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Minutes of the
the **Committee Meeting**

June 27, 2024

Time: 8.30pm (EST)

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie



Meeting opened at: 8:33

Present: Andrew Rodaughan, Maureen Purdie, Lesley Bakker, Marc Fraser, Sean Corbin, Ben Logue, Scottie Cruise, Jemima Gardiner(dropped in for a while as she had a Nations meeting), Brad French came in late.

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
1. Apologies:		Alister Ling That Apologies be accepted Moved : Andrew Rodaughan Seconded Sean Corbin Carried		
<u>2. Previous meeting minutes</u>	10mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted Moved: Maureen Purdie Seconded: Andrew Rodaughan Carried Business arising from the minutes- Items added to website <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cup for trophy-Maureen has looked online.Need to get size and go to a shop EOIs for team managers sent out. sent out. ! application for each. Jemima for Worlds, Kellie for Nations Maureen to send out official letters Any response from Branches re the \$15 that usually goes to Branches coming to AMGA instead/ or the rise in deposit for riders accepting overseas comps/or not getting a saddle cloth and polo free. Discussed in item 7 Confirm Jemima as International rep- All agreed to accept her as our International rep. Maureen to send a letter informing IMGa and thanking Warwick for all the work he has done in the time he has been our rep 	Maureen	Done Done

		<p>5. Clarification of which teams pay \$1250 on accepting position in the team. This must be paid within 2 weeks of receiving the letter offering them the position in the team. World Teams and Nations pay this. Royal Welsh and other invitationals on a case by case basis.</p> <p>6. Letter to Worlds Committee - Drafted. Maureen and Sean have read through and think fine. Ben said he also thought it was fine. Andrew asked people to give him feedback. In the next few days.</p>	Committee members	
<p>3. Correspondence</p>	5mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance- We have the documents. Maureen said that 13,170. To pay monthly would add 10%. From Warwick IMGA meeting agenda The following WWG tconcept. Was discussed Committee liked the idea. Good way to get everyone included. And get communication between countries . We would have to work out if all branches would run. <p>Warwick said we will need an update for Nations 2025, specifically a date. Costings should also be provided and list what is included. -Angela is getting this together by July 15</p> <p>Regarding point 7 in the agenda Warwick would like to raise supporting countries with coaching coaches, referees, management.</p> <p>Regarding point 9 in the agenda he would like to raise the issue of pricing for IMGA events. It would be great to standardise what and what is not included. Costs of pool ponies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website- Angela asked about a page on website. NSW closing their website, will use the page on AMGA one .Maureen to ask about a new page Entries for World Teams - Warwick has done U18s and Opens. Will and Daniel Royal Welsh entry due July 1- Payment to be made 		
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p>	5mins	<p>Maureen said balance currently. \$9213.00. We need to collect money owed by debtors and get out the invoices to the riders going to Worlds, Royal Welsh and Nations. Personal approach to be used where possible with debtors as it seems most effective. Insurance and JD stride are still to be paid. We may need to borrow from VicMGA in the short term until the riders are invoiced and they pay what they owe.</p>		
<p>5. Upcoming National/ International</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riders travelling to Worlds this year etc. Some items in orders were missed Maureen is following this up. Entries have been paid for Worlds. We still have to pay balance for Nations and the Royal Welsh entry.. 		done

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- **Updates on Aust Pairs-**

Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park is booked for Oct long wkd.

Bump in / arrival from Wed 2nd Oct for interstate travellers, earlier access can be arranged.

Event dates: 5-6th Oct (traditional competition with 4x sessions and a final)

Bump out / departure by: Mon 7th Oct (public holiday)

Other info

- We have booked the main arena which is 90m wide allowing 8 lanes.
- NSW are finalising the race list. It will be shared with AMGA asap.
- Members can build their own portable yards to secure horses. There are plenty of new fabricated steel horse yards. I am waiting to see if electric tape yards are permitted. (Maureen was pretty sure that this had been checked in the past and the answer was no.)
- There is plenty of room for parking / camping and access to power.
- NSW branch are planning to host a dinner on Saturday ngt, we might also do something on Friday night. More info to come.
- We will hold a National pairs event planning meeting soon and we will invite Brad to attend as AMGA rep.
- We are already looking into ordering prizes etc.

Ben will get someone to finalise prices for ambulance etc while he is away. Warwick has spoken to Ben and helping to arrange things. Scottie offered to help with MG scoreboard. NSW want to do seeded heats. Maureen pointed out that our policies say predrawn, and said that even with seeded heats some riders never get to meet each other. Andrew said if you have uneven groups in the age groups and it makes it harder to organise helpers fairly when it is unseeded. They said that we need to email Mats Hensel asking for admin privileges for MG Scoreboard. Scott said that Mats is very helpful. It is a Web based program not an app. Vic use 2 ipads in the van for scoring + paper scoring. Ben said that he would like to set a date with Scott to learn how to use it.

- Update on Nations 2025. WA have received a \$5000grant from Rio Tinto and are doinda chocolate fundraiser. They are also looking at doing a wine one. They are running a Lucky number draw, \$100 a ticket. Only 200 tickets and the winner will get \$10000. They couldn't get the oval they wanted but found another good one and they are doing a test run. They have a good committee. The number of pool good horses is unknown at this stage. He said that the only concern is that Vic is hosting nationals next year and we are not sure of the dates. Vic committee may be able to get some info. If these 2 events clash we may have less pool ponies available.

		Scottie said that Warwick on the Vi pony club committee and Niree is as well.		
6. Selection procedures		Any feedback?- This will be our focus in August September Not as yet. Branches to send out to members.		
7 Forward Planning /fundraising		<p>Focus of this meeting. We need to know where we want to be in 3 , 6 months. How do we come up with the figures, how much we want in the bank?</p> <p>Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceasing paying for a saddle cloth and polo- Vic haven't discussed. WA said we have to do it. Only way around it is to find some sponsorship. Andrew suggested that we put a hiatus on the free saddle and polo cloths. Everyone agreed that we do this starting for 2025 comps. • Do Branches agree to forgoing the amount that they get from branches for a time and maybe raising entry fees. Seems that branches would prefer for fees to raise. SA said that they are happy for \$15 to stay with AMGA.. Scott says that the whole membership should go back to AMGA (personal opinion due to economy). Branch views may be different. Scott said that 3 states get income from championships but WA doesn't. We may need to look at it. If you put up entry fee for each comp by \$1 or \$2 per person this would compensate for that. Vic put a \$5 equipment levy on members each year. This is something branches could do. Take these points back to committees. Maybe we could also have aMembership increase by \$10. Branches pay a percentage to AMGA of Championships entries as AMGA will be taking a bigger part in running these. • Option 1 Leave fees as they are AMGA retain \$15 Brad, Scott • Option 2 Put up fees by \$10+ 5 equipment levy \$10 to AMGA and \$5 for branch • Option 3 Put fees up \$15. Branch still gets \$15 and AMGA gets rest the rest (status quo) • Option 4 Branches put an extra \$1 or \$2 on entries for all their branch competitions and give to AMGA. • Kylie Hall-suggested that we set up an account with recycling of bottles and cans in each branch and members use this for 12 months when recycling. It was decided that we would need a champion in each branch to run this. The committee thought it was a good idea. Branch reps are to take it back to Branches • Follow up on members who owe money to the association. • Currently after payments come in there will be approx \$15000 in the bank. With cutting shirt and saddle cloths from 2025 we will start to see an increase in our funds 		

<p>8. Around the Branches</p>	<p>SA- Brad. They had a training session on Saturday. Pairs on Sunday. Small numbers. 6 pairs. They have put out a calendar for the rest of the year. They are not going to the Royal Show as they couldn't get a suitable time slot. They will run mostly pairs comps in the lead up to Aus Pairs. Several SA riders are planning to go.</p> <p>NSW- Fair bit coming up. Triple crown. State pairs. They had the NSW Indis last weekend . It rained on the Friday night and the ground was wet. It appeared ok to go ahead, but the deteriorated badly during the day so it was decided to cancel the rest. Not done enough had been done to hand out trophies. People who had points and are continuing on their points. And their entries will be honoured when we rerun in Nov.It will be moved from Londonderry to Vines. The event has been closed on Event Secretary. Accepted entries will stand. Will allow new entries. Peter and Phil have fixed ground. Relationship with ground committee is fine.We have had 3 events cancelled this year. The one we got in at Wongarbron was excellent, with 30 odd riders..</p> <p>There was discussion around what would happen if this happened at a National comp.The scenario at an Australian Championship would be different. We would not be able to rerun due to the distances people travel..We need to have in our AUS Championship programs what will happen if the event has to be cancelled part way through..</p> <p>WA- Comp on weekend teams 10 teams. Rained all the way but good weather for comp. Lots of fundraising. Stopping at the back line much better.</p> <p>Vic- Haven't run any in the last couple of months. Andrew said that they will have a winter series soon . They are trying to get more new members.</p>		
<p>9. Any Other business</p>	<p>Ben said that combining events with Pony club is great. A lot of parents and siblings of the pony clubbers are now riding at AMGA events.</p> <p>Sean said he is wanting to get equipment standardised across the branches.. Association containers are different across the states and the type that many of us use are no longer available. Maureen to get product code from Scottie.</p> <p>Hammers are not available in Australia. We need to get them from overseas. Sean would like the joust parts from overseas. We should try to get the same bottles.</p>		
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>To be on the agenda for the next meeting HOY needs to be selected in October Unifying equipment Options for fundraisers Selection</p>		

Meeting closed: 11.13

Next Meeting: -Aug 22 8:30pm via Google Meet.