



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2014

1. Agenda (61 pages)

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2. Official minutes of the meeting (62 pages)

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12th Annual General Meeting 2014

Agenda



FFE parc Équestre, Lamotte-Beuvron, France

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th November 2014



1. Introduction

- Welcome by the Chairman
- Attendance list
- Proxies
- Meeting Guidelines
- Schedule
- Costs

2. Looking Back at 2014

2.1 Review of IMGA's year

Presented by IMGA officials

2.2 Rules Committee Report

Presented by Jens Martin

Including:

- Non-English versions of Rule Book – status?
- Summary of activities during year to date
- Rule Book sales
- Status of Rule Book for 2015
- Timing of future committee member terms of office and rule book print runs
- Number of games

2.3 Financial Report

Presented by Pola Schal

Including:

- Current financial situation November 2014
- Multi-currency accounts (**Annex 1**)
- Who pays the transaction charges on Affiliation Fees?
- Budget for 2015 (**Annex 2**)
- Discussion on Affiliation Fee dispute from previous meeting
- Setting of Affiliation Fee for 2015

2.4 FEI Progress Report

Presented by Paul Greiling

2.5 Reviews of 2014 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Presented by representatives of the organisers and the Chief Referee

- World Team Championship (France)
(decision required on future of Under-17 at WTC)
- World Pairs Championship (MGAGB)
- World Individual Championship (MGAGB)
- European Team and Individual Championship (Belgium)
- Five Nations Championship (New Zealand)

2.6 Report on the final situation of membership criteria checking 2013

Presented by Jens Martin

3. Looking Forward to 2015 and Beyond

3.1 Election of IMGA Executive Officers and IMGA Rules Committee for the period 2015 – 2016

(Annex 3)

3.2 Presentation of details for 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Presented by representatives of the host countries

- IMGA World Team Championship (USA)
- IMGA World Pairs Championship (MGAGB)
- IMGA World Individual Championship (MGAGB)
- IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (France)
- IMGA Southern Hemisphere Championship (Australia)

3.3 Election of referees for 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

(Annex 4)

3.4 Election of hosts for 2017 IMGA sanctioned competitions

(Annex 5)

3.5 Future format for IMGGA AGM's and Meetings

Presented by Keith Martin

Discussion around the future format of IMGGA meetings.
How? Where? When? How often? With what powers? Translations?
More use of e-mail?

3.6 Decision on host and date for 2015 Annual General Meeting(s)

Interested parties wishing to host should put forward their proposals at this point. If more than one bid is received, a vote will be taken.

4. Important Discussions and Decisions

4.1 IMGGA Sub Committees

Presented by Nikki Carter, Jens Martin, and Keith Martin

Proposal to create a number of IMGGA subcommittees, each tasked with specific areas of responsibility. (Annex 6)

4.2 Change to IMGGA Procedure 2

Presented by Jens Martin

Should a limit be placed on the number of proxies an individual can carry at an IMGGA meeting?

4.3 Change the name of Mounted Games?

Presented by Jens Martin

Should Mounted Games change its name to something more appealing to the outside world?

4.4 Programme for Referee Training and Certification 2014 and beyond

Presented by Peter Dale

- Report on 2014 referee training course in South Wales
- Plans for future courses
- Procedures for Referee Certification and Assessment
- Training for Assistant Referees

4.5 Enforcement of Rules

Presented by Peter Dale

Stricter enforcement of rules concerning:

- Saddles and Tack
- Wearing of jewellery
- Height/weight restrictions

4.6 World Individual and Pairs Championships

Presented by Jens Martin and Alun Whitney

Time to change the entry criteria for the WIC and WPC? ([Annex 7](#))

4.7 Amendment to Representation Rules (GR13)

Presented by Keith Martin

Entry to all IMGA sanctioned competitions to be restricted to members only. I.e. to represent a country you must be a member of that IMGA-affiliated MGA ([Annex 8](#))

4.8 Live Streaming

Presented by Jens Martin and Alun Whitney

Live streaming of IMGA competitions is no longer considered “nice to have” but “essential”. Presentation on what IMGA can do to improve this process and utilise it to its full potential.

4.9 Changes to the “Organisation of an IMGA Sanctioned Competition” Document

Presented by Keith Martin, Jens Martin and Peter Dale

A number of points which could result in changes to the Organisation of an IMGA sanctioned competition document. ([Annex 9](#))

4.10 Riders Insurance

Presented by Florence Hennuy

Riders should be required to have insurance which should be certified by their own country’s MGA or Federation

4.11 International IMGA Riders Licence

Presented by Florence Hennuy

Possibility to create an international licence, recognised by IMGA and national MGAs and Federations.

5. Any Other Business

Please inform the official responsible for Finance and Administration of any items to be added here before Friday October 31st at the latest.

No further requests will be considered after that deadline.

Annex 1

Multi-currency accounts

Last year IMGGA moved from EUR to GBP as its official currency. This is entirely logical for a company registered in the UK, and reporting to Companies House and HMRC, but some EUR countries are asking if IMGGA could work in both currencies to make the payment of their affiliation fees easier.

Possibilities:

1. IMGGA keeps only a GBP account (i.e. current situation)
2. IMGGA keeps GBP and EUR accounts (For : might make things a little easier for some members but that's only about 7 transactions per year, but maybe also easier for IMGGA to make EUR payments. Against : additional bank charges)
3. IMGGA keeps accounts in the local currencies of all member countries (For: easier for each country, but it's only 1 transaction per year. Against : very high additional bank charges)

Costs:

Account maintenance fees

GBP 24.00 / year for EUR

GBP 60.00 / year for AUD, XOF, CAD, DKK, NZD, ZAR, NOK, SEK, USD

Software package for managing multi currency accounts online

GBP 30.00 / month

Annex 2

Budget for 2015

Recent annual income (nearest EUR) :

2011: EUR 3,815

2012: EUR 9,630

2013: EUR 7,236

The situation for end-2014 is difficult to estimate.

The 2014 accounts currently show income of GBP 10,953.00, but this will not be the final figure for the year because Rule Book sales continue, but slowly.

Recent annual expenditure:

2011: EUR 4,718

2012: EUR 9,203

2013: EUR 11,314

The situation for 2014 expenditure is even more difficult to estimate than for income.

The 2014 accounts currently show expenditure of GBP 9,735.69, but a large part of this is attributable to the previously unpaid debts from 2013 (EUR 9,491/GBP 7,500), so expenditure for 2014 is currently around GBP 2,235.69.

We also still have all the expenses associated with the November meeting still to come, of which travel for the officials will be a significant amount. An estimate for that, plus other expenses which will be incurred between now and the end of the year, is (very roughly) GBP 6,000.

The result, as a best estimate, is that 2014 looks like it may be the year in which some of the significant losses from 2013 are being recuperated. This is largely due to the popularity of the 2014 edition of the Rule Book which has sold almost 1000 copies.

Estimate for 2015:

Income:

There are 21 members, 20 of which will pay an affiliation fee of GBP 300, plus one which will pay GBP 150. Total : GBP 6,150 (assuming the countries pay bank charges on their payments, and also assuming that affiliation fees are retained at their current level).

Income from Rule Books will decrease. There will not be large sales of 2014 Rule Books in 2015, but the situation may change dramatically depending on whether a new version of the Rule Book will be printed for 2015, or just an update sheet. A new book for 2015 will certainly generate additional income, probably of about GBP 2,000

There will also be income from running referee training weekends, depending on the charges made to participants, but if the fees are set at a level where they will cover costs then there will be an estimated income of GBP 1,500

Estimate of income for 2015 with a new Rule Book: GBP 9.650

Estimate of income for 2015 without a new Rule Book: GBP 7.650

Expenditure:

Estimate based on the following items (which are all themselves estimates) :

Administration: GBP 850

Rule Book printing may or may not happen, if it does happen then the cost will be an estimated GBP 2,000

Meeting expenses are unknown at this point but estimate GBP 1,500

Referee training: GBP 1,500

Bank charges will reduce if members pay their own bank costs: GBP 250

Review visit expenses: GBP 1,000

Other official travel (depending on location of annual meeting) : GBP 3,500

Other stuff (reserve): GBP 1.000

Estimate of expenditure for 2015 with a new 2015 Rule Book: GBP 11,600

Estimate of expenditure for 2015 without a new 2015 Rule Book: GBP 9,600

The conclusion is that with the current level of income from affiliation fees expenditure for 2015 is projected to exceed income by about GBP 1,950

Whether a new Rule Book is printed for 2015 does not substantially affect this figure because the estimated costs of printing are exactly offset by the estimated additional income from sales of Rule Books.

Annex 3

Election of IMGA Executive Officers and IMGA Rules Committee for the period 2015 – 2016

The elections will be conducted as per the IMGA Procedure manual and IMGA Rules Committee Procedure Manual.

Candidates are as follows:

Officer for Communications

Sean Bource (FRA) Nominated by: Elise Gapaillard (FRA)

Officer for Finance and Administration

Pola Schal (GER) Nominated by: Signe Sehested (DEN)

Vice-Chairman

Clive Jones (WAL) Nominated by: Paul Greiling (USA)
Alun Whitney (WAL) Nominated by: Roger Dawson (WAL)

IMGA Rules Committee

Jens Martin (LUX) Nominated by: Philippe Gargallo (CHE)
Philippe Gargallo (CHE) Nominated by: Sophie van de Calseyde (BEL)
Younes Ahlbom (SWE) Nominated by: Brian Kennedy (NIR)
Robin Donnay (BEL) Nominated by: Sophie van de Calseyde (BEL)
Dieter Birreck (GER) Nominated by: Heiko Voss (GER)

3 to be selected

* All candidates are elected for a period of 2 years. Term of office for IMGA executive officers starts immediately and for IMGA Rules Committee members from the 1st January 2015.

Annex 4

Election of referees for 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Where the number of candidates exceeds the number of required referees a vote will be taken by secret ballot to determine who is selected. Each International Representative will be required to select the appropriate number of names from the candidates available. Each will receive one vote, votes will be added together and ranked in order. The required number of referees will be selected from the top of the list with subsequent names being treated as reserves (if required). Where there is a clash between the preferences expressed in the voting and logistical considerations, then the Chief Referee will decide.

Candidates are as follows:

IMGA Open World Team Championship (USA)

Jens Martin (LUX)
Alun Whitney (WAL)
Hans Kallenberger (USA)
Peter Dale (WAL)
Celine Donney (BEL)
Rob Lockyer (ENG)

1 Referee Required

IMGA World Pairs Championship (ENG)

Clive Jones (WAL)
Davey Quinn (SCO)
Mike Dyke-Garfield (ENG)
Alun Whitney (WAL)
Rob Lockyer (ENG)
Eivind Kjuus (NOR) (Not for the Open)
Nikki Carter (ENG) (Not for the Open)

6 Referees Required (Peter Dale will decide allocation of referees)

IMGA World Individual Championship (ENG)

Clive Jones (WAL)
Davey Quinn (SCO)
Mike Dyke-Garfield (ENG)
Alun Whitney (WAL)
Christine Maziere (FRA)
Celine Donnay (BEL)
Rob Lockyer (ENG)
Eivind Kjuus (NOR) (Not for the Open)
Nikki Carter (ENG) (Not for the Open)

6 Referees Required (Peter Dale will decide allocation of referees)

IMGA European Team Championships (FRA)

Davey Quinn (SCO)
Mike Dyke-Garfield (ENG)
Alun Whitney (WAL)
Dieter Birreck (GER)
Fabian Pigeolet (BEL)
Christine Maziere (FRA)
Celine Donnay (BEL)
Rob Lockyer (ENG)
Eivind Kjuus (NOR) (Not for the Open)
Nikki Carter (ENG) (Not for the Open)

4 Referees Required (Peter Dale will decide allocation of referees)

IMGA European Individual Championship (FRA)

Davey Quinn (SCO)
Mike Dyke-Garfield (ENG)
Alun Whitney (WAL)
Dieter Birreck (GER)
Christine Maziere (FRA)
Eivind Kjuus (NOR)
Nikki Carter (ENG)
Celine Donnay (BEL)
Rob Lockyer (ENG)

1 Referee Required

IMGA Nations Team Championship (AUS)

Alun Whitney (WAL) (Depending on cost)

1 Referee Required

IMGA U17 World Team Championship (USA)

Alun Whitney (WAL)

Hans Kallenberger (USA)

Rob Lockyer (ENG)

1 Referee Required (Only applicable if agreed under agenda point 2.5)

Annex 5

Election of hosts for 2017 IMGA sanctioned competitions

The elections will be conducted as per the IMGA Procedure Manual.

Candidates are as follows:

IMGA Open World Team Championship

South Africa

IMGA World Pairs Championship

MGAGB (in England)
Burkina Faso (in France)

IMGA World Individual Championship

MGAGB (in England or Wales)
Burkina Faso (in France)

IMGA European Team & Individual Championships

England

IMGA Nations Team Championship

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IMGA U17 World Team Championship

(Only applicable if agreed under agenda point 2.5)

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APPLICATION TO HOST WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS **2017**

The South African Mounted Games Association hereby makes application to host The World Teams Championships 2017.

Date: Beginning of December 2017

Venue: At present the venue being looked at is the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg. The venue can cater for all equestrian disciplines. The Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg is an ideal venue as it can cater for several thousand spectators. Pietermaritzburg is also the capital city of KwaZulu Natal.

Playing Area: Eight lane arena, in front of large grandstand.
Full grass arena measuring 80 meters x 110 meters.

Medical: Full medical assistance with ambulance and advanced life support will be provided at the venue. International standard Hospitals are very nearby.

Accommodation: Right next to the venue is a leading school which will be able to provide dormitory accommodation (walking distance).

Stables: Available on site

Ponies: Ponies will be provided for teams who are unable to bring their own.

Food: Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day in addition to the breakfast, lunch and dinner supplied to riders and supporters.

Note: As was the case in Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand we recognize that all teams will not be able to bring their own ponies. We will endeavour to share ponies of different skill levels out evenly amongst visiting teams. As South Africa is a small country horse wise, MGASA cannot guarantee that all ponies will be IMGA Open standard on commencement of competition, however each team will have access to our more experienced games ponies. We are at present doing countrywide clinics to get riders to train ponies in the games requirements.

Once our bid is approved a more detailed cost estimate as well as a list of proposed activities will be provided with regard to overall costs but we are sure that we will be able to cover the costs of staging the event by charging the similar entry fees as in France in 2014 but the costs will not exceed normal IMGA World Teams Championships team entry fees. In addition the pony hire charges will not be as steep. As I mentioned at the informal meeting in France with our exchange rate and the general cost of living here the teams can be assured of good value for money.

The South African Mounted Games Association takes pleasure in submitting this application.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Marr
Chairman and International Representative
South African Mounted Games Association

INFORMATION SHEET

Security:

Much has been reported in the media regarding the security situation in South Africa. The cities in SA are no different from anywhere in the world, there are definite no go areas and one has to take normal precaution when out shopping or sight seeing. Fortunately we have had several teams representing either their countries or Pony Clubs in Pietermaritzburg recently. The following countries can vouch for the safety situation in Pietermaritzburg namely Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Northern Ireland (Pony Club team who took part in our interprovincials). In addition Jens Martin, Colin Carson and Alex Franklin can also be contacted.

Costs:

I have taken the liberty of itemising a few items to give you an idea of the cost of living in SA at the moment.

The rate of exchange used is R14.43 to 1 Euro.

Drinks

Brandy 750 ml	R110.00	€ 07.62
Whiskey Bells	R149.00	€ 10.33
Johnny Walker Red	R169.00	€ 11.71
Johnny Walker Black	R239.00	€ 16.56
Vodka Smirnoff	R129.00	€ 08.94
Captain Morgan Rum	R189.00	€ 13.10
Case of Cider (24) 330 ml	R195.00	€ 13.51
Case of Beer (24) 330 ml	R130.00	€ 09.01
Coke, Sprite, Soda etc 2 litre	R 15.00	€ 01.03
500 ml buddy	R 8.00	€ 00.55
330 ml can	R 6.00	€ 00.42

Transport

Car Hire per day 200kms included	R240.00	€ 16.63
Petrol per litre	R 13.20	€ 00.91
Diesel per litre	R 13.28	€ 00.92

Accommodation (Per night)

Bed & Breakfast	R200.00 to R450.00	€ 13.86 to € 31.19
Hotel	R450.00 to R650.00	€ 31.19 to € 45.05

Food

Steak per Kg (Sirloin, Rump)	R 79.00	€ 05.47
Lamb per Kg	R 89.00	€ 06.17
Pork per Kg	R 60.00	€ 04.16
Chicken per Kg	R 35.00	€ 02.43
Tea/Coffee in Coffee shop	R 18.00	€ 01.25
Restaurant Dinner	R 80.00 to R140.00	€ 05.54 to € 09.70
Starter	R 30.00 to R 50.00	€ 02.08 to € 03.47

Activities

- Game Drives
- Canopy Tours
- Raptor Centre
- Historical Sites
- Beach 80 kms with water at 23 to 25 degrees
- Marine Park and Water world
- Golf
- Fishing



MGAGB BID TO HOST IMGA COMPETITIONS IN 2017

**MGAGB WISH TO BID TO HOST TWO IMGA COMPETITIONS IN
2017**

THESE COMPETITIONS ARE:

A) THE WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

B) THE WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS



A) BID TO HOST THE WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

MGAGB is the most experienced organisation in the Mounted Games Community and has vast experience in running the World Individual Championships.

For 2017 we will be building on the experience gained using the new format for the competition that we began with in 2014. 2015 will provide us with another opportunity to refine the format of the competition and to continue to make improvements to those areas of the competition where changes were made to the traditional format due to incorporation of the new IMGA rules on finals for all etc.

The venue has yet to be decided. However, it is probable that the competition will be run at one of two venues: The David Broome Event Centre, Chepstow, Wales or Dallas Burston Polo Club, Southam, Warwickshire, England. The choice of these two venues is mainly due to the fact that each venue has one all-weather surface - although unfortunately each only has seven lanes - and also suitable areas for two more grass arenas allowing for a change of arena should grass conditions deteriorate in one ring due to inclement weather.



Dallas Burston Polo



MGAGB are hosting the 2015 World Individual Championships at Dallas Burston Polo Club. This is a most prestigious venue which has already been used by MGAGB in 2013 & 2014 as the venue for the MGAGB Inter Counties Championships. Dallas Burston has yet to be used for Individuals and so its use as the 2017 venue would be dependent on the 2015 competition.



The David Broome Event



Other possible venues are being investigated in conjunction with England MGA.

Dates are to be decided in conjunction with the other IMGA competitions running during 2017 but the intention would be to host the World Individual Championships during July 2017.

Entry fees are dependent on the venue and the budget cannot yet be finalised but we anticipate that entry fees will not exceed £200 (approx. 250 Euros) per rider at the very most.



B) BID TO HOST THE WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

MGAGB is the most experienced organisation in the Mounted Games Community and has vast experience in running the World Pairs Championships.

For 2017 we will be building on the experience gained using the new format that we began with in 2014. 2015 will provide us with another opportunity to refine the format of the competition and to continue to make improvements to those areas of the competition where changes were made to the traditional format due to incorporation of the new IMGA rules on finals for all etc.



*Newark &
Nottinghamshire*



It is expected that the venue for the competition will be the Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground as in previous years. However, for 2015 we are planning to use some different areas of the Showground to enable the use of 2 eight lane arenas instead of 1 x 8 lane (The Horse Ring) and 1 x 6 lane (The Newark Ring) arenas as we have done in previous years. We will be moving the Under 12 and Under 14 competition from the Newark Ring to the Main Ring which, not only gives us the opportunity to run 8 lanes in the final, but gives us the option of moving some Under 17 and/or Open heats and/or finals from the Horse Ring into the Main Ring to alleviate the pressure on the Horse Ring.

These alteration will be incorporated into the 2017 Championships should our bid be successful.

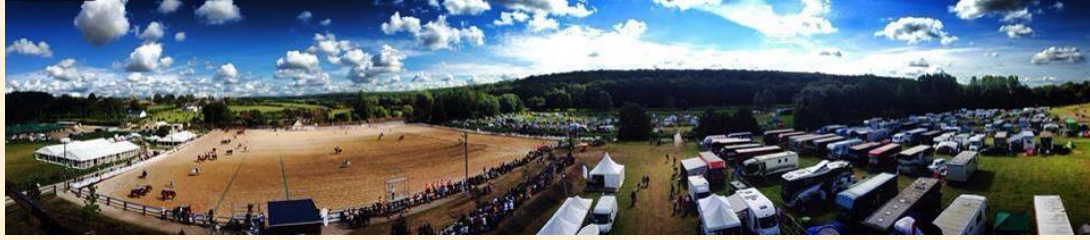
We also plan for 2015 to have the Cedric Ford Pavilion for the Saturday night of the competition so that we can run a more formal dinner/dancing party evening. This would also be continued in 2017.



The Cedric Ford Pavilion

It is anticipated that the competition would be run over three days in mid-September 2017 as always. July and August are very congested areas in terms of the calendar and to have the Pairs a little later in the season saves fixture congestion for all International riders as well as the large number of MGAGB members who wish to attend the Championships.

The budget for the competition has not yet been finalised but we expect the cost per pair to be similar to that of 2015 but with some addition to allow for inflation/ increased venue costs.



**Burkina Faso Bid to host the
2017 IMGA World Individual Championships and
2017 IMGA World Pairs Championships**

For WPC and WIC, we are thinking in having it from Wednesday to Saturday and gala dinner on Saturday night.

There will probably be a part under flood lights and definitely some good prizes for the Champions.

The arena is the big sand arena we used at the WTC2014 (115 meters long and 105 large) and the other one will probably be in the north of France (if not at home as well) in order to please Coca Cola Company and Mc Donald as sponsors.

The price should not exceed EUR 200.00 for pairs (including stables and shavings) and EUR 100.00 for Individuals (including stables and shavings). It also includes the maintenance of the surface so that in the case of bad weather, the conditions stay excellent.

We are always investing in higher standards and making the place better. The commentary box will be international and not only one country.



England MGA wish to host the IMGA European Team and Individual Championships 2017.

We are committed to providing a life changing experience for all riders lucky enough to be selected to compete for their country. The competition will be hosted at a prestigious venue in the heart of the English countryside in 2017

England MGA have set up a committee dedicated to organising the Championships and already have over 25 other people with a wide range of skills who have put their names forward to help the committee with the organisation of this event

The championships will take place in July or August 2017. The dates will be confirmed during negotiations with the chosen venue.

At present we are in discussion with several potential venues. Each is being vetted to ensure that we are able to provide either an all weather arena large enough to meet IMGA criteria or at least two well maintained properly prepared grass arenas.

Our chosen venue will have purpose built stabling, although we accept that this may have to be supplemented with hired in temporary stables.

The venue must have the facilities to allow for on-site catering for all riders, supporters, officials and a special on-site venue for a spectacular gala ball

And finally, all this must be provided as cheaply as possible without skimping on quality. We intend this Championship to be remembered for the competition, the fun and the facilities, not the cost!

VENUE

We have narrowed our choice of venues down to four:

Dallas Burston Polo Club (<http://dbpoloclub.com>) is a new 240ha polo club near Warwick and Stratford on Avon (the home of Shakespeare). It provides luxurious facilities



It is a tested venue and has been the venue of the British Intercounties each year and its facilities are growing all the time. It has a 140m x 70m all-weather surface (which unfortunately is only wide enough to run 7 lanes)



Adjoining the arena is a newly opened dining and conference centre, which seats 3,000 people...



and which provides balcony viewing of the arena



Behind the spectators are several polo pitches, all perfectly maintained to provide an excellent surface for high speed galloping and turning and each large enough to hold two or more large MGA arenas.

The next phase of the development is the construction of over 100 stables, which, with adjacent parking means that stabling for all can be provided be on hard standing

The **Three Counties Showground** (<http://www.threecounties.co.uk/>) is just 15 minutes from the main motorway network but is a stunning venue and host to one of England's most popular agricultural and shows as well as many equestrian events. It has five rings and 750 stables as well as all the dining facilities





Lincoln Showground (<http://www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk/>) is host to many equine events and has dedicated equine arenas and a new conference and dining building overlooking the main arena



The **Royal Bath and West Showground** (<http://www.bathandwest.com>) welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year shows and its 300ha site would provide all the facilities we need.



East of England Showground (<http://www.peterborougharena.com/>) is also host to many equestrian events



DATES

We are unable to provide definite dates, as these will have to be confirmed with the selected venue, but we propose holding the Championships in July or August 2017

BUDGET

Again, the budget has to be finalised but the intention is that team entry fees will not exceed 3,500€ (£2,800)

England MGA looks forward to welcoming the team and individual riders from each European country in 2017 and promises that this will be a European Championships to remember

Annex 6

IMGA Sub Committees

Proposal to be presented to the IMGA Annual Meeting 2014

In the 11 years since the International Mounted Games Association was created in its current form, we have come a long way. There is, however, still a long way to go. Both on and off the field, our sport continues to develop and there is a constant flow of good ideas which need to be actioned in order to ensure that we are providing the very best support and structure for our riders to be able to show off their considerable talents.

In order to be able to achieve this, a lot of hard work needs to be done and if we are to implement these ideas at the rate which is not only required but also demanded, more people are going to have to get involved in the day to day running of the association. Your officers already work tirelessly throughout the year but there are only so many hours in the day and most of us have day jobs which occasionally need attention as well.

To this end, and with your approval, we intend to implement a series of IMGA sub-committees, each with its own area of responsibility. To do this we will make use of the considerable experience and expertise that exists within our membership and ensure that individual skills are utilised in the most advantageous manner.

The following pages contain a description of a new management structure for IMGA. You will find a detailed description of how sub-committees will operate within IMGA, how they will be set up and managed, and how they will interact with both the IMGA executive officers and the wider IMGA committee.

This is followed by a detailed document for each of the sub-committees, laying out the requirements and expectations for each one.

Finally there is a list of the individuals who have been tentatively appointed to each of these committees and who, as a result, will begin work in their new positions immediately following the conclusion of the 2014 IMGA AGM, assuming of course that approval for this entire concept is received from the IMGA committee.

These individuals have either already declared their willingness to help out with the day to day running of IMGA via the website Help Line, or they have been approached directly to see if they would be willing to participate. All have been fully briefed on the expectations which will be placed upon them and are eagerly awaiting your acceptance of this proposal in order to get to work.

Concept

To facilitate the day to day running of IMGA, the association has 9 sub-committees, each with its own area of responsibility, each of which aids the elected IMGA executive officers in implementing the decisions made by the IMGA committee and continuously drives the future development of the sport.

Sub-committees

These sub-committees are as follows:

- Training and Qualification sub-committee
- Sponsorship and Promotions sub-committee
- Health, Safety and Risk Management sub-committee
- Technology and Social Media sub-committee
- Finance and Budgeting sub-committee
- International Development sub-committee
- Compliance sub-committee
- Strategic Planning sub-committee
- FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group

Members and Positions

Each sub-committee consists of:

- A Chair Person who is the spokesperson for the group and deliver progress updates to the IMGA committee and executive officers.
- A Secretary who gives administrative support to the sub-committee and who generally ensures that progress is made and momentum is not lost.
- A number of additional subject matters experts.

There is no prescribed maximum or minimum total number of people who can sit on an individual sub-committee but for the sake of efficiency it is considered best to limit this to between 5 and 10 people.

The Chair Person of each group should themselves be a member of either the IMGA committee or be an IMGA executive officer.

Any individual wishing to sit on one of the sub-committees may make this known via the IMGA Website Help Line by giving their personal details and explaining the skills they feel they can offer. <http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/site/forms/helpline/helpform.html>

Sub-committee chairpersons, secretaries, and members are not elected but instead are selected by the IMGA officers who themselves have been elected to carry out the management of the association.

Reviews

Each year, during the period between the end of the IMGA AGM and the end of the calendar year, the IMGA executive officers will evaluate the work required for the year ahead (much of which will have become clear at the AGM) and compare that with the existing sub-committee structure.

Following this review:

- Existing sub-committees may be disbanded
- New sub-committees may be created
- Personnel may be added to, removed from, or moved between sub-committees
- This document will be updated

This will continuously ensure the best possible results and innovation by dynamically adjusting the sub-committee structure each year.

Logistics

Due to the obvious international make-up of our association, and the resulting geographical spread, it will be necessary for the vast majority of business to be conducted via e-mail (although conference call facilities will also be made available where possible).

To this end each sub-committee will have its own dedicated group e-mail address which will include all members of the sub-committee (e.g. imga.train.qual@mounted-games.org)

This group e-mail address will also include all of the IMGA executive officers. This is not to encourage them to actively participate in the day to day work of each individual sub-committee (unless of course they are themselves appointed to that sub-committee) but rather to ensure that all elected officers are kept up to date on actions and progress across the various different groups. In this way officers can also ensure that there is no duplication of effort.

Duties

Each sub-committee will have certain assigned duties as laid out in the relevant “*Sub-committee Scope and Guidelines Document (SCSGD)*”. These will be existing and generally recurring items of work or one-off larger pieces of work (for example, as in the case of Actions Groups).

However, there will inevitably be additional “one-off” pieces of work which will also fall within the responsibility of individual sub-committees which may not be included within the scope set out in the SCSGD. They may stem either from decisions made by the IMGA committee at the AGM or (in the case of actions which do not require a wider vote) may come directly from the IMGA executive officers. In either case, a Work Order document will be prepared by the IMGA executive officers and sent to the secretary of the relevant sub-committee. Work Order documents will also be posted on a dedicated page on the IMGA website so that progress can be tracked (similar to the notification system of the IMGA Rules committee).

Once items of work have been completed, the sub-committee secretary should return the completed Work Order document to the IMGA Executive Finance and Administration Officer, so that the website can be updated.

Interim Updates

On the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year, the chairperson of each sub-committee is required to submit an update on the progress of the work of the sub-committee. These updates must be in writing and sent to the IMGA chairman, who in turn will collate and forward them to the IMGA committee no later than the 1st of the following month.

Full Update

The chairperson of each sub-committee (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) will present a full update on the activities of their sub-committee at the IMGA AGM.

Training and Qualification Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Training and Qualification sub-committee is responsible for the training, certification, and assessment of IMGA referees and assistant referees.

Responsibilities

1. Organisation and execution of regular training and certification (also re-certification) courses for IMGA referees and assistant referees, accessible to all IMGA member countries.
2. Management of the ongoing assessment of IMGA certified referees and (where applicable) suspending certification.
3. Continuously keeping the IMGA Referee Certification and Assessment documents up to date.
4. Liaising with the hosts of IMGA certified competitions for the following calendar year to establish the requirements for referees and assistant referees as well as the financial and logistical support that host organisations may or may not be willing to provide to such individuals.
5. Relaying the requirements established under point 4 to all certified IMGA referees and assistant referees and inviting them to apply for the vacant positions for the following season.
6. Preparing and managing the election process by which IMGA committee members at the AGM select the referees and assistant referees for the following year.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Sponsorship and Promotions Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Sponsorship and Promotions sub-committee is responsible for raising the public profile of the sport and securing sponsorship for IMGA.

Responsibilities

1. Formulating and implementing an end to end strategy for securing private and corporate sponsorship for IMGA
2. Liaising with media outlets to raise the profile of the sport wherever possible. This to include a joined up approach with the hosts of IMGA certified competitions to promote the events.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Health, Safety and Risk Management sub-committee is responsible for the formulation and implementation of health and safety guidelines for both riders and ponies as well as ensuring that IMGA sanctioned competitions are properly risk assessed and that those risks are sufficiently mitigated.

Responsibilities

1. Establish and maintain guidelines covering the provision of both medical and veterinary coverage at IMGA sanctioned competitions.
2. In cooperation with the Compliance sub-committee ensure that such guidelines are satisfactorily implemented at IMGA sanctioned competitions.
3. Establish, implement and carry out a risk management framework both for IMGA as a whole and for IMGA sanctioned competitions in particular.

Requirements

1. The Chair Person to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The Chair Person (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the

Technology and Social Media Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Technology and Social Media is responsible for the implementation and management of IMGAs technology footprint.

Responsibilities

1. Management of the IMGAs Website.
2. Establishing and or maintaining IMGAs profile across all relevant social media platforms.
3. Creation of a proposal to improve and ensure that IMGAs makes full use (both in terms of exposure and finances) of Live Streaming of IMGAs sanctioned competitions.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGAs chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Finance and Budgeting Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Finance and Budgeting sub-committee is responsible for all aspects of IMGA's financial affairs including bank account management, budget forecasting, tax returns, management of financial instruments and cash management.

Responsibilities

1. Preparing accounts for presentation at the AGM
2. Preparing budget forecasts and resulting recommendations for the setting of IMGA affiliation fees on an annual basis
3. Preparing and submitting Corporation Tax returns to HMRC and Company returns to Companies House
4. Manage all financial instruments used by IMGA (Bank Account, Paypal, Transferwise, etc.)
5. Ensure that residual cash balances are managed effectively
6. Prepare, despatch and (where applicable) chase invoices for affiliation fees

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

International Development Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The International Development sub-committee is responsible for recruiting new member nations into the sport.

Responsibilities

1. Establish contact with potential interested parties in non-member nations.
2. Guide prospective new members through the membership application process.
3. Support new members through the initial two years of membership by arranging for experienced trainers and riders to visit and generally lend support for any issues that may arise

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Compliance Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Compliance sub-committee is responsible for ensuring that all IMGA sanctioned competitions are run according to agreed criteria as well as ensuring that all members comply with IMGA membership criteria.

Responsibilities

1. Constantly maintain and update the "*Organisation of a sanctioned Competition of the International Mounted Games Association*" document.
2. Organise and manage all pre-competition inspection visits for IMGA sanctioned competitions
3. Prepare and circulate pre- and post- IMGA sanctioned competition reviews.
4. Manage biannual membership criteria checks

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Strategic Planning sub-committee is responsible for formulating the medium to long term strategic direction for IMGGA.

Responsibilities

1. To prepare recommendations to the IMGGA committee for the medium to long term direction IMGGA should take and the steps it needs to take to get there.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group is responsible for closer integration with the FEI in general and with a specific goal to have Mounted Games formally represented at the World Equestrian Games in Canada in 2018.

Responsibilities

1. To open and maintain lines of communication with the FEI and establish the steps that IMGA needs to be taking in order to become aligned with that organisation with the ultimate goal being to become fully recognised by FEI alongside other established equestrian disciplines.
2. At the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the sports of Horseball and Polo were showcased alongside all the fully recognised FEI disciplines. How did these disciplines achieve such top billing, is this something which will be repeated at future WEG's and if so, how does Mounted Games get to be a part of that?

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

IMGA Sub-Committee Line Up for 2015

Training and Qualification Sub-Committee

Peter Dale	Chair
Eivind Kjuus	Secretary
Frie Martin	Translations
Pierre-Luc Portron	
Fabian Pigolet	
Davy Quinn	



Sponsorship and Promotions Sub-Committee

Sean Bource	Chair
Annie Martin	Secretary
Gunilla Adolfsson	
Nathan Turner	
Pola Schal	



Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub-Committee

IMGA Vice Chairman	Chair
Annie Martin	Secretary
Megan Marr	
Peter Dale	
Andrew Gibson	
David Harris	



Technology and Social Media Sub-Committee

Keith Martin	Chair
Sean Bource	Secretary
Tom James	
Clément Avice	
Johannes Franke	
Dag Hoffgaard	
Alun Whitney	
Andrew Jordan	
Rory Prime	



Finance and Budgeting Sub-Committee

Pola Schal	Chair
Jens Martin	Secretary
Nikki Carter	
Keith Martin	
Lois Hamilton	



International Development Sub-Committee

Jens Martin	Chair & Translations
IMGA Vice Chairman	Secretary
Quentin Voeltzel	
Marie Follett	
Margaret Welsby	



Compliance Sub-Committee

Keith Martin	Chair
Nikki Carter	Secretary
Iain Hopkins	
Jens Martin	
Brian Kennedy	
Quentin Voeltzel	



Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

Nikki Carter	Chair
Signe Sehested	Secretary
Sean Bource	Translations
Mark Devitt	
Jacques Cavé	
Philippe Gargallo	
Phil Logue	



FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group

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Chair

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Secretary & Translations

Inger Hilmersen

Rachel Lechner

Brent Couch

Elise Gapaillard

Younes Ahlbom



Further Points to be Considered

With the implementation of this structure, some thought may have to be given to the make up of the IMGA executive officers.

- With many of the previous duties of the Finance and Administration officer having been redistributed to the sub-committees, it may be sensible to rename this position into simply “Secretary”
- Similarly, the position of Development Officer becomes somewhat redundant in its current form with all of the duties taken over by the relevant sub-committee. But as we would want to maintain the number of officers and company directors, rather than remove this position, perhaps it should be renamed into something generic like “General Manager”, “Deputy Vice Chairman”, “Executive Officer, or something similar.
- All job descriptions for the officers should be revised.
- A decision may have to be taken as to whether the rules committee is folded into this same process or if it remains subject to separate procedures as is currently the case.

These points should be revisited in 12 months time at the 2015 AGM once we have been able to establish whether the sub-committee structure is actually working or not.

Annex 7

World Individual and Pairs Championships

For some time now there have been ongoing discussions around the entry criteria for WIC and WPC. Currently, in effect we operate a “First Come, First Served” approach to entering these competitions. Although this issue has been brought up many times in the past, it would seem that over the course of the past season, this is now becoming an issue which is concerning more and more people.

This document attempts to set out some alternatives to the current system. It is a very complicated area but this document has been structured into a series of questions which should make it as simple as possible to walk through.

It is of paramount importance that all international representatives read this document fully prior to the AGM and have pre-prepared answers to each question so that we can step through the subject as quickly as possible at the AGM. If every step has to be explained in detail it will more than likely take up the entire rest of the meeting, leaving no time for anything else.

Ultimately, following this document through to its conclusion will result in one of three main possibilities. If in fact none of these three are deemed to be acceptable then it’s probably back to the drawing board and potentially deferring this decision again to a later date.

The result of this discussion on this topic will be recorded and then given to the IMGA Compliance Sub-Committee (assuming this has been accepted earlier otherwise this would fall to the IMGA officers) for official formulation and inclusion in the “Organisation of an IMGA Sanctioned Competition” document.

Question 1

Currently entry to the WIC and WPC is based on “First Come First Served”. Should this be retained or changed to a more “Merit Based” entry criteria?

Both the WIC and WPC are well established competitions that have been successfully run for many years. There are a fixed number of places available in each age group and entries to the competition are processed as they are received by the organising country until all places are filled. After that no further entries can be accepted unless somebody else drops out.

This means that theoretically all available spaces in a competition could be filled by riders from a single country, none of whom would necessarily have to have any prior mounted games experience.

Of course, in practice this does not happen and (increasingly so over the past few years) there are more and more countries taking part. Entries do however still tend to be dominated by riders from the host country.

The question remains however, is this really the way entry to a World Championship competition should be managed? Currently the onus is very much on the individuals (and pairs) to get their entries in as soon as possible. Failure to do so means that they will miss out and almost inevitably there will always be riders who, in terms of merit, are possibly more deserving of a place in the World Championships than some of those who do eventually take part.

Answer 1

Yes, a better system needs to be implemented which ensures that entries are based on merit and not speed of submitting an entry form.

→ Move to Question 2

Answer 2

No, this is not a problem. The current system should be retained.

→ Move to Question 8

Question 2

Before tackling the question of how a “Merit Based” approach could work there is a more fundamental question which needs to be answered, namely, what type of World Championship do we really want?

Let’s say for the sake of argument that there are 50 places available in a WPC or WIC championship. Would we want those to be filled...

- A) by a spread of the best individuals and pairs from all member nations?
or
- B) by the 50 best individuals or pairs in the world

Many international sporting competitions follow option A. If they didn’t, the World 100m Championship final would be made up exclusively of Jamaicans and the UEFA Champions League probably wouldn’t see a great deal of participation from teams outside of Spain, Italy, England and Germany. In general all Olympic competitions also operate in this manner.

There are however also plenty of examples of sports following Option B such as Golf and Tennis which base themselves on very complex ranking systems derived from results of competitions globally.

It’s important to remember that Option A also does not necessarily mean equal representation of all member nations. A system could be put in place which would award more places to larger or more successful member nations whilst still guaranteeing a global spread of competitors.

It is also probably impossible to fully implement option B as “being one of the best” is a fluid concept. You can try to get as close to it as possible though.

Ultimately, regardless of which option is followed, theoretically the final result will still be the same and the best of the best will still win. The differences will manifest themselves further down the order.

Answer 1

We should go for option A and have a spread of the best individuals and pairs from all member nations.

→ Move to Question 3

Answer 2

We should go for option B and strive to have the very best, regardless of their nationality.

→ Move to Question 7

Question 3

So we want to include all member countries. How then do we distribute the number of available places across the number of member countries?

Option A

Simply divide the number of available places by the number of member countries and round that number down to nearest whole number.

For example: 50 places available, 21 members. $50/21=2.38$
So 2 places per member country

Of course, that's only 42 places. The remaining 8, along with any unclaimed places from within the 42 could simply be given to the host nation.

Option B

It could be argued that option A is not fair as it would treat England (the most successful and one of the oldest members of IMGGA) in exactly the same way as Burkina Faso (our newest member of IMGGA). The alternative is create a spread where more successful nations are granted more spaces than those less successful. Exactly how such a spread could be calculated is itself a question with various options which will be examined separately

Answer 1

Option A, treat all members equally.

→ Move to Question 6

Answer 2

Option B, more successful members should get more places.

→ Move to Question 4

Question 4

If we are to create a spread of places to members based on their relative strength then how do we rank them?

There is no perfect answer to this question and many more illustrious sports than our struggle with this (football in particular).

Here is one possible solution...

Let's look at the WTC results for the past 5 years:

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
1	ENG	NZL	FRA	ENG	IRE
2	IRE	ENG	ENG	IRE	FRA
3	FRA	AUS	IRE	FRA	BEL
4	GER	WAL	WAL	NIR	CHE
5	NZL	FRA	GER	CHE	ENG
6	ITA	USA	USA	WAL	GER
7	SWE	CHE	SCO	DEN	NIR
8	WAL	GER	NIR	NOR	WAL
9	BEL	DEN	SWE	BEL	USA
10	USA	NOR	NOR	GER	DEN
11	DEN		CHE	SWE	ITA
12	SCO		DEN	LUX	SWE
13	CHE		BEL	SCO	AUS
14	NOR		NZL	USA	
15	AUS		ITA	NZL	
16	ZAF		AUS		
17	BFA		CAN		
18					
19					
20					
21					

... now attribute a score for each placing (21 for 1st, 1 for 21st), add together and rank in order

1st	ENG	99	8th	DEN	61	15th	ITA	34
2nd	FRA	96	9th	BEL	54		SCO	34
3rd	IRE	80	10th	NZL	53	17th	LUX	10
	WAL	80	11th	SWE	49	18th	ZAF	6
5th	GER	77	12th	NIR	47	19th	BFA	5
6th	CHE	70	13th	NOR	46		CAN	5
7th	USA	65	14th	AUS	41	21st	AUT	0

It is perhaps not a hugely scientific system but the end result looks fairly representative of the member nation's relative strength.

A knock-on advantage of using a system such as this is that it will encourage member nations to always take part at the WTC in order to protect or improve

their ranking and by association, the number of places afforded to them at WPC and WIC.

If we only ever looked at the last 5 years of results it would also mean that a team at the top of the rankings would have to keep winning in order to remain there.

Answer 1

Adopt the above ranking system.

→ Move to Question 5

Answer 2

Adopt a different ranking system (Suggestions please).

→ Move to Question 5

Question 5

We now have a ranking of all member countries. How can that now be translated into how many places are assigned to each country?

			Option A	Option B	Option C
1st	ENG	99	4	4	7
2nd	FRA	96	4	4	6
3rd	IRE	80	3	4	5
3rd	WAL	80	3	4	4
5th	GER	77	3	3	4
6th	CHE	70	3	3	3
7th	USA	65	3	3	3
8th	DEN	61	3	3	2
9th	BEL	54	2	2	2
10th	NZL	53	2	2	2
11th	SWE	49	2	2	2
12th	NIR	47	2	2	1
13th	NOR	46	2	1	1
14th	AUS	41	2	1	1
15th	ITA	34	1	1	1
15th	SCO	34	1	1	1
17th	LUX	10	0	1	1
18th	ZAF	6	0	0	1
19th	BFA	5	0	0	1
19th	CAN	5	0	0	1
21st	AUT	0	0	0	1
Remainder to be allocated to host country:			10	9	0

Taking again the example of there being 50 available places, these can be distributed in a number of different ways:

Option A

Pro Rate based on total score and then rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Option B

Pro Rate based on overall position and then rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Option C

On an arbitrary pre defined spread. We can decide exactly how this would look. The above is just an example.

Whichever option is chosen, this would have to be calculated at the beginning of the season and published well in advance so that everybody knows where they stand.

You could argue that even the most generous of these systems is not entirely representative as I'm sure that more than 7 of the World's top 50 MGA players are English but by the same token you can say that more than 1 of the world top 20 teams are English but nobody is saying that they should enter more than one team into the World Team Championships.

Answer 1

Option A.

→ Move to Question 6

Answer 2

Option B.

→ Move to Question 6

Answer 3

Option C.

→ Move to Question 6

Question 6

We have now ranked all of our member countries and attributed a number of available places to each of them. How do we now decide which actual riders get to fill these places?

Option A

The simple (and probably unpopular) option is to simply say that these are selected by the national association, using the same system that they use to select their team for the WTC (whatever that may be).

Option B

Base it on the result of the national Individual/Pairs championship from the previous season.

So, if for example we decide that France are granted 6 places, these then go to the top 6 riders from the French national individual championships from the previous season. If one of that top 6 is unable or unwilling to attend the World Championships, the place then goes to whoever placed 7th and so on. In order to be able to claim one of those 6 places, the rider(s) would have to be qualified to ride for that country as per IMGA national representation rules (otherwise a rider, not expecting to be successful at home could simply enter the national championship of a lower ranked country in a bid to gain qualification for the World Championships that way). Riders competing in national championships in countries they do not themselves qualify for would be “invisible” in this context.

Again, any places which remain entirely unclaimed would then go to the host nation.

Two potential complications with this option:

1. Not all countries actually currently run an annual national championship but it should not be too difficult for those that don't to start doing so.
2. Not a problem for the open but for lower age groups, you could end up in a scenario where somebody qualifies for an U17 World Championship but by the time that championship comes around, they no longer officially qualify as an U17. In such a case, we could say that effectively, the competition started over a year earlier and that as such, they should still be allowed to compete in the age group they qualified for (same thing happens in football where you regularly have 23 year old competing in an U21 championship because they were under 21 when qualifying for that competition started more than 2 years earlier).

Regardless of which of these two options is chosen, there is another complication to be considered, namely that of pairs where both riders are from

different countries. There is no really satisfactory solution to this problem. The closest that one can get is...

Under Option A

A national association could select a pair where only one of the riders is from their association, providing they seek the permission of the other riders home association. In effect, giving up half of a place.

Under Option B

It would have to be deemed permissible for a pair to enter a national championship where only one half of that pair actually qualifies for that country. In other words, where it was previously stated that foreign riders would be "invisible" to the results, in pairs competition, that would only apply where both riders were considered "foreign".

(Of course we could also say that multi national pairs are no longer allowed!)

Answer 1

Option A, national selection.

→ Success, a decision has been made

Answer 2

Option B, based on national championships.

→ Success, a decision has been made

Question 7

The aim is to fill the WIC and WPC with the best riders in the world, regardless of the nationality. How do we achieve that?

The short answer is probably that we can't but we can try to get as close as possible. There are potentially several ways in which this can be achieved but one proposal from Alun Whitney is as follows...

A series of regional qualifying rounds to be organised around the world thereby making the competition more accessible to more riders due to reduced distances and lower entry fees at these qualifying rounds.

All qualifying competitions would be open to riders from all countries so that if a rider does not qualify from one competition, they would be able to try again at another. This would thereby generate more income for the event and more opportunity for riders.

The exact system as to how riders would qualify for the World Championship finals would depend on the number of places available at those finals and on the number of qualifying competitions held. If for example there were 20 places available and 10 qualifying competitions held, then simply the top 2 from each would go through to the finals.

Each qualifying competition would be self financing but should return a percentage of the entry fees (say 20%) or the profit (say 40%) to a central fund that would be used to give better prizes, pay for promotion and presentations. A proportion of the money could also be set aside to help fund qualified riders attend finals so that we can be assured to get the best riders and not just those who can afford it. Even if we could not fund travel for ponies from other continents initially, we could fund the hire of suitable ponies for qualified riders.

Our finals would involve fewer people and therefore have lower demands on budget and time. This would allow us to look at having some of the finals in the main ring at major events with a readymade audience.

Answer 1

Accept the above proposal

→ Success, a decision has been made

Answer 2

Need something else

→ Open discussion to reach conclusion

Question 8

The decision is made to retain the current system. Despite that there are still a number of issues to be resolved concerning the current entry process...

The system used in 2014 of setting an opening date for entries and informing everyone of this ensured that all riders wishing to enter were on the same starting line at the same time. This must become a standard approach to ensure that no rider/pair gets “a flier”.

It may be that in some cases “first come first served” has become “first pay first served” – and international financial transactions can take longer than local or national ones, giving the riders in the host country a built-in advantage. It also puts the riders completely in the hands of their financial institutions and the way in which they handle transactions.

For pairs, entries from individuals have been accepted, with the other half of the pair being added later. This means that the second rider was certainly not one of the “first come” but was still served.

Also in pairs there may have been situations where both riders were replacements drafted in long after the initial entry. For example, an entry is accepted from A and B. Then A drops out and is replaced by C. Then B drops out and is replaced by D. The result is a pair, C and D, neither of which were amongst the “first come”

Annex 8

Amendment to Representation Rules (GR13)

International Representation

GR13.1. An individual will be eligible to represent a country in International Mounted Games Competitions if they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- A: They hold a valid passport in their name issued by that country
- B: They have been a full time resident at a registered address in that country for a period of at least 2 years.
- C: As per their birth certificate, they were born in that country
- D: At least one of their parents held a valid passport in their name for that country at the time of their birth.
- E: Their spouse held a valid passport in their name for that country at the time of their marriage

GR13.2. Furthermore, that individuals should be allowed to change the country they represent but that no individual should ever ride for two countries within the same season.

GR13.3. In the case of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, these rules are amended slightly as these are not legal nations that issue passports. For these nations an individual must fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- A: They have been a full time resident at a registered address in that country for a period of at least 2 years.
- B: As per their birth certificate, they were born in that country
- C: As per their birth certificate, at least one of their parents was born in that country
- D: As per their birth certificate, their spouse was born in that country

GR13.4. Individuals born outside of England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland but still holding a United Kingdom passport have the choice of representing any of the four countries as well as the country in which they were born.

Proposal: change GR13.1 :

An individual will be eligible to represent a country in International Mounted Games Competitions if they are a member of that country's IMGA-affiliated Mounted Games organisation, and fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

Annex 9

Changes to the “Organisation of an IMGA Sanctioned Competition” Document.

The following is a list of individual statements/question which have been raised by various people throughout the course of the past season. Each to be discussed briefly by the members and then handed over to the IMGA Compliance Sub-Committee (assuming this has been accepted earlier otherwise this would fall to the IMGA officers) for official formulation and inclusion in the “Organisation of an IMGA Sanctioned Competition” document.

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12. Official guidelines need to be added to the rules for necessary measures during very hot weather (water for ponies and riders, mid session breaks etc.)
13. We now have detailed equipment specifications and yet are still using non standard equipment at IMGA sanctioned competitions??
14. Gala dinner at WTC. Has it become just too big? Rethink required?
15. The drunken behaviour of riders, supporters (and trainers?) has now reached such levels that it is no longer possible to present trophies or make speeches at WTC or ETC gala dinners.
16. Is the award of a "Highest Places Female Rider" trophy at WIC not (however well intentioned) a little condescending and sexist?
17. Hosts of World Pairs and Individuals should have to supply a certain number of borrowed ponies for overseas countries.
18. Should IMGA contribute to the travel expenses for authorised referees to attend IMGA sanctioned events?



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2014

Final version 1.0 (February 4 2015)

**Held at FFE parc Équestre, Lamotte-Beuvron, France
Saturday November 15 and Sunday November 16 2014**

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

The sequence in which agenda items were treated was not the same as published in the original agenda. This record, however, follows the original agenda sequence.

Meeting opened : Saturday November 15 at 09:30

Present : Position / Country

IMGA officers :

Keith Martin	Chairman	
Clive Jones	Vice-Chairman	(By video link)
Jens Martin	Development	
Carol Jones	Communication	(By video link)
Peter Dale	Chief Referee	

International Representatives :

Rachel Lechner	Austria	
Florence Hennuy	Belgium	
Quentin Voeltzel	Burkina Faso	
Brent Couch	Canada	
Signe Sehested	Denmark	
Nikki Carter	England	
Elise Gapaillard	France	
Heiko Voss	Germany	
Mark Devitt	Ireland	
Jacques Cavé	Italy	
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand	(By video link)
Brian Kennedy	Northern Ireland	
Inger Hilmersen	Norway	
Younes Ahlbom	Sweden	
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland	
Paul Greiling	USA	(By video link)
Roger Dawson	Wales	

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :

Valy Schmartz	Luxembourg
Euan Taylor	Scotland
Ian Marr	South Africa
Unable to attend, no proxy received :	
Phil Logue	Australia

Proxy holder :

Annika Labruier (By video link)
Rob Lockyer
Jens Martin

Others present :

Frie Martin	(notes of meeting)	
Pierre Marsille	Belgium	
Ulrika Alexandersson	Burkina Faso	
Nathan Turner	England	
Djeylan Mardell	France	
Sean Bource	France	
Cedric Robin	France	
Dieter Birreck	Germany	
Conor O'Leary	Ireland	
Alberta Gambiglioni	Italy	
Richard Egging	New Zealand	(By video link)
Liz Englert	USA	(By video link)
Iain Hopkins	Wales	

1. Introduction

The attendance list is shown above, with information on proxies, submitted in writing and recorded, from those members unable to attend. "Back-up" proxies were also available for those participating by video link in case of technical problems. These back-ups were not invoked.

The representatives of 20 out of IMGA's 21 members were welcomed to the French Equestrian Federation's headquarters at Lamotte-Beuvron, in the Loire-et-Cher department of Central France.

The meeting opened with a presentation of some practical details for the weekend, the timetable for the meeting, and the allocation of costs between the French Federation, IMGA, and the individuals present.

A new system of voting was explained. Each country received a card showing green/yes on one side and red/no on the other. They were for use in voting during the meeting so that more accurate records of votes could be kept.

The full details of all voting subsequently done at the meeting is shown at the end of this document in Attachment 1.

2. Looking Back at 2014

2.1 Review of IMGA's year

Chairman

Keith Martin reported on the highlights (and some lowlights) of 2014, explaining that the check on membership criteria at the end of 2013 plus the early 2014 dispute over membership fees had caused a significant amount of extra work, and indications were that the level of activity in running the Association would be significantly higher in 2014 than in any previous year.

Significant successes during 2014 :

- The successful completion of the membership criteria checks and a solution to the "Canadian problem"
- Continuation of the Referee Training programme
- Introduction of the appeals system
- Use of IMGA standard draws
- Individuals and Pairs :
 - Successful introduction of "finals for all" with some surprising results
 - A fixed starting date for entries so all riders had an equal chance

Some disappointing failures :

- Sale of IMGA merchandise has not developed
- No advance on standards for medical support

The daily business of running IMGA has continued as usual : follow up on 2013 decisions, monitoring of IMGA sanctioned competitions, regular contact with members, finance and accounting, tax, company returns, website updates, and so on.

An explanation was given of how the November 2014 cyber attack on the IMGA website was handled, and the current situation after a change of hosting service.

Vice Chairman

Clive Jones reported on his activities during 2014.

He is proud to be the Vice-Chairman of IMGA, a position which has helped a lot in negotiations with FEI, particularly concerning the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky.

Now working with the USA and Canada, looking forward to the WEG in 2018 which will be held at the Bromont Olympic Equestrian Park, venue for the Montréal 1976 Olympic equestrian events.

Now looking forward to the World Team Championship in Kentucky in 2015, and is confident in IMGA's development.

Finance and Administration

Pola Schal, being on her honeymoon in California, was unable to be present, but her Financial Report (point 2.3 below) was presented by Jens Martin.

Development

Jens Martin reported on various development activities.

Burkina Faso : Is now a member.

Spain : Still progressing. Possible political problems between Spain and Catalonia.

Hungary : Great enthusiasm initially, then a big slow-down. Now under new management, so possibility of re-starting.

Mexico : Hans Kallenberger has visited recently, but no further information is available.

Islamic Republic of Iran : A lot of interest shown by the Tent Pegging Association (as previously from India)

The Promotional DVD is now available. It is being used in a “recruitment drive”, being sent to hundreds of possible new member countries. This was the original intention for the DVD, but if anyone wants copies then that could be arranged.

(Note: the Promotional DVD has now had over 40,000 hits on YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jMJUftBtKs&feature=youtu.be>)

Paul Greiling suggested that the DVD should be sent to public broadcasting TV channels. It was agreed that this would be a suitable subject for discussion by the Sponsorship and Promotions sub-committee, but that meanwhile Paul should go ahead.

Country-specific versions of the DVD are available for each country and although this was overlooked at the meeting, these will be sent to each individual country in due course.

Communication

Carol Jones was not seeking re-election to the post of Communications Officer, but she wished the new officer (see 3.1) success in taking up that post.

Chief Referee

Peter Dale commented that all the information he wished to give on his area of responsibility would be covered under other points later on the agenda.

2.2 Rules Committee Report

The status of other-language versions of the Rule Book was discussed with the possibility of having them done by professional translators. The cost estimates obtained from 3 different translation services were shown and the general opinion was that they were extremely expensive (in the range EUR 2.000 – 5.000 per language version) and that IMGA could better spend its money on other things.

[Decision : 01/14] It was decided, therefore, to retain the current other-language versions in the countries which have already created them, and to link to them from the IMGA website.

Action : add links to the Rules Committee page on the IMGA website for the other-language versions of the Rule Book (Keith Martin)

The large number of Rule Changes agreed during 2014 were quickly reviewed and it was generally agreed that although the current Rule Book is only 1 year old, a complete new book will be required for 2015.

[Decision : 02/14] A 2015 edition of the Rule Book will be produced.

Action : Prepare the 2015 Rule Book for printing (Rules Committee) and arrange printing (Keith Martin)

The cycle of Rules Committee activity and the date on which agreed changes come into force were discussed, with the following agreement :

[Decision : 03/14] Instead of the current cycle of January to December, the Rules Committee in future will operate from AGM to AGM, allowing an earlier publication of a new Rule Book.

During the period between the AGM and the publication of a new Rule Book (towards the end of the year), no further rule changes should be agreed.

Action : Rules Committee procedures to be updated and implemented (Jens Martin)

Currently the elected members of the Rules Committee take up their responsibilities at the time of their election (at the AGM) for a term of 2 years. But the 2 year term for GB nominated members runs from January to December.

[Decision : 04/14] England, Scotland, and Wales to nominate their members in time for the AGM

Action : nominations required immediately for this year (International Representatives of England, Scotland, and Wales)

With new games being introduced as a result of conversion of existing games between formats, there was a long discussion on the number of games to be run in finals, and how it should be decided which games.

[Decision : 05/14] The Chief Referee will categorise games into types (e.g. agility, speed, accuracy) and devise a system to construct games lists for IMGA sanctioned competitions. The system will be subject to acceptance by the members. The Chief Referee will then use the approved system to decide the games for all heats, semis, and finals for all IMGA sanctioned competitions in advance.

Actions : categorisation of games, system for games lists (Peter Dale); agreement (members); and implementation for future competitions (all).

2.3 Financial Report

In the absence of Pola Schal, this point was presented by Jens Martin.

A “snapshot” of the current financial situation of IMGA was distributed to all members. It was emphasised that this is not a financial statement for 2014 – that will be prepared later when all transactions for the year have been resolved.

The “snapshot” report is shown in Attachment 2.

IMGA now operates in GBP and has a GBP account. In response to requests from some members an analysis of the costs involved in also having accounts in other currencies was presented. The costs were seen to be very high and it was decided to work only in GBP.

[Decision : 06/14] IMGA will continue to work only in GBP and hold only a GBP bank account.

Action : none

When paying Affiliation Fees, members are requested to pay the transaction charges so that IMGA receives the full amount. Some members do this, other do not.

[Decision : 07/14] If a member country does not pay the full Affiliation Fee because of bank charges, then the “missing” amount will be added to the following year’s Affiliation Fee invoice.

Action : Checks on receipts and adjustment of invoices (Pola Schal)

Keith Martin presented a budget for 2015, as previously requested by many members. It is shown in Attachment 3.

The setting of Affiliation Fees for 2015 was discussed but developed into a long-term strategy with two main considerations :

[Decision : 08/14] The Affiliation Fee will automatically rise by a percentage each year, applicable immediately. For 2015 the percentage is fixed at 5%, so the Affiliation Fee for 2015 is set at GBP 315.00, and this percentage will be reviewed each year.

Action : Invoices for Affiliation Fees in the normal way (Pola Schal)

[Decision : 09/14] Additional income will be raised by charging each rider entering an IMGA sanctioned competition a fee of GBP 5.00. This will be collected by the organisers of the competition as an addition to their own Entry Fees, and subsequently transferred to IMGA.

Action : Set up procedures to administer the collection of this entry fee (Pola Schal)

2.4 FEI Progress Report

From Paul Greiling :

To be part of the 2010 World Equestrian Games, USMGA put in an enormous amount of time, effort and preparation. Starting in 2006 we started pinpointing the key people and contacts involved in WEG and sent out a 3-minute video promoting games which included clips of World competitions. As time grew closer we began negotiating stalls, and ring size and promoting the organisation of the exhibition among our members. We liaised with WEG officials on a weekly basis to ensure that we were meeting all requirements and were on track to present the best of mounted games at WEG.

All ponies had to be vaccinated and wormed on a strict schedule with proper documentation a year prior to the demonstration. USMGA members were critical in that effort. It took a year of effort to arrange for campgrounds and caravans for riders and those putting on the competition because accommodations near Lexington, KY were booked two years in advance.

As little as six weeks before WEG we found out that the ring was not large enough to properly showcase games. Members stepped in to finance a ring that would feature exhibitions from mounted games, horse ball, tent pegging and polocross. Feedback from the WEG organisers, spectators and FEI officials was enthusiastic and positive.

As you will understand a huge amount of preparation, time, money and effort went into being a part of WEG. We need to start now if we are interested in being part of WEG in Canada in 2018. I have already begun the process and I am happy to work with the Canadian committee to make this happen.

The year 2014 was a bit of a step back for FEI progress. At the 2013 annual meeting in Florida there was a strong push back questioning what IMGA's position should be regarding FEI membership. In addition we had the opportunity to join horse ball and polo at the alternate location in Deville, France but no one pursued this avenue.

I am currently developing contacts within FEI to plan a comprehensive strategy for mounted games to move toward FEI membership. Remember this will be a long process and will require the insights and involvement of all IMGA members.

2.5 Reviews of 2014 IMGA sanctioned competitions

World Team Championship (France)

Quentin Voeltzel and Sean Bource presented a report on the Championship, with particular reference to the part of the competition held under floodlights. It was agreed that IMGA needs to investigate in more detail the parameters which have to be specified for safe riding in these conditions. The session under lights was spectacular but there were many doubts about safety.

Action : IMGA to investigate and set standards for competitions held under floodlights

A full report from the organisers and a financial report will follow.

The Chief Referee's report on this competition is in Attachment 4.
The future of the Under-17 World Team Championship was discussed and it was agreed to accept the USA's proposal to run the U-17 competition as a separate event.

[Decision : 10/14] The World Under-17 Team Championship will be hosted by the USA in 2015 but as a separate event from the Open Championship.

But Ireland as hosts for the 2016 championship proposed to run both Open and Under-17 in a single event and have already begun to plan for this.

[Decision : 11/14] The World Open and Under-17 Team Championships will be hosted by Ireland in 2016 as a single event.

Despite these decisions, the long-term future of the World Under-17 Team Championship remains undecided. It is still regarded as a "test event" and is not yet accepted as a full IMGA sanctioned competition.

World Pairs Championship (MGAGB)

A written report from Mary Worth is in Attachment 5.

World Individual Championship (MGAGB)

A written report from Mary Worth is in Attachment 6.

Some points arose out of the reports for Pairs and Individuals, and after discussion, the following decisions were made :

[Decision : 12/14] The draw for positions must be done at the briefing, in public, and must not be subsequently changed or adjusted.

[Decision : 13/14] In Pairs competitions the pair is considered a unit. Entries from an individual with the second rider to be named later are not allowed, and if one part of a pair is forced to drop out then the other part also has to drop out and the empty slot is then filled from the waiting list.

[Decision : 14/14] Following from the previous decision, if one part of a pair is forced to drop out for legitimate health reasons (supported by documentation), then a replacement is allowed.

Action : inform MGAGB as next year's hosts (Keith Martin); and update documentation (Compliance sub-committee)

European Team and Individual Championship (Belgium)

A report presented by Pierre Marsille, and the Chief Referee's report on this competition, are in Attachment 7.

2.6 Report on the final situation of membership criteria checking 2013

Jens Martin reported on the completion of this exercise which should have been at the end of 2013, but which continued well into 2014.

Returns fell into 4 different categories:

- Well structured and packaged document with all points addressed
- Scattergun approach
- Very minimal information
- Nothing at all!

Deadline was 31/12 and reminders were sent out to all on :
02/09, 01/10, 01/11, 01/12, 19/12 and 29/12

... and still, some members failed to reply !

Results :

Canada situation was eventually resolved.

Need to streamline the process for next time.

Potential problem with...

*“Must be covered by a **democratic** constitution similar to organisations within the Equestrian Federation or sports organisations in their country”*

The exact wording of this must be reviewed to take account of the internal structures of some Federations which are not democratic in the sense intended when this text was drafted.

Action : review of membership requirements (Jens Martin)

3. Looking Forward to 2015 and Beyond

3.1 Election of IMGA Executive Officers and IMGA Rules Committee for the period 2015-2016

Sean Bource was confirmed as Officer for Communication, there being no other candidates.

Pola Schal was confirmed as Officer for Finance and Administration, there being no other candidates.

There were two candidates for the position of Vice-Chairman, and the results of a secret ballot on paper was :

Clive Jones :	5 votes
Alun Whitney :	14 votes
Abstentions :	1

There were 5 candidates for three positions on the Rules Committee, with the following results :

Younes Ahlbom :	13 votes
Dieter Birreck :	8 votes
Robin Donnay :	5 votes
Philippe Gargallo :	11 votes
Jens Martin :	13 votes

The three successful candidates were, therefore, the three incumbents : Younes Ahlbom, Philippe Gargallo, and Jens Martin.

3.2 Presentation of details for 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

World Team Championship

Paul Greiling presented a brochure containing details of the organisation of this championship at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 6-12, 2015.

The brochure is in Attachment 8.

The proposal by USMGA to make the use of pool ponies compulsory for all visiting teams had caused controversy at the meeting held during the WTC in the summer, and that discussion was continued.

[Decision : 15/14] It was agreed by a majority that visiting teams should be free to either use ponies provided by USMGA in a pool, or to make their own personal arrangements for borrowing, renting, or buying their own ponies.

Action : awaiting the response of USMGA

World Pairs Championship

There was no presentation by MGAGB, but information will be made available as soon as possible.

World Individual Championship

There was no presentation by MGAGB, but information will be made available as soon as possible.

European Team and Individual Championship

This Championship will be held at Equivallée, Cluny, France, August 5-9, 2015.

A presentation was given by Axel Bourdin (previous director of Equivallée) and Candice Lauvergne (current director). A brochure is in Attachment 9.

The team championship will be run as usual : Open/U-17/U-14/U-12. And the Individual Championship will be Open only.

The organisers want to put another competition in full view in the smaller arena along the main road to attract the public. They will be completely free to do so, but that will not be officially part of the IMGA sanctioned Championship. It is expected that this will be an U12 and U14 individual competition.

Nations Championship

Details are not yet available.

3.3 Appointment of referees for these 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Three referees missed the deadline for applications, and their International Representatives asked for special consideration and for them to be added to the lists of candidates.

After a vote these requests were refused.

The voting then took place for referees for each of the IMGA sanctioned competitions in 2015. Representatives were only allowed to vote for competitions for which they were eligible to participate. The results were :

World Team Championship Open :
Peter Dale
World Team Championship U-17 :
Rob Lockyer
World Pairs :
Nikki Carter, Clive Jones, Eivind Kjuus, Rob Lockyer, Davey Quinn, Alun Whitney
World Individuals : same as Pairs
European Team :
Eivind Kjuus, Rob Lockyer, Fabian Pigeolet, Alun Whitney
European Individuals :
Alun Whitney
Nations Championship :
Alun Whitney

Action : Apply the results of the voting to the practical requirements of each competition (Peter Dale)

Action : To publish the final results on the IMGA website (Keith Martin)

3.4 Appointment of hosts for 2017 IMGA sanctioned competitions

World Team Championship

There was a single candidate : South Africa.

[Decision : 16/14] Organisation of the World Team Championship 2017 is awarded to *South Africa*. Details in Attachment 10.

World Pairs Championship

The candidates were MGAGB (to be held in England) and Burkina Faso (to be held in France).

[Decision : 17/14] Organisation of the World Pairs Championship 2017 is awarded to *Burkina Faso*. Details in Attachment 11.

World Individual Championship

The candidates were MGAGB (to be held in England or Wales) and Burkina Faso (to be held in France).

[Decision : 18/14] Organisation of the World Individual Championship 2017 is awarded to *MGAGB*. Details in Attachment 12.

European Team and Individual Championship

There was a single candidate : England.

[Decision : 19/14] Organisation of the European Team and Individual Championship 2017 is awarded to *England*. Details in Attachment 13.

Nations Championship

There were no official candidates, but an offer from the USA was accepted.

[Decision : 20/14] Organisation of the Nations Championship 2016 is awarded to *USA*.

3.5 Future format for IMGA AGMs and Meetings

After minimal discussion it was agreed that no changes would be made, until it becomes clear how the new structure of sub-committees works in practice.

[Decision : 21/14] IMGA meetings will continue to be scheduled as they have been for several years : an informal meeting mid-year, usually during the World Team Championship, and a formal Annual General Meeting in November.

3.6 Decision on host and date for 2015 IMGA Annual General Meeting

Mark Devitt, on behalf of the Mounted Games Association of Ireland offered to organise the 2015 meeting, which would be held in a hotel close to Dublin airport.

[Decision : 22/14] Ireland will host the IMGA 2015 Annual Meeting. The exact date is to be confirmed later, but will probably be November 14-15.

Action : to confirm that this date does not clash with the World Under-17 Team Championship (Keith Martin and Paul Greiling).

4. Important Discussions and Decisions

4.1 IMGA Sub Committees

All the details for the proposal to introduce 9 sub-committees and substantially change the way that IMGA works internally were distributed with the agenda for the meeting.

There was, therefore, very little discussion, and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

[Decision : 23/14] The proposal to implement a structure of sub-committees was accepted.

Action : set up infrastructure necessary for the sub-committees to function : websites, mailing lists, etc. (Keith Martin); Start the sub-committees' work (Chairmen of sub-committees)

The full structure is in Attachment 14.

4.2 Change to IMGA Procedure 2

Procedure 2 concerns voting in IMGA.

A proposal from Norway to limit the number of proxies which can be held by any individual at the AGM to only one was agreed.

[Decision : 24/14] The holding of proxies at the IMGA AGM is limited to one per person.

Action : update to procedure 2 (Pola Schal)

4.3 Change the name of Mounted Games ?

There was some discussion on the way the name "Mounted Games" is perceived in different countries, but no firm conclusions were reached. It was decided to pass the suggestion to the

appropriate sub-committee for further investigation into the feasibility of such a change, especially the costs involved.

[Decision : 25/14] Refer to the appropriate sub-committee
Action : investigate (Chairman of Finance and Budgeting sub-committee)

4.4 Programme for Referee Training and Certification 2014 and beyond

Peter Dale presented some information on the progress of the Referee Training programme with many different subjects being covered :

- Registration for the courses
- Timing of courses (out of the playing season ?)
- Training of experienced referees to give courses
- A course is already planned for January 2015 in NZ
- Do we need background checks on those working with young people ?
- Training for the trainers ?
- Assessment and re-assessment of the performance of referees
- Training courses on-line ?
- USA offered to be "guinea pig" for Assistant Referee training

No specific decisions were made, but this whole subject will in future come under the authority of the Training and Qualification sub-committee (Chairman : Peter Dale, Chief Referee) This sub-committee will draft a full procedural document to cover all the above points.

4.5 Enforcement of Rules

Peter Dale gave a warning that in future there would be much firmer enforcement of the rules covering tack, wearing jewellery, and height-weight limits.

Nikki Carter reported a lot of success with checking tack in GB, and offered to give advice and assistance to anyone else involved in doing similar checks.

4.6 World Individual and Pairs Championships

For several years this subject has been under discussion, with small but significant progress. This year the discussion focussed on the entry criteria.

Question 1 : Currently entry to the WIC and WPC is based on "First Come First Served". Should this be retained or changed to a more "Merit Based" entry criteria ?

Answer : Merit based

This means the eventual abandoning of "first come first served" but this is unlikely to happen in time for the 2015 championships so certain improvements to the existing system are recommended :

- Fixed opening dates for entries, ensuring an equal start for all entries
- Improved methods of payments so that "first served" is not slowed down by bank transfers
- Pairs treated as pairs and not two individuals (see also point 2.5)

Question 2 : Before tackling the question of how a "Merit Based" approach could work there is a more fundamental question which needs to be answered, namely, what type of World Championship do we really want ?

Answer : Best from all nations, not simply the best on a global basis

Question 3 : So we want to include all member countries. How then do we distribute the number of available places across the number of member countries ?

At this point the structured approach prepared for this discussion began to break down, because many people wanted to combine options rather than accept one and not the other.

However, a better understanding of what everyone wants was established, and so that will be drafted into a detailed proposal to be presented to all members by e-mail for their further consideration.

4.7 Amendment to Representation Rules (GR13)

This point was not discussed because of shortage of available time. It will be deferred until next year.

4.8 Live Streaming

This subject was also covered only very quickly but the concept of "IMGA TV" was welcomed. The proposal is that instead of competition organisers each time finding a local supplier for this service, IMGA could set up its own technical service, not just for broadcasting images, but with commentary, discussion, and interviews.

This proposal will be developed further by the Technology sub-committee.

As an example of some of the possibilities : <http://www.lewb.be/equi-tv>

4.9 Changes to the "Organisation of an IMGA Sanctioned Competition" Document

18 specific points were listed in the agenda, and even though time was running short, they were each discussed for a few minutes, and in some cases votes were taken and firm decisions made.

1. Competitions under flood lights. Yes or No? If Yes, need to establish clear guidelines on requirements for competitions under lights (e.g. light measurements, officials clothing, arena markings etc.)

See 2.5

2. There has been some controversy over the choice of games selected for EIC, WIC and WPC semi finals and finals. Should a balanced and fair list of games for semis and finals be fixed by the IMGA referee and added to the rules for future competitions rather than leaving it up to the competition organisers?

See 2.2

3. It should be added to the rules that the EIC also has "lower" finals in the same way as WPC and WIC.

[Decision : 26/14] The vote was not decisive and so it was decided that lower finals should be available in the European Individuals Championship at the discretion of the organisers

4. Losing semi finalists at WIC and WPC (and EIC?) should also get to compete in a B final.

[Decision : 27/14] No B final

5. WTC and ETC/NC should no longer both take place every year and should be held in alternate years from 2017 onwards.

It was decided to continue ever year until it happens that there is a real problem, either financial, or of finding host(s).

[Decision : 28/14] No change to current situation

6. Need to standardise the way assistant referees are selected/appointed for IMGA sanctioned competitions

[Decision : 29/14] the Chief Referee will devise a system to ensure the fair allocation of Assistant Referees

Action : devise system for allocation of Assistant Referees (Peter Dale)

7. All riders should carry their own medical/travel insurance when competing abroad

See 4.10, which covers third party liability, but this point concerns travel and personal medical coverage.

[Decision : 30/14] Travel and personal medical insurance is at the discretion of the individuals concerned.

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[Decision : 31/14] Offensive lyrics must not be played or broadcast at IMGA sanctioned competitions

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[Decision : 33/14] Documentation must be available in *at least* English

11. Tack and helmet checks prior to IMGA sanctioned competitions (as done this year) should be officially adopted as standard.

[Decision : 34/14] Tack and helmet checks will be done on a regular and systematic basis

12. Official guidelines need to be added to the rules for necessary measures during very hot weather (water for ponies and riders, mid session breaks etc.)

[Decision : 35/14] To be left to the discretion of the referee

13. We now have detailed equipment specifications and yet are still using non standard equipment at IMGA sanctioned competitions??

It was agreed that although every effort should be made to use up-to-date equipment which conforms to IMGA standards, there may be situations where non-standard equipment has to be used. But this must always be uniform for all competitors and discussed and agreed at the briefing.

14. Gala dinner at WTC. Has it become just too big? Rethink required?

There was some discussion but no conclusions were reached.

15. The drunken behaviour of riders, supporters (and trainers?) has now reached such levels that it is no longer possible to present trophies or make speeches at WTC or ETC gala dinners.

Belgium explained that they had taken action against one of their riders for bad behaviour.

There was general agreement that there should be more enforcement to discourage such behaviour, that members would be informed of specific cases involving their riders/supporters and that guilty parties would be "named and shamed". In addition, "whistle blowing" will be encouraged.

16. Is the award of a "Highest Places Female Rider" trophy at WIC not (however well intentioned) a little condescending and sexist?

Nikki Carter pointed out that Mounted Games is one of the rare sports when male and female participants compete on the same level.

Agreement was reached that it probably is sexist and condescending but still a good idea. But as it is not an IMGA trophy, this is entirely at the discretion of MGAGB to continue awarding it or not.

17. Hosts of World Pairs and Individuals should have to supply a certain number of borrowed ponies for overseas countries.

No definite conclusions reached.

18. Should IMGA contribute to the travel expenses for authorised referees to attend IMGA sanctioned events?

Voting on this question resulted a specific decisions on this subject :

[Decision : 36/14] For 2014 and 2015 IMGA will contribute 50% of the travel costs for the referee selected for the Nations Championship. After that, however, IMGA will no longer contribute and these costs will be covered either by the hosts or the individuals themselves (or both).

4.10 Riders Insurance

A presentation by Florence Hennuy.

All riders should carry both personal and third party (including pony) insurance cover. It may be arranged through their federation, club, or other organisation, or be arranged privately by the rider. If it is arranged privately it should be validated to ensure that the coverage is adequate.

In France, a certificate is required (attachment 15) to prove a rider's level of insurance cover and their ability to ride at the required level. This should be validated by the rider's federation or national MGA.

In general there is a need to ensure that riders are insured. Organisers need to know what insurance a rider may have, and the rider needs to know what insurance the organisers may have.

The insurance contract for riders in Belgium is available at :
<http://www.lewb.be/sites/default/files/documents/lewb-assurances-conditions-generales-particulieres-et-protection-juridique-cgafs.08.2008.pdf>.

The subject will be looked at by the Health, Safety and Risk Management sub-committee.

4.11 International IMGA Riders Licence

Discussion of this subject, requested by Florence Hennuy, was cancelled because it was essentially covered by point 2.3

5. Any Other Business

No items for Any Other Business were received within the deadline set in the agenda.

Meeting closed : Sunday November 16 at 16:30

- Attachment 1** **Detailed voting results**
- Attachment 2** **Financial “snapshot” Reports 2014**
- Attachment 3** **Budget 2015**

Reviews of 2014 IMGA sanctioned competitions :

- Attachment 4** **World Team Championship 2014**
- Attachment 5** **World Pairs Championship 2014**
- Attachment 6** **World Individual Championship 2014**
- Attachment 7** **European Team and Individual Championship 2014**

Details for 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions :

- Attachment 8** **World Team Championship 2015**
- Attachment 9** **European Team and Individual Championship 2015**


Information for 2017 IMGA sanctioned competitions :


- Attachment 10** **World Team Championship 2017**
- Attachment 11** **World Pairs Championship 2017**
- Attachment 12** **World Individual Championship 2017**
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- Attachment 14** **Sub-Committees**
- Attachment 15** **French registration form**

Attachment 1

Detailed voting results

Agenda item number Results of voting IMGA Annual Meeting November 2014 	Austria	Belgium	Burkina Faso	Canada	Denmark	England	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy	Luxembourg (by proxy)	New Zealand	Northern Ireland	Norway	Scotland (by proxy)	South Africa (by proxy)	Sweden	Switzerland	U S A	Wales		
2.2 Reschedule the Rules Committee's year to run from AGM to AGM ?	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓
2.2 Number of games in finals : Initially voting was on the number of games in finals, which games, how to select them, and so on. Voting was inconclusive, confused, and even sometimes contradictory. It was eventually decided (after several rounds of voting) as shown in the full minutes of the meeting.																						
2.3 Should IMGA retain only GBP account(s) ?	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	€	€	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓
2.3 When a country does not pay the charges on Affiliation Fee payments, then the amount will be added to their invoice the following year	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓
2.3 Affiliation Fees to rise automatically by 5% pa	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	✓
2.3 Surcharge of GBP 5.00 per rider to be added to entry fees at all IMGA sanctioned competitions and paid over to IMGA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	✓

Agenda item number Results of voting IMGA Annual Meeting November 2014 	Austria	Belgium	Burkina Faso	Canada	Denmark	England	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy	Luxembourg (by proxy)	New Zealand	Northern Ireland	Norway	Scotland (by proxy)	South Africa (by proxy)	Sweden	Switzerland	U S A	Wales	
3.2 WTC 2015 : USA-provided pool ponies to be used by all teams. Private acquisition of ponies by visiting teams not allowed.	no	no	no		no	no	no		no	no		yes	no	no	no		no	no	yes	no	X
3.3 Allow 3 referees late entry to the voting procedure ?	no		no	no	no	no		no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	X
3.4 Hosts for World Pairs in 2017	GB	BF	BF	BF	BF	GB	BF	BF	GB	BF	GB	GB	GB	BF	BF	BF	BF	BF	GB	BF	BF
3.4 Hosts for World Individuals in 2017			BF	GB	GB	GB	GB	GB	BF	GB	BF	GB	GB	GB	GB	BF	GB	GB		GB	GB
3.5 Keep format and timing of IMGA meetings as they are now. No change.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓
4.1 Introduction of sub-committees	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓
4.2 Limit proxies to one per person	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	✓



International Mounted Games Association
Transactions for the period 16/11/13 - 14/11/14

Opening Balance : GBP 15,073.06

Transactions	Expenditure	Income
16/11/2013 MGA2012 Rule Books - Paypal		182.46
38/04/2014 Donation from Paypal		0.01
30/04/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 MGA Rule Book Printing	1,922.66	
07/05/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		2,941.38
07/05/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		143.10
19/05/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		16.60
29/05/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		16.67
30/05/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - AUS		285.10
03/06/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		264.48
04/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - LUX		300.00
04/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - BEL		293.00
05/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - CAN		288.10
09/06/2014 Payment to Jens Martin for 2013 MGA AGM travel expenses	869.12	
09/06/2014 Payment to Jens Martin for 2013 Admin Expenses	12.84	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Referee course travel and admin expenses	520.88	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Postage Charges	66.07	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 Admin Expenses	34.20	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Merchandising	181.55	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA AGM travel expenses	1,058.33	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Web Site Hosting	61.55	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Postage Charges	32.58	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 Admin Expenses	45.43	
09/06/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2013 MGA Postage Charges	413.73	
09/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - IRE		293.00
10/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - ITA		290.89
10/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - NOR		293.00
10/06/2014 Payment to Pola Preugel for 2013 MGA AGM travel expenses	980.83	
11/06/2014 Payment to Carol Prime for IMG A Pre competition inspection (2013 ET & IC) travel expenses	80.00	
11/06/2014 Payment to Peter Dale for 2013 IMG A Referee course travel expenses	373.45	
11/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - WAL		300.00
11/06/2014 Payment to Julie Marsille for 2013 IMG A Referee course admin expenses	140.05	
11/06/2014 Payment to Pony Club Buisseret for 2013 MGA Referee course admin expenses	263.63	
12/06/2014 MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		11.12
12/06/2014 MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - SUI		300.00

16.06.2014	Equipment Manufacturer Licencing - Hjomely		250.00
17.06.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - AUT		300.00
19.06.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - ENG		300.00
25.06.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		22.86
25.06.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - NIR		289.60
04.07.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		72.85
04.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - USA		312.12
04.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - SCO		325.00
07.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - NZL		308.87
07.07.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		7.26
08.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - FRA		300.00
09.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - SWE		300.00
14.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - RSA		300.00
18.07.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - DEN		312.46
31.07.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		17.22
04.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		8.37
04.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		33.49
05.08.2014	MGA2014 Affiliation Fee - GER		312.12
13.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		12.22
16.08.2014	Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 MGA Referee course travel and admin expenses	249.73	
16.08.2014	Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 MGA Referee course travel and admin expenses	280.26	
16.08.2014	Payment to Keith Martin for MGA Flags	33.81	
16.08.2014	Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 MGA Referee course Fees	400.00	
16.08.2014	Payment to Keith Martin for Hat Silks	187.50	
17.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		8.36
18.08.2014	Payment to Bridgend College for 2014 MGA Referee course admin expenses	200.00	
26.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		18.20
27.08.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		109.27
27.08.2014	2014 MGA Course Fees		400.00
28.08.2014	Payment to Disc Factory for printing promotional DVD	1,000.00	
05.09.2014	2014 MGA Course Fees		23.95
08.09.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		7.18
16.09.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		7.22
16.09.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		8.58
08.10.2014	MGA2014 Rule Books - Paypal		39.42

Closing Balance: GBP 16,290.37

Total GBP 9,408.20 10,625.51



International Mounted Games Association Financial Summary for the period 16/11/13 - 14/11/14

Income

2014 Affiliation Fees
 2012 Rule Book Sales
 2014 Rule Book Sales
 Late Payment Penalties
 Royalties
 Donations
 Equipment Manufacturer Licensing
 2014 IMGA Referee Course Fees

GBP 6,000.00
 GBP 182.45
 GBP 3,970.54
 GBP 125.00
 GBP 0.01
 GBP 250.00
 GBP 425.00

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)
 2014 IMGA Rule Book Printing
 Bank & Paypal Charges
 IMGA Review/Visit Expenses
 IMGA Officer Travel Expenses
 IMGA Referee Training Course Expenses
 IMGA Promotional DVD
 Merchandising
 Flags
 Hat Silks

GBP 666.40
 GBP 1,922.66
 GBP 357.49
 GBP 80.00
 GBP 4,332.60
 GBP 973.68
 GBP 1,000.00
 GBP 181.55
 GBP 33.81
 GBP 187.50

Total: GBP 10,953.00

Total: GBP 9,735.69

Opening Balance:	GBP 15,073.06
Plus Income:	GBP 10,953.00
Less Expenditure	GBP 9,735.69
Closing Balance:	GBP 16,290.37

Attachment 3

Budget 2015

Recent annual income (nearest EUR) :

2011: EUR 3,815

2012: EUR 9,630

2013: EUR 7,236

The situation for end-2014 is difficult to estimate.

The 2014 accounts currently show income of GBP 10,953.00, but this will not be the final figure for the year because Rule Book sales continue, but slowly.

Recent annual expenditure:

2011: EUR 4,718

2012: EUR 9,203

2013: EUR 11,314

The situation for 2014 expenditure is even more difficult to estimate than for income.

The 2014 accounts currently show expenditure of GBP 9,735.69, but a large part of this is attributable to the previously unpaid debts from 2013 (EUR 9,491/GBP 7,500), so expenditure for 2014 is currently around GBP 2,235.69.

We also still have all the expenses associated with the November meeting still to come, of which travel for the officials will be a significant amount. An estimate for that, plus other expenses which will be incurred between now and the end of the year, is (very roughly) GBP 6,000.

The result, as a best estimate, is that 2014 looks like it may be the year in which some of the significant losses from 2013 are being recuperated. This is largely due to the popularity of the 2014 edition of the Rule Book which has sold almost 1000 copies.

Estimate for 2015:

Income:

There are 21 members, 20 of which will pay an affiliation fee of GBP 300, plus one which will pay GBP 150. Total : GBP 6,150 (assuming the countries pay bank charges on their payments, and also assuming that affiliation fees are retained at their current level).
Income from Rule Books will decrease. There will not be large sales of 2014 Rule Books in 2015, but the situation may change dramatically depending on whether a new version of the Rule Book will be printed for 2015, or just an update sheet. A new book for 2015 will certainly generate additional income, probably of about GBP 2,000

There will also be income from running referee training weekends, depending on the charges made to participants, but if the fees are set at a level where they will cover costs then there will be an estimated income of GBP 1,500

Estimate of income for 2015 with a new Rule Book: GBP 9.650

Estimate of income for 2015 without a new Rule Book: GBP 7.650

Expenditure:

Estimate based on the following items (which are all themselves estimates) :

Administration: GBP 850

Rule Book printing may or may not happen, if it does happen then the cost will be an estimated GBP 2,000

Meeting expenses are unknown at this point but estimate GBP 1,500

Referee training: GBP 1,500

Bank charges will reduce if members pay their own bank costs: GBP 250

Review visit expenses: GBP 1,000

Other official travel (depending on location of annual meeting) : GBP 3,500

Other stuff (reserve): GBP 1.000

Estimate of expenditure for 2015 with a new 2015 Rule Book: GBP 11,600

Estimate of expenditure for 2015 without a new 2015 Rule Book: GBP 9,600

The conclusion is that with the current level of income from affiliation fees expenditure for 2015 is projected to exceed income by about GBP 1,950

Whether a new Rule Book is printed for 2015 does not substantially affect this figure because the estimated costs of printing are exactly offset by the estimated additional income from sales of Rule Books.

Report on IMGA World Team Championships held at La Bonde, France from August 20-24th, 2014.

Written by Peter Dale, Chief Referee.

This competition included a championship for Junior, under-17 riders for the first time as well as the traditional Open Class.

The referees, Fabian Pigeolet and Pierre-Luc Portron officiated over the Open and Junior classes respectively and I was the Chief Referee, called in by them if there was a problem. In my opinion, they did an excellent job and I heard lots of praise for them from other people. However, I am not in favour of this set-up for the future – the referee in the arena should make the final decision and should not be subjected to further scrutiny from outside by a person who is not in the same position.

There were not many decisions that were hotly disputed. The main problem was that refereeing decisions took too long, made worse by having to translate on many occasions. However, the benefit of the doubt was used to its fullest extent and I am keen to give the impression to the riders that we are trying not to eliminate them, rather than going out of our way to eliminate them at every opportunity. The process may have benefitted from video cameras on the changeover line. In spite of an IMGA decision that cameras would be used or trialled, in fact, they were not made available. Repeated decisions to have them were to no avail. I do feel that there was a conflict here between the requests of the IMGA (through the referees) and the wishes of the organisers.

This brings up the question of innovation. IMGA is keen for mounted games to evolve, improve and therefore innovate. But, is it a good idea to trial new techniques at World Championships or similar? The two obvious innovations at France were the use of extra video cameras and competing under floodlights. Wouldn't it be better for IMGA to arrange with a willing country to trial these ideas and then produce a report to the AGM showing how the ideas worked. Then, IMGA could decide whether to include them in a major championship or not. As it happened, extra video cameras were not made available.

Riding under floodlights was trialled and was a great success – BUT it is not satisfactory to still be arranging how to do it on the day of the competition. Extra floodlights did provide a good environment for games to be played, but :

1. This type of experiment should be done under carefully-controlled conditions well in advance of championships so that other teams would have time to practice under those conditions. To be fair to France, the intention to compete late at night was in the programme well before the competition but, from IMGA's point of view, no specifications for this have been decided and this increases risk
2. We are introducing a new environment for our riders to compete in – we need to be sure that the environment is the best that it can be and that it does not increase risk in what is already an extreme sport. We have, between everyone, over 50 years experience of competing in daylight and we all understand the risks and how to minimise them. We shouldn't just be jumping into a new set-up without first ensuring that we have put plenty of thought into it.

Conversely, France have already run quite a lot of competitions under floodlights and, indeed, I have trained teams under these conditions. But IMGA must be seen to be setting the standards required to compete in this manner and to do that IMGA must have a good background knowledge of exactly what is involved e.g. what amount of light is required? How do you measure it? What is the minimum permissible? Over

what size arena? Are any shadows allowed? Is there a problem with ponies competing late at night? And then perhaps at 8am again the following morning? And then the afternoon and the following evening?

3. I think I am right in saying that USA plan to compete under floodlights next July. IMGA should gather enough knowledge between now and then to be able to stipulate their requirements (I accept that the facilities are likely to be of the highest standard). Teams should be encouraged to practise under lights and compete and someone needs to be monitoring and recording data, details and pros and cons.
4. IMGA MUST NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ADVOCATE AN INCREASE IN RISK TO PONIES AND RIDERS EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

Much of the same is true of video cameras, although not, of course, increasing risk. Every effort should be made to encourage the Southern Hemisphere to use video cameras in practice and competition from October – April, 2014 –2015, and then to make available to the rest of us their findings. New Zealand have already done a lot of work on this and their advice will be invaluable. The nuts and bolts of how it would work need to be carefully considered not least because of the time involved checking videos and making decisions.

This brings us back to decisions and the appeals process. There have been differing views on their success . They have altered a few decisions and so, for that reason, should be continued next year. I would like them to be included by all countries in all competitions so that we can obtain lots of evidence as to how they are working. Again, more video cameras would make more sense of this.

Back to the competition in France : assistant referees were selected on the basis of impartiality and on the whole did a good job. They employed the benefit of the doubt whenever possible. A problem area that was highlighted again was obstruction. The best you can get is if 2 assistant refs are in line with the obstruction, looking from the side and another 2 in line, looking from the ends. However, it is impossible to have 4 such refs in place for every obstruction, all looking at the same thing. Whenever you have less than 4, you will get a less than perfect opinion or you will get opinions from refs that are looking from an angle. I think this will have to be the subject of more “benefit of the doubt”.

Also from France :

1. Is it an appeal or just a question?
2. When to allow riders to raise their hands, if at all?
3. Who has the final say in the organisation of the event? The organisers or IMGA?

WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**HELD AT THE NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOWGROUND- 12-14 SEPTEMBER 2014**

From Mary Worth, MGAGB

This was the first time that the Championships had been run taking the majority of the new IMGA rules into account. We tried to include as many of the new rulings as possible.

- As with the World Individuals, problems were again encountered with the entry system as the first-come first served system caused huge administration problems. As was discussed in the report on the World Individuals, steps are being taken to alleviate the problem for the 2015 competition.
- Demand for entries was high as usual. However, due to ring sizes and the hours of daylight available at this time of year, the group numbers cannot be increased as they were for the Individuals. The groups were as follows;

UNDER 12- ENG 36: BEL 2: WALES 8: SCO 2

UNDER 14- ENG 31: WALES 9: IRE 2: NI 2: SCO 4

UNDER 17- BEL 2: DEN 6: ENG 49: FRA 7: IRE 7: NI 7: SCO 7: USA 2: WAL 8: NZ 1

OPEN- BEL 6: ENG 50: FRA 9: IRE 10; NOR 4: SCO 3: WAL 7 : ITA 1: NI 1: NZ 3: SWE 2

There were several mixed nationality pairs in most age groups.

- The competition was run in 2 arenas. The Horse ring where the Open & Under 17 groups competed has 8 lanes. The Newark Ring has 6 lanes. The Under 12 & Under 14 groups ran in the Newark Ring.
- The timetable was extremely full and, though the Newark Ring ran to time, we had problems running to time in the Horse Ring and only just finished before the light went on the Saturday night! We are planning to use the Main Ring at Newark in 2015 so that both rings hold 8 lanes. This will enable us to use any spare ring capacity in the Under 12/14 ring to alleviate the pressure on the Horse Ring.
- The fact that the timetable was so full meant that we did not hold an Opening Ceremony.
- We asked riders to declare if they were going ahead and riding in their final. This meant the administration of the finals was greatly improved and much easier to do. 1 final was lost in the Open group.
- With the event being run in September we did not hold a Gala dinner on the Sunday night as the vast majority of competitors had to get off due to returning to school or work on the Monday. However we held a Hot Pot Supper on the Saturday night. The cost of this was included in the entry fee for all competitors.
- The Semi -finals and Finals all went well and were keenly contested. Generally the show ran well and there were no major problems. There was a happy, competitive atmosphere.
- Champions were as follows:
 - UNDER 12: BEN HOPKINS (WAL) & CHARLIE YATES (ENG)
 - UNDER 14: CAROLINE BARBOUR (ENG) & ELEANOR WHEELER (ENG)

- UNDER 17: PHILIP WHELDON (IRE) & PETER MCCARTHY (IRE)
- OPEN: MITCHELL LYONS (ENG) & APRIL WILSON (ENG)

At this stage perhaps, special mention should be made of Mitchel Lyons and his amazing pony, Elle, who won all 3 titles- World Individual, Pairs and Team Championships in the same year- the first rider to achieve this since the legendary Elaine Trevor Jones!

WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014
HELD AT THE DAVID BROOME EVENT CENTRE – THURSDAY 10TH – SUNDAY 13TH
JULY INCLUSIVE

From Mary Worth, MGAGB

This was the first time that the Championships had been run in GB taking the majority of the new IMGA rules into account. We tried to include as many of the new rulings as possible.

- The first problem that we encountered was with entries. Prior to this entries had opened on January 1st and had always come in in a steady stream. The system had always been largely first come first served but a number of places were always held back for non GB members. This year there was the same entry date for everyone- March 1st- and it resulted in the MGAGB Secretary being deluged by entries for the Open and Under 17 groups by phone, fax and internet to the extent that both the Open and Under 17 groups were full by lunchtime on the opening entry day. This is unprecedented in 28 years of running the competition. It put Rosie under considerable strain and is an area that we are looking at closely to see where improvements can be made in 2015 to still retain the only fair format of first-come-first served. It is almost definite that in 2015 we will have differing entry dates for each age group and we are currently investigating a system whereby entries can be taken over the web with payment being made on the website at the point of entry. This would make the entry system entirely fair and easier to manage.
- There was such a demand for entry that we revised the size of the various groups. The initial plan was to have 35 Under 12 riders, 35 Under 14 riders, 49 Under 17 riders and 49 Open riders. However, demand was so great that we revised the timetable and the final numbers were: 35 Under 12, 35 Under 14, 63 Under 17 & 70 Open – the largest Individual competition we have run for many years!
- The competition was run in two arenas- the all weather arena and a second grass arena. Both arenas have 7 lanes.
- The nationalities attending were as follows:

Under 12- ENG 22: WAL 11: SCO 1: IRE 1
Under 14- ENG 23: WAL 12
Under 17- ENG 40: WAL 11: SCO 2: NIRE 1: IRE 3: USA 2: NZ 3: FR 1
Open- ENG 34: WAL 5: SCO 3: NIRE 1: IRE 6: BEL 1: NZ 6: FR 6: ITA 1: SWE 4:
NOR 3
- A very moving Opening ceremony was held on the first day at lunchtime.
- The second major problem with the organisation of the competition came when the referees altered the assistant refereeing system on the second day. This led to much confusion. There were then rumours that the system was to be changed by the referees on the 3rd day so nobody knew where they stood. This can easily be remedied in 2015.
- The timetable worked well and heats were largely run to timetable.

- The final major problem came with having to run finals for all. It proved impossible to timetable the event so that the Championship finals were the only event running at the time so that not everyone could watch. Many riders decided not to ride in their final and this proved to be an administrative nightmare. In the end, the last 2 Open Finals i.e. the Open J & I finals and the Under 17 I final did not run due to rider withdrawal.

The way we have now come up with to help the administration is to tell riders that they have an agreed time by which they must declare to say that they are riding their final. This was used successfully at the World Pairs (and also at our End of Season Show in September) and makes the administration of who is in which final far easier.

- As always, the standard of riding was exceptional in all age groups. It was a happy show with a good atmosphere and was generally considered to be very successful. Further experience with the new format will help us to make the 2015 show even better.
- The worthy champions were:

UNDER 12- BEN HOPKINS-WALES- RIDING MERLIN
UNDER 14- GWEN WILLIAMS- WALES- RIDING DANCER
UNDER 17- PETER MCCARTHY-IRELAND- RIDING BUDDY
OPEN- MITCH LYONS- ENGLAND RIDING ELLE

- An end of show Gala was not held as the facilities at Broomes are not really suitable. However, a Hog Roast was held on the Saturday night following the open semi finals (which has an excellent audience) and the cost of this was included in each rider's entry fee.
- We plan to hold a Gala dinner at Dallas Burston Polo Club in 2015 as the facilities there are better.

Rapport concernant le Championnat d'Europe en équipes et en individuels 2014

Préparé par Pierre Marseille

Les Championnats d'Europe ont eu lieu du 21 au 28 juillet 2014 en Belgique dans la commune de Gouy-lez-Piéton, région de Charleroi.

Un comité de 8 bénévoles s'est réuni autour des administrateurs d'une asbl belge afin d'organiser cet événement. Ceux-ci ont travaillé à cette organisation durant 2 ans et demi.

Pour l'occasion, 2 terrains de jeu de 86mx 126m avaient été construits. Un paddock d'échauffement de 90mx60m jouxtant le terrain avait aussi été mis en place.

La plus mauvaise surprise de ce championnat vint des boxes. 340 boxes sous chapiteau avaient été commandés pour ce championnat, nous avons appris le dimanche soir que 150 d'entre eux n'étaient pas disponibles et avons dû attendre jusqu'au mardi après-midi afin d'avoir le compte correct de boxes.

Les arrivées des cavaliers se sont déroulées du samedi (soit 2 jours à l'avance, ce qui causa des problèmes structurels au niveau de l'organisation) au mercredi.

Au total, 56 individuels et 47 équipes étaient inscrits (12 open, 13 U17, 12 U14, 10 U12). Tous les pays européens (à l'exception de l'Espagne) furent représentés.

Les épreuves ont débuté mercredi par les individuels, ceux –ci se sont disputés les places en 1/2 finales sur 3 sessions qualificatives le mercredi matin, mercredi après-midi et jeudi matin. La demi-finale (16 meilleurs des sessions qualificatives) s'est déroulée le vendredi soir et la finale (8 meilleurs des demi-finales) le samedi soir. Le vainqueur des individuels Européens est Mr Alan Keogan d'Irlande.

Les équipes se sont disputé les places en finales le jeudi après-midi, vendredi toute la journée et samedi matin. Les finales A et B étaient séparées en 2 parties, l'une le samedi après-midi et l'autre le dimanche tout au long de la journée. Les vainqueurs en équipes sont : Angleterre en U12, Italie en U14, Angleterre en U17 et Irlande en Open.

Quelques chiffres :

5190m² d'espace couvert (chapiteaux)

90.000M2 d'espace « de concours » (Parking, camping, terrains de jeu, paddock échauffement, organisation etc.)

Électricité : 340KVA

Eau : 320m³

21 WC (dont 1 PMR) vidés chaque matin – 12 cabines de douches en permanence surveillées et nettoyées de 6h00 à 23h00

65m³ de déchets évacués sur la durée du championnat

Les analyses médicales (Sur base du rapport d'ERS)

41 cas enregistrables, jusqu'à 60 non enregistrés mais réglés par des conseils et un soutien offerts, avec des médicaments généraux et des packs de glace. 5 transferts en

ambulance dont 4 étaient des fractures et 1 une blessure au cou, 12% se sont produits sur le terrain et 82% à l'extérieur.

Le 82% varie et se compose de brûlures, douleurs abdominales, maux de tête, essoufflement, déshydratation, soleil, accident vasculaire cérébral, fractures, problèmes ophtalmiques, infections, coupures, abrasions, etc., Tous ces cas ont été traités au cours d'une période de 24 heures tout au long des 7 jours.

Selon Mr Gibson, les commentaires à propos du soutien qu'ils ont reçu du système 112 tant en ce qui concerne la réponse des ambulances que des soins prodigués dans les hôpitaux belges étaient très positifs.

En conclusion, la majorité des interventions des services de secours (soit 82%) concernent des incidents qui ne se sont pas produits sur le terrain, d'où l'importance dans un concours de genre d'avoir un service de secours présent 24h/24h et pas uniquement sur la durée des épreuves.

Une question se pose au niveau de la sécurité, tous les pays européens et mondiaux par croissance ne sont pas égaux au niveau de la couverture assurance obligatoire légale (type Mutuelle). Il appartient aux responsables internationaux de chaque pays de s'assurer que les cavaliers sont correctement couverts en assurance individuelle indépendamment de la RC.

La remise des prix :

Les 6 cavaliers de chaque équipe ont tous été récompensés : coupes, médailles, flots, et une couverture, un couvre rein ou un tapis de selle brodés pour les 3 premiers. Tous les autres cavaliers ont reçu un flot souvenir ainsi qu'un sac cadeau contenant différents souvenirs.

Le vainqueur des individuels a gagné une médaille d'or, une selle, une couverture brodée et un flot.

Le second a reçu une médaille, une peinture personnalisée, un couvre rein brodé et un flot. Tous les autres cavaliers ont gagné un tapis de selle brodé et un flot souvenir.

Les cavaliers en finale ayant gagné un des 6 jeux tirés au sort ont remporté un billet d'avion aller-retour pour toute destination en Europe. De plus des colis cadeaux ont été remportés par les cavaliers ayant gagné leur « jeu joker »

Il avait été spécifié dès le départ que nous ne souhaitons pas remettre de prix en argent.

Financièrement, le budget des championnats n'est pas encore finalisé et ceci pour plusieurs raisons : la consommation d'eau et d'électricité, notamment, a pratiquement été doublée par rapport au budget initial et n'est pas encore calculée par les différents organismes belges ; il% ; en est de même avec l'évacuation des déchets. Des frais seront encore à suivre en rapport avec le litige concernant la liquidation des boxes.

Le concours s'est déroulé entièrement sous le soleil excepté les derniers jeux de la Finale A en équipes qui ont été joués sous la pluie et l'orage imminent, ce qui a d'ailleurs causé une rupture momentanée de la retransmission en streaming.

Les équipes ont toutes repris la route durant la nuit du dimanche et la journée du lundi.

English version :

The European Championships took place between 21st and 28th July 2014 in Gouy-lez-Piéton, a rural commune in the Charleroi area in Belgium.

A comity made up of 8 volunteers joined the administrators of a Belgian association to organize this event. These people worked for 2.5 years at preparing the Championship.

2 game fields, 86m by 126m and a training area, 90m by 60m, next to the game field, were built.

The most unpleasant surprise of this championship came from the horse boxes. We had booked 340 boxes under a marquee but we were informed on Sunday evening that 150 boxes wouldn't be available on time. We had to wait until Tuesday afternoon to get the right number of horse boxes.

The riders arrived from Saturday (2 days in advance, this caused structural problems to the organization) to Wednesday.

Altogether, 56 individuals and 47 teams had registered (12 Open, 13 U17, 12 U14, 10 U12). Every European country was represented (with the exception of Spain).

The games started on Wednesday with the individuals. They played to win their places in semi final during 3 qualifying sessions on Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday morning. The semi final (the 16 best riders coming from the qualitative sessions) took place on Friday evening. The final (the 8 best riders coming from the semi finals) on Saturday evening. The winner of the European individuals is Sir Alan Keogan from Ireland.

The teams played to win their places in the finals on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday morning. Finals A and B were divided into 2 parts: one on Saturday afternoon, the other one for the whole of Sunday (all day Sunday).

The team winners are: England in U12, Italy in U14, England in U17 and Ireland in Open.

Some figures:

5190m² of covered space (marquee)

90.000m² "competition" field (car park, camp site, game field, training area, organization, etc)

Electricity: 340KVA

Water: 320m³

21 bathroom facilities (of which one for PRM) cleaned out every morning - 12 shower cabins under permanent watch and cleaned from 6.00 am to 23.00 pm.

65m³ waste collected during the whole championship

1100 straw and hay bundles were prepared

A & E: analysis of the cases (based on the ERS report)

41 registered cases, up to 60 non registered cases but solved by advice and support, with the help of generic medicine and ice packs. 5 ambulance moves 4 of which were needed for fractures and 1 for neck injury. 12% of the incidents happened on the field and 82% happened outside. (elsewhere on the premises).

The 82% consist of burns, abdominal pains, headaches, shortness of breath, dehydration, exposure to the sun, stroke, fractures, eye problems, infections, cuts, abrasions, etc. All of these were treated within 24 hours for the 7-day period.

According to M.Gibson, we received very positive comments from the patients about the support they received from the 112 service (A&E), the answer of the ambulance services and the Belgian hospitals.

As a whole, the majority of the emergencies (the 82%) consisted of incidents that did not happen on the game field. It is why it is important in this kind of competition that an emergency service should be present round the clock and not only during the games. One question arose as far as security is concerned. All European or non-European countries do not have the same compulsory legal insurance (mutual insurance coverage). It is the duty (It is then up to) the people in charge at international level in each country to make sure that the riders are properly covered by an individual insurance that is different from the Third-Party Liability Insurance.

The awards ceremony:

The 6 riders of each team were rewarded: the first 3 riders received trophies, medals, ribbons, a horse cover, a kidney cover and an embroidered saddle blanket. All the other riders received a ribbon as a souvenir and a bag with different presents in it.

The winner of the individuals won a gold medal, a saddle, an embroidered horse cover and a ribbon.

The runner-up received a medal, a customized painting, an embroidered kidney cover and a ribbon.

All the other riders won an embroidered saddle blanket and a ribbon as a souvenir.

The riders in the finals who won one of the 6 games drawn by lot, won a return plane ticket for any European destination. Moreover, presents were given to the riders who won their "joker game".

It had been told from the beginning that there would be no prize money.

Financially, the budget of the championships hasn't been finalized yet for several reasons: water and electricity consumption nearly doubled compared to the first estimates and has not been accounted for by the different national suppliers. It is the same with the waste collection. We are also still waiting for the settlement of the controversy around the boxes.

The competition took place under the sun the whole time except for the last games of the Teams Finale A that were played in the rain with an oncoming storm which led to a short cut in the streaming broadcast.

All the teams left the competition premises in the night of Sunday and Monday.

Report on IMGA European Championships (Team and Individual)
held at Buisseret, Belgium July 23rd – July 27th 2014.

Written by Peter Dale, Chief Referee.

This report is written from the point of view of the chief referee and is largely confined to events in the arena. I cannot comment on the late arrival of the stables or the subsequent injury to a pony because that all occurred before I arrived. However, I think that IMGA should include, in the guidance for organising a competition, advice on fixing the times when veterinary and medical cover start and finish e.g. from 9am on Tuesday to 9am on Monday etc., etc. with relevant dates. If people arrive before or leave after these times, then veterinary and medical help will be available through the normal channels for that venue and not necessarily on site.

There were two adjacent, full-size, grass arenas available for competition. They were very good and provided an excellent surface in spite of being newly-prepared and the weather hot and dry.

The equipment was very good except for the joust lances which were constructed of plastic that was too thin and therefore prone to breaking. IMGA should consider urgently the need for a better joust lance. Several people commented on the bottles and cartons being too small but they were made according to the rule book. Much of the equipment was colour-coded and this seemed to work well – the arena party worked tirelessly and were quick and efficient.

Assistant referees were provided by the teams and individuals competing and were not individually selected. There seemed to be a lot less complaints generally that referees were missing things. The appeal system was used and did not delay matters unduly. A couple of decisions were changed after appeal – it was highlighted that decisions at the changeover line are difficult to verify because of a lack of video. Some teams were unhappy with decisions made there by certain referees.

It is important that appeals are heard and conducted separately with trainers and assistant referees so that undue pressure is avoided.

There was one appeal in the Individuals that I rejected, having seen the incident clearly myself. A further appeal was made afterwards to Keith Martin about my decision. A meeting, later the same day, between all the parties resulted in me allowing the appeal because I had overruled the assistant referees when perhaps I shouldn't have. This highlights the need for chief referees to listen very carefully to what is said by all parties and not to dominate the discussion.

Generally, the competition ran to time quite well. Thankfully, accidents were infrequent. Timing is crucial in these large events – on the final day we were about 1 hour late resulting in riding in a thunderstorm which could have been avoided!!

There were comments that 14 games is too many for one session on the last day (in fact only 13 were played because jousting was dropped). Also, inclusion of the Individuals makes for a crammed schedule. In future, it will be necessary to start a day earlier and to insist on a 12/12 split of games in the Teams Finals if we are to play all the games.

The balance of the games was commented on by several people. This needs discussion by IMGA to draw up an accepted method. Doubt was cast over the fairness of Run and Ride in the Individual Final because it is perceived as being biased towards male competitors.

There were a number of ponies that had to be withdrawn for a number of reasons. Many people asked to include Individual ponies in the Team games when the pony concerned had not qualified for the Individual Semi-Finals. These requests were refused on the grounds of "same pony, same venue" – however, this needs to be investigated by IMGA as some of those ponies may have done less work than team ponies in the heats. The wording of the rule also needs clarification.

Outside the arena, the problems that I heard about, but am not qualified to comment on, were:

1. The lack of stables on the Monday
2. Collapse of part of the grandstand
3. Insufficient electricity
4. Behaviour of some people – presumably this will be covered by Andy Gibson.

I did hear many comments from lots of people that the whole organisation was excellent with very good food in a brilliant marquee and not too much trouble with noise after hours.

Attachment 8

World Team Championship 2015
U.S.A.

The brochure distributed at the meeting is available at :

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/minutes_AGM_2014_WTC2015.pdf

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Attachment 9

**European Team and Individual Championship 2015
France**

The brochure distributed at the meeting is available at :

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/minutes_AGM_2014_EURO2015.pdf



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APPLICATION TO HOST WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

The South African Mounted Games Association hereby makes application to host The World Teams Championships 2017.

- Date: Beginning of December 2017
- Venue: At present the venue being looked at is the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg. The venue can cater for all equestrian disciplines. The Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg is an ideal venue as it can cater for several thousand spectators. Pietermaritzburg is also the capital city of KwaZulu Natal.
- Playing Area: Eight lane arena, in front of large grandstand.
Full grass arena measuring 80 meters x 110 meters.
- Medical: Full medical assistance with ambulance and advanced life support will be provided at the venue. International standard Hospitals are very nearby.
- Accommodation: Right next to the venue is a leading school which will be able to provide dormitory accommodation (walking distance).
- Stables: Available on site
- Ponies: Ponies will be provided for teams who are unable to bring their own.
- Food: Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day in addition to the breakfast, lunch and dinner supplied to riders and supporters.

Note: As was the case in Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand we recognize that all teams will not be able to bring their own ponies. We will endeavour to share ponies of different skill levels out evenly amongst visiting teams. As South Africa is a small country horse wise, MGASA cannot guarantee that all ponies will be IMGA Open standard on commencement of competition, however each team will have access to our more experienced games ponies. We are at present doing countrywide clinics to get riders to train ponies in the games requirements.

Once our bid is approved a more detailed cost estimate as well as a list of proposed activities will be provided with regard to overall costs but we are sure that we will be able to cover the costs of staging the event by charging the similar entry fees as in France in 2014 but the costs will not exceed normal IMGA World Teams Championships team entry fees. In addition the pony hire charges will not be as steep. As I mentioned at the informal meeting in France with our exchange rate and the general cost of living here the teams can be assured of good value for money.

The South African Mounted Games Association takes pleasure in submitting this application.

INFORMATION SHEET

Security:

Much has been reported in the media regarding the security situation in South Africa. The cities in SA are no different from anywhere in the world, there are definite no go areas and one has to take normal precaution when out shopping or sight seeing. Fortunately we have had several teams representing either their countries or Pony Clubs in Pietermaritzburg recently. The following countries can vouch for the safety situation in Pietermaritzburg namely Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Northern Ireland (Pony Club team who took part in our interprovincials). In addition Jens Martin, Colin Carson and Alex Franklin can also be contacted.

Costs:

I have taken the liberty of itemising a few items to give you an idea of the cost of living in SA at the moment.

The rate of exchange used is R14.43 to 1 Euro.



**Burkina Faso Bid to host the
2017 IMGA World Individual Championships and
2017 IMGA World Pairs Championships**

For WPC and WIC, we are thinking in having it from Wednesday to Saturday and gala dinner on Saturday night.

There will probably be a part under flood lights and definitely some good prizes for the Champions.

The arena is the big sand arena we used at the WTC2014 (115 meters long and 105 large) and the other one will probably be in the north of France (if not at home as well) in order to please Coca Cola Company and Mc Donald as sponsors.

The price should not exceed EUR 200.00 for pairs (including stables and shavings) and EUR 100.00 for Individuals (including stables and shavings). It also includes the maintenance of the surface so that in the case of bad weather, the conditions stay excellent.

We are always investing in higher standards and making the place better. The commentary box will be international and not only one country.

BID TO HOST THE WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

MGAGB is the most experienced organisation in the Mounted Games Community and has vast experience in running the World Individual Championships.

For 2017 we will be building on the experience gained using the new format for the competition that we began with in 2014. 2015 will provide us with another opportunity to refine the format of the competition and to continue to make improvements to those areas of the competition where changes were made to the traditional format due to incorporation of the new IMGA rules on finals for all etc.

The venue has yet to be decided. However, it is probable that the competition will be run at one of two venues: The David Broome Event Centre, Chepstow, Wales or Dallas Burston Polo Club, Southam, Warwickshire, England. The choice of these two venues is mainly due to the fact that each venue has one all-weather surface - although unfortunately each only has seven lanes - and also suitable areas for two more grass arenas allowing for a change of arena should grass conditions deteriorate in one ring due to inclement weather.



Dallas Burston Polo Club



MGAGB are hosting the 2015 World Individual Championships at Dallas Burston Polo Club. This is a most prestigious venue which has already been used by MGAGB in 2013 & 2014 as the venue for the MGAGB Inter Counties Championships. Dallas Burston has yet to be used for Individuals and so its use as the 2017 venue would be dependent on the 2015 competition.



Other possible venues are being investigated in conjunction with England MGA.

Dates are to be decided in conjunction with the other IMGA competitions running during 2017 but the intention would be to host the World Individual Championships during July 2017.

Entry fees are dependent on the venue and the budget cannot yet be finalised but we anticipate that entry fees will not exceed £200 (approx. 250 Euros) per rider at the very most.

England MGA wish to host the IMGA European Team and Individual Championships 2017.

We are committed to providing a life changing experience for all riders lucky enough to be selected to compete for their country. The competition will be hosted at a prestigious venue in the heart of the English countryside in 2017

England MGA have set up a committee dedicated to organising the Championships and already have over 25 other people with a wide range of skills who have put their names forward to help the committee with the organisation of this event

The championships will take place in July or August 2017. The dates will be confirmed during negotiations with the chosen venue.

At present we are in discussion with several potential venues. Each is being vetted to ensure that we are able to provide either an all weather arena large enough to meet IMGA criteria or at least two well maintained properly prepared grass arenas.

Our chosen venue will have purpose built stabling, although we accept that this may have to be supplemented with hired in temporary stables.

The venue must have the facilities to allow for on-site catering for all riders, supporters, officials and a special on-site venue for a spectacular gala ball

And finally, all this must be provided as cheaply as possible without skimping on quality. We intend this Championship to be remembered for the competition, the fun and the facilities, not the cost!

VENUE

We have narrowed our choice of venues down to four:

Dallas Burston Polo Club (<http://dbpoloclub.com>) is a new 240ha polo club near Warwick and Stratford on Avon (the home of Shakespeare). It provides luxurious facilities



It is a tested venue and has been the venue of the British Intercounties each year and its facilities are growing all the time. It has a 140m x 70m all-weather surface (which unfortunately is only wide enough to run 7 lanes)



Adjoining the arena is a newly opened dining and conference centre, which seats 3,000 people....



and which provides balcony viewing of the arena



Behind the spectators are several polo pitches, all perfectly maintained to provide an excellent surface for high speed galloping and turning and each large enough to hold two or more large MGA arenas.

The next phase of the development is the construction of over 100 stables, which, with adjacent parking means that stabling for all can be provided be on hard standing

The **Three Counties Showground** (<http://www.threecounties.co.uk/>) is just 15 minutes from the main motorway network but is a stunning venue and host to one of England's most popular agricultural and shows as well as many equestrian events. It has five rings and 750 stables as well as all the dining facilities



Lincoln Showground (<http://www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk/>) is host to many equine events and has dedicated equine arenas and a new conference and dining building overlooking the main arena



The **Royal Bath and West Showground** (<http://www.bathandwest.com>) welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year shows and its 300ha site would provide all the facilities we need.



East of England Showground (<http://www.peterborougharena.com/>) is also host to many equestrian events



DATES

We are unable to provide definite dates, as these will have to be confirmed with the selected venue, but we propose holding the Championships in July or August 2017

BUDGET

Again, the budget has to be finalised but the intention is that team entry fees will not exceed 3,500€ (£2,800)

England MGA looks forward to welcoming the team and individual riders from each European country in 2017 and promises that this will be a European Championships to remember

These sub-committees are as follows:

- Training and Qualification sub-committee
- Sponsorship and Promotions sub-committee
- Health, Safety and Risk Management sub-committee
- Technology and Social Media sub-committee
- Finance and Budgeting sub-committee
- International Development sub-committee
- Compliance sub-committee
- Strategic Planning sub-committee
- FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group

Members and Positions

Each sub-committee consists of:

- A Chair Person who is the spokesperson for the group and deliver progress updates to the IMGA committee and executive officers.
- A Secretary who gives administrative support to the sub-committee and who generally ensures that progress is made and momentum is not lost.
- A number of additional subject matters experts.

There is no prescribed maximum or minimum total number of people who can sit on an individual sub-committee but for the sake of efficiency it is considered best to limit this to between 5 and 10 people.

The Chair Person of each group should themselves be a member of either the IMGA committee or be an IMGA executive officer.

Any individual wishing to sit on one of the sub-committees may make this known via the IMGA Website Help Line by giving their personal details and explaining the skills they feel they can offer. <http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/site/forms/helpline/helpform.html>

Sub-committee chairpersons, secretaries, and members are not elected but instead are selected by the IMGA officers who themselves have been elected to carry out the management of the association.

Reviews

Each year, during the period between the end of the IMGA AGM and the end of the calendar year, the IMGA executive officers will evaluate the work required for the year ahead (much of which will have become clear at the AGM) and compare that with the existing sub-committee structure.

Following this review:

- Existing sub-committees may be disbanded
- New sub-committees may be created
- Personnel may be added to, removed from, or moved between sub-committees
- This document will be updated

This will continuously ensure the best possible results and innovation by dynamically adjusting the sub-committee structure each year.

Logistics

Due to the obvious international make-up of our association, and the resulting geographical spread, it will be necessary for the vast majority of business to be conducted via e-mail (although conference call facilities will also be made available where possible).

To this end each sub-committee will have its own dedicated group e-mail address which will include all members of the sub-committee (e.g. imga.train.qual@mounted-games.org)

This group e-mail address will also include all of the IMGA executive officers. This is not to encourage them to actively participate in the day to day work of each individual sub-committee (unless of course they are themselves appointed to that sub-committee) but rather to ensure that all elected officers are kept up to date on actions and progress across the various different groups. In this way officers can also ensure that there is no duplication of effort.

Duties

Each sub-committee will have certain assigned duties as laid out in the relevant "*Sub-committee Scope and Guidelines Document (SCSGD)*". These will be existing and generally recurring items of work or one-off larger pieces of work (for example, as in the case of Actions Groups).

However, there will inevitably be additional "one-off" pieces of work which will also fall within the responsibility of individual sub-committees which may not be included within the scope set out in the SCSGD. They may stem either from decisions made by the IMGA committee at the AGM or (in the case of actions which do not require a wider vote) may come directly from the IMGA executive officers. In either case, a Work Order document will be prepared by the IMGA executive officers and sent to the secretary of the relevant sub-committee. Work Order documents will also be posted on a dedicated page on the IMGA website so that progress can be tracked (similar to the notification system of the IMGA Rules committee).

Once items of work have been completed, the sub-committee secretary should return the completed Work Order document to the IMGA Executive Finance and Administration Officer, so that the website can be updated.

Interim Updates

On the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year, the chairperson of each sub-committee is required to submit an update on the progress of the work of the sub-committee. These updates must be in writing and sent to the IMGA chairman, who in turn will collate and forward them to the IMGA committee no later than the 1st of the following month.

Full Update

The chairperson of each sub-committee (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) will present a full update on the activities of their sub-committee at the IMGA AGM.

Training and Qualification Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Training and Qualification sub-committee is responsible for the training, certification, and assessment of IMGA referees and assistant referees.

Responsibilities

1. Organisation and execution of regular training and certification (also re-certification) courses for IMGA referees and assistant referees, accessible to all IMGA member countries.
2. Management of the ongoing assessment of IMGA certified referees and (where applicable) suspending certification.
3. Continuously keeping the IMGA Referee Certification and Assessment documents up to date.
4. Liaising with the hosts of IMGA certified competitions for the following calendar year to establish the requirements for referees and assistant referees as well as the financial and logistical support that host organisations may or may not be willing to provide to such individuals.
5. Relaying the requirements established under point 4 to all certified IMGA referees and assistant referees and inviting them to apply for the vacant positions for the following season.
6. Preparing and managing the election process by which IMGA committee members at the AGM select the referees and assistant referees for the following year.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Peter Dale	Chair
Eivind Kjuus	Secretary
Frie Martin	Translations
Pierre-Luc Portron	
Fabian Pigolet	
Davy Quinn	



Sponsorship and Promotions Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Sponsorship and Promotions sub-committee is responsible for raising the public profile of the sport and securing sponsorship for IMGA.

Responsibilities

1. Formulating and implementing an end to end strategy for securing private and corporate sponsorship for IMGA
2. Liaising with media outlets to raise the profile of the sport wherever possible. This to include a joined up approach with the hosts of IMGA certified competitions to promote the events.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Sean Bource

Chair

Annie Martin

Secretary

Gunilla Adolfsson

Nathan Turner

Pola Schal



Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Health, Safety and Risk Management sub-committee is responsible for the formulation and implementation of health and safety guidelines for both riders and ponies as well as ensuring that IMGA sanctioned competitions are properly risk assessed and that those risks are sufficiently mitigated.

Responsibilities

1. Establish and maintain guidelines covering the provision of both medical and veterinary coverage at IMGA sanctioned competitions.
2. In cooperation with the Compliance sub-committee ensure that such guidelines are satisfactorily implemented at IMGA sanctioned competitions.
3. Establish, implement and carry out a risk management framework both for IMGA as a whole and for IMGA sanctioned competitions in particular.

Requirements

1. The Chair Person to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The Chair Person (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Alun Whitney

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Annie Martin

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Megan Marr

Peter Dale

Andrew Gibson

David Harris



Technology and Social Media Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Technology and Social Media is responsible for the implementation and management of IMGA's technology footprint.

Responsibilities

1. Management of the IMGA Website.
2. Establishing and or maintaining IMGA's profile across all relevant social media platforms.
3. Creation of a proposal to improve and ensure that IMGA makes full use (both in terms of exposure and finances) of Live Streaming of IMGA sanctioned competitions.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

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Finance and Budgeting Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Finance and Budgeting sub-committee is responsible for all aspects of IMGA's financial affairs including bank account management, budget forecasting, tax returns, management of financial instruments and cash management.

Responsibilities

1. Preparing accounts for presentation at the AGM
2. Preparing budget forecasts and resulting recommendations for the setting of IMGA affiliation fees on an annual basis
3. Preparing and submitting Corporation Tax returns to HMRC and Company returns to Companies House
4. Manage all financial instruments used by IMGA (Bank Account, Paypal, Transferwise, etc.)
5. Ensure that residual cash balances are managed effectively
6. Prepare, despatch and (where applicable) chase invoices for affiliation fees

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Pola Schal
Jens Martin
Nikki Carter
Keith Martin
Lois Hamilton

Chair
Secretary



International Development Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The International Development sub-committee is responsible for recruiting new member nations into the sport.

Responsibilities

1. Establish contact with potential interested parties in non-member nations.
2. Guide prospective new members through the membership application process.
3. Support new members through the initial two years of membership by arranging for experienced trainers and riders to visit and generally lend support for any issues that may arise

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Jens Martin

Alun Whitney

Quentin Voeltzel

Marie Follett

Margaret Welsby

Chair & Translations

Secretary



Compliance Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Compliance sub-committee is responsible for ensuring that all IMGA sanctioned competitions are run according to agreed criteria as well as ensuring that all members comply with IMGA membership criteria.

Responsibilities

1. Constantly maintain and update the “*Organisation of a sanctioned Competition of the International Mounted Games Association*” document.
2. Organise and manage all pre-competition inspection visits for IMGA sanctioned competitions
3. Prepare and circulate pre- and post- IMGA sanctioned competition reviews.
4. Manage biannual membership criteria checks

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Keith Martin

Chair



Nikki Carter

Secretary



Iain Hopkins



Jens Martin



Brian Kennedy



Quentin Voeltzel



Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The Strategic Planning sub-committee is responsible for formulating the medium to long term strategic direction for IMGA.

Responsibilities

1. To prepare recommendations to the IMGA committee for the medium to long term direction IMGA should take and the steps it needs to take to get there.

Requirements

1. The chairperson to prepare a written update statement on the activities of the sub-committee on or before the 15th February, 15th May and 15th August of each year and to relay this to the IMGA chairman.
2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

Nikki Carter	Chair
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Jacques Cavé	
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Phil Logue	



FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group Scope and Guidelines Document

Scope

The FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group is responsible for closer integration with the FEI in general and with a specific goal to have Mounted Games formally represented at the World Equestrian Games in Canada in 2018.

Responsibilities

1. To open and maintain lines of communication with the FEI and establish the steps that IMGA needs to be taking in order to become aligned with that organisation with the ultimate goal being to become fully recognised by FEI alongside other established equestrian disciplines.
2. At the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the sports of Horseball and Polo were showcased alongside all the fully recognised FEI disciplines. How did these disciplines achieve such top billing, is this something which will be repeated at future WEG's and if so, how does Mounted Games get to be a part of that?

Requirements

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2. The chairperson (or in their absence, their appointed deputy) to present a full update of the sub-committees annual activities at the AGM.

Members

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Attachment 15 French registration form

Also available in PDF format from

<http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/attestation%20concours%20internationaux.pdf>



**AUTORISATION DE MONTE EN FRANCE
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Autorisation pour :

Nom et prénom du Cavalier :

Date de naissance : Sexe :

Pays :

Lieu : et date :

Tampon de la Fédération Nationale ou de l'organisme responsable :

Nous confirmons que cette personne dispose d'une licence, d'un niveau équestre suffisant pour participer aux compétitions internationales de Mounted Games et attestons qu'elle dispose d'une assurance couvrant les risques de responsabilité civile et dommages corporels. En conséquence, nous l'autorisons à participer à celles organisées en France en 2015.

Signature :

Document à retourner à la FFE : competition@ffe.com ET à l'organisateur

Authorization for :

Rider's name and first name :

Date of birth : Sex :

Country :

Place : and date :

National Federation's stamp or of the responsible body's stamp :

We confirm that this person has a license, a sufficient equestrian level to participate in the Mounted Games' international competitions and we certify that this person has an insurance covering all risks of civil liability and physical injury. Therefore, we allow him / her to participate in competitions organized in France in 2015.

Signature:

Document to be returned to the FFE : competition@ffe.com AND to the organizer