



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2006

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**Held at the Thistle Hotel, Irvine, Scotland
Saturday & Sunday November 18 & 19 2006**

This record of the meeting has been compiled from notes made at the time plus an audio recording of the proceedings.

Meeting opened : Saturday November 18 at 09:00

Present :	Position / Country	
IMGA officers :		
Keith Martin	Chairman	
Alun Whitney	Vice-Chairman	& Representative for Wales
Jens Martin	Finance and Administration	
Jim Dunn	Country Development	& Representative for Canada
Melanie Scott	Communication	

International Representatives :	
Julie Marsille	Belgium
Sheila Peck	England
Isabelle Pierrard	France
Philipp Preugel	Germany
Ann Devitt	Ireland
Frie Martin	Luxembourg
Colin Carson	Northern Ireland
Inger Hilmersen	Norway
Jacky Skelly	Scotland
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland
Paul Greiling	U.S.A.

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :		Proxy holder :
Phil Logue	Australia	Jim Dunn
Sue Bookbinder	Botswana	Keith Martin (<i>see point 1</i>)
Signe Sehested	Denmark	Alyce Lande
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand	Jens Martin
Mandé Siderfin	South Africa	Ian Marr
Nisse Adolfsson	Sweden	Younes Ahlbom

As some participants had to leave before the end of the meeting they left their proxies with other members for the remainder of the meeting :

Philipp Preugel	Germany	Marilyn Hackman
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland	Keith Martin

Others present :

Marilyn Hackman	Honorary President
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Louis-Stephane Ameller
Sharon Brown
Nikki Carter
Elaine Chorley
Ro Day
Liz Englert
Val Edwards
Kieran Hanlon
Keith Hardy
Carol Jones
Clive Jones
Hans Kallenberger
David Leese
Kay Leese
Donna McCready
Andrew Nauta
Chris Nelson
Alan Peck
Pola Preugel
Carol Prime
Roger Sykes
Twigga Vollmers
Kayrene Whitney
Sue Williamson
Mary Worth

This record of the proceedings of the meeting follows the sequence of items published in the agenda. Some items were taken out of sequence for various reasons (participants needing to leave early, for example) and some items were treated quickly at first and then later in more detail, but for clarity of presentation and reference, the agenda sequence is retained in this document.

1. Welcome by the Chairman and collection of proxy forms

The attendance list is shown above, with information on proxies (submitted in writing and recorded) from those members unable to attend.

The right of Botswana to participate (by proxy) and to vote was challenged on the basis of the joining date not being before the 2006 World Team Championship. The Chairman disputed this and reminded everyone that the announcement of Botswana's joining was made in Gothenburg at the IMGA summer meeting held prior to the World Team Championship competition. However, this had been omitted from the minutes of that meeting and an official message to all members had not been sent until later.

Some members took the view that to refuse Botswana a vote on the basis of a clerical error was not fair, while others insisted that the rules must be applied in all circumstances. A vote confirmed the latter view, and Botswana did not vote at this meeting.

The number of people attending the meeting was much higher than ever before, and because the room and facilities had been reserved according to previous requirements, the meeting was a little cramped. For this reason, and for reasons of representation, the Chairman reserved the places at the table for International Representatives, plus one other from each

country. Others were asked to consider themselves as observers and take the places around the outer edge of the meeting room. They were further requested to channel any questions/comments through their International Representative.

Before continuing the meeting, the allocation of costs was discussed, and the following was agreed :

[01/06] The costs of the meeting would be covered as follows :

- All attendees would be responsible for their own hotel accommodation and any food/drinks charges incurred
- All International Representatives, plus one other from each country, would make a contribution of GBP 12.50 to the meeting costs, covering lunch on Saturday and refreshments.
- Officers of IMGA, candidates in the election of officers, and invited speakers would also make the same GBP 12.50 contribution.
- The remaining costs per person (GBP 25.00) for these participants would be paid by IMGA
- All others, present as observers, would pay the full cost of GBP 37.50 per person

2. Review of Achievements over the Past Year

Each of the officers of IMGA reported on their activities during the past year :

Keith Martin (Chairman) :

There were 29 action points arising from the 2005 meeting, and progress on each of them was reported at the summer meeting in Gothenburg, but some were mentioned again :

- New sections on the Forum on the IMGA website (Rider Exchange, and Rules and Refereeing) have been added, but never used.
- The website is regularly updated and maintained.
- Work has progressed on the Code of Conduct, including also Health and Safety, and Welfare (see below, point 9).
- The first "official" European Team Championship was held (see below, point 16).
- The daily business of running IMGA continues, tax, company returns, and other legal obligations.
- Contact is maintained with all members and MGAGB.
- Full set of successful World Championships.

Alun Whitney (Vice-Chairman) :

- There has been significant progress and development in IMGA, but for this to continue we need to have more meetings each year, but if this is not possible then we should have clear-cut policies which can be used by sub-committees and the officers as guidance throughout the year.
- As an organisation, IMGA should look forward more, instead of looking back.

- The Rules Committee has been very active and works well. Many worthwhile changes have been introduced.
- The newly-introduced telephone conference system works very well and should be extended to cover the work of sub-groups and committees.

Jim Dunn (Country Development) :

- South Africa

Jim and Team Canada and visited South Africa at the end of May for a period of two weeks. The focus of the tour was to host a mounted games coaching seminar and to introduce the sport of Mounted Games to several other African nations. The clinic was well attended by twenty four prospective coaches from as far away as Namibia, Botswana and the Cape region.

The visit and the clinic were both a complete success. Botswana has joined IMGA as a very active member with the prospect of Namibia and another four African nations in 2007.

- Italy

Italy attended the European Championship in the younger age groups and expressed much interest in being re-involved. They had a long conversation with Keith and Frie about IMGA, and this was followed up with a letter to them (second time).

- Symposium

Last year the first ever International Mounted Games Symposium was hosted in Canada on May 6/7/8 2005. The purpose of the symposium was to showcase the sport of Mounted Games as well as to promote awareness and membership. The symposium was broken down into both classroom and arena clinics and was attended by 120 participants over the three day period. Clinics were taught by some of the best clinicians available.

Following this success, it was planned to host another symposium in 2006. The plan was to move the symposium from a Spring venue to a Fall venue and then condense the program into two days rather than three, but due to a conflict of dates and other commitments it has been decided to postpone to May 12/13 2007. Details will follow.

- Rider Exchange Programme

Following a suggestion last year, Keith posted a section on the website for member use. Canada has two riders (girls) who would like to be involved in the rider exchange program. One speaks fluent French. Ireland, Belgium or France preferably.

- Various points

Cold letters (unsolicited) do not merit much of a response, and this seems to be a redundant process. Instead, we need to be focused in our introductions to perspective members. Country development's best resource is our own members, so where possible, provide Jim with any contacts that you are aware of.

Melanie Scott (Communication) :

- Communication has to be two-way and information can only be passed on if it's first provided.
- Publicity is important, and anyone requiring help with this can contact Melanie.
- Each country should appoint someone in their local organisation (not necessarily the International Representative) to be Melanie's contact point. This could be a riding member. In this way an informal communications network can be established.

[02/06] Each International Representative will appoint a communications contact person, and inform Melanie.

- In 2007 the Newsletter will include interviews with riders and this will become a regular feature.

Jens Martin (Finance and Administration) :

See below (point 3).

3. Financial Review 2006

Jens Martin presented the IMGA accounts for 2006-to-date and distributed printed summaries. See attachment 1.

There was a big difference between the number of Rule Books printed, and the number sold. The print volume was consistent with previous editions, but sales have been much lower.

No objections to the financial documents were noted, and so :.

[03/06] The financial report was accepted.

[04/06] The affiliation fee for 2007 was set at EUR 150.00 (no change from 2006).

It was proposed that, although for 2007 the affiliation fee would not change, there should be a budgetary plan for future development which would allow IMGA to quantify future financial requirements and set affiliation fees accordingly.

[05/06] A budgetary plan for 2008 will be presented at the 2007 meeting.

Action : All members to provide input for an IMGA budget for 2008

Action : Jens Martin to prepare a budgetary plan based on requirements from members

4. Rules Committee Update

One year ago, the Rules Committee had only addressed some small questions of clearing up discrepancies and inconsistencies, but during 2006 more significant work has been done.

The results of each Rule Change request are published on the IMGA website under "Games and Rules / Rules Committee"

(<http://www.mouted-games.org/imga/games/committee/index.html>)

(For decisions concerning the Rules Committee see below points 5 and 8)

5. Election of IMGA Executive Officers and IMGA Rules Committee Members for the period 2006 – 2008

The election of Executive Officers was carried out according to agreed procedures.

Note 1 : Alyce Lande withdrew her candidacy for the post of Chairman.

Note 2 : The International Representative for France was not present and the question was raised whether the election should go ahead, or be postponed until she arrived. A vote confirmed that the election should go ahead as planned.

5.1 Country Development

Each of the candidates addressed the meeting and a secret ballot was taken.

Results :	Jim Dunn	12 votes
	Roger Sykes	5 votes

5.2 Communication

There was only one candidate, Melanie Scott, who was automatically elected.

5.3 Finance and Administration

Each of the candidates addressed the meeting and a secret ballot was taken.

Results :	Jens Martin	12 votes
	Mary Worth	5 votes

5.4 Vice-Chairman

Each of the candidates addressed the meeting and a secret ballot was taken.

Results :	Clive Jones	10 votes
	Alun Whitney	7 votes

5.5 Chairman

Each of the candidates addressed the meeting and a secret ballot was taken.

Results :	Keith Martin	11 votes
	Ro Day	6 votes

5.6 Rules Committee

There were only three candidates for three places on the Rules Committee, and so they were automatically elected :

Younes Ahlbom
Jens Martin
Margaret Welsby

The other three members of the Rules Committee, from England, Scotland, and Wales, were confirmed as :

Nicola Leese (England)
Yvonne Struthers (Scotland)
Alun Whitney (Wales)

6. Promotions Officer

Colin Carson made a short presentation on the desirability of having an additional IMGA official responsible for Promotion of the Sport.

See attachment 2.

There was discussion on the exact role of a Promotions Officer, and the possibility of overlap with Development and Communications, but there was general agreement that this was a good proposal.

Keith Martin pointed out that to add an additional officer, elected and a member of the management team, would require a change to the Constitution and that is a matter which takes considerable time. It was suggested, therefore, that instead of a Promotions Officer, a member with special responsibility for promotion could be nominated, or a promotions sub-committee could be formed.

Action : Jens Martin will prepare a Job Description for this post

Action : All members to send contributions to Jens

7. Communication

Keith Martin introduced some questions concerning Communication.

The International Representatives are the communications link between IMGA and the national MGAs. Their role is to communicate and represent in each direction, and this works reasonably well.

But there is a lack of communication reaching the next level, i.e. the members of the national MGAs. It is sometimes apparent that they are totally ignorant of the international aspects of the sport and the role of IMGA.

[06/06] It was agreed, as a first step towards tackling this problem, that IMGA should widen its distribution list of International Representatives to also include other nominated recipients

Action : Keith Martin to extend the coverage of the "members@mounted-games.org" list

Action : Each International Representative to provide the additional names

The matter of spam e-mail was raised and there was some discussion on how it could be reduced. Keith provided some explanation of the way the existing e-mail distribution system works and how/why it attracts spam mail. He undertook to provide further information, and to take some protective action by introducing a new set of e-mail addresses for the use of national MGAs

Action : Keith Martin to produce and distribute anti-spam guidelines

Action : Keith Martin to review the existing e-mail structure and distribution lists to reduce the volume of spam

8. Electronic Voting

On behalf of Phil Logue, Jim Dunn presented a proposal to modify the system of electronic voting.

Not all important decisions can be made only once a year at the AGM, and situations arise during the year when members are asked to express an opinion or vote on a particular proposal.

In practice this has always been done by specifying a default opinion or vote such as "No response will be taken as agreement", or the reverse.

Phil proposed that instead of this only the opinions or votes of those members who reply should be taken into consideration, even if this meant decisions were being made by only two or three members.

[07/06] It was agreed that only explicit responses to a request for an opinion or vote should be counted, but that in every case the results should be sent to everyone along with a breakdown of who responded and who did not.

[08/06] In the same way, all decisions of the Rules Committee will be reported in detail.

9. Code of Conduct

Keith Martin introduced this point by reviewing the history of attempts to formulate an IMGA Code of Conduct, and explained that the latest version also includes Health and Safety, and Welfare.

One of the major difficulties encountered was that the intention of the document was to bind members to a Code of Conduct, but IMGA in fact does not have individual members. It is other organisations which are the members of IMGA, and in effect it is the individual members of these other organisations we are aiming at. So how can an IMGA Code of Conduct be made applicable to the members of other organisations ?

This is a problem of principle not previously recognised.

Nikki Carter proposed some mechanisms by which this could be achieved :

1. To introduce individual memberships in IMGA and insist that everyone concerned with international competitions should be not just a member of their own national MGA, but also of IMGA (at minimal cost).
2. To introduce an FEI-like system of licensing, where competition organisers and everyone else concerned agrees to the license terms (i.e. following the Code of Conduct) of IMGA.
3. To add an extra "layer" to each national MGA's membership requirements which stipulates that participation in international events requires compliance with the IMGA Code of Conduct.

[09/06] These three possibilities will be explored further and each member consulted before a final decision is made.

Action : Keith Martin and Nikki Carter to prepare the consultation

This all concerned application of the Code of Conduct, so then Nikki went on to outline the contents of the document itself. Who is covered, what is covered, when does it apply, what are the expected standards of behaviour, what are the safety requirements, what are the procedures for enforcement, and the penalties which may be applied ?

The document is still in rough draft format, but a copy is available for anyone to see, on request.

[10/06] The following timetable was agreed :

Completed document – end of year 2006

Acceptance – Jan/Feb 2007

Implementation – March 2007

Action : Keith Martin and Nikki Carter to implement this timetable

10. Membership and Proxy Voting Rights

Sheila Peck requested a definition of the criteria expected from potential new members before their membership application can be accepted.

Jim Dunn pointed out that it also works the other way around, and he would like some concrete advantages of membership to offer to new recruits as an incentive to join IMGA.

It was generally agreed that criteria for membership should be "layered", beginning with a set of minimum requirements and a set of full requirements to be reached within a certain time.

[11/06] The following group was nominated to look at this subject further and to recommend both standards and a timetable :

Jim Dunn
Sheila Peck
Colin Carson
Melanie Scott

*Action : Jim Dunn to organise working of group and coordinate actions
First draft for end 2006.*

11. IMGA Officer and International Representative Job Descriptions

Jens Martin had already circulated draft Job Description documents to all members specifying the Job Descriptions of the elected officers and also the International Representatives.

Several comments were made and noted.

[12/06] The documents were not accepted in their current form, but will be resubmitted to members after modification

Action : Jens Martin to modify and distribute new versions of the documents

A point was also made that these documents and all others should be examined for consistent use of terminology, especially with terms such as "members".

Action : Keith Martin to review terminology

12. Review of 2006 World Championships

12.1 Team

Younes Ahlbom reported on the World Team Championship held in Gothenburg in 2006.

He remarked that a considerable loss had been incurred by the organisers (Alleby Riding Club, not the Swedish Federation) and agreed to try to obtain further details in order that future organisers of the World Team Championship could avoid the same problems.

Inger Hilmersen raised several questions on the non-adherence to the rules at this event :

- Riders being replaced during the competition, and shifting to other teams regardless of nationality, without formal approval

The justification for this was that it would have been a shame to not allow any team and/or rider to continue to participate after travelling so far and incurring high expenses, but the counter-argument was that at World Championship level, the rules as they stand have to be applied.

The Rules Committee will discuss this matter and try to formulate a procedure which can take both points of view into account.

[13/06] The Rules Committee will examine the question of rider/pony substitutions

- Use of illegal bits

No conclusions were reached on this point.

- Riders seen drinking beer around the arena between sessions and particularly during the finals

This matter will be covered in the Code of Conduct.

[14/06] Organisers must ensure that non-alcoholic drinks are available, especially arena-side

- Organisation of the briefing

[15/06] In future the briefing must be a more formal occasion restricted to the team trainers and officials of IMGA. The Chairman should take a leading role in ensuring this.

This discussion developed into a general brainstorming on requirements for International Championship competitions. Some notes are provided in attachment 3.

- Non-standard tie-breaker

No conclusions were reached on this point.

12.2 Individuals and Pairs

Mary Worth reported on the World Individual and Pairs Championships held at Newark in 2006.

The number of entries to both Open and Veterans classes was significantly less than in previous years. For the Open class this may have been because of commitments to other competitions (for example, the World Team Championship).

13. Presentation of details for 2007 World Championships

13.1 Team

July 20 – 22

Brugelette, Belgium, <http://www.brugelette.be/>

Julie Marsille distributed a brochure on behalf of Audrey Vetrain, who is responsible for the organisation of the next World Team Championship.

Audrey can be contacted directly at vetrainaudry@hotmail.com

The brochure was not very detailed and several questions were raised :

- The cost is very high. Would it be possible to break this down into a basic part and an optional part with details of exactly what is included ?
- It is much too early for teams to commit to an entry, particularly in view of the high cost. Is a general acceptance in principle possible ?

These questions/comments will be raised with Audrey, and further information will be available for the end of December.

Action : Audrey Vetrain to provide further information

Julie confirmed that this competition would be run according to all IMGA rules, regulations, procedures, and agreements.

13.2 Individuals and Pairs

Individuals : July 24 - 29

Mary Worth reported that a new venue would be in use for 2007, after difficulties at Newark in 2006. The new location will be the Arena UK, near Grantham, Lincolnshire, which is on the main A1 road near to Nottingham. Details at Arena UK (<http://www.arenauk.org/>)

Pairs : September 15 – 16

This event will still take place at the Newark showground (<http://www.newarkshowground.com/>).

For both of these competitions, everyone is encouraged to make early reservations.

Mary Worth confirmed that both competitions would be run according to all IMGA rules, regulations, procedures, and agreements.

14. Appointment of Hosts for 2008 and 2009 World Team Championships

14.1 2008

Australia presented a bid for the 2008 World Team Championship. The bid has been in preparation for a long time, but it was only a day before the meeting that it became definite.

October 24 – 26

Sydney Northern Beaches (<http://www.sydneynorthernbeaches.com.au/>)

Keith Martin and Jim Dunn, on behalf of Phil Logue, presented some information on the date and location, and some pictures of Sydney, Australia.

The bid was accepted without any objection, and further information will follow as soon as possible.

[16/06] It was decided to hold the 2008 World Team Championship in Sydney, Australia

14.2 2009

2009 will be the 25th anniversary of the birth of Mounted Games and in view of this significant date, England would like to host the World Team Championship. No details are available yet, but it was decided to accept this bid.

[17/06] It was decided to hold the 2009 World Team Championship in England

15. Changes to General Rule 1

Sheila Peck proposed that the current wording of General Rule 1 should be changed to allow up to 6 riders and ponies.

[18/06] General Rule 1 referred to Rules Committee for consideration

16. Review of 2006 European Team Championship

Louis-Stephane Ameller presented a review of the 2006 European Team Championship.

Copies of this PowerPoint presentation are available on request.

17. Future of European Team Championship

The 2006 event was considered to be a major success, and there was no doubt that this competition should continue as an annual event.

[19/06] It was decided that the European Team Championship should be held annually, added to the IMGA Calendar of events, and hosting scheduled accordingly.

There was discussion on whether to run the competition with only the Open Class being the European Championship, or to extend the title and award trophies to other age groups.

[20/06] It was decided that the European Team Championship should be extended to other age groups, and IMGA will provide trophies

There was considerable discussion on what the age groups should be. There were suggestions to follow the age groups currently in use in England because that is where the next Championship will take place, or to retain the groups previously used before this competition became "official", or to follow FEI recommendations.

As there was no consensus, it was decided, as an interim solution for 2007, to adopt the age groups of the host country, England.

[21/06] For 2007 (to be reviewed next year) the European Team Championship will be run with the age groups currently used in England.

[22/06] The same seeding system as for the World Team Championship will be used, based on results from the 2006 competition for the Open Class, others will all start with a random draw.

Action : Jens Martin to update procedures to include the allocation of hosts for the European Team Championship, plus an additional year's lead time for World Championship competitions

18. Presentation of details for 2007 European Team Championship

May 26 – 28

Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire (<http://www.broadlands.net/>)

Sue Williamson presented the plans for the 2007 European Team Championship to be hosted by England, and distributed an information brochure

Further information from Sue Williamson at Eurogames2007@aol.com

Sheila confirmed that this competition would be run according to all IMGA rules, regulations, procedures, and agreements.

Use of a European flag was requested, but the only European flag currently in existence is in fact the flag of the EU, and not all European IMGA members are also EU members.

19. Appointment of Host for 2008 European Team Championship

Germany presented a bid to host the 2008 European Team Championship.

No further details are yet available, but the bid was accepted.

[23/06] It was decided to hold the 2008 European Team Championship in Germany

Note : both France and Wales expressed an interest in hosting the 2009 competition.

Action : Jens Martin will liaise directly with Isabelle to see whether France is interested in hosting. If so, France will host in 2009, if not, then Wales will host in 2009.

20. Decision on Host and Date of 2007 IMGA Annual General Meeting

Paul Greiling offered to host the next IMGA meeting to be held November 17-18 2007.

The location will be Florida, USA, but Paul will provide further information as soon as possible.

[24/06] It was decided to hold the 2007 IMGA meeting in Florida, USA

21. Any other Business

At Colin Carson's request, a minute's silence was observed for Marie-Catherine Vermeulen.

There were no further requests for discussion under this item.

All participants were thanked and the meeting closed Sunday November 19 at 13:30

Attachments

Attachment 1

Financial Reports

Attachment 2

Promotions Officer

Attachment 3

**Notes from brainstorming on requirements for
International Championship competitions**

Attachment 1 : Financial Reports

International Mounted Games Association Bank Transactions for the period 21/11/05 – 17/11/06

Opening Balance : EUR 6,039.78

Transactions		Expenditure	Income
21/11/2005	2005 IMGA Meeting Expenses	1,670.00	
22/11/2005	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.70	
22/11/2005	Members Contributions for 2004 IMGA AGM Expenses (all excl. Sweden)		375.00
05/12/2005	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	6.10	
12/12/2005	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Administration Expenses	10.34	
14/12/2005	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	12.60	
14/12/2005	IMGA 2005 & 2006 Affiliation Fee - CAN		245.17
31/12/2005	Bank Interest		1.54
02/01/2006	Members Contributions for 2004 IMGA AGM Expenses (Sweden)		60.00
04/01/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	2.30	
24/01/2006	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Web Site Hosting	85.29	
20/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - NOR		150.00
20/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - ENG		150.00
27/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - LUX		150.00
28/02/2006	Payment to Graphic Press for 2006 IMGA Rule Book Printing (650 Copies)	1,430.44	
28/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - Jens Martin		22.00
28/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - USA		150.00
28/02/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - USA		220.00
01/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - GER		150.00
06/03/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	10.00	
06/03/2006	Rule Book Payment - Kelly Schofield		2.91
09/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - AUS		137.50
13/03/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Administration Expenses	29.89	
17/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - Nikki Carter		10.00
21/03/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	53.00	
21/03/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	33.50	
22/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - BEL		9.60
24/03/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	25.40	

27/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - Mary Worth		130.00
29/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - SCO		150.00
31/03/2006	Bank Interest		1.02
03/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - SWE		150.00
04/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - SWE		65.00
05/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - NZL		150.00
10/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - DEN		150.00
12/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - SUI		150.00
13/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - BEL		150.00
18/04/2006	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	16.95	
18/04/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	6.00	
18/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - LUX		26.40
26/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - NOR		46.02
27/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - GER		26.40
02/05/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	10.00	
02/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - Ballywalter International Friendly		17.60
02/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - NIR		150.00
03/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - SWE 2		52.00
16/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - GER		14.20
30/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - FRA		140.00
30/05/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - FRA		7.00
31/05/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	6.00	
19/06/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - IRE		150.00
19/06/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - IRE		17.20
30/06/2006	Bank Interest		1.66
01/08/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - World Team Championships		10.00
01/08/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - WAL		150.00
14/08/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - European Team Championships		50.00
18/08/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	1.40	
23/08/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - NZL		147.55
07/09/2006	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	70.00	
29/09/2006	Bank Interest		2.07
02/10/2006	IMGA 2006 Affiliation Fee - RSA		75.00
08/11/2006	Payment to Flags and Standard for Botswana Flag	246.85	

Closing Balance: EUR **3,730.76** **4,012.84**

6,321.86

Amounts Owing:

Due Date	Description	Amount
31/03/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - CAN	44.00
30/04/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - DEN	28.00
		72.00

Attachment 2 : Promotions Officer

One of the biggest obstacles facing the growth of MGA into a mature equestrian discipline is the lack of promotion of the sport. It is my belief that we need a separate position within IMGA to rectify this situation. You may feel it falls within the position of Communications Officer or Development Officer but to me the position is too important not to have its own officer.

It would be great to have the money to pay a promotions company to do the job but alas for most associations that is not the case so we need to find someone young, possibly studying something along these lines, to put our sport on the map.

Many countries have their own indoor shows and we should be getting places in all these shows because of high numbers of people who attend and following in the success of Gothenburg, Canada, and Norway.

That is only an example. All of our championships should be getting a much higher level of press coverage, on TV, in the equestrian publications, etc. If this was being done it would be much easier to take the sport into things like the World Equestrian Games, etc. It would also increase membership and public awareness.

Am I the only one who thinks this ? What do the rest of you think ?

Attachment 3 : Notes from brainstorming on requirements for International Championship competitions

Medical assistance should always be available on site (not simply on call). If this means significant additional expense, then that should be specifically mentioned in the competition invitations so that participants can see that their entry fees are being well spent.

Same for vet and farrier.

Emergency contact numbers necessary for all teams.

The arena has to be large enough for 8 lanes.

The A final must always be for 8 teams.

The host country should not provide all line judges, but should provide a pool of people who could do that job for countries who do not have any suitable people travelling with them.

A separate briefing for line judges would be useful.

Estimates of costs should be provided as far in advance as possible, and accounts provided after the event.

All efforts should be made to obtain the maximum sponsorship.

Crack down on freeloaders.

Accommodation is important for teams and supporters.

Stabling must be accessible and of the same standard for all teams.

Showers and toilet facilities – must be enough of them (is there a recommended number ?) – and they must be accessible, including near the arena.

Parking for Horse Transport, but also for visitors and spectators.

Arena-side seating. "Bleachers" are ideal.

Refreshments must be available, especially arena-side.

Ideally, alcohol should not be available during the competition (what about spectators ?)

Souvenirs are always popular and a good source of income for organisers.

Programmes need to have score sheets included.

Standardisation of trophies and prizes ?