



The Australian Mounted Games Association Inc

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Summary of Committee Meeting July 21, 2026

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Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie - Secretary



Meeting opened at:8:36

Present:Sean Corbin, Brad French, Julie Chandler, Maureen Purdie, Nat Ivanoff, Ben Logue, Georgie Cridge, Robyn Slater, Kerstin Schoen

Apologies Stacey McMullen, Laragh O'Dell , Scottie Cruise

Apologies be accepted

Moved: Maureen **Seconded:** Brad **Carried**

Agenda Item	Time mins	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
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[1. Previous meeting minutes](#)

Moved that the minutes be accepted

Moved: Maureen Purdie **Seconded:** Georgie Cridge **Carried**

Business Arising:

Selection policy update- To be done. Ben said do after Nationals

Insurance is an issue especially for the USA- Stacey said World Nomads will cover us and Georgie agreed. World Nomads have tiers for equestrian competitions

Reports: (HOY coach) - nothing from Georgia, (National Pairs - Justin and Warwick

Referee- Warwick sent in a short report.)

By-laws updated and uploaded to website

2. Correspondence	5	1)Maureen has requested Committee lists from the Branches on 2 occasions but as yet has not received SA and Vic. Georgie will get Emily to send through and Brad will speak to Maree 2)Some WWCC sent to info. Committee members should list their WWCC on Event Secretary. Easy to update on there 3) Warwick's report- Maureen read out. Discussed in Item 4.4 4) Performance Horse Magazine Georgie will follow this up Jemima said that Tiff is good to talk to. Nick is going to Mexico. He did not contact AMGA though spoke to Ben and Jemima. We need to know what is happening. Nick is hoping countries will take gear and donate. Ben to contact him.		
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3. Treasurer's business	5	The balance as of 20/7/26 is \$37,713.40 in the working account and \$10,030.49 in the Cash Reserve Account. Major Costs - association liability and volunteer insurance - \$5,505, Royal Welsh Entry and Nations entry and uniform costs. Major Deposits - rider payments for international comps. All WTC 2026 invoices have been issued to riders, It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and payment of all expenses be approved Moved: Robyn Slater Seconded: Ben Logue Carried Robyn spoke about email addresses on application forms being incorrect and/or not on Event Secretary. This makes it difficult for her when she sends out invoices. Ben asked about the amounts owed by riders since we brought in the system of riders paying larger deposits and paying for clothing as they order them. Robyn said some riders are getting a small credit and other have to pay a small amount. This system is working well		
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4. Aust Pairs		Warwick had sent in a brief report Recommendations <i>1. Should the Chief Referee at National competitions be coaching or should someone else be the Chief Referee if they are coaching?</i> -Brad- If they can't be unbiased they should only do one. Robyn said that it is not a question of bias, it is more they can be in a difficult position if they have to make a ruling concerning the rider they are coaching. Jemima said the riders may not feel confident in a case where the chief referee is coaching in their age group and has to make a decision about one of the riders. Decision: Chief referee shouldn't be coaching, should only be refereeing. <i>2. At a National Championship, should a referee of an age group or the Chief Referee be changed once the competition has commenced? (unless there are extenuating circumstances).</i> If the referee starts an age group or division should possibly remain the same for the whole competition. The Chief referee is different as they may still be contactable Decision- Ground jury should make the decision if a ref has to change and then communicate with riders Put this into a check list re Nationals runnings- Ground Jury operational document. Mim made a suggestion making this similar to the IMGA document- Mim and Ben to work on this <i>3. Should we state that scores will not be announced after each race (This is not a requirement in the rule book.</i> Quite often you are reading out the scores from a previous race. Don't need to announce the scores. Worked at Nations due to only one heat. Everyone is checking scores around the arena. Decision- Announcing scores at our championships is not needed. <i>4. Should probationary referees be starting races.</i> Robyn said she felt that it is fine in the heats but not in the final. Brad suggested that maybe not for Under 18 and Opens at Nationals. Nat said that getting the experience at Nationals is a good idea but agreed with Brad's suggestion. Decision- Allow probationary referees to start races under a mentor in the Under 12s, Under 15s and 25 and overs during the heats.		
5. AMGA Document Review		1. Ben to update the committee on DMS plan https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/142C-iQHZt_eka1FbiojPSksLm6Ysc0eE?usp=share_link Ben said that not a lot had been done. Maureen and Robyn said that no a lot had		

		been done since the last meeting. Some links had been put in and formatting of several policies also complete Maureen has created a document re Committee members and their roles https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u1qVU-z4_DtEm3EbX92aw0J4nUc081apr_SHkw1qDXc/edit?usp=sharing Also has found Warwick's Serious Incident Plan for AWEC and made it generic https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ra4cOEy1eftnX2WKBPXwjBeMF67blTAz7qennpS3A14/edit?usp=sharing The committee was asked to look at these and make suggestions 2. Review of Horse Fitness & Welfare Procedure - Ben to step through document changes. Robyn said less wordy and covers all the situations that we started developing this for Everyone agreed that this could be now sent to Katrin and see if she has any input then it can be voted on.	Committee Ben and Maureen	
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International events		WTC - France 1. Self Sourcing of ponies for WTC (Ben)- Lots of contacts in the last couple of weeks. We had some ponies but have also lost some. Some riders have had troubles Ben is trying to help. 2. Cost of ponies (Ben) People are making money out of this. Anything from 400-1000 euro per competition to hire a pony Taking the spirit out of it. Need to stand with NZ etc. Jemima said this will come up at IMGA AGM and probably at the upcoming meeting. Nations price is high as well. Robyn said is it worth putting this as a document. Jemima said that Nations committee is putting it as a topic/motion for discussion to IMGA. Need to define what a decent pony is 3. AUS uniform & sponsored clothing for Worlds (Ben) Tash has organised sponsorship from Thomas Cook. In the end each team member got quite a significant amount of clothing. Tash did a great job. Discussion started about where riders were going to wear it. The clothing is very country . Some clothing is not the right size. Some riders are not comfortable in it. This should have come through the committee before this went through. Georgie said that possibly the shorts could be worn with Australian gear. Some people are already overseas and some are refusing to wear it. Jemima said that the host country sets what is worn at the opening ceremony so it can't be worn for the Opening ceremony unless they alter the rule. It is not suitable for the Gala and AMGA has a set dress code Suggested that riders take photos individually. Jemima to contact Tash and discuss Thomas Cook's expectations. Mexico - Nick Fitzsimmons attending, talking to IMGA contacts. Nick to email AMGA about his plans.	Jemima	
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Upcoming Championships		Australian Individuals- NSW meeting next week, grounds booked, flyers done. Confirm pricing structure. Games list. Same as that set for indis at wentworth. Could do hoopla which makes 2 1/2 agility races in the final and leave joust out. Put out for referees Australian Teams- Grounds are booked. Medic locked in Concussion policy- Our compassion policy should be used. We need to give the company our policy and speak to the Medic on the day. If a rider has a suspected concussion we need the medics report done and signed before the rider goes out again	Maureen	Done
		Maureen to Open event pages for indis and teams Maureen to start a race list. Branch approval form This was discussed at length. Brad suggested that we put on the Event Secretary Entry form that the entry is subject to branch approval if the rider is concerned about whether they or their pony is suitable they should contact their branch . Once the entries close Maureen will download the entries onto a spreadsheet and send them to the Branches for approval. Entries should close on the Friday night, a week before the competition	Maureen	Done Done Done
8. Around the Branches		Julie- SA Had an indis and pairs competition. It went well. They had some pony club riders who are going to NT. They seemed very keen to keep coming Georgie- Vic has had a meeting. They have the first winter series competition on Saturday. There will be some new faces and new new ponies Nat- NSW are having a Triple Crown competition in Camden 1 and 2nd . Wongarbron at the end of month. We are starting to gear up for Nationals. We have a new trailer ready for the body build. Kerstin- WA had their state indis last weekend. It was held at a new venue. This was great. All single heats. A couple of new under 12s rode and they tried the alternative cumulative scoring system. It worked well		
9. Other Business		Craig asked Are we interested in a National Growth plan? The committee agreed Congratulations to the Australian PC team on winning at IMGE and to Bailey for receiving the sportsmanship award.	Craig	Done

Meeting closed: 10.58

Next meeting 27 August 2026