

Report from the delegates meeting 18/7-2014 for the Nordic MLASC Championship 18 – 20 July 2014 in Copenhagen.

Delegates

Finland (Jukka Päärnilä, Veli-Pekka Karvinen); Sweden (Mikael Lauth, Roger Carlsson); Norway (Dag Magne Winge, Ståle Helland); Denmark (Søren Poulsen, Kurt Kjær).

Other participants:

Sweden: Per Zachrison; Denmark: Matthew Scott; Secretary, MLASC (Odd Flomark)

1. The secretary for MLASC

In an e-mail dated July 13, 2014 NSU questioned whether MLASC have at this time an elected secretary, or if the elected term of Odd Flomark had ended. After some discussions, the delegates agreed on a compromise: Odd Flomark should be the MLASC secretary at the 2014 meeting. For the 2015 meeting in Sweden, a new election of secretary should be conducted.

2. Technical information

- a. Range 25 meters : The same as earlier. 6 shooters on each range.
- b. Range 50 meters : They had to set up a stoppage over every standing, to prevent a shot to go over the range.
- c. It was agreed that both sitting or kneeling positions are accepted as equal to the traditional prone position in MLASC competitions. There is a need for a definition of the sitting position that the four Nordic Black Powder Unions could agree on. Ståle offered to translate to English the Norwegian regulations for the sitting position (see appendix below).
- d. According to MLAIC regulations the Jury shall evaluate the 6 best targets in each class. It was agreed that in the MLASC regulations, the Jury should only evaluate the targets that were involved in a dispute over the score.
- e. Each country have to hand over a list of the different team members to the organizer prior to the first shooting on Saturday

3. Jury

Denmark: Søren Poulsen; Sweden: Per Zachrison; Finland: Jukka Päärnilä;
Norway: Dagfinn Torp.

4. Proposals

- a. Proposal 1 from Denmark : Cartridges with round bullet was used in the MLASC Championship in 2013 at Åsheim. The Danish team questioned, after the termination of the match in 2013, the legality of using such ammunition in our Smith & Wesson class. Norway presented some preliminary data that indicated that round bullets were indeed used in cartridge revolvers in the time when black powder was the major propellant in revolvers. Current documentation indicates that it is indoor “saloon” cartridges. The question is if the shooters at that time did use round ball together with “full” load of blackpowder for use in target shooting, self defense or work. Ståle offered to investigate this question further with some of the producers of cartridge revolvers. He also asked the other countries to gather relevant documentation from their members. The collecting of information regarding the use of round bullets in the MLASC class Smith & Wesson should be completed by November 1, 2014. It was agreed that changes in the MLASC constitution can be done using e-mails when all four countries agreed to a proposed change. Any changes regarding the allowed ammunition used in the Smith and Wesson class must be published on the national web-sites/magazines before 1/1-2015. This in order to give the future competitors time enough to adjust their shooting concepts.
- b. Proposal 2 from Denmark: This proposal concerned how to handle an interruption of the shooting in case that targets is falling down due to wind, other weather related reasons or broken/damaged target support structures. The proposal was not accepted.
- c. Finland had sent three suggestions to change the MLAIC constitution, and requested the support of the other Nordic Black Powder Unions for these suggestions. The suggestions were debated and the Finnish delegation offered to use the input from this meeting to fine-tune the wordings of these proposals and send them to the three other Nordic Black Powder Unions for approval.
- d. The issue of expanding the number of events was discussed, with the following conclusion:
 - The arranging nation can include a trial event in the championship.
 - The regulations of such a trial class is at the liberty of the arranging nation.
 - No medals should be awarded in the trial class; only standard trophies according to the general rules of the Nordic championship.

Appendix

The NSU definition of the sitting position:

“It is permitted to rest the elbows on both legs. The upper arm must not rest against the chest, there must be a visible clearance between the upper arm and chest.”