

Muzzle Loaders Associations' International Committee

Dear Delegate,

Another MLAIC World Championship has been successfully concluded, and we are all most grateful to the Consociazione Nazionale Degli Archibugieri of Italy for being such gracious hosts for this event. The preparations of Dr. Alberto Ferrerio and his fine staff were evident as we all enjoyed the impressive facilities of the Range at Lucca and the Montecatini Clay Pigeon Shooting Range. The beauty of the countryside and the rich history of the area provided all participants with an additional dimension to the matches.

The Opening Ceremony began with a parade of all nations through the historic center of Lucca, ending with welcoming speeches and a wonderful buffet at the Antico Caffè delle Mura within the city walls. The first day of competition was culminated with an outstanding Shooters' Buffet, complete with musical entertainment. Following the final day of competition, on Saturday, we were all treated to a splendid gala dinner with music at the impressive La Badiola villa, enjoying more of the fine Tuscany wines for which we had acquired a taste.

One new individual and one new team record were achieved and, with fifty clay pigeons being shot for the first time, all first-place scores achieved shooting clays will be the new world records for those events. Perhaps one of the greatest successes of the Championship was the spirit of camaraderie that prevailed among the participants of all countries, with very few protests or problems taking place.

The Delegates' Meeting was held on Monday morning of the Championship at the Lucca Shooting Range, convening at 9:38 A.M., and opened by Dr. Alberto Ferrerio. The order of business and decisions made follow below, with 18 nations present and 1 proxy at the beginning of the meeting. Japan was unavoidably delayed, but later joined the meeting.

1. A motion to change the order of items in the existing agenda was approved, with 18 nations voting in favor and 1 voting no.
2. Dr. Ferrerio called for a secret ballot vote for the election of a new Secretary-General. The resultant vote was 11 votes for Donald W. Malson, U.S.A., and 7 votes for Erich Illing, Germany.
3. An open discussion was held concerning the office of Patron and its duties. It was decided that the Patron (a) may attend meetings, (b) may speak on subjects, (c) may not vote on any item, and (d) may not use official MLAIC stationery. It was further decided that Paul Marchand, currently holding the position of Patron, will continue in this position. The vote on this issue was 16 in favor and 2 abstentions.
4. The position of International Coordinator was discussed, with the following conclusions. This position has been held by Gudrun Marchand from 1972 to the present time. It was pointed out that nowhere in the MLAIC Constitution is there note of this position or its duties. It was also pointed out to the delegates that nowhere in the Constitution is there a vehicle to appoint or elect someone to the position of International Coordinator at this time. By a vote of 12 in favor, 5 against and 2 abstentions, the resolution to the position of International Coordinator was referred to the Commission, which was asked to make a recommendation to the Delegates at the next official meeting.
5. Dr. Ferrerio called for the election of members to the MLAIC Commission. Nine persons were considered for the six available positions, and the following delegates were named to those positions for the next two years: Kim Atkinson (Australia), Jose Luis Perez-Pastor (Spain), Ron Lovchik (Switzerland), Peter Watson (New Zealand), Pascal Malardot (France) and David Brigden (Great Britain). Each of these men must take this responsibility very seriously and reply to the Secretary-General in a timely fashion concerning the situations with which they are presented with a view as to what is best for the MLAIC. The vote for these appointments was unanimous.
6. Dr. Ferrerio announced the following upcoming Championship events:
 - 2003 – 10th Zone A Championship at Halikko, Finland – August 4-10
 - 10th Zone B Championship at Goshen, Indiana, USA – early July
 - 4th World Long Range Championship at Camp Butner, North Carolina, USA – September 22-26
 - 2004 – 21st World Championship at Goshen, Indiana, USA
 - 2005 – 11th Zone A Championship at Pforzheim, Germany
 - 11th Zone B Championship, place yet to be determined
 - 2006 – 22nd World Championship at Bordeaux, France

At this point, Dr. Ferrerio turned the meeting over to the new Secretary-General, Donald Malson.

7. The proposal that a replica firearm shall only be accepted following the presentation of documentary evidence of the original which it replicates was withdrawn (Rule 353).
8. The proposal that non-standard items of equipment be approved by a technical commission failed by a vote of 2 in favor, 17 against and 0 abstentions. Therefore, non-standard items of equipment may be used by competitors (Rule 357).
9. The proposal (Rule 357E) for non-use of modern shooting jackets also failed by a vote of 1 in favor and 17 against. Therefore, shooting jackets of any kind, and additional padding, may be used by competitors.
10. The proposal (Rule 357) to apply ISSF rules on mats for prone shooting failed by a vote of 3 in favor and 16 against.
11. The proposal to change Rule 513 to: "In the event of a misfire, the competitor must keep the firearm pointed towards the target for at least 10 seconds." Passed by a vote of 18 in favor and 2 against.
12. The proposal regarding Rule 516 for Matchlocks, for the use of small containers of flash powder for each shot failed by a vote of 6 in favor and 14 against. You may, therefore, continue to prime matchlocks as in the past.
13. Rule 366 proposal for Tanegashima, Hizadai and Nagashino events to use two UIT 50 meter targets in place of one 200 meter target failed by a vote of 6 in favor and 14 against. These events will be fired as before.
14. The proposal to change events #4, #6, #12 and #15 to 15 record shots failed by a vote of 1 in favor and 19 against.
15. The proposal to classify originals and replicas into one category failed by a vote of 3 in favor and 17 against. All events will be fired using the 50% rule as before.
16. The proposal that liners be accepted for European-style rifles in the Vetterli event failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 18 against.
17. The proposal to reduce the number of shooters in team events from 4 to 3 passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 6 against. Beginning with the next MLAIC Championship, all team events will consist of three (3) shooters.
18. The proposal for a matchlock pistol event passed by a vote of 15 in favor and 4 against. There will, therefore, be a matchlock pistol event at 25 meters in the next MLAIC Championship.
19. The proposal of the USA to move the Vetterli event to a distance of 100 meters was referred to the Commission.
20. The proposal to add a Vetterli-type 50 meter event for military rifles failed due to lack of 2/3 majority vote (vote was 11 in favor and 7 against).
21. The proposal from Great Britain to include a Wogden team event with 50% original firearms failed due to lack of 2/3 majority vote (vote was 8 in favor and 11 against).
22. The proposal to add a pistol team event (Rule 375) for original revolvers (No. 7 Colt) with the name to be decided passed by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 against. The originally suggested name "Remington" is already used for the breech loading rifle class that exists in the Nordic countries. Therefore, Sweden suggested "Tranter" or "Adams" as the name for this new team event.
23. The proposal from Switzerland concerning official medals resulted in a new rule, #235, that the official medals of a championship shall not be awarded to the winners of non-official events such as junior events, historical events, etc., was approved by all members.
24. The proposal from the USA for an MLAIC Small Arms Committee was accepted by all members. The Secretary-General will begin to contact specialists throughout the world and will report to all members when this Committee is in place.
25. The proposal on the agenda from New Zealand was withdrawn.
26. The proposal from Paul Marchand for correction of current rules was directed to the Commission for further study, except for the wording of Rule 122 (modified back to the original wording of the rule, removing the words "Muzzle Loading." All delegates were in agreement, and Rule 302 d), which was missing in the current rules, was reinstated with immediate effect.
27. The proposal to cancel all honorific titles was withdrawn.
28. The Rule Ref. 124/260/130/132/146/220 submitted by France was referred to the Commission for further study. Regarding Rule 132, 20 voted in favor and 0 against that "The Secretary-General can be elected by a simple majority."
29. The proposal to add a replica flintlock (No. 2 Maximilian) 3-person team event was approved by a vote of 18 in favor and 2 against.
30. The proposal to delete perpetual trophies failed by a vote of 4 in favor and 14 against. Trophies will be given in events, as before.
31. The proposal to allow original rifles with lined barrels to be used in the replica category failed by a vote of 3 in favor, 14 against and 3 abstentions.
32. The proposal (254B3) that any dioptre of fixed rear sights located at the back of the barrel may have windage adjustable if a copy of an original sight passed by a vote of 18 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention. You may, therefore, have an adjustable rear sight on your free rifle if it is a copy of a known original sight. A newly invented adjustable rear sight not a copy of an original is not acceptable.

33. The proposal for new events for juniors to be added failed by a vote of 8 in favor, 7 against and 5 abstentions.
34. A discussion took place regarding when alterations of the rules should be valid (the 1995 Rules state "the next year" and the blue book states "at the following Championships," leaving it unclear as to whether this means World Championships or Zone Championships. No clear conclusion was made other than for the rule concerning safety rules, which should take immediate effect.
35. The proposal to increase the maximum number of shooters from 12 to 16 passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 1 against and 5 abstentions. This motion will allow 2 more shooters in each category to participate in every event.
36. Finland made a special request to modify the pistol range for the 2003 Zone A Championship, for one time only. Due to space restrictions on the pistol range, targets must be one over the other. The request was approved by a vote of 14 in favor and 6 against.

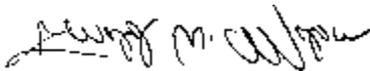
Other information of note includes the news that Dr. Marcello Lepore, our friend and now former delegate from Italy, has chosen to retire as delegate. We are sorry to see him step down, and greatly appreciate his past efforts on behalf of the MLAIC. His successor is Dr. Alberto Ferrerio, who we all came to know well as he directed the proceedings at the 20th World Championships in Lucca.

We are also pleased to welcome Poland as a correspondent member of the organization and hope that they will soon become active participants in an upcoming competition. Dr. Dario Marco Sarti serves as Poland's delegate.

Very soon, the MLAIC will have its own web site, thanks to David Brigden. David will include MLAIC news of note and other information which will be useful to all of us. We are grateful for all of the work he is putting into this new venture on our behalf. When it is up and running, it can be found at www.mlaic.org.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Dario Duranti, CNDA President, and Dr. Alberto Ferrerio, CNDA Delegate, for their work in producing a nearly perfect World Championship. The Delegates' meeting went more smoothly than expected, and both Firearms Control and Scoring were conducted equally well. The Jury had very few protests and settled them quickly. The shooting ranges were run by skillful officials who maintained a true time schedule. The final dinner was one of true Italian class and dignity. The Consociazione Nazionale Degli Archibugieri can be quite proud of their President, Dr. Duranti, who handled every situation that arose throughout the Championship in the manner of an effective leader and a gentleman.

Sincere regards,



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ADDENDUM 1 – WORLD RECORD SCORES, UPDATED AUGUST 2002

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

- 1 **MIQUELET:** Military smoothbore flintlock muskets, 50 meters
(O – J. Karlson, Sweden, 96, 1996; R – T. Henley, USA, 97, 1985)
- 2 **MAXIMILIAN:** Free flintlock rifles, 100 meters
(O – H. G. Heinzmann, Germany, 98, 1998; R – R. Nitsche, Germany, 96, 1994)
- 3 **MINIE:** Military percussion rifles, 100 meters
(O – R. Nitsche, Germany, 99, 1998; R – D. Sturm, Germany, 96, 1994)
- 4 **WHITWORTH:** Free percussion rifles (not qualifying for No. 3 Minie), 100 meters
(O – M. Kroschel, Germany, 99, 1990; R – M. Schmidt, Germany, 99, 1987)
- 5 **COMINAZZO:** Free single shot smoothbore flintlock or matchlock pistols
(O – G. Leonhard, Germany, 94, 1987; R – M. Gimenez, France, 97, 1987)
- 6 **KUCHENREUTER:** Free single shot percussion pistols
(O – W. Welsch, Germany, 100, 1987; R – B. Balke, Germany, 99, 1987)
- 7 **COLT:** Free percussion revolvers, originals only
(O – R. Bopp, Germany, 97, 1989)
- 8 **WALKYRIE:** Ladies free or military rifles, 100 meters
(O – H. Forgett, USA, 97, 1990; R – T. Heber, Germany, 99, 2002)
- 12 **MARIETTE:** Free percussion revolvers, replicas only
(R – G. Berthod, France, 100, 1990)
- 14 **TANEGASHIMA:** Free smoothbore matchlock muskets, 50 meters standing
(O – G. Boser, Germany, 97, 1998; R – J. Eckard, USA, 100, 2000)
- 15 **VETTERLI:** Any matchlock, flintlock, percussion rifle or musket, 50 meters standing
(O – L. Smaniotto, Italy, 100, 1996; R – D. Sturm, Germany, 100, 1992)
- 16 **HIZADAI:** Free smoothbore matchlock muskets, 50 meters kneeling
(O – G. Boser, Germany, 97, 1996; R – M. Gimenez, France, 100, 1989)
- 21 **MANTON:** Free flintlock shotguns, 50 birds, 3 stands
(O – G. Sporbeck, SUI, 40, 2002; R – R. Morris, GB, 45, 2002)
- 22 **LORENZONI:** Free percussion shotguns, 50 birds, 5 stands
(O – A.F. Scotti, ITA, 47, 2002; R – F. Boni, ITA, 46, 2002)

TEAM EVENTS:

- 9 **GUSTAV ADOLPH:** Teams of 4 in No. 1, Miquelet (O)
(USA, 366/400, 1980)
- 10 **PAULY:** Teams of 4 in No. 3, Minie (O)
(Germany, 371, 189)
- 11 **VERSAILLES:** Aggregate of Team events Nos. 9 & 10 (O)
(Germany, 720, 1989)
- 13 **PETERLONGO:** Teams of 4 in No. 12, Mariette (R)
(Germany, 380, 2002)
- 17 **AMAZONS:** Teams of 3 in No. 8, Walkyrie (O & R Mixed)
(USA, 285/300, 1990)
- 18 **BOUTET:** Teams of 4 in No. 6, Kuchenreuter
(France, 383/400, 1998)
- 19 **NAGASHINO:** Teams of 4 in No. 14, Tanegashima (O & R Mixed)
(Germany, 381, 1998)
- 20 **RIGBY:** Team of 4 in Whitworth (O & R Mixed)
(Germany, 387, 1998)
- 23 **HAWKER:** Teams of 2 in No. 21 and 2 in No. 22 (O & R Mixed)
(France, 171/200, 2002)
- 24 **PFORZHEIM:** Teams of 4 in No. 15, Vetterli (O & R Mixed)
(Austria, 394, 1996)
- 25 **WOGDON:** Teams of 4 in No. 5, Cominazzo (O & R Mixed)
(Germany, 364, 1998)
- 26 **WEDGNOCK:** Teams of 3 in No. 2, Maximilian (O)
(Great Britain, 260, 1998)
- 27 **NOBUNAGO:** Teams of 3 in No. 14, Tanegashima (O)
(Germany, 264, 1998)

ADDENDUM 3 – FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST 15, 2002

- 1) 2000-2002 cash balance received Tuesday, July 30, 2002,
at Lucca Shooting Range, Lucca, Italy, from International
Coordinator Gudrun Marchand.....\$ 500.00
- 2) Cash payments of dues collected from Delegates during
20th World Muzzle Loading Championship, Lucca, Italy.
All country members in good standing are paid in full
Through 2002.....\$ 1750.00
- 3) I will open a bank account in the name of the MLAIC in the amount of \$2250.00 (total of items 1 & 2
above).
- 4) There is at least one outstanding bill yet to be paid by this office (bill of expenses from former
Secretary-General Andy Courtney for \$850.00). Within the next two weeks I will verify any other
outstanding bills, pay them and balance the financial books of the MLAIC.