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Minutes of the
the **Committee Meeting**

December 5, 2024

Time: 8.30pm (EST)

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie



Meeting opened at: 8:35

Present: Andrew Rodaughan, Brad French, Jemima Gardner, Sean Corbin, Katrina Lloyd, Maureen Purdie, Scott Cruise, Ben Logue, Alister Ling, Marc Fraser

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
1. Apologies:		Nil That Apologies be accepted Moved : Seconded Carried		
2. Previous meeting minutes	10mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted Moved: Maureen Purdie Seconded: Andrew Rodaughan Carried Business arising from the minutes- -Motion re NPATRICK Founder's race letters - Tubes constructed of light plastic, open at both ends, 15cm long, with a diameter between 6.5cm and 8.5cm. The letters are in sets of 8, marked all round with the letters N, P, A, T, R, I, C and K. The difference in wording ("flexible" has been removed) to allow currently constructed equipment to continue being used. This more rigid piping has been shown to help much more durable, and provides more consistency across all equipment used Sean said that internationally bands denote the lane. Bands	Andrew	

		<p>should be on the top. Andrew to add in.</p> <p>-Members undertaking training at AMGA training days- No response from branches. Scott to send through those from the Vic meeting Brad and Julie for SA. WA- Sean, maybe Daniel and Rohan. Will follow up with them.</p>		
<p>3. <u>Correspondence</u></p>	5mins	<p>-Rider's with intentions of going to HOY. - Have received them from 6 riders so far. Maureen knows of some others planning to go but have not received their intentions to ride yet. Need to write a letter asking for a refund from Italy as AMGA paid for the Supporter Cup and Will paid as well. Maureen to send out Nations applications.Closing date Jan 30</p>		
<p>4. <u>Treasurer's Report</u></p>	5mins	<p>Bank 21187.20 includes deposits and uniform prepayments. Still money Still \$6500 of current stuff Queries with 2 riders \$1600 historical stuff. Early next year look at next Little outgoing. Membership \$21000.Cash flow still down a bit but should improve as money comes. Great that SA pay monthly for Day members. Vic doesn't have many but Scott said that there are a few. He will follow up WA has paid one lot NSW still to pay Moved that the attached report be accepted Moved: Alister Ling Seconded: Ben Logue Carried</p>		
<p>5.Aus Pairs Championships debrief</p>		<p>Ben's report https://docs.google.com/file/d/1-JdFg1i2AXejQeKo0RHBTbfbbywe1VZu/edit?usp=docslist_a pi&filetype=msword Ben spoke to his report, schedule was the problem, medical wasn't great and expensive but we needed the professional there for the advanced stuff.,Lights were great but wish we didn't need to use them.</p>		

How do we get helpers to set up more efficiently?
Level of skill accept that takes time. If need to stand on horse not on
Draw came up again.
Cutting the number of races in B final and for Cumulative groups will help with time.
Braidwood worked. Cheaper for our members.
Appeals comes up in some of the reports: but don't really have a way to change this; appeals are permitted, though these are being reviewed at IMGGA, along with the constant use of cameras. We seemed to be going to a camera all the time.
Coaches did not obey the rule. Only coaches listed at the start of the day can be on the field.
We need a set process List of coaches should be checked In and noted by scorer or referee. If someone is not listed they must leave the field. Can we get stats of appeals and how many were upheld
All ran smoothly until the big fall. NSW committee had it all against them and still did well.

At The IMGGA meeting some of these issues were discussed. Jemima will discuss in her report.

Max's [referee report](#) Ride's need to understand that they must accept the decision of the referee after the appeal even if they think it is incorrect.. They cannot see the video. Andrew said that the appeal process needs to stay in place, but will entertain ideas to shorten the process. Lots of eliminations.

Competition timing: Mentioned we could set a minimum age possibly.
Andrew said that he sees the point but can't see a way of minimum age would work. Skill is a better idea. Riders must be able to ride independently and reach the equipment.. Are we at a point where we turn away riders? Maybe we need to be more liberal with whistle and split the points.

[Warwick's report](#) Next year 3 sessions not 4. Arena party and helpers need incentives.

Katrina suggested changing to 2 litter for under 12s. Andrew said it was unfair for better riders.
Marc suggested a maximum time for a race.
Brad said need to make some hard decisions. Whether time limit, certain skill ability.
Ben said for Wentworth can't have different rules for each comp.
Are we happy with whistling or changing our age groups . Would need a motion for age group change.
We will go with whistle now.
Al said that some referees wait if riders not corrected a mistake they wait to see if they

		<p>attempt to correct it. If the referee blows the whistle the race is over whether the rider has corrected mistakes and they will get their point/s. Brad and Ben will write up something. Put in program and at briefing.</p> <p>Andrew said NSW did excellent work in trying conditions</p>		
6. International Rep report IMGAAGM		<p>Results of voting at IMGA AGM. Vice- Quentin, Rules - as we suggested 2027 WTC La Bonde, WPC Austria- short arena games WIC Wales, Eor Sweden Nations South Africa There will be an IMGA committee to oversea IMGA events The Nations sub committee has been formed. Chris is the chair Competition draws. Vote moved to February. A lot of work. Snake seeding more even. Want first session seeded Format for 1 heat competitions suggested Points awarded for positions in each heat and these are taken into the finals- Winners go in without massive advantage . NZ are trialling this. Vote against change of format. To 2 yearly championships. Referees need to tighten up on height weight rules and horse abuse Establishment of animal welfare committee Video refereeing -big discussion but no real conclusion other than it is taking too much time Non European refs are able to ref at Europeans. Margaret is the referee for Nations Continue to do trot ups. Assistant referees need to be qualified well before event (not the night before) Bitless bridles discussed. International Reps need to keep track of trophies- make sure that they are engraved, clean and fixed if needed. There was a discussion about Worlds 2025 Taken on Pool ponies from Belgium and France. Who is needing pool ponies by end of January. Can be held over. Was there discussion on genuine attempt. The rules committee are to discuss this Riders need to know they can query the rules committee. Looks like we will have to make decisions on seeding etc ourself for next year . Currently we have it in the rules that we predraw. Do we change this . Andrew to put pros and cons of different draw types. What are we going to do about appeals video reviews and use of video. Do we on day off have classes on how to use video s or MG scoreboard. for</p>	Andrew	
7. Fees for 2025		Current		

	<p>branch remit to AMGA Suggested possible yearly membership to be charged by branch</p> <p>Single rider \$90</p> <p>riders in one family Amounts to stay with AMGA on riders and families. \$175</p> <p>3 riders in one family \$250</p> <p>4 or more riders in one family \$320</p> <p>Non- rider membership \$20 20</p> <p>Day membership 1 Day \$25 \$40</p> <p>Weekend \$35 \$50</p> <p>Prices to stay the same but may add on.levy Andrew checked and 3 branches charging Gear levy. SA have horse levy per event.</p>		
<p>8. Forward Planning Committee</p>	<p>Medical clearance- Andrew said that we need to look at this. He gave the eg of someone who was very unwell. They were not allowed to drive a car but were still riding. We have concussion policy. Rider can't compete without a medical but nothing for other medical issues. France have to see a doctor and say they are capable and fit to ride. We need to starting giving thought to this. Eg pregnant person . We would be more comfortable if they have a doctor's clearance. What if they are not. fit to ride .We do have a Declaration in our membership that member signs saying they are fit to compete</p> <p>We need a Drugs and doping policy.</p> <p>We don't have any way of enforcing adherence to banned substances. Should we be testing riders/horses and what do we do if a person/pony fails.</p> <p>Some medications affect people and they should not ride/drive if they are taking them.</p> <p>Ben spoke about testing at Sydney royal-</p> <p>Brad suggested that at Wentworth we have one random day a vet comes and checks a pony from each group. This would be done by a random draw.</p> <p>Merchandising - Maureen explained that the group have met twice and have been collecting prices, talking about what items we want to offer and about the ordering process. The sub committee are working on design for the back of hoodies etc.</p> <p>Maureen is to put a post on Facebook asking for ideas for the design and for a possible slogan.</p>	<p>Maureen</p>	

9. Social media		<p>Gemma to send content. Emerson offered to help in anyway. Mim happy to help out. Need someone from WA and SA. Need to check on permissions. Specific permissions if want to opt in to certain things</p> <p>Jemima is appointed to be an administrator on Facebook and to set up Instagram and maybe TikTok ack accounts.</p>	Maureen	
10. Around the Branches		<p>SA- cancelled christmas comp because of heat and have had their end of year awards. The first comp of 2025 is Jan18/19 Lobethal</p> <p>NSW- State india was completes., The end of year comp was rained out but the awards night went ahead. Committee meeting in 2 weeks, 2nd weekend in Feb probably for the first comp of the year. Problem getting calendar organised due to Clubs waiting until after their AGM to set their calendar.</p> <p>WA On 16th Nov they had their wind up swinging pairs with 36 riders. In January they will have a busy bee. Working on grounds but getting grounds at reasonable prices is difficult. Possibly trying a comp in Kalgoorlie. Possibly 15 riders travelling to Wentworth.</p> <p>Vic- 1 or 2 grounds are good prices. They ran their Christmas comp and had the awards night in city.</p>		
11. Any Other business		<p>Policy says we should have 2 breathalysers. For Nations Chris will bring the IMGGA ones. Sean asked if we can have a set day each month for the meeting. Will try for 4th Thursday of the month</p>		

Meeting closed: 11.15

Next Meeting: - 4th Thursday January 23rd

Selectors meeting in first couple of weeks 9th January.?

8:30pm via Google Meet.