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Summary of
the **Committee Meeting**
held **November 10, 2022**

Time: 8.30pm (EST)

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie - Secretary



Meeting opened at: 8:35pm

Present: Lauren Slater, Andrew Rodaughan, Maureen Purdie, Angela Herzer, Warwick Slade, Caitlan Lloyd, Sean Corbin, Kylie Borchers, Katrina Lloyd,

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
1. Apologies:		Marc Fraser, Alister Ling, Scott Cruise, George MacMillan Moved that Apologies be accepted: Lauren Slater Seconded Caitlan Llyoyd Carried		
2. Previous meeting minutes	10mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted Moved: Maureen Purdie Seconded: Andrew Rodaughan Carried Business arising from the minutes- Payment of selectors going to different Branches: Nick, Sean, Andrew - Angela to check. NSW to pay half of Nick's and AMGA to reimburse WA for half of Sean's flights.		
3. Correspondence	5mins	Maureen read the attached correspondence. Warwick asked about the accident forms that Vic needs to send through. He will follow up on this. Angela asked if the form from WA had been acceptable. Maureen replied that it was fine.		
4. Treasurer's report	5mins	No report.		
5. Selections for		Most competitions we wanted to have prior to selections have been held. Maybe we can set		

Worlds 2023		a date earlier than January. Andrew will get an email out. Sean suggested that we use 2 meetings for the decisions. Initial meeting will be in the next couple of weeks. Maureen asked who was selecting the coaches. It was decided that this would be the selectors.		
6. Debrief Australian Championships Gunning		<p>NSW felt that Australian Individuals ran pretty well. The walk-through bay worked well. Keeping the gear organised was a bit of an issue but the 2 arenas worked well. Warwick said as the referee the organisation was good, the riding side was excellent. The issue was with the surrounding facilities, the cleanliness of the bathrooms and number of yards etc. Length of grass was a concern but ended up riding well, though a couple of times it was hard to see equipment. Andrew mentioned the yards and that some were not really fit for use. Commentary across the 2 arenas possibly needs improvement as well as whistle tones needed to be different to prevent confusion when the arenas are so close. Andrew congratulated NSW on pulling off the 2 arenas and running a good championship. Angela said the live streaming was great. Katrina said that the difference between the arenas and the equipment was unfair on Under 12s and 25 and over. The inability to close the grounds was also an issue. A pony escaped and ended up in the street. Not always having enough assistant refs for the second ring was a problem. Scheduling of helpers also needed to be looked at.</p> <p>Lauren suggested that in future we should look at other options to get through large numbers, Andrew and Warwick said to take options back to branches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capping entry numbers - Run over 3 days, especially Individuals - Reduce number of races - Run 2 rings - Reduce the number of events - Limiting riders to 1 horse 	Branches to decide on preferred procedures for future competitions	
7. Update on dates for Australian Championships 2023		<p>Draw, seeding or pre-drawn? Was a bit of an issue at NSW</p> <p>Warwick made a suggestion that semi finals are looked at for age groups with 3 or more heats.</p> <p>NSW is proposing (have not confirmed with SA yet though):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aus Indis: Easter Sat 8th - Easter Mon 10th ● Rest days: 11-12th ● Aus Teams: 13-15th <p>SA felt that it was too long, 1 rest day was enough</p> <p>Maureen said she had lots of feedback that 1 day rest wasn't enough. SA said that we have to be out of the grounds by the Friday night (April 14)</p>		

		<p>NSW also discussed having finals for all riders for indis since there is a dedicated day for finals.</p> <p>NSW and SA get together and make decisions on dates. Proposal needs to be put at next Committee meeting.</p>		
<p>8. Club respect member protection (link beside)policy and Code of Conduct</p>		<p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E2g8DSm9oB8FuJhu2QD9qf_7rtodeR9XTpuNLipdEQ/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>Are these ready to send out?</p> <p>Andrew said the Social Media policy was added after feedback from some members. And asked if there were comments about it. Warwick said he felt that it covered issues. Lauren also said it looked fine.</p> <p>That these policies go on the website and out to members.</p> <p>Moved Andrew Rodaughan Seconded Lauren Slater Carried</p>		
<p>9. Worlds 2023 update</p>		<p>Registration of ponies has been progressing.</p> <p>Advertised on AMGA facebook. Sent to all branches.</p> <p>All ponies including those being ridden by Australian riders.</p> <p>https://eventsecretary.com.au/mga/17124</p> <p>IMGA AGM - Asking for commitments from countries for WTC. 10 Countries Responded (Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, USA, Wales), 8 Waiting (Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland)</p> <p>Open 7 definite, 3 based on 5 riders, U18 4 definite, 4 based on 5 riders, 2 Definite no (Belgium, Norway)</p> <p>Prices advertised 5,000 Team, 3,000 Ponies (pool or self source)</p> <p>WA asked what the reimbursement would be per pony. Warwick explained why this was difficult and asked them to give the Committee an estimate of costs. Sean got a price of \$5000 per horse from a commercial transporter. (Will be higher possibly with increasing fuel costs.)</p> <p>3 horses on a float was \$6000 just for fuel. Have to take into account vets, quarantine, liver fluke etc.</p> <p>Discussion about the competitions being held before Worlds. PCA is still discussing PC Nationals and whether MG can be held in Vic instead of WA. Warwick discussed the possible options- PC MG on a Wed, AMGA Pairs Saturday, Sunday. 1 ½ weeks rest Then Worlds</p> <p>- Schedule etc - To be presented at IMGA AGM</p>	<p>Branches to make riders aware that all ponies including those of riders selected in the Australian team, must be registered.</p>	

Sunday 8th Riders and Horses arrive at the venue
Monday 9th Practice
Tuesday 10th Practice
Wednesday 11th Opening Ceremony, Session 1
Thursday 12th Session 2, Session 3
Friday 13th Session 4, Final 1
Saturday 14th Final 2, Gala Dinner

- Arena

Grass Arena

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Werribee+Park+National+Equestrian+Centre/@-37.9280355,144.6767277,459m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x6ad6843650382d8f:0xc552e16ba82b133f18m2!3d-37.9264678!4d144.6773071>

- Pricing

Team Fee \$5000 AUD per team

- Team Entry

- Accommodation in caravans for 6 riders and 1 Trainer

- Breakfast/Dinner for 7 days (including Gala dinner) - 6 riders and 1 Trainer

Pony Fee \$3000 AUD per team

- Five Ponies (Additional ponies will come from the pool only)

- Pool Pony or Self Sourced

- Stabling for 7 days

- Feed and Hay

Communications

- <https://www.worldsdownunder.com.au/>

- Facebook Event - "IMGA Worlds Downunder 2023"

- Email - IMGA.Australia@Mounted-Games.org

Supporters (Prices still approximate)

- Powered (\$30 per night) and Unpowered Camping (\$20 per night) on site

- Hire Caravans or Motorhomes from commercial vendors (Potentially discount)

- Meal packages will be available (7 days Breakfast & Dinner) (\$210)

- Offsite accommodation Motel \$140 to \$200 per night, Air BnB \$700 to \$2,000 7 Days

- (If searching use the location Werribee Victoria)

		Victoria ran an event at Equitana. Jamie Kah was there (Patron of 2023 Worlds Championships). She attributed her riding skill and success back to MG.		
10. International Rep report		<p>IMGA AGM - 19th November (Sat night through to Sun morning) Issues to be voted on AMGA decisions highlighted</p> <p>2025 WTC - Belgium or France-Discussed. It was decided Belgium.</p> <p>2025 Nations - No nominations from other countries. Could Aus host it? WA will look into it. Warwick asked for expression of interest by the 19th. Sean asked if the riders would be able to ride their own horses.</p> <p>1. U12, U15 and U18 European Individuals competition to become officially sanctioned IMGA competitions. Vote Yes</p> <p>2. Hosts of WTC to be allowed to offer U12 and U15 competitions if they wish. Vote No <i>MP: No, takes away from the prestige of the Championship when others have been waiting for years to be old enough to stand for selection. Doesn't have to follow Pairs and Individuals. Would it help the sport. Burn out. Enough Pool ponies.</i></p> <p>3. U12 and U15 competitors have half price entry to encourage more participation in younger age groups. Vote No <i>MP: No Would the prices then have to go up for U18 and Open to cover the discount for juniors,</i></p> <p>4. Proposal is to move IMGA competitions to biannual events. Vote No <i>MP: I don't think that this is a good idea. However, if it is adopted AMGA would need to select a group of riders every other year to go to Pairs so all riders have several possible chances to be selected.</i> <i>No benefit for Australia</i></p> <p>Recommending Mark Crowe and Margaret Welsby as referees Warwick has put in to be on the Rules Committee.</p>		
11. Marketing-Coaching plan/ Sponsorship		Warwick said MGA Vic and PC are working to develop a training scheme for Coaching. A Foundation course has been announced by PCA. Vic wants to get more MGA riders involved in Coaching at Pony Club.		
12. Around the Branches		Vic to run their Individuals on 19 and 20 November NSW running Pairs this weekend. Supposed to rain.		

		SA have their Christmas comp next weekend WA are finished for year		
13. Any Other business		HOY - Maureen suggested 2 teams if NZ can get enough ponies. Maureen to possibly check with NZ. The question was asked whether we open EOIs. The difficulty with getting the horses was discussed. It was decided that the Selection would take place in the next couple of weeks.as part of the initial Worlds selection. And we would send a team of 5 riders plus a travelling reserve who would ride in pairs..		

Meeting closed: 10:40 pm

Next Meeting: 15th December