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Summary of the

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February 27, 2025

Time: 8.30pm (EST)

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie



Meeting opened at: 8:3

Present: Andrew Rodaughan, Maureen Purdie, Brad French, Sean Corbin, Katrina Lloyd, Jemima Gardiner, Angela Herzer, Ben, Logue, Scottie Cruise Alister Ling

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
1. Apologies:		Marc Fraser. That Apologies be accepted Moved : Andrew Rodaughan Seconded Brad French Carried		
2. Summary of the AMGA committee Meeting January,2025	10mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted Moved: Maureen Purdie Seconded: Scottie Cruise Carried Business arising from the minutes- Seeding -IMGA doing snake seeding. Jemima said it Will be random draw.All competitions. Andrew said hearing a lot of dissatisfaction about current draw. What will AMGA do. Brad said used to decide on placement in the first heat . Said saw no benefit in snake. Especially when 2 heats. Said stay with ordinary seeding. Andrew said with 3 or more heats snake seeding worked welll. Suggested using snake if get 3 heats, if 2 normal seeding. Scottie asked what has been set up in MG scoreboard. Andrew said that he is not sure at the moment but feels that you may be able to override it. Angela said she thought so. Andrew said there have been enough complaints about the current system of random draw		

		<p>to mean we need to decide on a system. Brad said that if you have to drop races it can get.messy.</p> <p>Brad- suggested random draw for heat 1 then old seeding</p> <p>Ben agreed. It is based on the ponts the rider earns and the ones the other riders earn.</p> <p>Scottie- random draw fan. Gives organisers more control. May have to change again if it doesn't work.</p> <p>Vote- Are we going to override by-law to change how we do the draw 6-4.in favour of changing. Andrew explained about snake seeding and when it close between 7, 8,9,</p> <p>Voting on seeding versions -6-4 in favour of using traditional seeding</p> <p>We will see how this runs at Pairs and Teams</p> <p>Helmets- The new IMGA says riders must wear a skull keep with no fixed peak. NSW against- Laragh Is working at Horseland and explained that the skull caps are difficult to get in Australia at the moment and quite expensive. We do have Australian standards. Pony club people coming along for the first time would have to be turned away if their helmets had peaks. Look back at injuries. Scottie said IMGA has put a message on Facebook saying why fixed peaks should not be used. Ben said we could check our first aid reports for the last 10 years and see if the peaks have played any part in the injury.</p> <p>Discussion continued. Brad said that many of the fixed peaks bend or fold, Sean said need to encourage new members. He peaks were allowed at the Olympics. There is a difference between rides going overseas vs stepping into a new sport.</p> <p>Happy to keep By-law. We should ask IMGA for their reasoning and have they done their due diligence. Scottie said that the speed we race at, position of bodies,etc is different to other sports..</p> <p>Maybe we can look at for Nationals</p>	<p>Jemima to ask Chris or Quentin</p>	
<p>3. Correspondence. Correspondence January 23-February 27</p>	<p>5mins</p>	<p>Maureen read key items from the correspondence. Angela thanked committee and especially Maureen for the work in getting the insurance extended so that they have a chance at getting a grant..</p> <p>25 and over - email from Scott</p>		

2025.docx		<p>.https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UsNelhPc82FAIUmTuubTPmBITZTG4qvb/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>Will be discussed later in the agenda</p> <p>-</p> <p>Maureen said that Belgium have put an addition onto the price of entering Worlds. They had been unaware of the IMGA levy.</p>		
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>5mins</p>	<p>Al read his report.It is attached. Move that the report be accepted Moved:Alister Ling Seconded:Maureen Purdie Carried</p> <p>Al stated that getting riders to pay up front has been a good move. We have a few debtors still- Old stuff about \$1500- \$2762 recent. Discussion on how we handle this. It was thought possibly we could get debt collectors. It was asked that the committee be informed of who owes money so they can be spoken to first.</p>		
<p>5. International Rep report IMGA meting</p>		<p>Jemima- Told us about the voting on seeding It looks like there will be 14 open and 11 u18s teams at Worlds (possibly a couple of more). Also the issue of Riders banned from riding by their own country was discussed. Country anyone not given approval by their country to ride, rides under a white flag.IMGA is also allowing non europeans to ride at Europeans under the white flag. It is important ant to know riders are not going to be a danger. We don't need to have riders ask to ride at Royal Welsh. IMGA has asked countries who have IMGA trophy to make sure the trophies are cleaned, engraved and returned for Worlds.</p>	<p>Ben will take the Southern hemisphere on to Wentworth to give to Andrew</p>	
<p>6. Drugs and Doping</p>		<p>Andrew said that there has been little movement on this internationally. . We need to get quotes from vets and the outline of the process. Don't know that we will be in a position to implement it at Wentworth. Can we put in the flyer for Wentworth that this will be something that will happen in future. Cost is an issue. Are the vets needing to be certified to do it. Need to decide how this is done-The random selection of an age group and a rider in the age group and vet goes and does it. Shortie-said that we need policy relating to consequence as well. Al- said that we need a date to work towards. Andrew said that we should have the policy in place by Individuals in Nov and start enacting it in January 2026. Ben will try to get documents from RAS to give us a guideline. Brad said that we should make it known at Wentworth that this is happening. We plan to have the draft ready in Sept/october.</p>		

<p>7. Update on Pairs and Teams</p> <p>AGM</p>		<p>Updates- Pairs and Teams- A sSmall group from both committees has been meeting. The Cost for first aid is high. They are currently chasing another quote. The current quote is \$9000 for the event which would mean \$45 per rider per event.</p> <p>Jemima will set up an event page on Facebook. Entries will open on March 10 and close on 31st march. Dinner will be set up as a different payment on Event Secretary and hae a different closing date.. See if we can get more garbage bin collections, ribbons are sorted.</p> <p>Horseland rugs for both events. There are 120 yards and there could be 150 horses.</p> <p>Referees- Warwick offered to referee at both . Maureen also</p> <p>Yards points discussed- ability to make larger yards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -some people extending yards without permission when others have asked if they can - ability of yards to collapse when all connected (put star pickets) or make into smaller groupings. -someone overseeing yards <p>This is being organised</p> <p>Ben suggested that riders can build yards in main arena. Specify where and size.</p> <p>Security of grounds- Making sure the gates are closed. Putting someone in charge of yards.</p> <p>Numbering system for yards. And the gate.</p> <p>Scottie said maybe if we have too many horses.</p> <p>If riders have vet certificates they can build yards then if we have too many horses members will be invited to build them with panels (no tape or rope)</p> <p>AGM date- Andrew suggested April 15. Sausage sizzle 6-7, 7-8 rider briefing., then AGM. 8.30 Will discuss voting at our meeting.</p> <p>Reports need to be in well before the meeting. so they can be circulated, so please have them ready by our next meeting.</p>		
<p>8. Social media</p>		<p>HOY team will send Mim updates while they are in NZ and she will upload them to Facebook and Instagram</p> <p>Mim is hoping to get some riders at Wentworth to do some of their favourite races so she can film them to get content for social media.</p>		
<p>9. Merchandising</p>		<p>2 meetings have been held. Maureen said that a logo and a slogan had been discussed and we had come up with some. If no objections from the committee we would run with these.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OL2LjzC2qm64hENg-xKSf5dSvoYoAkpGgSxBKHt6Uk/edit?usp=sharing</p>		

<p>10. International events</p>	<p>HOY Clothing has arrived and been sent to members. Most are leaving tomorrow. Clothing orders for Worlds- Formal uniform- need to look at program. Very little information on the program. Maureen explained traditional uniform. AI said that really not needed. Andrew and Jemima to discuss with Under 18 teams.</p> <p>Nations team entries have gone out. Aus team has been announced.</p> <p>Max has contacted us saying that he is interested in being the Coach for Nations. It was decided to send out the application form for Coach and Team Manager again for a very short time.</p>		
<p>11. Weather policies</p>	<p>https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PCA-Hot-weather-2019-2.pdf</p> <p>Andrew said that most branches have a formal or informal policy. Scottie said that Vic that has looked at policies. The PCA policy is easy to read. They have someone working on a version for MGA Vic. There is a guideline and what people think we should do. On total fire ban days they have cancelled comps in that area. He is happy to share it with the AMGA committee when it is done.</p> <p>There is an app for lightning- Weather guard or lightning tracker.</p> <p>As a committee we need to be on the same page.</p> <p>We also need to think of exit plans for the venues.</p> <p>IMGA heat policy is very much based on pca. Wet bulb temperatures are used..We can look at weather apps for the humidity and temp.</p> <p>Andrew asked if vic could have a draft for next meeting.</p>		
	<p>NSW- Bungendore friendly is being held this weekend. Then we have a comp at Vines in conjunction with Pony Club squad on the Saturday and then Teams on the Sunday. The weekend after is Banch teams and we are looking at between 12 and 15 teams.</p> <p>SA-In Febwe held pairs and teams. It was cooler. March Branch Teams 15/16 March 20 years in SA. March Friendly Pairs on 29th and 30th</p> <p>Vic- 2 events so far. The first one only one day was run as we had to cancel the 2nd day due to heat.. The 2nd event was also cancelled due to heat. There had been 67 riders entered on the Saturday. Next event are our Pairs and Teams Championships.</p> <p>WA- We have had 1 comp with a 6.30 start and finished by 11 so we could beat the heat.</p> <p>Warwick is doing Assistant ref course, and ref course at our next comp which is Pairs twilight on Saturday and Teams twilight on Sunday.. Some riders are going to Wentworth. The committee is Flat out on Nations. While Warwick is here he will also check the equipment and grounds at Northam for IMGA.</p>		
<p>13. Life members</p>	<p>Nominated by NSW</p>		

		<p>Robyn Slater- been around NSW committee. Work horse Referees Helps out. Peter Nelson-first comp and still riding had trailer 15 years Andrew said very worthy contenders. Write up from NSW then take a vote at the next meeting. Angela yes Scottie very worthy.</p>		
14. Motion from Victoria		<p>Motion from Victoria Addition of second age group (O18) & raise age limit of 'Vets' (25 & over) to Over 40 Andrew said that this was discussed at the end of years. Issues around riders over 18. Discussed the document last year. Issues raised. Majority votes for the above option in Vic. Try to split those riders. Those less competitive can enjoy their weekend. Scottie said that he doesn't think enough to do this at moment. Maureen pointed out that at previous meeting SA WA not enough numbers. Could not see the age group Andrew said that if motion comes up is supposed to go back to branches. This is committee discussion. If Branches unchanged on their stance. Brad said are we going to get more members or current members split among the groups. Could ride 2 horses. Some riders are more likely to come if they can ride in this category. Brad- What are we trying to attract at this . To crown the best rider in each age group. Some sit out because of the inability to be competitive. Best riders even if in b final good competition. Vote on the motion at the next meeting.</p>		
15. Any Other business		<p>Are SA and Vic putting out calls for referees and helpers. Asking for a helper per entry. Coaches are a problem. We ended up with a lot more on the field than had been nominated. Need someone to manage this. AMGA to help with who refs are and in recommending those who are good scorers and gear people. The next meeting of the Wentworth organising committee is on 12 th March Andrew will jump in. It was asked that we put an area for nominating coaches on the entry. They need to have Working with children check and have done the assistant referee course. Angela said that you might not know when you are on so it might be difficult to decide if you are going to be able to coach . If coaching when you need to be getting ready etc or are doing assistant refereeing or gear running it is up to the rider to make the necessary arrangement.. Games list needs to be ratified before next meeting.</p>		

Meeting closed: 11:31*-*

Next Meeting: - 4th Thursday March 27

8:30pm via Google Meet.