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Minutes of the **Committee Meeting**
held **January 27, 2022**

Time: 8.30pm (EST)

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Lauren Slater - VP & Maureen Purdie - Secretary



Meeting opened at 8:31

Present: Andrew Rodaughan, Lauren Slater, Warwick Slade, Maureen Purdie, Marc Fraser, Karen Butcher, Robyn Slater, Alister

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
1.Apologies:		Scott Cruise Apologies be accepted Moved: Seconded: Carried		
2. Previous meeting minutes	5mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted Moved: Maureen Purdie Seconded: Andrew Rodaughan Carried Business arising from the minutes- Virtual comp, - Maureen described the comp, 3 WA teams and 5 from NSW, ribbons and results were sent out and have been received. Constitution- A New constitution has been accepted by Fair Trading. AMGA all covered by this now Minutes online - Minutes of meeting before last put up last months'and continue from there. Will also put up Constitution Compliance- Sent off and received to IMGA and acknowledged . Only country to have in before deadline Robyn asked about Andrew putting out a statement. Andrew said when we start looking at a National comp we put a statement out around this. WA for some of their competitions when they work with other groups must have proof of vaccination	Andrew Maureen	Next few days
3. Correspondence	5mins	Maureen read and explained. Robyn Asked whether NZ ers are able to come to Australia (Warwick checked and it is ok). Andrew said would like to welcome referees trying to get experience. Questions asked re would she expect financial assistance. Maybe we can find a		

		host family. There will be no reimbursement this time but maybe in future we can come to an arrangement.		
4. Treasurer's report	5mins	Alister reported. Final membership payments from NSW, Event Secretary, WA, from 2021. Event Secretary funds going in early should save treasurer's in branches. All invoices for JD Stride, Xero, Just Ribbons, reimbursement Balances- Term Deposit \$84,356.90 Other account.\$76,306.30 Will send the pdf report through.		
5. Club Respect		Looking at implementing some things to support the members protection policy. Looking at things like Working with vulnerable people/children checks. Query from Victorian branch about a person responsible for safety and welfare who members can approach. We will look into adding a position for this. May be appointed from membership. Should not be on the Committee. Marc made a comment about the fact that they have to have a specific reason in WA to get the check. Andrew said that we will need to go ahead with this but may look at subsidising WA members who have to pay for it. Marc asked who would have to have it. Discussion re the effect on getting volunteers if it is enforced for everyone going on the field. Andrew will look into policies of other organisations.	Andrew	

<p>6. Selections for Worlds 2023 and 2022 nationals</p>	<p>Selections: Results of discussions for Worlds selection criteria 2023 Survey. A few comments had been received via the survey. Alister said there might be reasons that a rider can't attend or can't get a video of Branch Championships. Warwick suggested that we also look at written CV, encouraged to ride at selections and if you can't ride or provide video evidence, then provide written evidence of ability. Suggestion of a couple of Wild card entries where selectors approach riders whose skills have suddenly improved or were unable to show their skills due to varying factors. A suggestion was put in the survey to select the top 3 riders based on points awarded from their National and State event results. The other 2 would then be selected at a ridden selection to ensure the riders gel as a team. The difficulty with using points for competitions as a basis for selections is it majorly disadvantages riders who can't get to all their National and state events in the last 2 years. It is also possible that there could be variations between the riders from each branch, e.g. the top rider from 1 state might be quite different to the top one from another state which becomes difficult to compare state event results. The cost of holding a selection day was discussed. It was felt that cost should not deter a decision for a fair selection and that AMGA should look into how to subsidise it. Look at options and then work out financial implications. Andrew suggested that he speak to the people who have made suggestions in the survey and try to hash out an alternative that combines a number of these ideas.</p> <p>Selections for 2022 - Will we put out expressions of interest? Everyone agreed if we can find enough riders and a coach then we will let a team go. Maureen is putting together an expression of interest. Discussion on putting out a disclaimer stating that they go at their own risk, take out their own insurance policy, all costs borne by the rider. Happy to support them going but no financial support for riders if they get sick overseas etc. EOI - End of February. Selectors meet the week after that.</p> <p>Nationals: Wentworth is not available due to ongoing grounds work. Maureen said Albury is available for most of the week, we might just have to adjust the schedule as the last day is booked and we would probably need to leave before then. Andrew said Vic is also looking at Elmore and Benalla as viable options.</p> <p>Robyn asked if we are asking for vaccination status. Maureen said she felt that Nationals should go ahead if possible. Vaccinations not needed in NSW unless over 1000 at the moment. Sean said that some riders are keen to ride by flying across if they can avoid a 2 week quarantine. It was also stated that some venues require that all attendees are vaccinated.</p>	<p>Andrew</p>	
<p>7. Member Protection Policy (draft)</p>	<p>Linked here NSW Committee and SA Committee are all happy with it. Victoria said a few generic instances came through. Andrew will go through and fix these to make it AMGA relevant. Then send it through to the Committee to check. We vote on its adoption at the next Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Andrew</p>	

8. Worlds 2023 update		Sponsorship coordinator has been replaced. MGA Vic have changed format for novice ponies and riders to only 2 sessions in a day, reduced cost to \$15 for people who have nominated their horse to be used for. 100% discount for riders riding one of the leased ponies being trained. These initiatives are to help build the pony pool.		
9. International Rep report		<p>IMGA Meeting Sometimes questions come up that need to be answered straight away. If it doesn't directly impact how we run in Australia then IR uses his experience to answer on our behalf. If it is something that does impact us, the AMGA committee decides how the vote goes.</p> <p>Vote as to whether U15 and U12's get breathalysed at events. Warwick feels it is overkill to breathalyse all U12s and under 15s. All agreed.</p> <p>Discussion over whether to breathalyse everyone before every session. Decision: Maybe test randomly not every rider every session.</p>		
10. Life membership		<p>AMGANSW would like to nominate the following 3 AMGA members for Life membership: Maxwell French Phillip Logue Maureen Purdie</p> <p>This needs to go back to branches for discussion. Then there has to be unanimous agreement from the committee. Robyn suggested that we put together a spiel about each of these members so branches know who the nominees are and why they are nominated.</p>	NSW to write a description for the nominations. Branches to then discuss.	
11. Data base		<p>Fee for 2nd member in family if non riding - When we agreed we said \$20. Do we give a discount if they are a second family member? Discussion around this. Decision: It is a reasonable price so no discount.</p> <p>Access - ability to download. Maureen asked for access to all branches to be able to get information. Warwick said that she should have the necessary permissions.</p> <p>Members ages for voting - Warwick will be able to sort this.</p>	Warwick	
12. Around the Branches		<p>SA- Karen said only 5 entries for January so it was cancelled. Having one in Feb</p> <p>WA- Marc said WA had to cancel the busy bee. Will have training days soon. Marc said that everyone enjoyed the virtual competition and asked if there might be more.</p> <p>Vic- Had comp 15/16 January- 25 riders on Saturday for Individuals and Swinging Pairs Sunday. Another comp this weekend. Low number of Open riders.</p> <p>NSW- There is an event scheduled for almost every weekend in February. Different organisers for each area. It will be Interesting to see how that goes.</p>		

13. Any Other business		Fees for next year to be discussed at the next meeting. Alister will set up a budget. Think about the possible costs. Also the date of the AGM needs to be decided at the next meeting.	Alister	
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Meeting closed: 10:28pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd March approx