



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Mid-year Meeting 2005

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Held in the Riders Marquee, Bridgend Showground
Thursday July 7

This record of the meeting is compiled from notes taken by Frie Martin during the meeting.

Meeting opened : 17:30

Present :	Representing :
Phillip Logue	Australia
Julie Marsille	Belgium
Jim Dunn	Canada
Signe Sehested	Denmark
Liz Draper	England
Jessica Foissey	France
Burkhard Bohn	Germany
Mark Devitt	Ireland
Frie Martin	Luxembourg
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand
Colin Carson	Northern Ireland
Jens Martin	Norway
Jacky Skelly	Scotland
	South Africa
Nisse Adolfsson	Sweden
	Switzerland
Paul Greiling	USA
Alun Whitney	Wales
Keith Martin	Chairman IMGA
Marilyn Hackman	Honorary President IMGA
Others Present :	
Peter Hern	Advisor on Code of Conduct (MGAGB)
Roy Barclay	Referee (MGAGB)
Brenda Cross	New Zealand
Bobbie O'Hara	New Zealand
Steven Chorley	Scotland
Peter Walters	Representing Fliss Hotston-Jones (Communications IMGA)
Roger Sykes	

Alyce Lande	Norway
Rob Lockyer	
Alan Scott	Northern Ireland

Introduction

This meeting was originally scheduled for July 5, but the number of International Representatives present was not sufficient for it to be worth going ahead with the meeting. It was, therefore, re-scheduled for the afternoon of July 7.

The time available was quite short, and was to be followed by the World Championship briefing. Despite this, the first part of the meeting, at the request of Northern Ireland, was given to a discussion of the events of the previous night when a violent incident was alleged to have taken place on the camp ground. During the day of July 7 there had been an investigation which resulted in a decision to request Dave Leese to guarantee his good behaviour for the remainder of the time to be spent on the camp ground, and a decision to refer the affair to MGAGB disciplinary procedures.

The proposal put to the meeting was that Dave Leese should be asked to leave the camp ground completely, as his continued presence was considered to constitute a danger to the safety of a member of the Northern Ireland team. After long and serious discussion it was decided that the decision to ask for Dave Leese's guarantee of good behaviour should be changed to a request for him to leave the camp ground completely, but that the decision to refer the case to MGAGB disciplinary proceedings should be upheld.

Agenda of the Meeting

After the discussion described above, there was only a very short time remaining to complete the agenda prepared for the IMGGA meeting, and so some items were either treated very superficially, or dropped completely, to save time. For this reason the following report on the proceedings of the meeting does not exactly reflect the structure of the published agenda.

Report on activities 2005

Keith Martin ran through some of the activities undertaken so far in 2005.

There had been no major new initiatives, but nevertheless, the business of running IMGGA as a legally constituted company requires constant attention.

This year, for the first time, the company is required to present accounts to both Companies House and the UK tax authorities. The accounts, already approved by the IMGGA meeting in Belfast in November 2004, have now been drawn up in the required format for submission to Companies House, and the directors of IMGGA were asked to sign the documents.

The Rules Committee had been established early in 2005, its members appointed, and its procedures approved. Those procedures have been circulated and are also available on the IMGGA website.

Nisse Adolfsson objected to Younes Ahlbom as a member of the Rules Committee, but Jens Martin pointed out that Younes had been nominated according to the agreed procedures, and confirmed as a member when the number of nominations exactly matched the number of positions available. It was agreed that these procedures would be reviewed at the full meeting in November 2005.

Ro Day had resigned, and so a new Vice-Chairman has to be elected to serve the remainder of the term until November 2006. It was agreed that this election would be held at the full meeting in November 2005. This delay would allow time for reflection and for nominations.

Ro's main task was the preparation of a Code of Conduct for IMGA, with the assistance of Colin Carson. Colin will now take over full responsibility for this task, and will be assisted by Alan Scott.

The responsibility for follow-up on Health and Safety policies was not clear, and will be decided at the full meeting in November 2005.

Status of Olympic bid

Jim Dunn asked the Chairman to read out a letter for the information of the International Representatives. A copy of this letter will be attached to this document when it is available.

The question of moving the Olympic equestrian events from Beijing to Hong Kong for 2008 was discussed. (This decision by the Olympic authorities has now been confirmed.)

There was further discussion on the subject of general involvement of all countries, and their national Federations. The importance of exchanging information was emphasised, and also the importance of building up strong national organisations.

In conclusion, Jim Dunn summarised the status of the Olympic bid as being in a "holding pattern".

Arrangements for next meeting, Charleroi, Belgium, November 2005

Julie Marsille is making all the arrangements for the meeting which will be held at the Charleroi Airport Hotel-Restaurant.

Travel information for those using the airport can be found at <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/> and information on the hotel at <http://www.valk.nl/properties/displayProperty.asp?propertyCode=HCA>

It was decided to hold the meeting over two days, November 19-20, but to finish at lunchtime on the second day.

Julie will keep everyone informed.

As well as points arising from this meeting, several points were specifically proposed for the November agenda. Please confirm these to Jens Martin and they will be included in the agenda, which will be circulated well in advance of the meeting.

Arrangements for World Championship 2006

The World Team Championship for 2006 will be hosted by Sweden during the first week of August. This was confirmed by Nisse Adolfsson, who would like to hear directly from those countries who will need to use borrowed ponies.

More information will be available at the full meeting in November 2005.

World Individual and Pairs Championships will again be held in England. Mary Worth is the contact point for further information.

Other

Flags

Keith Martin noted that the flags and flagpoles used at the World Championship represent the only tangible asset of IMGA and are expensive to replace if lost or stolen. It is, therefore, important to keep track of where they are at all times.

It was agreed that member countries would have the choice whether to keep their own flag, and be responsible for it through the year, or to leave it in the care of IMGA.

European Championship

Switzerland has submitted a bid to host a European Championship in 2006. The documents supplied are all in French, but Jessica Foissey offered to provide translations as a basis for further discussion at the full meeting in November 2005.

The meeting was closed at 19:30