



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2009

Final version 1.1 (December 31 2009)

Held at Centre sportif des Evaux

Onex, Geneva, Switzerland

Saturday November 14 and Sunday November 15 2009

This record of the meeting has been compiled from notes made at the time by Frie Martin.

Because of time constraints and the necessity for certain participant to leave early, the sequence in which agenda items were treated was changed several times. This record, however, follows the original agenda sequence.

Meeting opened : Saturday November 14 at 10:00

Present : Position / Country

IMGA officers :

Keith Martin

Chairman

Clive Jones

Vice-Chairman

Jens Martin

Finance and Administration

Jim Dunn

Country Development and Representative for Canada

International Representatives :

Sophie van de Calseyde

Belgium

Signe Sehested

Denmark

Isabelle Pierrard

France

Jacques Cavé

Italy

Frie Martin

Luxembourg

Colin Carson

Northern Ireland

Inger Hilmersen

Norway

Nisse Adolfsson

Sweden

Philippe Gargallo

Switzerland

Paul Greiling

USA

John Griffiths

Wales

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :

Sue Bookbinder

Botswana

Sheila Peck

England

Philipp Preugel

Germany

Philippe Whooley

Ireland

Brenda Cross

New Zealand

Jacky Skelly

Scotland

Proxy holder :

Jim Dunn

Clive Jones

Pola Preugel

Colin Carson

Amie Bentall

Colin Carson

Unable to attend, no proxy received :
Phil Logue Australia
Ian Marr South Africa

Others present :
Pierre Marsille Belgium
Annie Kastrup Denmark / Luxembourg
Roger Sykes England
Daniel al Shakarchi France (FFE)
Alberto Gambigliani Italy
Andrea Piazza Italy
Alyce Lande Norway
Gunilla Adolfsson Sweden
Christine Normand Switzerland
Louis-Stephane Ameller Switzerland
Liz Englert USA
Debbie Gould Wales
Carol Jones Wales

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 Chairman welcomed everyone, and all present, in turn, briefly introduced themselves.

Some practical details were discussed, and the timetable for lunches and the meeting agreed.

It was decided to begin the afternoon with a guided tour of the *Centre sportif des Evaux*, the location for the 2010 World Team Championship.

It was agreed, as usual, that participants would be responsible for their own lunches and refreshments, and that the costs of the meeting room would be met by IMGA. On this occasion, however, the *Centre sportif des Evaux* was providing the facilities free of charge to the Swiss MGA as a part of the 2010 package.

2. Review of Achievements over the Past Year

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

Keith Martin (Chairman)

Actions from previous meeting

The action points from the 2008 meeting were briefly covered. Of the 14 actions agreed, 8 were completed, 3 were still on-going, and 3 had become unnecessary as circumstances had changed.

The main activity had been the preparation of a guidelines document for major international competitions (see point 11).

Daily business

All normal administrative procedures had been followed, with detailed accounts being kept and provided to Companies House, and HM Revenue & Customs, along with Company Returns. No profit had been made during the accounting year 2008 and so no corporation tax was due.

Contact with all members was maintained as usual, with regular updates of the IMGA website.

Clive Jones (Vice-Chairman)

Activities included :

Coaching riders from around the world, which makes the Vice-Chairman accessible to riders, and close to the way games are run, and the challenges faced, in different countries.

Proposal for setting up training for IMGA referees, based on the training already held annually in France (see point 17).

Coordination with DEFRA for import/export of ponies.

Involvement in World Equestrian Games 2010 (see point 8).

Jim Dunn (Country Development)

2009 was not a very active year because most contacts have put future plans on hold, or are even cutting back, because of the current state of the world economy. However, rule books were requested by, and sent to, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, and Poland.

The main activity has been the planning and creation of a promotional DVD for Mounted Games (see point 6).

Jens Martin (Finance and Administration)

For Rules Committee see point 3.

For Financial Review see point 4.

3. Rules Committee Update

Jens Martin presented a report on the activities of the Rules Committee.

The regular work of the committee has proceeded to the point where the back-log of change requests has been cleared.

During the past year there have been no major changes, but for the next edition of the Rule Book, some significant improvements are planned. Some examples of the new format, with a diagram for each game showing the equipment required, its position, and the starting position of riders, were presented. This format was accepted as being much clearer and easier to understand than in the present Rule Book, and would also eliminate the requirement for much translation work.

[01/09] : The new format of the Rule Book, with diagrams, was approved.

Action : To implement the new format for the 2010 edition of the Rule Book (Jens Martin).

In addition to the diagrams, other improvements to the Rule Book were also discussed and agreed.

[02/09] : To include in the 2010 Rule Book :

- the table of recommended height/weight ratios prepared by Peter Dale
- improvements to the specification of equipment which is now very much out of date
- to include pictures or diagrams of equipment
- to present equipment according to type of equipment instead of by game to avoid repetition

Given the short time until the 2010 Rule Book has to be delivered to the printers in order for it to be available in good time, it may not be possible to include all of these points, but an effort will be made to cover as many as possible.

Action : To include as many of these items as possible in the 2010 edition of the Rule Book (Jens Martin).

The matter of different language versions of the Rule Book was discussed, but professional translations were ruled out as unnecessary and perhaps not of high quality if done by someone who knows nothing about Mounted Games.

[03/09] : Countries should be responsible for their own translations, and where there is a language common to several countries (e.g. French), a common version should be agreed.

[04/09] : The original English version remains definitive in case of disputes, and is the version to be used for all IMGA competitions.

Action : Coordination between France, Belgium, and Switzerland, to arrive at a common French version (Keith Martin).

4. Financial Review 2009

Jens Martin presented the IMGA accounts for the period 29/10/2008 to 14/11/2009 i.e. the period since the previous IMGA meeting in Sydney in 2008 until the date of this meeting. See attachment 1.

[05/09] : The financial report was accepted.

[06/09] : To fix the affiliation fee for 2010 at EUR 200.00, and to retain the current reductions :

- A country will benefit from a 100% reduction in the affiliation fee if it is their first year of membership
- A country will benefit from a 50% reduction in the affiliation fee if it is their second year of membership
- A country will benefit from a 50% reduction in the affiliation fee if that member is not represented at the World Team Championships, European Team Championships, World Pairs Championships or World Individual Championships during the previous year.

To retain the late payment fee when affiliation fees are not paid by the due date on the invoice.

- A country will be liable for a penalty of EUR 25.00 if the affiliation fee is not paid by the due date on the invoice.
- A country will be liable for an additional penalty of EUR 10.00 if the affiliation fee is not paid by the end of every subsequent month.

5. Election of IMGA Executive Officers for the period 2009 – 2011

For each of the official IMGA positions scheduled for election this year, there was only one candidate, and so the following were re-elected unopposed, for a further two years :

[07/09] :

Chairman :	Keith Martin
Officer for Country Development :	Jim Dunn

6. Presentation of Promotional DVD

Jim Dunn presented a report on progress on the promotional DVD for Mounted Games.

After six draft versions, the latest one fulfils the objectives :

- An overall picture, a vision, of Mounted Games
- Advantages and benefits of IMGA membership
- What is Mounted Games?
- International membership
- Competitions and championships
- Uniqueness of the sport, speed, skill, and so on

The latest version of the DVD runs for about 17 minutes and there were some small suggestions for changes. There is also a printed brochure to accompany the disc.

Action : To complete the final version, incorporating some minor changes, followed by a final production, duplication, and free distribution (Jim Dunn).

7. Demonstration of Games Pro

Alyce Lande presented a demonstration of GamesPro, a computer application to help with the organisation and running of Mounted Games competitions.

A description of the software, with examples was distributed to those present. It is available in attachment 2.

Everyone was invited to request a copy of the software and participate in the further testing. It can be obtained from the International Mounted Games Association Norway (imga.norway@mounted-games.org) or the directly from the author, Dag Hoffgard (daghoff@gmail.com).

Action : To continue testing GamesPro and report the results back to the author (Everyone)

Action : To coordinate between the authors of other similar computer applications in use in other countries (Keith Martin).

8. World Equestrian Games, Kentucky, 2010

Paul Greiling presented the details of the planned Mounted Games participation in the World Equestrian games 2010.

Summary :

- It has taken 4 years of negotiation to reach this point
- It should be seen as a major step forward on the road to Mounted Games being accepted by FEI as a major world equestrian discipline
- Full details are available in a brochure distributed at the meeting
- Mounted Games will be represented by a publicity stand for the whole time of the games, plus a demonstration each day for one week
- Teams are required to take part in this demonstration – the deadline for registration is January 10 2010 (earlier would be better)

The brochure with full details provided by Paul is available in attachment 3.

It was agreed by everyone that this is a wonderful opportunity for Mounted Games to be shown to the world, and that every effort must be made to ensure its success.

9. IMGA Membership Requirements

Jim Dunn presented a proposal for the requirements to be met by new IMGA members, followed by a discussion of those requirements and how they should be applied to existing members.

[08/09] : The proposal needs some fine-tuning before being approved and adopted.

[09/09] : It was agreed in principle that the requirements should also be applied to existing members, allowing a period for compliance, but until the precise requirements are defined and agreed it will not be possible to begin this procedure.

Action : To update the document and then to circulate it to all members for approval (Jim Dunn).

The relevant parts of the document “IMGA Country Development – International Membership Criteria” are shown in attachment 4.

10. Official IMGA Sanctioned Competitions

What exactly is an “IMGA Competition” ?

There was a long discussion to try to resolve this question but unfortunately no definitive answer was found in terms of a strict definition which could be applied across all countries at all times.

A two-tier agreement was finally reached as follows :

[10/09] : The current World Championships (Team, Pairs, and Individuals), plus the current European Championship, are clearly IMGA competitions and must be run under all IMGA rules, conventions, and agreements.

[11/09] : Other international competitions do not have to conform to these requirements, but it is strongly recommended that they do, and this should be clearly stated in their invitations to participate.

In particular, it had been requested that the status of the Northern European Championship (NEC) should be clarified. It was felt that the agreement under which this championship had been set up was no longer valid as the rules had been significantly changed. It was agreed, therefore, that the competition structure and rules would have to be clarified before it could be classified as an IMGA competition, or not.

11. “How to Organise International Competitions” Document Update

Keith Martin presented a report on the current status of this document (a copy was distributed with the agenda in advance of the meeting).

The presentation included :

- Introduction :
 - The structure and scope of the document
- Schedule :
 - Preparation
 - Competition
 - Follow-up
- Detailed checklists :
 - Location and on-site facilities
 - Nomination of Officials
 - Health, Safety, and Security

- Eligibility
 - Hospitality
 - Social
 - Information and Publicity
- Running the competition itself :
 - General
 - Team
 - Pairs
 - Individuals
- Annexes :
 - Games
 - Draw
 - Seeding
 - Scoring

At each stage, if there were doubts about the exact way to specify requirements, or there were “grey areas” never before documented, the points were discussed one-by-one and agreement reached.

The decisions taken are not individually recorded here, but will be incorporated into the next draft version of the document, which will be distributed to everyone for comments.

One item, however, is sufficiently important to be reported here : the current seeding system used for several years for the World Team Championship (and many other competitions have followed the same model) is to be abandoned in favour of a different method of allocating teams to heats, session by session. The new method makes use of pre-defined tables which are designed to meet as closely as possible the requirements that teams are equally spread in heats. Full details will be included in the new document.

Action : To prepare a new updated draft of the document (Keith Martin).

12. Special Olympics

Due to lack of time this point was not discussed.

13. Standardisation of Age Groups/Classes

This subject was introduced by John Griffiths with an explanation of the current FEI age groups. The conclusion was that there is almost no correlation between Mounted Games requirements for age groups and those currently used by FEI.

However, it was felt that FEI would be prepared to be flexible in future in allowing Mounted Games to use its own age groups. This view was supported by anecdotal evidence from several countries.

It was decided, therefore, to define the best age groups for Mounted Games without any further reference to current FEI rules.

After further discussion, the following decisions were taken.

[12/09] : There are four age groups :

- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 17
- Open

[13/09] : To define into which group a rider falls, the year of the rider’s birth will be used. See attachment 5.

[14/09] : Although individual countries may adopt different names for the age groups, these are the standard recognised names.

[15/09] : These age groups are applicable to all IMGA competitions (see point 10), and recommended for all others.

[16/09] : These age groups are fixed for four years, and will only be reviewed again at the IMGA annual meeting in 2013.

Action : To implement these age groups (Everyone).

14. Update of the Code of Conduct

Keith Martin requested a modification to the IMGA Code of Conduct because it has been found that the Chief Referee is often too busy with the competition to take part in disciplinary hearings.

Current wording :

A Disciplinary Committee is made up of the **Chief Referee** and at least two others, at least one of whom should be a representative of IMGA, and at least one whom is a representative of the host country.

Proposed new wording :

A Disciplinary Committee is made up of the **Chief Referee or his nominated representative** and at least two others, at least one of whom should be a representative of IMGA, and at least one whom is a representative of the host country.

[17/09] : Change accepted.

Action : Update to the official IMGA Code of Conduct and publication of new version (Keith Martin).

15. Future of the Bank Race

At the World Team Championship 2009 the Bank Race was included in the competition. This had not been the custom in recent years as the game is virtually unknown outside England, the host country for this competition.

However, there were no objections at the time, and the race proved to be popular, and so it was decided to promote the game in all countries.

[18/09] : From 2010 the Bank Race will have the same status as all other games and may be played at all competitions.

Action : All countries are urged to invest in the necessary equipment, and promote the game (Everybody).

16. Martingales, Bits and Saddles without trees

During 2009 competitions, several questions had been raised about the use of martingales, bits, and saddles without trees.

Each was discussed in detail.

Martingales are not currently mentioned at all in the Rule Book, but it seemed that the current controversy had been raised because of the adaptation of running martingales for use as standing martingales.

[19/09] : Tack and equipment must only be used for its original intended purpose and not adapted for other use.

Action : To propose this decision to be included in the Rule Book (Rules Committee).

Bits have been under discussion for a long time, but the situation remains unclear. The current Rule Book specifies that only certain types of bits are allowed, but it was generally felt that this is now out-of-date and the technology of new bits has evolved so far that the rule needs to be updated. Exactly how it should be updated was not completely clear, but it was agreed that the rule should be comprehensive and precise.

Action : To investigate and update rule GR3.2 (Rules Committee).

Action : As an interim measure, the Rules Committee will consider immediately banning the use of bitless bridles (Rules Committee).

Saddles without trees are explicitly forbidden by rule GR3.1, but as for bits, it was generally agreed that this may need to be updated.

Action : To investigate changes in the construction of saddles and to update rule GR3.1 accordingly (Rules Committee).

17. Annual Meeting of Referees

18. Assistant Referees

These two points were discussed together.

Following a request from France and Belgium, Keith Martin has investigated the possibility of organising an annual meeting of international-level referees to encourage cooperation and consistency.

This is already done in several countries (France, Germany, Sweden, ...) , but to organise something at an international level would raise many practical difficulties. It was, however, generally thought to be an excellent idea.

Action : Keith Martin will attend the annual French Referees' meeting at the end of November and report back on his findings (Keith Martin).

Signe Sehested raised the matter of the proficiency and professionalism of Assistant Referees, and proposed that for the 2011 World Team Championship Denmark would set up a team of experienced and knowledgeable assistant referees, independent of the participating teams.

There was concern that this would add significantly to the cost of the competition, but the initiative was generally welcomed and so Denmark will go ahead with this as an experiment.

19. Chief Referees

Jens Martin proposed changes to the way that the annual list of IMGA international referees is established and used.

The matter was discussed but no definite conclusions were reached.

20. Future of the World and European Team Championships

Pierre Marsille presented his ideas on possible future for these competitions, followed by a lively discussion on the possibility of holding major competitions only every two years. There was substantial support for both sides of the argument and no conclusion was reached.

Pierre's text (translated by Sophie van de Calseyde) is reproduced in attachment 6.

21. Review of 2009 World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships

Due to lack of time this point was not discussed, but notes can be found in attachment 7.

22. Presentation of details for 2010 World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships

Individual : Thursday July 15 to Sunday July 18

Pairs : Saturday September 18 and Sunday September 19

Team : Friday July 23 to Sunday July 25

Philippe Gargallo and Christine Normand presented details of the arrangements for the 2010 championship to be held at the same location as this meeting.

A brochure containing details was distributed to everyone present.

It is reproduced in attachment 8, and further information can be found on the official website (<http://www.mgworld2010.com/>) for the competition.

Additional item : Presentation of details for 2011 World Team Championship

Signe Sehested and Annie Kastrup gave a presentation of the preparations for the 2011 World Team Championship, to be held Friday July 15 to Sunday July 17 at Vilhelmsborg, Denmark's National Equestrian Centre in Aarhus, Jutland.

Some details are available in attachment 9, and further information can be found on the official website (<http://www.worlds2011.dk/>) for the competition.

23. Appointment of Host for 2012 World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships

MGAGB has bid for the hosting of both the Individual and Pairs World Championships 2012.

No other bids were received.

[20/09] : The hosting of these competitions for 2012 is granted, with thanks, to MGAGB.

At the very last minute, Belgium entered a bid for the World Team Championship, but no details were yet available. Some concern was expressed about the availability of borrowed/rented ponies for visiting teams, which had previously been a problem in Belgium, but at this stage it was not possible to provide any information.

Action : To keep all members informed of the evolution of Belgium's bid (Keith Martin).

24. Review of 2009 European Team Championships

Due to lack of time this point was not discussed.

25. Presentation of details for 2010 European Team Championships

Monday June 28 to Monday July 5

John Griffiths distributed a folder of information to everyone present. It is reproduced in attachment 10, and further information can be found on the official website (<http://www.emgwales2010.com/>) for the competition.

26. Appointment of Host for 2012 European Team Championships

Italy has bid for the hosting of the European Team Championships 2012.

No other bids were received.

[21/09] : The hosting of this competitions for 2012 is granted, with thanks, to Italy.

27. Decision on Host and Date of 2010 IMGA Annual General Meeting

[22/09] : The 2011 IMGA Annual General Meeting will take place November 20-21 in Copenhagen.

28. Any other Business

The hosts and the participants in the meeting were thanked by the Chairman.

There was no time available to deal with any other business.

Meeting closed : Sunday November 15 at 12:30

Attachments

Attachment 1 Financial Reports

Attachment 2 GamesPro

Attachment 3 World Equestrian Games, Kentucky 2010

Attachment 4 IMGGA Country Development – International Membership Criteria

Attachment 5 Age Groups

Attachment 6 Future of the World and European Team Championships

Attachment 7 Review of 2009 World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships

Attachment 8 Presentation of details for 2010 World Team Championship

Attachment 9 Presentation of details for 2011 World Team Championship

Attachment 10 Presentation of details for 2010 European Team Championship

Attachment 1 : Financial Reports

International Mounted Games Association Bank Transactions for the period 28/10/08 – 14/11/09

Opening Balance : EUR 8,291.02

Transactions	Expenditure	Income
04/12/2008 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	9.00	
18/12/2008 IMGA 2008 Rule Books - SWE		108.35
31/12/2008 Bank Interest		3.31
02/01/2009 IMGA 2008 Affiliation Fee - CAN		190.00
30/01/2009 Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Web Site Hosting	77.88	
30/01/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	2.00	
03/02/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	2.50	
03/02/2009 IMGA 2008 Rule Books - AUS		65.00
10/02/2009 IMGA 2008 Rule Books - Paypal		68.82
11/02/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - LUX		192.85
16/02/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - WAL		192.85
16/02/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - BEL		200.00
18/02/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	31.90	
19/02/2009 IMGA 2008 Rule Books - Paypal		148.82
23/02/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - SUI		200.00
02/03/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - NOR		191.85
03/03/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.50	
09/03/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Administration Expenses	16.70	
09/03/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee & IMGA 2008 Rule Books - FRA		219.50
10/03/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - ENG		192.85
12/03/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.00	
13/03/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - NZL		200.00
13/03/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - NIR		200.00
18/03/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.00	
23/03/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.00	
31/03/2009 Bank Interest		3.79
01/04/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - IRE		192.85
02/04/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - SWE		200.00
03/04/2009 IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - SCO & RSA		288.60
03/04/2009 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.50	

06/04/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - AUS		195.00
14/04/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - GER		200.00
20/04/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	10.50	
24/04/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - DEN		200.00
29/04/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Administration Expenses	48.50	
04/05/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - BOT & IMGA 2008 Rule Books Paypal		199.42
22/05/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	1.50	
29/05/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - GER (Late Penalty)		25.00
15/06/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - CAN		235.09
30/06/2009	Bank Charges	1.93	
10/07/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	1.50	
14/07/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	3.50	
15/07/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - ITA		200.00
05/08/2009	Payment to IMGA GBP account to cover account fees	12.91	
17/08/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	2.00	
28/08/2009	IMGA 2008 Rule Books - World Team Championships		81.69
31/08/2009	Payment to Marilyn Hackman for Hat Silks	198.42	
31/08/2009	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	17.07	
02/09/2009	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	13.50	
02/09/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	1.50	
03/09/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	4.50	
21/09/2009	Payment to IMGA GBP account to cover account fees	21.09	
21/09/2009	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	12.00	
22/09/2009	IMGA 2008 Rule Books - Paypal		69.48
29/09/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - ITA (Late Penalty)		55.00
30/09/2009	Bank Charges	2.00	
12/10/2009	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	5.50	

Closing Balance: EUR 12,292.24 Total EUR 518.90 4,520.12

Amounts Owing:

Due Date	Description	Currency	Amount
31/12/2007	2007 IMGA Meeting Expenses	EUR	531.96
31/03/2008	IMGA 2008 Affiliation Fee - USA	EUR	200.00
31/03/2009	IMGA 2009 Affiliation Fee - USA	EUR	200.00
		Total EUR	131.76

International Mounted Games Association
Financial Summary for the period 28/10/08 – 14/11/09

Income

2008 Affiliation Fees	EUR	200.00
2009 Affiliation Fees	EUR	3,600.00
2008 Rule Book Sales	EUR	672.08
Late Payment Penalties	EUR	125.00
Bank Interest	EUR	7.10

Total: EUR 4,604.18

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)	EUR	286.94
2008 IMGA Meeting Expenses	EUR	
2009 Companies House Annual Return	EUR	16.70
Bank & Paypal Charges	EUR	100.90
2010 IMGA Rule Book Printing		
Hat Silks	EUR	198.42

Total: EUR 602.96

Opening Balance:	EUR	8,291.02
Plus Income:	EUR	4,604.18
Less Expenditure:	EUR	602.96
Closing Balance:	EUR	12,292.24

Attachment 2 : GamesPro

Download the file :

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/minutes_AGM_2009_GamesPro.pdf



Attachment 3 : World Equestrian Games, Kentucky 2010

Download the file :

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/minutes_AGM_2009_WEG2010.pdf



Attachment 4 : IMGA Country Development – International Membership Criteria

IMGA COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA DRAFT

COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of country development is to solicit new international membership and develop the sport of mounted games within new member countries.

Our membership fees are set up to assist new members in their first two years of membership. First year free, second year half price, third year full price. I think our development criteria should follow suit. Initial membership (with a development criteria) to be set and met over a two year period. I.e.) initial membership requirements, second year requirements, etc.

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- Must have an initial executive consisting of a minimum of three members. Suggestions could be President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer or??
- Must be representative and residing in the country applying for membership.
- Must be able to provide a mission statement.
- Must provide a letter requesting membership to executive committee of IMGA.
- Must have a clear and concise understanding of the dynamics of IMGA. Its structure, governing rules and regulations, constitution and the rules governing the sport of mounted games.
- Must appoint a country representative to be represented at IMGA
- Must be able to offer equal membership to all riders within the guidelines of the IMGA constitution, regardless of race, religion, or color.
- Must acquire proper liability insurance
- Must supply a quarterly progress report to country development

LONG TERM CRITERIA (TWO YEARS)

- Must develop and submit to country development a business plan to develop the sport of mounted games within their country
- Must liaise on a regular basis with country development
- Must take steps to become a sanctioned member of that countries Equestrian Association
- Must be able to attend either an SAGM or an AGM before the end of the initial two year period.
- Must submit a yearly country report at each AGM outlining yearly progress (all countries should be required to do this!!!)
- Must take steps in team development to be able to send teams to International competitions by the end of the two year period.
- Financial stability

Attachment 5 : Age Groups

	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Born in the year shown, or later :			
Under 12	1998	1999	2000	2001
Under 14	1996	1997	1998	1999
Under 17	1993	1994	1995	1996
Open	No age restriction			

Attachment 6 : Future of the World and European Team Championships

by Pierre Marsille – Belgium

This is just an information for other MGA countries to know what the rules are with the F.I.E. and other official international Federations from which we could inspire if we want to be in line with them and maybe have Mounted Games recognized by them.

Here is what is officially in use in the context of the organisation of international championships in other equestrian disciplines:

At the FIE level, the organisation of the World Championship in non-olympic disciplines takes place every two years on even years and the Continental Championship (Europe, Asia, etc..) on uneven years.

For olympic disciplines, i.e. dressage, jumping, cross country, the World Championship takes place every 4 years alternately with the Olympic Games (eg, 2006 World Championship, 2008 Olympics, 2010 Worlds, 2010 Olympics).

Moreover, FIE organises at the same place during the non-olympics even years (eg, 2010) the championships for the 8 FIE disciplines called "The World Equestrian Games". Continental Championships are then organised on uneven years.

Another Federation, the F.I.T.E. (International Federation of Equestrian Tourism) which also organises the World Championship of TREC (Equestrian Hike Techniques Competition) and of "Work Riding", after having organised these championships on an annual basis has decided in 2004 to have them, just like the FIE, every 2 years and to add a continental championship between two World Championships.

The FITE has decided to organise an "Open" European Championship in this discipline and, seen the few countries which practice this sport, they have allowed other continents to take part but the non-European countries get no marks, only the Europeans do.

At the FIE level, only endurance organises an "Open" European Championship.

Seen the various possibilities, knowing that Mounted Games are still not recognised by the FIE, that we won't be at the Olympics before long and that we will not be able to officially participate in the World Equestrian Games, seen also that applications from MGA countries to organise World and European Championships are becoming harder and harder to get, Belgium proposes that we should alternate the organisation of the Worlds and of the Continental championship and maybe make the European Championship "Open" too.

Attachment 7 : Review of 2009 World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships

2009 IMGA Mounted Games World Team Championships

from Sheila Peck

England was proud to be the hosts of this years Championships and was pleased to welcome the 17 teams who arrived at Broadlands ready to compete. We appreciated that the cost of the competition was an issue but we feel that IMGA needs to offer support, training and probably needs to come up with an intervention strategy to promote games into those countries currently struggling to field an international team for this competition.

The England committee took over the running of this competition late but we feel that the group of people who finally put the competition together did a job to feel proud of.

The team hosts seemed to be forever running teams around and from the feedback given seemed to have been very effective.

The arena party did a fantastic job and the equipment proved to be robust enough for the competition. The decision to run the Bank race caused concern before hand but it was pleasing to see teams trying it before hand and we thought it rode well in the ring bringing another skill dimension to the games not just a reliance on speed.

There was a debate about the size of the arena but we feel we need to have a large ring to allow for the maximum distance between lanes particularly at the World Team Championships when we have a number of teams competing on borrowed ponies.

The England committee felt really proud during the presentation ceremony when, through Marilyn Hackman we managed to have representatives from the Household Cavalry providing the guard of honour to the teams.

It was a pleasure seeing England win on home territory but the victory was marred by the following death of Peter Walters pony Red.

The downside to the competition was the constant debate over the social side to this event. We were staying on someone's land and therefore we have to abide by their rules and must respect these. They asked for our music to be off by 11.30pm which did not seem unreasonable to us. Teams are at the competition to compete. If we want to raise our profile as a competitive sport it is an area we need to look at. Some teams and in particular their supporters seem to think that loud music and drinking to all hours of the night is perfectly acceptable. We had secured the use of an additional camping field away from the main competitor's campsite. Unfortunately everyone camped on the competitor's site and this then meant that teams were then disturbed at night and as a result disciplinary action then had to be taken. We do need to look at how our sport is viewed by other equestrian disciplines. At previous meetings we have debated entry to the Olympics, we can't see the Olympic committee welcoming us when we encourage drinking before and during the competition.

It was hoped that we would be able to present you with a complete set of accounts. Unfortunately we have not had the bills from Broadlands or Living Heritage yet.

Also a number of teams have yet to settle their accounts.

Australia owe for a stable

France owe for wristbands and gala tickets. They dispute that additional ones were ordered; however, they were given the extra tickets and did give them to someone!!

Northern Ireland has an outstanding balance for extra tickets.

South Africa owe for their ponies.

Sweden has to pay a difference between Euros and Pounds as a result of a misunderstanding by their federation.

We hope these can be paid quickly so we can settle all our accounts and then provide countries with an accurate breakdown of our costs.

Once again we must stress it was an honour to run the competition and we wish Switzerland every success in 2010.

2009 IMGA Mounted Games World Pairs Championships

From Mary Worth

The World Pairs is always one of the busiest weekends in the calendar and this year was no exception with a record entry of 127 pairs from 12 different countries. It was by no means the case that both members of a pair came from the same country. We had quite a high number of pairs where each member came from a different country.

The competition was again held at Newark which is a familiar venue for many riders. The Main Ring can take 8 lanes and, running on a tight timetable of 25 minutes per heat of 8 pairs, we just about manage to squeeze 6 heats of Under 17 and 6 heats of Open riders in for 2 sessions on the Saturday and 1 session followed by the semis and finals on the Sunday. It means an 8am start both mornings and can mean a late finish on both evenings but demand for this competition is always high.

The record entry was caused by higher than normal levels of Mini (Under 12) entries. We are going through a good period for Minis in GB and put on an extra heat due to the high demand. There were 31 Pairs of minis competing made up of 40 riders from England, 9, riders from Wales, 7 riders from Scotland, 4 from France and 2 from Belgium. The standard was excellent and the final winners were Tom Norton from Wales paired with Harry Gates from England.

48 pairs contested the Under 17 age group. The 96 riders came from England (60), Wales (10) Northern Ireland (7), Scotland (7) Ireland (4), Belgium (4) and France (4). The standard was very high. The Final contained 6 pairs from England, 1 Pair from Wales and 1 pair from Ireland. The winners were Elley Roberts and Jack Capel – both from England making Elley a double World Champion in 2009 after her win in the Individuals. 2nd place was decided by a run off and this was won by April Wilson (Eng) and Eddie Surman (Eng) who just beat Simon McKeever and Killian McGuinness from Ireland in the run off.

48 pairs contested the Open Group. The 96 riders came from England (52), France (12), Belgium (7), Ireland (7), Wales (7), New Zealand (3), Northern Ireland (3), Denmark (2), Australia (1), Canada (1) & Sweden (1).

The heats and semis were hotly contested and the standard of riding was excellent. Of The Final 8 pairs- 4 came from England, 1 pair from France, 1 Pair from Ireland and the remaining 2 pairs consisted of an England/France pairing and an England/New Zealand Pairing.

The final was amazing with the lead changing hands several times and after 6 games 4 pairs of riders were equal 1st with 32 points. The lead chopped and changed again and again and, going into the last race, any one of 5 pairs could have won the competition.

The winners were Rob Leese (Eng) and Dee Cherrington (NZ) who retained their World Pairs title. Again we had to have a run off to decide the Reserve Champions and Danny Spencer (Eng) & Chloe Golding (Eng) won a close run off with Alex Franklin (Eng) and Quentin Voeltzel (Fra) taking 3rd place.

The competition will again be held at Newark in 2010. Dates are September 18th & 19th.

2009 IMGA Mounted Games World Individual Championships

From Mary Worth

This year the Championships moved to a new venue- The David Broome Event Centre, Chepstow. This venue has proved to be extremely popular with MGAGB members for a number of years and so, due to the unavailability of Arena UK, the venue for the World Individuals for the previous 2 years, the General Committee of MGAGB took the decision to move the 2009 Championships to Chepstow. The new venue proved to be excellent with a large all-weather arena (which provided superb going for all 4 days and especially when the weather was bad on the Sunday) surrounded by grandstands which provided a really good atmosphere.

For economic reasons the Championships were condensed in 2008 from the original 6 days down to 4 days and, in the current difficult economic climate, it looks like this will be the way that things will stay. The 2009 Championships took place from Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th July inclusive. The Under 12 and Under 17 age groups were run on the 23rd and 24th July with the Under 15 and Open age groups being run over the weekend of 25th & 26th July. A total of 139 riders competed at the Championships with 14 different nations being represented across the various age groups. This was an overall increase of 20 riders over the 2008 figures. It has to be said that, as always, the majority of riders come from MGAGB as would be expected with the Championships being held in Great Britain. However, it is always excellent to welcome riders from the other nations and for everyone to make new friends and renew old friendships during the Championships since that was the reason why Norman founded MGAGB and IMGA!

There were 31 riders in the Under 12 age group. All were MGAGB riders except for Colin Verdahan from France who was an excellent young rider on a lightning fast Shetland pony. The heats, semis and finals were hotly contested and the Gold medal went to Harriet Davies from Wales with Colin coming a very close second.

The Under 15 age group was full with 28 riders. This group was held on the same 2 days as the Open and was restricted in entry as the Open was very busy this year. There were 21 riders from England, 2 from Wales, 1 from Scotland, 1 from Northern Ireland, 1 rider from Germany, 1 from France and 1 from Belgium. Again, the standard was excellent and the level of competition very high. The eventual winner was April Wilson from England who rode extremely well in the difficult conditions- We had a torrential downpour during the Under 15 semis and final!

Entries in the Under 17 age group were very disappointing. We had just 24 riders – 17 from England, 3 from Wales and 1 representative from each of Scotland, Germany, Belgium and Norway -compared to 37 in 2008. However, the standard of competition did not dip in the slightest and Elley Roberts from England retained the title which she had won the previous year.

The Open was full with 56 riders taking part. The nations represented were as follows: England (36), Wales (4), Northern Ireland (1), Canada (1), Sweden (4), Germany (1), France (1), Ireland (2), New Zealand (1), Australia (1), Belgium (1), and Denmark (2). It was a wonderful competition with breathtaking standards of athleticism and skill culminating in a superb and extremely exciting final in very difficult weather conditions! The lead chopped

and changed throughout the final. Going into the last race any one of 4 riders could have won the competition but Janey Surman from England held her nerve and won the title for the second time, having previously won the competition on Poppy in 2007. Dee Cherrington was 2nd just 1.5 points behind Janey and Robert Leese was 3rd.

The 2010 World Individual Championships will again be held at The David Broome Event Centre at Chepstow. It has proved to be very difficult to get dates since the European and World Team Championships are also being held in July and the fact that Chepstow is fully booked in August. The 2010 World Individual Championships have been booked for Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th July. The format will be the same with the Under 12 and Under 17 groups being run on Thursday 15th & Friday 16th July with the Under 15 and Open groups being run on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July 2010.

Attachment 8 : Presentation of details for 2010 World Team Championship

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Attachment 9 : Presentation of details for 2011 World Team Championship

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Attachment 10 : Presentation of details for 2010 European Team Championship

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