



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2007

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**Held at the Holiday Inn Marina Cove, St. Petersburg, Florida, USA
Saturday November 17 2007**

This record of the meeting has been compiled from notes made at the time plus an audio recording of the proceedings.

Meeting opened : Saturday November 17 at 09:30

Present :	Position / Country
IMGA officers :	
Keith Martin	Chairman
Clive Jones	Vice-Chairman
Jens Martin	Finance and Administration
Jim Dunn	Country Development & Representative for Canada

International Representatives :	
Phil Logue	Australia
Isabelle Pierrard	France
Philipp Preugel	Germany
Colin Carson	Northern Ireland
Inger Hilmersen	Norway
Jacky Skelly	Scotland
Paul Greiling	U.S.A.

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :	Proxy holder :	
Sue Bookbinder	Botswana	Jim Dunn
Signe Sehested	Denmark	Alyce Lande
Sheila Peck	England	Alyce Lande
Frie Martin	Luxembourg	Bettina Pratt
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand	Jens Martin
Mandé Siderfin	South Africa	Jim Dunn
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland	Keith Martin
Alun Whitney	Wales	Jacky Skelly

Unable to attend, no proxy received :	
Sophie van de Calseyde	Belgium
Nicholas Maher	Ireland
Jacques Cavé	Italy
Nisse Adolfsson	Sweden

Others present :
LeAnn Benevento
Caroll Crowl
Liz Englert
David Johnson
Carol Jones
Hans Kallenberger
Sharon Leonard
Pat Neuhause
Morag Riva

This record of the proceedings of the meeting follows the sequence of items published in the agenda. Some items were taken out of sequence for various reasons (participants needing to leave early, for example) but for clarity of presentation and reference, the agenda sequence is retained in this document.

1. Welcome by the Chairman and collection of proxy forms

The attendance list is shown above, with information on proxies (submitted in writing and recorded) from those members unable to attend.

The Chairman welcomed all participants, but reminded everyone that strictly the meeting was for International Representatives. All others were asked to remember this, although given that the numbers present were not as high as in 2006, a degree of informality would be possible.

Before continuing the meeting, the allocation of costs was discussed, and the following was agreed :

[01/07] The costs of the meeting would be covered as follows :

- All attendees would be responsible for their own hotel accommodation and any food/drinks charges incurred
- The costs of lunch and refreshments would be relatively high per person because of the low attendance, but it was agreed that all participants would pay a contribution of USD 25.00 and USMGA would pay the remaining costs.
- IMGA would pay the cost of the meeting room.

2. Review of Achievements over the Past Year

Each of the officers of IMGA reported on their activities during the past year :

Keith Martin (Chairman) :

Actions from last year

The action points from the 2006 meeting were briefly covered. Each action had either been completed, or was on the agenda for the 2007 meeting for further discussion.

World Championships

As usual, a full set of World Championships, Individual (July 24-29), Pairs (September 15-16), and Team (July 20-22), had taken place as planned.

European Championship

The European Championship took place at Broadlands, Hampshire, England (May 26-27).

Code of Conduct

Progress on the adoption of the IMGA Code of Conduct had continued, leaving only two items to be decided (see below point 11).

Competition Guidelines

See below point 13.

Membership

Italy was welcomed, in time for the World Championship, as the 20th member of IMGA.

DEFRA

Agreement was reached with DEFRA for the import/export of ponies into/out of the UK (see below point 8).

Daily business

All normal administrative procedures had been followed, with detailed accounts being kept and provided to Companies House, and HM Revenue & Customs, along with Company Returns.

Contact with all members was maintained as usual, with regular updates to the IMGA website.

IMGA was directly involved in the preparation for the World Team Championship.

Clive Jones (Vice-Chairman) :

Activities included :

Coaching Sussex team at the following competitions :

- Scandinavium (Sweden)
- Spectrum (Nrway)
- Mastaing (France)

with riders from USA, Australia, Germany, France, Belgium and Northern Ireland.

Coaching Norway at competitions in Denmark, Sweden, England and the World Team Championships in Belgium.

Coaching mixed nationality teams with riders from USA, Germany, Northern Ireland, England, France, and Wales, at various international competitions.

IMGA is about team wok, not individuals, and we must all work together for the future.

Jim Dunn (Country Development) :

Africa

In January Jim Dunn and Jens Martin visited Botswana to train both riders and coaches. Since that time there have been several competitions for individuals, pairs, and teams, involving neighbouring countries South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. In 2008 the second African Cup will take place in March.

Anyone interested in visiting Botswana, to participate in their competitions, or to help with training, is requested to contact Jim Dunn.

Italy

Italy's membership was successfully concluded in time for the 2007 World Championship, but only after very great difficulties with communication. This was not only a linguistic problem, but one of organisation and establishing clear lines of communication.

There are some doubts about Italy's long-term commitment to IMGA as there has been no further contact since the World Championship.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Several complete sets of equipment have been purchased by teams in Dubai, and so it is possible that in the near future the level of interest there may reach the point where IMGA membership becomes possible.

Netherlands

Once again contact with the Netherlands have come to nothing. Each time a new interest appears, and new people are contacted, it just dries up.

Argentina

A "cold contact" approach has resulted in identifying some interest in Buenos Aires, which may develop in the next year or two.

Melanie Scott (Communication) :

"Communication is a two-way street and it is difficult to produce a newsletter without input from each country.

Thank you to the countries that take time to reply - ideally I'd like a response from every country and I think I give a sufficient time schedule. I would also like some feedback – what would countries like to see featured?

I am open to suggestions and hopefully with input from the Members the newsletter can be produced more often."

The main subject for the next Newsletter will be "Your country's achievements during 2007".

Action : All members to provide input for the next, and subsequent, newsletters

As previously agreed, it would be very useful for each member MGA to appoint someone as the point of contact for communications. This could be the Chairman or International Representative, but there could be advantages to nominating someone else who would be able to concentrate on this particular point.

Action : All members to appoint a communications contact person

Jens Martin (Finance and Administration) :

See below (point 3).

3. Financial Review 2007

Jens Martin presented the IMGA accounts for 2007-to-date and distributed printed summaries. See attachment 1.

No objections to the financial documents were noted, and so :

[02/07] The financial report was accepted.

It was noted, however, that the cost of the annual meeting had been very high in recent years. In comparison, the costs of the 2007 meeting would be very modest. This was due to the contribution made by the organisers (USMGA) and the fact that off-season holiday hotels provide very good value.

A decision on the level of the Affiliation Fee for 2008 was taken after discussion of point 4 below.

[03/07] The affiliation fee for 2008 was set at EUR 200.00, with all special conditions for reduced payments remaining unchanged.

It was reported that in future it would be possible to pay affiliation fees on-line using PayPal. Payment will be requested by e-mail (as before), but the message will contain a link to the PayPal website. Holders of PayPal accounts will be able to make a direct account-to-account payment, and others will be able to use a credit card.

Action : Keith and Jens Martin to implement PayPal payment links

It was noted that for the World Championship each year there are often difficulties in making international payments for entry fees, and so it was agreed that :

[04/07] IMGGA would in future provide a "clearing house" service for these payments.

The advantages would be that the PayPal payment system set up for affiliation fees could be used, and every year the account details would remain unchanged. This would be easier for everyone concerned.

Action : Jens Martin to set up the necessary payment mechanisms

Note : For competitions already scheduled for 2008, other arrangements may have already been made (to be checked), in which case the "clearing house" system would be introduced for 2009.

Action : Phil Logue to advise on the payment method to be used for 2008 for the World Team Championship in Australia

Action : Philippe Preugel to advise on the payment method to be used for 2008 for the European Championship in Germany

Action : Keith Martin to approach MGAGB concerning the payment method to be used for the 2008 World Individuals and Pairs Championships

IMGGA is a registered company in the UK, where the rules for Corporation Tax changed from the beginning of tax year 2006. Previously IMGGA was exempt from Corporation Tax as a small company with low turnover, but is now liable for payment of tax on any "profit" made. But IMGGA does not trade for profit, and any financial surplus arises "accidentally" from fluctuations in exchange rates, changes in postal rates, etc., and is very small. The amount paid for 2006 was not a significant amount (just a few pence), but the possibilities to return to exemption status, possibly by registering as a charity, would be investigated.

Action : Jens Martin to review the official status of IMGGA Ltd with regard to tax payment

4. Use of IMGGA Funds

Following on from discussions at the previous meeting, several possibilities were raised for an effective use of IMGGA funds :

Country Development

Currently all officers of IMGA pay their own costs, but the possibility was discussed to allocate funds for officers' expenses and in particular for Country Development. As the additional funds from the increased affiliation fee are not yet available, no decision was made on this budget, but it was decided that :

[05/07] The officer for Country Development would have reasonable access to a supply of free Rule Books for prospective and new members during their first two years.

A European pool of ponies for the use of visiting teams

The proposal from Norway (see attachment 2) was discussed and generally agreed to be a good idea, but many practical problems were raised concerning the organisation and running of such a scheme, and it was also calculated to be far beyond the financial capacity of IMGA.

[06/07] It was, however, agreed that in the future (but not for 2008 in Australia) it should be considered whether IMGA could provide some financial assistance for those teams having to rent ponies.

Purchase of equipment

This was not considered practical because of the logistical difficulties and costs of regularly transporting such equipment to the location where it would be needed.

Insurance

This proved to be an extremely complex subject with no one really understanding the full picture of who was insured for what and under which conditions.

[07/07] It was agreed that the whole subject of insurance should be investigated by IMGA with a view to centralising and standardising coverage.

Action : Keith Martin to investigate "global insurance cover" organised by IMGA

Action : Jens Martin to investigate the financial possibilities for the allocation of funds for officers' expenses, Country Development, costs of borrowed ponies, and insurance

It was pointed out that up to this point the annual affiliation fee had always been set at a level necessary to simply cover costs, and not to build up reserves for other uses. For this reason, under point 3 above, the affiliation fee was raised for 2008.

It was also proposed that additional funds for IMGA could be raised by requiring the members of each national MGA to pay EUR 1.00 (one euro) in addition to their national membership, with this contribution being passed on each year to IMGA.

[08/07] It was agreed that the individual member MGAs would investigate the possibility of this within their own membership structure.

Action : All members to investigate the collection of contributions to IMGA from their members

5. Rules Committee Update

During 2007 the work of the Rules Committee has continued. Jens Martin reviewed the rule changes agreed and invited everyone to look at the details on the IMGA website under "Games and Rules / Rules Committee" (<http://www.mountain-games.org/imga/games/committee/index.html>)

These rule changes will be implemented on January 1st 2008, but a question was raised concerning the change to General Rule 1. Should it be implemented at the same time or run first for a trial period ?

[09/07] It was agreed that the changes to General Rule 1 should be implemented fully on January 1st 2008.

The PayPal payment method described above under point 3 would also be available for the purchase of Rule Books.

The on-line version of the rules, previously available on the IMGA website, had been withdrawn because of the contradiction between selling books and at the same time making free downloads available. The on-line version is now available again, but in read-only mode, making it a reference-only version, and therefore a supplement to, not a replacement of, the full printed book.

6. Authorised Referees

7. World & European Championship Referees

Given the overlap of these two points, they were treated together.

There exists a list of authorised referees, available on the IMGA website at <http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/referees.html>

There has not been, however, any way of formally updating the list, or any agreed way of using it when appointing referees for competitions.

To remedy this situation, the following agreements were reached :

[10/07] The list will be refreshed each year through nominations made by members. In December each year, nominations will be requested, and the list updated for the following year.

Action : Jens Martin to request nominations and update the list

[11/07] The list should be used by the host nation for Championship competitions when appointing a referee.

8. Transport of ponies into and out of the UK

Keith Martin reported that for several years he has been in negotiation with the UK authorities to try to smooth the procedures, and reduce the cost, of importing and exporting ponies into and out of the UK.

Discussions with the old "Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food" had not given any positive results, but a new approach to DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) had resulted in an agreement to accept a certificate from IMGA in place of a valuation, in the same way that they are accepted from FEI.

When applying for an export license from the UK, the following regulation applies :

The application must be accompanied by either:

- *proof that the pony meets the minimum value levels such as a current insurance note, or purchase invoice. If such proof cannot be provided then:*

- a Certificate of Minimum Value (EXH 4) obtained from a Valuer or, alternatively a Judge of a Breed Society (listed in the Departments' "Guidance Notes" EXH 12) in whose Stud Book the pony is listed. The Valuer or Judge must be selected from a list obtainable from the addresses given above;

OR

- **a Declaration from an officer of an international competition organisation (EXH 5) stating that the pony is being exported to take part in, or having taken part in, an official international competition.**

The application is form EXH2, and the declaration from IMGA is EXH5.

Both forms can be downloaded from the DEFRA website

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/forms/awelf/index.htm>

The procedure to follow was described in a message sent to all IMGA members September 16 2007.

Action : Keith Martin and Clive Jones to define the split of responsibilities (UK and non-UK)

Action : All member MGAs to inform their own members

9. IMGA Special Officer for Promotion

After some discussion on the duties and responsibilities of a Special Officer for Promotion, it was decided as follows :

[12/07] The post should not be one of an officer of the association, but instead one of special responsibility for promotion and publicity.

[13/07] Applications should be invited with a deadline of end January 2008.

[14/07] Members will be consulted on the appointment.

Action : Keith Martin to request nominations and follow up on appointment

10. Future elections of IMGA officers

Phil Logue proposed that, in the interests of continuity, the officers of IMGA should not all be elected at the same time to serve the same terms, as is the current procedure.

Abrupt changes of direction, caused by a complete change of the leadership, could be avoided by introducing "overlapping" terms of office, with some of the officers being elected each year.

The principle was agreed :

[15/07] Officers of IMGA should be elected for a two-year term of office, but the elections should be staggered, with half of the officers being elected each year.

A discussion followed on how best to implement the changeover from the present system, and the following points were considered :

- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman should not be elected at the same time to serve the same two years.
- The Chairman and the Administration and Finance Officer should not be elected at the same time to serve the same two years.

It was, therefore, proposed that the officers should be considered in two groups :

1. Chairman and Country Development

2. Vice-Chairman, Administration and Finance, and Communication

and that the changeover should be implemented by extending the current term of the Chairman and Country Development Officer for an additional year.

These proposals were agreed and accepted :

[16/07] The officers currently holding the positions of Vice-Chairman, Administration and Finance, and Communication will complete their terms of office in 2008, when elections will be held for these positions.

[17/07] The officers currently holding the positions of Chairman and Country Development will serve an additional year of office until 2009, when elections will be held for these positions.

Action : Keith Martin to launch the procedure to amend the Constitution and election procedures to reflect these changes

11. Code of Conduct

In 2006 the general form and structure of the Code of Conduct was agreed, but there remained two outstanding items :

1. IMGA has to set up a Disciplinary Committee
2. Each member country has to ensure that their members are in some way bound by IMGA's Code of Conduct.

On the first point it was agreed :

[18/07] The current officers of IMGA will serve as a temporary Disciplinary Committee for the next year, and that during that time they should :

- Clearly define the role of the Disciplinary Committee within the context of the Code of Conduct in particular, and IMGA in general
- Propose a permanent structure for the Disciplinary Committee and a means of electing/nominating members in a similar way as for the IMGA Rules Committee

Action : Officers to implement these decisions

On the second point it was agreed :

[19/07] Members will adopt whichever means they consider most appropriate to bind their members to the IMGA Code of Conduct. There are many possibilities, but it was considered that the payment of a one euro contribution to IMGA by each of the members of the national MGA would provide the ideal mechanism for this.

Under this point, an additional matter concerning conduct was raised by Inger Hilmersen :

An exchange of e-mails following the publication of the minutes of the IMGA summer meeting had contained insulting language directed at the Norwegian MGA. The offending message originated from Jim Dunn, and he had already sent an apology by e-mail, but that apology had never reached the Norwegian MGA.

To conclude the matter, Jim Dunn read out the contents of this undelivered apology, and added his regrets over the incident. This was accepted by Inger Hilmersen.

Action : Keith Martin to provide the Norwegian MGA with a written copy of this apology

Inger Hilmersen also expressed outrage at the news that the officers of IMGGA are quite often subject to insulting messages and behaviour, and encouraged all members to do their best to fight this.

12. Membership Criteria

Jim Dunn reported on the results achieved by the working group set up at the 2006 annual meeting :

- Jim Dunn
- Sheila Peck
- Colin Carson
- Melanie Scott

The criteria for membership had been successfully applied to the application from Italy during 2007, and so have already been tested, but there followed a discussion on the application of these criteria to existing members.

It was agreed that in general, the existing members should work towards meeting the same criteria, but that in some cases there would have to be exceptions. The term "grandfathering" was used, meaning an exception that allows an old rule to continue to apply to some existing situations, when a new rule will apply to all future situations.

Acceptance of the document describing the criteria and membership procedures was not possible without more time for the members to study it, and so it was decided :

[20/07] The full document will be circulated to all members as soon as possible, and their comments recorded by e-mail.

Action : Jim Dunn and Keith Martin to organise the distribution and follow-up

13. Organising World Championships

Keith Martin presented the current status of the project to produce a set of guidelines for running a World Championship, or indeed any major competition.

Thanks to the assistance of Ann Devitt, a guidelines document now exists in outline format, using a checklist approach to listing all the factors to be considered.

The document is divided into three main sections :

- The initial planning stages and budgeting
- The competition itself and all the infrastructure required
- The follow-up phase where the lessons learned are analysed and fed back into updating the guidelines.

It was generally thought that budgeting was one of the most important aspects of the organisation and could be used as a useful planning tool throughout the process.

Action : Keith Martin and Ann Devitt to continue to work on the guidelines and report back

14. Review of 2007 World Championships

14.1 World Team Championship

Sophie van de Calseyde was unable to attend the meeting, but there was information available from other sources :

- Peter Dale (Referee)
- Signe Sehested (Denmark)

In addition some comments were made in the meeting :

- The schedule was very tight, especially on the last day with the usual scramble to be ready for the final dinner. This is a recurring problem, but could perhaps have been reduced by having the presentations for the B and C finals immediately after those events instead of keeping all presentations until the end.
- The presentation (or re-presentation) of some of the major trophies should be done during the final dinner to make it more of a special occasion.
- The availability of the vet on call was unreliable.

All of these comments/suggestions will be fed back into the guidelines (see point 13) and/or where appropriate referred to the Rules Committee.

14.2 World Individual and Pairs Championship

There was no information available on these two competitions.

15. Presentation of details for 2008 World Championships

15.1 World Team Championship

Phil Logue presented details of the arrangements for Sydney 2008 and answered questions on the schedule and the costs.

For a copy of the information brochure, see attachment 3.

15.2 World Individual and Pairs Championship

There was no information available on these two competitions.

Action : Keith Martin to contact MGAGB to clarify the situation for 2008 and beyond

16. Appointment of Host for 2010 World Team Championships

Keith Martin presented Switzerland's offer for hosting the World Team Championship in 2010.

The details are shown in Attachment 4.

USA also suggested running the 2010 World Championship as a part of the World Equestrian Games to be held in Kentucky that year, but this was not (yet) a definite offer. However, it was considered to be such a potentially prestigious showcase for Mounted Games that it was decided to defer the decision to allow the USA more time to prepare.

[21/07] It was decided to ask Switzerland whether they would be prepared to defer the decision on hosting for 2010 until the end of March 2008 to allow the USA more time to negotiate for a place at the World Equestrian Games.

Action : Keith Martin to report this decision to Switzerland and to follow up on developments

17. Review of 2007 European Team Championships

This information was provided by Sheila Peck :

It was a successful competition in all age groups. Most members managed to send at least one team. Being based at a show meant that facilities and entertainment were easily provided. Congratulations must go to Sue Williamson who virtually single handed masterminded the whole competition. The roving microphones seem to have been a big hit with competitors and spectators alike. England of course produced the weather! Thank you everyone for joining in keeping the stables up!! "You can't travel to England without experiencing a bit of rain!"

Sue is currently negotiating with Living Heritage again for the World Championships in 2009. We are hoping to hold this sometime in August possibly at Bowood House in Wiltshire. We would welcome any comments you have about the Europeans as it will help us with 2009.

Isabelle Pierrard added some observations as follows :

- The 2007 event was more expensive than previously with less value for money
- There was little mingling of the team members from different countries and so the "spirit" of the competition was not so good
- The age groups used were not aligned to FEI (see below point 18)

There was no one from England present to comment.

18. Presentation of details for 2008 European Team Championships

Philipp Preugel presented Germany's plans for the European Championship in 2008.

The details are shown in Attachment 5.

There was a long and complex discussion on the age groups to be used for this competition. In 2007 the age groups preferred by England (the hosts) were adopted for simplicity, but for 2008 the discussion was resumed.

It was decided that the age groups should be as follows :

[22/07] For the 2008 European Championship, the age groups will be :

- Born in 1996 or later
- Born in 1992 or later
- Open

19. Appointment of Host for 2010 European Team Championships

In 2006 there had been offers from both France and Wales for 2009, but Wales withdrew in favour of France, so this year they renewed the offer for 2010. There were no other offers and so this was accepted without further discussion.

[23/07] The 2010 European Championship will be held in Wales.

20. Decision on Host and Date of 2008 IMGA Annual General Meeting

In 2008 the World Championship will be held in Australia later in the year than usual (October). This will mean that the usual mid-year IMGA meeting, held at the World

Championship competition, would be only a few weeks before the usual date of the Annual General Meeting in November.

For this reason, it was decided that :

[24/07] Exceptionally, the mid-year meeting and the Annual General Meeting for 2008 will be combined and held in Sydney, but it must be after the pressure of the competition is over and not sooner than Tuesday October 28.

Action : Phil Logue to arrange a suitable time and place for the meeting

21. Any other Business

21.1 Automatic Scoring System

Caroll Crowl presented details of a Microsoft Excel-based program for scoring, but pointed out that to work correctly it requires some standardisation to be introduced into the system of scoring.

At the moment everyone knows how the scoring is done, but there may be local variations, and there are certainly no written rules or procedures. Guidelines, rules, and standards for scoring would provide a stable environment for the use of the scoring program.

Caroll Crowl will provide an evaluation copy to Keith Martin, who will test it and make recommendations for its use, including, if necessary, general guidelines for scoring.

Action : Keith Martin to follow up with Caroll Crowl and distribute information to all members

21.2 Referee Training

Liz Englert presented some suggestions and ideas for training of officials, in particular referees, plus certification and qualification.

It was thought to be premature to try to elaborate a training and certification programme, which would be a major undertaking, but that work on that subject should begin with the production of a book of guidelines, similar in format to the Rule Book, and complementary to it, but containing "tips and tricks" for officials.

Liz Englert had already prepared a document which could easily be adapted into such a "tips and tricks" book, and it was decided to use this as a starting point and to solicit additional input from the IMGA approved referees to supplement the existing document.

Action : Keith Martin to follow up with Liz Englert to produce "tips and tricks" book for officials

All participants were thanked and the meeting closed Saturday November 17 at 19:00

Attachments

Attachment 1	Financial Reports
Attachment 2	A European pool of ponies
Attachment 3	World Mounted Games 2008, Sydney, Australia
Attachment 4	25th World Championship Geneva 2010
Attachment 5	European Championship 2008

Attachment 1 : Financial Reports

International Mounted Games Association Bank Transactions for the period 18/11/06 - 16/11/07

Opening Balance : EUR 6,321.86

Transactions		Expenditure	Income
23/11/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - MGAA (1)		401.43
04/12/2006	2006 IMGA Meeting Expenses	2,810.51	
05/12/2006	Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses (1)		737.85
11/12/2006	Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses (2)		231.21
22/12/2006	Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses (3)		75.00
22/12/2006	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - RSA		75.00
22/12/2006	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - USA		150.00
28/12/2006	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - MGAA (2)		150.00
28/12/2006	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	106.00	
28/12/2006	Payment to Keith Martin for Boundary Microphone	50.41	
28/12/2006	Payment to Keith Martin for Flowers sent to MC Vermeulen's funeral	50.00	
29/12/2006	Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses (4)		109.87
31/12/2006	Bank Interest		1.85
02/01/2007	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	38.30	
03/01/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - CAN / IMGA 2006 Rule Books - CAN / Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses (5)		189.08
19/01/2007	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Web Site Hosting	77.31	
16/02/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - DEN		150.00
19/02/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - LUX		75.00
22/02/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - BEL		150.00
01/03/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - NZL		150.00
02/03/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - ENG		150.00
09/03/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - IRE		150.00
22/03/2007	Payment to Uppermost Trophies for European Championship Trophies	481.81	
22/03/2007	Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Administration Expenses	49.22	
26/03/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - SUI		150.00
31/03/2007	Bank Interest		0.02
31/03/2007	Bank Interest		1.48
31/03/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - WAL		150.00
03/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - FRA		140.00
04/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - NOR		150.00

04/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - SCO		150.00
10/04/2007	Payment to Genesys Conferencing	78.75	
11/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - AUS		137.50
11/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - GER		150.00
16/04/2007	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	16.95	
18/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - IRE		47.55
19/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - SWE		150.00
23/04/2007	Payment to Graphic Press for 2007 IMGA Rule Book Printing (650 Copies)	1,926.21	
23/04/2007	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - BOT		22.00
23/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - BOT		30.00
23/04/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - Jens Martin		15.00
11/05/2007	IMGA 2006 Rule Books - DEN		28.00
14/05/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - LUX		36.00
15/05/2007	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	122.95	
30/05/2007	IMGA 2007 Affiliation Fee - NIR		150.00
04/06/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - NOR		70.00
04/06/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Book Sales - European Team Championships		458.50
29/06/2007	Bank Interest		0.01
29/06/2007	Bank Interest		1.43
25/07/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - GBR		105.00
27/08/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Book Sales - World Team Championships		120.00
13/09/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - Julie Marsille		4.00
18/09/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - Zozios Attack		4.00
28/09/2007	Bank Interest		1.59
09/10/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - USA		872.95
15/10/2007	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Postage Expenses	11.05	
22/10/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - BEL		6.00

Closing Balance: EUR 6,599.71 Total EUR 5,819.47 6,097.32

Amounts Owing:

Due Date	Description	Amount
14/10/2007	IMGA 2007 Rule Books - SWE	71.05

International Mounted Games Association
Bank Transactions for the period 18/11/06 - 16/11/07

Income

2007 Affiliation Fees	EUR	2,550.00
2006 Rule Book Sales	EUR	645.43
2007 Rule Book Sales	EUR	1,758.40
Members Contributions for 2006 IMGA AGM Expenses	EUR	1,172.43
Donations	EUR	10.60
Bank Interest	EUR	6.38
Total:	EUR	6,143.24

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)	EUR	551.72
2007 IMGA Meeting Expenses	EUR	2,810.51
2007 Companies House Annual Return	EUR	49.22
Bank Charges	EUR	45.92
2007 IMGA Rule Book Printing	EUR	1,926.21
Trophies	EUR	481.81
Total:	EUR	5,865.39

Opening Balance:	EUR	6,321.86
Plus Income:	EUR	6,143.24
Less Expenditure:	EUR	5,865.39
Closing Balance:	EUR	6,599.71

Attachment 2 : European Pool of Ponies for overseas teams

A pool of ponies? Can this be an idea to follow up or does it sound impossible. The idea was born when I heard that Belgium 2007 could not provide ponies – and that they believed that all countries would help – as some us did for the Worlds in Sweden 2006.

It is a difficult task to find ponies and to find owners that agree on lending out for a world competition. Most ponies are family pets – and owners are strongly attached to their ponies.

IMGA should stand as the official owner of the ponies and insurance should also be arranged by IMGA. Both should be financed by IMGA. This will mean that the annual fee for member countries must be raised – and saved for this purpose.

I would think the average price pr. pony would be aprox. 3000,- euro to buy. One would have to add on some costs to get everything in place.

This will give visiting countries outside Europe the opportunity to compete on ponies that is used to doing games and are more experienced. The pony will be trained and ridden on regular bases and it will be fit for fight. The ponies must be available for the overseas riders for The World Team Championship when held in Europe. Each pony is to be adopted by a European rider, who then has the opportunity to train and compete with this pony in national competitions, except during the World Team Championships. It should also be possible for the overseas riders to use some of these ponies for World Pairs and Individuals, if they wish.

I see this as a benefit for both local rider and foreign rider.

The international pool of ponies should lie under the development officer's responsibility. As Mounted Games grow and member countries grow – this problem will also grow, the development officer will always be on top of the member situation.

National committees must take overall responsibility for ponies adopted in their country.

We would like this to be a point for discussion on the agenda for 2007. It will at least give us an opportunity to discuss how we can try to solve this pony problem in the future

Thank you.

Attachment 3 :

Australian Mounted Games Association Inc.

World Mounted Games 2008 Sydney Australia

<http://www.wmq08.com.au>

**Pittwater Rugby Park
Northern Beaches
Sydney Australia
19 October 2008 to
27 October 2008**

**Contact: John Beale
Email: johnC~beale.net.au**

The Australian Mounted Games Association Inc. (AMGA) is pleased to have the opportunity to host the 2008 world team's championships.

Planning is well under way and we believe the venue is second to none for such an event.

We have prepared this information pack to provide all competing teams and supporters with background information on the location, facilities, accommodation, activities, transport and suggested travel and tour arrangements.

The location will ensure that the week will be casual, relaxing and a great opportunity to sample Sydney hospitality, its world famous beaches and its many attractions and activities.

We are planning various activities during the week with many other optional activities available.

We strongly urge teams and supporters to take the opportunity to extend their trip so that they can enjoy all that is on offer in a relaxed unhurried manner.

We have engaged the services of an experienced travel and tour operator to assist all visitors and to ensure that the best prices and tour options are available.

In most cases airfares to and from Australia will be cheaper being arranged from your home country however for all travel, tours and accommodation within Australia contact Del Tink at info@teeduptravel.com.au our dedicated travel consultant.

Our website will be operational shortly and visitors will be able to subscribe for regular electronic updates.

<http://www.wmq08.com.au>

All prices are in Australian dollars.

Dates

The competition will take place Friday 24 October 2008 to Sunday 26 October 2008.

We recommend that competitors arrive no later than Sunday 19 October, ponies will be available for training from Monday 20 October.

Why not arrive a few days earlier to soak up the atmosphere, sun, beach and sights?

Depart a few days later to relax, finish the sightseeing, master the surf

Transport

The venue is well serviced by public bus transport. It is located adjacent to Pittwater Road which follows the coast line between Manly and Palm Beach.

A short 200 metres stroll will take you to the nearest bus stop for an easy 20 minute ride to Manly from where there is a regular ferry service into the city.

All organised functions are within close proximity of the venue and when needed, transport will be provided.

We can arrange an airport shuttle to and from the northern beaches accommodation at less than \$25 per person.

Should you choose to hire a car/van we will have special rates available through our agent.

Accommodation

Accommodation has been booked for all competitors and officials from Sunday 19 October until Monday 27 October at the Lakeside Holiday Park adjacent to the competition venue.

We have reserved the balance of the accommodation at the Park for supporters and visitors.

Accommodation on the Northern Beaches is relatively scarce therefore we recommend you reserve your accommodation early through our designated travel agent.

Competitors

We have booked one villa for each team. The villas are capable of sleeping 6, a full buffet breakfast is included in the team accommodation price of \$560 per person for 8 nights. The villas will be configured to suit the team requirements however additional accommodation can be booked for an additional cost.

We will arrange a team meeting area within the park precinct. There is laundry, internet, games room and other facilities within the Park.

Supporter's options

Lakeside Holiday Park (4½ star)

Type	Rating	twin share Per night (2 people)	Extra Adult Per person	Extra Child 5yrs - 15 yrs
Lakeview Villa	4.5 star	\$220.00	\$28.00	\$15.00
Villa	4.5 star	\$210.00	\$28.00	\$15.00
Bungalow	4.5 star	\$190.00	\$28.00	\$15.00
Powered Site		\$45.00	\$12.00	\$5.00

We have available a number of quality 2 - 6 man tents for hire, \$15.00 to \$25.00 per tent/per day for use on the powered sights. Also, air mattresses, camp beds and bedding available at reasonable rates. The tents will be fully erected, walk in walk out. Simply email your enquiry with your required configuration.

We are currently negotiating rates with motor home companies but as an indication we advise:

2 berth \$150/day plus the above powered site rate 4 berth \$180/day plus the above powered site rate 6 berth \$280/day plus the above powered site rate

We expect to be able negotiate substantial discounts dependent on demand.

Narrabeen Sands Hotel (new 4% star hotel)

Queen double bed with 1 or 2 singles
\$130 to \$220 per night/room

Sydney Beachouse (Collaroy backpackers)

Share accommodation \$26 per person/per night
Twin or double room \$80 per room/night
Triple room \$90 per room/night
Ensuite family room \$110 per room/night

Manly Pacific (Novotel 4 star)

Twin, double and suites from \$200 to \$280 per room/per night

Newport Mirage (4 ½ star)

Double and family rooms from \$200 to \$330 per room/per night

Mona Vale Hotel (3 ½ star)

Twin/double rooms from \$110 to \$160 per room/per night

We are currently negotiating rates as these are also dependent on group numbers we urge all visitors to register their interest in accommodation type and location.

Meals**For competitors and officials:**

A full buffet breakfast is included in the accommodation pack, Monday 20 October to Monday 27 October inclusive (8 breakfasts).

Lunches are included for the 3 competition days

All dinners are included in the function pack, Sunday 19 October to Sunday 26 October (8 dinners including the gala dinner).

For supporters and visitors

A full breakfast buffet will be available at \$15 per person/per day. This will be available at the Lakeside Holiday Park.

Lunches will be available from various food outlets at the competition venue during competition days. There are numerous local eateries and cafes within walking distance.

Supporters and visitors will be able to pre-purchase function packs for the full 8 days or select individual functions based on availability.

Functions and social activities

Organised activities will ensure that the riders have substantial free time to relax and enjoy the atmosphere and local attractions including the beach.

The proposed nightly activities include:
(Function pack)

Sunday night 19 October - casual BBQ and orientation to be held at the competition venue. Great chance to meet fellow competitors, learn about the week ahead, hear about the local district and must do activities. The evening will finish with a disco and some Karaoke.

Monday night 20 October - bare foot bowls, seafood smorgasbord dinner with disco at Pittwater RSL club. Experience the sport of grass bowls "aussie style". Sample the best of Australian seafood and a casual fun night.

Tuesday night 21 October - beach BBQ at one of Sydney's famous beaches. Enjoy a game of beach volley ball and take on the lifesavers at Karaoke.

Wednesday night 22 October - Pub night, enjoy the sunset in the beer garden of one of Australia's famous pubs overlooking the fabulous Pittwater.

Thursday night 23 October - official opening at the competition venue. The teams will be officially handed their ponies, formally introduced and be part of an Australian cultural and music festival. Sample the aussie bush tucker, try the didgeridoo and listen to some great aussie music. Early night!

Friday night 24 October - Buffet dinner at the Lakeside Holiday Park followed by relaxed campfire with aussie singing and karaoke. Early night!

Saturday night 25 October - Buffet dinner at the Lakeside Holiday Park followed by relaxed campfire entertainment by the competitors. Early night!

Sunday night 26 October - Gala dinner and presentation followed by a live band at Pittwater RSL Club. Dance and celebrate to the early hours.

Other suggested activities

There will be ample time, Monday to Thursday, for competitors to enjoy many of the local attractions. Training times will provide sufficient opportunity for riders to become proficient on their ponies but will be limited to avoid overtraining affecting performance in the competition.

Half day activities include the following:

- Learn to surf, wetsuit, board and tuition provided \$30 per person
- Sailing on Pittwater - price dependent on numbers but as a guide \$60 per person including refreshments
- Enjoy Sydney Harbour - The Manly ferry tourist day ticket \$15.00

- Bridge climb - climb the Harbour Bridge from \$179 per person

We've included the official Sydney visitors guide for your reference.

Two and three day packages:

We suggest the following short trips from Sydney,

3 Night Hunter Package:

Sydney- Sydney
Includes 3 Nights Accommodation
4 Days Car Hire
AUD400.40 per person Twin Share

2 Night/ 3 Day Blue Mountain Package:

includes 3 Days Group A Hertz Car Hire
2 Nights Accommodation
AUD298.10 per person Twin Share

3 Nights Uluru (Ayers Rock):

Includes 3 Nights Voyages Outback Pioneer Hotel 4*
Sounds of Silence Uluru Dinner
Uluru Base Walk
AUD696.00 per person Twin Share

3 Nights Cairns:

includes 3 Nights Holiday Inn Cairns
Quicksilver Outer Reef Cruise
Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail;
AUD696.00 per person Twin Share

3 Nights Melbourne: includes 3 Nights Rydges Carlton Melbourne

Shopping Spree Tour
Great Ocean Road Day Tour
AUD495.00 per person

*The above packages do not include airfares.

Pre & Post Tours

We recommend that visitors make the most of their trip to Australia. We are a very large country and it is extremely difficult to see much in a short time.

Why not arrive via Northern Australia or Queensland and spend a week travelling down to Sydney?

After the event spend a week travelling and relaxing on your way home.

Must see destinations include: The Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu National Park, Uluru and Alice Springs, The Great Ocean Road in Victoria or simply arrive into Brisbane, hire a van, travel north to Bundaburg, visit Lady Elliot Island (our most southern coral reef) then enjoy a leisurely drive to Sydney calling in at our

famous surf beaches including the Gold Coast, Byron Bay, Port Macquarie and Foster.

Our Designated travel agent can arrange all your internal flights and itinerary to ensure you maximise your stay.

The Ponies

Ponies will be sourced from throughout Australia and graded into equal ability. There will also be a pool of about 40 spare ponies whereby teams can replace allocated ponies.

The ponies will be provided with tack, feed, stabling and bedding.

The ponies will be onsite from Sunday evening 19 October and available for training from Monday 20 October.

There will be ample time to work the ponies, training times will be allocated on an equal basis, primarily in the morning so that competitors can enjoy the rest of the day.

The ponies will be competition fit prior to arrival at the venue and a horse welfare officer will be on hand at all times to ensure the ponies well being.

Due to the current outbreak of EI in Australia we recommend that all countries use ponies from the pool as there are significant extra costs and transport issues for horses generally within Australia.

Costs

We summarise below the various costs for competing teams and riders.

The costs are for the 8 days from Sunday 19 October to Monday 27 October. 8 breakfasts are included in the team accommodation and 8 dinners included in the team function pack.

The accommodation costs are based on a team consisting of 5 riders and a team manager. Costs will vary if there are additional riders/managers travelling with the team.

The accommodation is based on each team being allocated a 6 bed villa. (costs may vary if additional accommodation is required or because the make up of your team requires a different bed configuration).

AUD

Accommodation	Rider	Manager	Total team cost
Team Entry			
Riders entry fee (including entry, stabling, 3 x lunches)	425		2,125
Functions pack (8 days)	465	465	2,790
Total Entry	890	465	4,915
Accommodation			
6 bed villa	560	560	3,360
Ponies			
Transport, insurance, vet, tack and feed	350		1,750
Supporters function pack			Per person
All functions and dinners 8 days (Including entry to competition 8t expo)			465

There is an opportunity to reduce accommodation costs by camping rather than staying in the villas, price on application.

Costs subject to change up to due date for payment of 20% deposit 1 May 2008. Balance due 1 September 2008.

Other matters

Insurance

We strongly recommend that all riders, team managers and supporters have suitable travel insurance. The horses are the responsibility of the AMGA. All riders and officials will be required to sign an indemnity in accordance with the AMGA insurance policy.

The Weather

Sydney's average weather in October is

Minimum	13 degrees Celsius
Maximum	22 degrees Celsius
Overall average	20 degrees Celsius

This year the average was 25 degrees Celsius, overall average 18 degrees Celsius.

The UV is generally very high and a full block out sunscreen and hat are recommended at all times.

The average rainfall in October is 71 mm

Average humidity AM 65 PM 57

Average sunshine hours per day 8 hours

Daylight saving will commence at the beginning of October in 2008 so sunrise will be around 6am and sunset around 7pm

Alcohol and drinking

The legal age for alcohol consumption is 18 and is strictly applied. All venues in Australia have strict policies on excessive alcohol consumption as it is illegal to serve somebody who is intoxicated.

The legal limit for driving is .05.

Tipping

Tipping in Australia is not part of the wage structure. Tipping should only be based as a reward for outstanding service.

Information sheet for 2008 Worlds

Please complete this preliminary information sheet and return to:

AMGA

PO Box 949, Mona Vale NSW 2103, Australia

Email : john@beale.net.au

Fax: 612 99995179

Team	
Contact person	
Email	
Address	
Telephone	

The following questions are for planning purposes only

Expected Team Numbers	
Riders	
Reserves	
Management/officials	
Supporters	
Expected date of arrival	
Expected date of departure	
Preferred Accommodation	
Team : 1 x 6 bed bungalow	
Other	
Supporters	
Borrowed Horses	yes / no
Other matters/questions	

Attachment 4 : 25th World Championship Geneva 2010

To reduce the size of this document, the PowerPoint presentation for the 25th World Championship Geneva 2010 is available on the IMGA website

Download the presentation :

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/minutes_AGM_2007_WorldChamp2010.pps

(save file then use PowerPoint to view it)

Attachment 5 : European Championship 2008

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