



International Mounted Games Association Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

Interim Update Report 01.06.2015 prepared by Nikki Carter

Executive Summary

The Strategic Planning Sub-committee recommends:

The long-term membership criteria (for national organisations that have been members for two or more years IMGA) should include:

- Must have at least 10 active riders.
- Must have a written plan to grow the sport of mounted games within their country
- Must take steps to become a sanctioned member of that country's Equestrian Federation
- Must attend either an SAGM or an AGM at least every two years. Attendance may be by electronic means but submitting a proxy vote is not considered as attendance
- Must take steps in team development to be able to send at least one rider to at least one IMGA sanctioned competitions every two years. This could be a team, individual or pairs competition.
- Must hold national mounted games championships annually or at least have a competition structure in place

The sub committee is attempting to produce a criterion ensuring that non-Federated national organisations are fully democratic with all officer positions elected by the membership at regular defined intervals

Work Order Documents

Our initial work order documents defined our tasks to August 2015 as:

- Review the membership criteria for IMGA
- Formulate a long term strategic roadmap for IMGA

It was agreed by the committee that we would consider the membership criteria first.

Membership Criteria

The current membership criteria are:

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- Must be able to offer equal membership to all riders within the guidelines of the IMGA constitution
- An initial executive consisting of a minimum of three members residing in the country applying for membership
- 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

LONG TERM CRITERIA (TWO YEARS)

- Must be covered by a democratic constitution similar to organisations within the Equestrian federation or sports organisations in their country
- Must have active riders
- Must develop a plan to develop the sport of mounted games within their country
- 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 take steps in team development to be able to send teams to International competitions by the end of the two year period

Review of Discussions

This quarter the committee has considered the long-term criteria for membership of IMGA. Replies have been poor, but there appears to be consensus on the following criteria:

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We have been thinking about how to ensure that all national bodies are as democratic as possible. This is difficult since if a National MGA is a member of its National Federation then the National Federation determines its constitution and hence the National MGA has not got the ability to change it. The best suggestion to date is

- Must have a democratic structure whereby all officers are elected by the members at least every five years unless prevented from doing so due to membership of their country's Equestrian Federation

The idea that all member nations must make an application to host an IMGA sanctioned competition at least every six years was considered and rejected.

Practicalities/Lessons Learned

There has been significant input from IMGA Officers

Once again Sean Bource has been invaluable for his translation of long and complex emails

Response rates from sub-committee members has been sporadic and consequently progress has not been as rapid as hoped. One member of the sub-committee has yet to have any input into discussions at all and two others have not participated in this quarter.

Members of the sub-committee :

Nikki Carter (Chair), Signe Sehested (Secretary), Sean Bource (Translations), Jacque Cavé, Mark Devitt, Philippe Gargallo, Phil Logue