr. Jukka Päärnilä, Finland

Any others??

Gunther KUNZ, Germany delegate, temporary replacement,

Attendance:

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 (10 mins.)

Ramon SELLES, for personal problems,

Australia, Brazil, Finland and Portugal came into the meeting later.

Any other countries not present?

Absentes.

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.

They had been approved by all parties/nations involved by electronic vote.

The previous minutes can be found on our website. They will therefore not be distributed as print copies. (10 mins.)

5. Financial report (20 mins.)

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

Decision of discharge of treasurer and the whole commission

Oral report in the meeting because a computer issue happened, a paper report will be distributed.

€ 21.000, -- available.

n.b.: more than enough.

the investment in the Long-Range system is outlined, it's a big value for MLAIC. Balasz NEMETH is the specialist.

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

6. Appointment of tellers

Damian GAMMA, Pieter TRUTER are appointed.

7. Business arising /Agenda items (10 mins.)

7-a. Proposals for changes of the Constitution

(see Constitution version 2016 on our website)

Membership fees,

Constitution must change; members are to pay their fees, and the fees shall be establishing every two years in World Championship.

7-a. I Set of the MLAIC membership fees until 2026 (10 mins.)

(at present € 120, -- per year)

Is there any reason to raise the fees?

we do not have much expenses, and the risk if we raise it is to have to pay more taxes on incomes.

Proposal € 150, -- from 2025 on, below tax level, proposed by Poland, seconded by Hungary.

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

7-a. II Payment frequency

Confirmation of yearly payment due to tax issues?

We pay taxes, but the level is very low. If our income is higher, we shall pay more taxes. Annual payment, already described in the Rules, Treasurer shall send an annual invoice. payment by bank transfer or cash. proposal by Switzerland, seconded by Italy.

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

7-a.III Subscription fees - payments - delays (10 mins.)

(Mr. Antonio Ferrerio, Treasurer)

Late payments are a problem for Argentina, 5 years late, Information : Luxemburg is 3 years late, situation of federation and appointed delegate is to be clarified, to make sure there is only one governing body per country. situation of Luxemburg shall be clarified by the next SG. postscript : Argentina has paid full.

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

7-b. I Questions/clarifications on slings used - (see Appendix A) (20 mins.)

Extension of MLAIC rule 4.9.a)

(Mr. Bernard Collot, Chairman of SAC)

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

7-b. II Proposal on rule extension clay target rule no. 5.12.s (10 mins.)

(see Appendix B)

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

Vote: FOR 21, AGAINST 1, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried

7-b.III Proposals for the extension of rule 4.11.C nos. 7, 12, 23 (10 mins.)

Cleaning of revolvers (see Appendix C)

Initial proposal was cleaning of a revolver is only permitted when revolver is not loaded nor capped.

As this process is differently understood, a secondary proposal is made, to forbid the cleaning.

Proposed by UK, seconded by Italy, and Poland

“Cleaning permitted only when all the chambers are empty in revolver events, Mariette Colt and Malson.”

Vote: FOR 21, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 1, Motion carried

7-b. IV Proposal for extension to rule no. 4.5 Markings of (10 mins.)

shooting lanes - additional point “g” - (see Appendix D)

identifying lanes with colour stickers to avoid crossfires

issue outlined regarding colour blind people

proposal amended to lane 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 etcetera, on military firearms.

Do we have clear information on all military rifles?

If not, do we only control those, where data are available? (30 mins.)

(see Appendix E and F)

INFORMATION: Document initiated by Balasz NEMETH will be improved by addition of information approved by the SAC, backed by a book, scanned if possible. This document will be distributed on our website.

Proposal to suspend gun control on Minié and Lamarmora rifles for rank 1 to 6, only for twist, proposed by Germany, seconded by Switzerland.

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

7-b.VI Differentiation between O and R (15 mins.)

(see Appendix G)

A score for team event can only be counted once.

“A result obtained in an event can only be counted once in a competition), except for Remington and Grand Prix de Versailles events, and aggregate or team events in Long-Range,” proposed by UK, and 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 (10 mins.)

(see 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.”

new 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 (15 mins.)

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: People with disabilities who cannot kneel on the ground, have them shooting from a table.

decision belongs to hosting country

- **INFORMATION:** Matter on target inspection between relays to solve double hits or shots not identified by camera system. Presentation by Balasz

7-c. General

7-c. I Updated information on the proposed lead ban by ECHA (15 mins.)

as well as other issues (concerning our sport) raised by ECHA.

(by Mr. Balázs Nemeth)

INFORMATION: Matter is lead restriction / ban.

7-c. II Short reports of the Small Arms Committee (10 mins.)

(Mr. Bernard Collot, Chairman of SAC)

INFORMATION: report on SAC activity for 2024.

7-c.III Short report on the Pacific Zone Championships

(Dr. Corena de Beer) (10 mins.)

INFORMATION

7-c. IV Short report on the European Zone Championships

(Mr. Ramón Selles Calabuig - DSG) (10 mins.)

INFORMATION by Gerhard LANG: satisfaction

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

Proposals, discussion, and decisions. (15 mins.)

INFORMATION: **2026: Austria Eisenstadt?**

2027: Hungary?

2028: France?

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

A short presentation will be appreciated. (15 mins.)

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. (15 mins.)

NRA Whittington Centre, Raton, New Mexico.

first week of October.

Closest airport: DENVER , CO.

7-c. VIII Hungary might want to introduce in 2025 a Mid and/or (10 mins.)

Long-Range European or World Cup.

INFORMATION given by Balasz NEMETH

2027: United Kingdom Bisley?

Short break (15 mins.)

8. Any other business (not on the agenda) (10 mins.)

INFORMATION: Bernard COLLOT reads the speech send by Ramon SELLES.

9. Election of the new Secretary General (20 mins.)

Mr. Gerhard Lang S.G. since 2016 (Germany) stood down from

his office due to personal reasons. His speech is made with emotion.

Two applications have been sent:

A: from the UK, Mr. Nick Harvey, he makes a short speech

B: from The Netherlands, Mrs. Gerda Lejeune, she makes a short speech

See letters in appendix H and I

24 ballots counted,

Vote: for A, Nick HARVEY 4

For B Gerda LEJEUNE 20

Mrs Gerda LEJEUNE is elected Secretary General.

10. Election of a new MLAIC Commission Member? (15 mins.)

If Mrs. Gerda Lejeune will be elected as new S.G., an election.

of one new MLAIC Commission Member will be necessary.

If Mr. Nick Harvey will be elected as new S.G. this election will not be necessary and Mrs. Lejeune would stay Commission Member.

Standing: Louise VANGRUNEN proposed by Switzerland, seconded by UK.

Vote: FOR 24, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 0, Motion carried, ELECTED in commission

11. Election of a new MLAIC patron? (10 min.)

M. Gerhard LANG, proposed by France, seconded by MLAIC Commission.

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

12. Election of Honorary Members? (10 min.)

proposals? (can be made during the meeting)

None

13. Closing speeches (30 min.)

- Deputy Secretary General

- Former Secretary General, Gerhard Lang, makes a short resume, thanking everyone for good cooperation.

- New Secretary General, Gerda LEJEUNE makes a short speech, thanking everyone for help and cooperation.

End of the meeting: approx. 17:00 o'clock, ended at 16:30!!!!

Signed;

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Secretary General