



## INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2013

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**Held at Hilton Oceanview, Cocoa Beach, Florida, USA  
Saturday November 16 and Sunday November 17 2013**

*This record of the meeting has been compiled from notes made at the time by Frie Martin.*

*The sequence in which agenda items were treated was not the same as published in the original agenda. This record, however, follows the original agenda sequence.*

Meeting opened : Saturday November 16 at 09:00

Present : Position / Country

IMGA officers :

Keith Martin	Chairman
Clive Jones	Vice-Chairman
Jens Martin	Development
Pola Preugel	Finance and Administration
Carol Jones	Communication

International Representatives :

Signe Sehested	Denmark	
Mark Devitt	Ireland	
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand	(By video link)
Brian Kennedy	Northern Ireland	
Inger Hilmersen	Norway	
Roger Dawson	Wales	
Pail Greiling	USA	

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :

Phillip Logue	Australia
Rachel Lechner	Austria
Sheila Peck	England
Isabelle Pierrard	France
Heiko Voss	Germany
Jacques Cavé	Italy
Valy Schmartz	Luxembourg
Euan Taylor	Scotland
Ian Marr	South Africa
Younes Ahlbom	Sweden
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland

Proxy holder :

Roger Dawson
Jens Martin
Rob Lockyer
Quentin Voeltzel
Pola Preugel
Quentin Voeltzel
Jens Martin
Rob Lockyer
Jens Martin
Inger Himersen
Jens Martin

Unable to attend, no proxy received :

Sophie van de Calseyde	Belgium
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Jim Dunn	Canada	
Others present :		
Frie Martin	(notes of meeting)	
Brent Couch	Canada	
Jesse Durward	Canada	
Richard Egging	New Zealand	(By video link)
Chris Hope	New Zealand	(By video link)
Fiona Harkness	New Zealand	(By video link)
Hans Kallenberger	USA	
Pat Neuhausen	USA	
Liz Englert	USA	
Iain Hopkins	Wales	

## 1. Introduction

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IMGA in its current form.

For the first time a member country participated by video link. The New Zealand International Representative was in Auckland and linked via Skype to the meeting room in Florida.

Some practical details were discussed, and the timetable for the meeting agreed.

It was agreed that participants would be responsible for their own hotel costs, and that the costs of the meeting room would be met by IMGA.

USMGA generously paid the costs of the breakfasts, refreshments, and lunches on both Saturday and Sunday.

## 2. Looking Back at 2013

### 2.1 Review of the year

#### Chairman

Keith Martin reported on the actions taken to implement decisions from the 2012 meeting :

IMGA merchandise : not a great success and so far, despite serious efforts, and a very small volume of sales has not covered costs.

**[Decision : 01/13]** To continue to try to sell the IMGA items 1) As before at competitions 2) to use the competitions' other souvenir sales points 3) to sell via the IMGA on-line shop (currently used only for Rule Books)

*Action : Supply IMGA merchandise for sale at competitions and extend the on-line shop from just Rule Books to also include IMGA merchandise (Keith Martin)*

**[Decision : 02/13]** The possibility to sell IMGA shirts on-line will also be investigated.

*Action : Investigate possibilities and costs (Keith Martin)*

During the year, Peter Dale was appointed temporarily as Chief Referee (see 4.2), and the first training course for referees was held in June 2013 (see 4.3).

The possibility of changing IMGAs legal status was investigated but no advantages were found as IMGAs main source of income is from Affiliation Fees, not from trading profits. (Note : a few days after the meeting, changes to financial regulations for CASCs were announced in the UK, so this point will be looked at again.)

Some minor rule changes agreed in 2012 were implemented in 2013.

The testing of a "Video Referee", agreed in 2012, was not done because of scheduling problems at both the World Team Championship and the European Championship (see 4.7).

Some minor updates to the Organisation of Competitions were done, but major changes are still to be agreed (see 4.4).

IMGA was not sufficiently involved in the organisation of competitions in 2013 (see 4.6).

Decisions still outstanding at the end of the 2012 meeting were resolved by e-mail.

The daily business of running IMGA has continued as usual : follow up on 2012 decisions, regular contact with members, finance and accounting, tax, company returns, website updates, and so on.

### **Vice Chairman**

Clive Jones reported on his activities during 2013.

The World Team Championship in New Zealand was a great success, and the organisers were congratulated. In particular attention was drawn to the fact that a refund was made to all teams when it became clear that income had been a little higher than expected when entry fees had been set.

The European Championship in Ireland and the World Individual Championship in Denmark were also very successful. The addition of a final celebration at the Individuals was a particularly welcome innovation.

Unfortunately the dates for the Royal Welsh Show often clash with other competitions and will do so next year (see 4.11).

### **Finance and Administration**

Pola Preugel presented the Financial Report (see 2.3).

### **Communication**

Carol Jones reported that the word "communication" comes from "communis", which means to share, and that's the big problem : getting members to share.

Currently the IMGA Facebook page is the best medium to allow the exchange of information, but there is also the danger of inappropriate messages and comments being shown and this has to be carefully monitored. It also remains true that most members want to receive information but are not so ready to supply it.

### **Development**

Jens Martin reported on various development activities.

International Representatives were again reminded that they should appoint a Development Officer in each country to act as a contact point for the IMGA Development Officer.

Distribution of the IMGA promotional video has been delayed because of difficulties with production and packaging. It will be available in January.

The procedure for checking membership criteria was launched this year for the first time and all members were reminded of the end-of-year deadline.

*Spain* : The situation in Spain is unclear. After the 2012 meeting only some very small details remained to be completed, but a year later, nothing has happened. Meanwhile there has been some expression of interest from another organisation in Spain.

*Mexico* : Pail Greiling has been asked to send a development team to Mexico. With some assistance, they are planning to apply for membership for 2015 and to take part in their first World Championship in Kentucky. Hans Kallenberger will coordinate for USMGA.

*Hungary* : A lot of interest is being shown in Hungary with magazine articles in cooperation with Carol Jones. They are requesting membership from 2014 and membership criteria checks have begun.

*Burkina Faso* : France has contacts and has sent sets of equipment. They now have about 10 teams. They want to be members in time to take part in the 2014 World Team Championship in France, but of course that will depend on their entry negotiations.

## **2.2 Rules Committee Report**

The review of Equipment Specifications is now complete.

All equipment manufacturers will now be contacted and asked to verify that the new specifications are feasible. They will also be offered an "IMGA seal of approval" (at a cost of GBP 250 per year) which will allow them to advertise as being "100% IMGA approved".

## **2.3 Financial Report**

Pola Preugel apologised for a slow start in the job as Officer for Finance and Administration but this was due to her father's unexpected and very serious illness at the time of the 2012 meeting.

There are problems with IMGA's Luxembourg Bank Account because there is no longer any official connection between the Association and the Grand Duchy. A search had been made to find the best deal for IMGA with a new account in a different country but IMGA is a registered company in the UK, and so the account is being moved to the UK, and in future the currency for our accounts will be GBP.

**[Decision : 03/13 ]** It was agreed to change the Affiliation Fee for 2014 from EUR 300 to GBP 300

A reminder of the change of currency will be sent out with the requests for Affiliation Fees in 2014.

*Action : Future invoices for Affiliation Fees to be in GBP, and new bank account information, made available to all members (Pola Preugel)*

Financial Reports were distributed (see Attachment 1) and Pola explained that because of the bank account problems there are lots of outstanding bills still waiting to be paid. The financial statement does not, therefore, accurately show the real current financial situation but this will be resolved before the end of the financial year (December 31).

Pola emphasised that preparations for the IMGA annual meeting are difficult and time consuming. This year officials were still receiving proxies, requests for agenda items, and

other documentation, right up until the evening before the meeting. *In future this must not happen.* Everyone is informed of key dates and deadlines more than 2 months before the meeting and everyone must respect those dates.

**[Decision : 04/13]** A cut-off date of 2 weeks prior to the meeting will be enforced for all documents and requests for agenda points.

*Action : Respect the deadlines set for preparations for the annual meeting (All)*

She also complained that several important decisions made by e-mail during 2013 had received little or no attention from the members, with only a handful of International Representatives bothering to give their opinions and/or their vote.

*Action : Respond to e-mail requests for opinions and votes (All)*

A proposal was received from Northern Ireland suggesting another source of income for IMGA. Each member country should pay an additional fee to IMGA according to the number of their members, and that the countries should then recover that cost from their members at a rate of (suggested) GBP 1.00 per member.

As IMGA's activities expand, then so do its costs, and so an additional source of income is necessary. A large increase in Affiliation Fees would put a big strain on the smaller countries, but GBP 1.00 per member should not be too much for anyone.

**[Decision : 05/13]** To use the membership figures which will be obtained from the membership criteria check this year to add an additional fee to the Affiliation Fees in 2014. To set the additional fee at GBP 1.00 per member for 2014 and 2015. And to invoice this additional fee separately so that member country MGAs can pass it on to their national federations where appropriate.

*Action : Calculate the additional fees (Jens Martin and Pola Preugel), and invoice them along with the invoices for Affiliation Fees (Pola Preugel)*

## **2.4 FEI Progress Report**

Paul Greiling reported that progress in the negotiations with FEI is very slow, but that there is positive progress, and he expects it to get easier as we advance.

Some questions were raised about costs and the danger of making Mounted Games too expensive for some members to participate.

It was also pointed out that to balance any additional costs, membership of FEI would also raise possibilities for additional income, sponsorship, and so on.

## **2.5 Reviews of 2013 IMGA sanctioned competitions**

### **World Team Championship**

Reports from the organisers in New Zealand, Peter Dale, and Colin Carson were presented to the meeting (see Attachment 2).

### **World Pairs Championship**

Report from MGAGB was presented to the meeting (see Attachment 3)

Three specific points in this report were disputed by those who were present at the competition :

1. The report lists Denmark as one of the countries represented, but the International Representative for Denmark says this was not the case.
2. The report blames the scheduling problems on the second day completely on the accident which occurred during Session 3 Heat 3, but those present report that at that point there was already an accumulated delay of more than an hour.
3. The difficulties with “unpleasant complaints from some riders and supporters – particularly one from France” are reported as being related to the cancellation of Session 3, but those present dispute this and blame any unpleasantness on complaints about particularly bad refereeing.

In addition to these three specific points, and in particular the criticism of some referees, there were also other problems concerning the games list, and the unequal treatment of the different classes : (all age groups did not play the same number of games, streaming video coverage was restricted to only 2 age groups).

### **World Individual Championship**

Reports from the organisers in Denmark, and Peter Dale, were presented to the (see Attachment 4)

### **European Team and Individual Championship**

Reports from the organisers in Ireland, and Peter Dale, were presented to the meeting (see Attachment 5)

## **2.6 Report on the introduction of membership criteria checking**

Jens Martin reported on the progress of this exercise, launched for the first time this year at the beginning of September with a deadline for submission of the requested information set as December 31.

Some countries are further advanced than others and many have asked for explanations and assistance, but more than half of the allowed time has now already gone, and so all International Representatives were urged to get started and not leave it all until the last minute.

All members should be notified of the results by January 31 2014. To achieve this target, other IMGA official will assist.

*Action : Ensure that the information requested for the membership criteria check is made available and sent to Jens before the deadline, earlier if possible (All)*

## **3. Looking Forward to 2014 and Beyond**

### **3.1 Election of IMGA Executive Officers for the period until end-2015**

Keith Martin was confirmed as Chairman for a further 2 years, there being no other candidates.

Jens Martin was confirmed as Officer for Development for a further 2 years, there being no other candidates.

### **3.2 Presentation of details for 2014 IMGA sanctioned competitions**

#### **World Team Championship**

Quentin Voeltzel presented the plans for this championship and answered several questions on the organisation and preparations. All information is (or will be) available at <http://www.wtc2014.fr> in English and French (see Attachment 6).

### **World Pairs Championship**

Report from MGAGB was presented to the meeting (see Attachment 7).

(See 4.4 for more detailed discussion on this subject)

### **World Individual Championship**

Report from MGAGB was presented to the meeting (see Attachment 8).

(See 4.4 for more detailed discussion on this subject)

### **European Team and Individual Championship**

A presentation for this championship was circulated to all International Representatives just before the meeting. It is shown in Attachment 9.

### **Southern Hemisphere Championship (New Zealand)**

Details are not available as the championship has not yet happened.

## **3.3 Appointment of referees for these championships**

At the end of September host countries for the 2014 championships were asked to provide IMGA with their requirements.

October 5 all International Representatives were informed and asked to pass on these requirements to all referees in their organisations. The information was also published on the IMGA website.

Applications were received but because of delays the deadline was extended to October 31. The final list of applications was published November 5, and voting papers were distributed at this meeting.

The analysis of the results is proving to be more complex than expected, and some discussions will be required between the Chief Referee, the candidate referees, and the competition organisers before any results can be announced.

*Action : Apply the preferences from the voting at the meeting to the practical requirements of each competition (Pete Dale)*

*Action : To publish the final results on the IMGA website (Keith Martin)*

## **3.4 Appointment of hosts for 2016 IMGA sanctioned competitions**

There was a lot of discussion on the various offers. See attachment 10 for more details.

### **World Team Championship**

The candidates were South Africa and Ireland. Both bids were received after the deadline so both were technically invalid, but there were no valid offers, so the choice was made between these two.

**[Decision : 06/13]** Organisation of the World Team Championship 2016 is awarded to *Ireland*.

### **World Pairs Championship**

The candidates were Denmark, Wales, and MGAGB, but Wales withdrew.

The MGAGB bid was received after the deadline.

**[Decision : 07/13]** Organisation of the World Pairs Championship 2016 is awarded to *Denmark*.

### **World Individual Championship**

The candidates were Wales, and MGAGB.

The MGAGB bid was received after the deadline.

**[Decision : 08/13]** Organisation of the World Individual Championship 2016 is awarded to *Wales*.

### **European Team and Individual Championship**

The candidates were Germany and Denmark, but Denmark withdrew.

**[Decision : 09/13]** Organisation of the European Team and Individual Championship 2016 is awarded to *Germany*.

### **Southern Hemisphere Championship**

The hosting of this championship rotates between the participating countries, and 2016 will be the turn of South Africa.

**[Decision : 10/13]** Organisation of the Southern Hemisphere Championship 2016 is awarded to *South Africa*.

### **3.5 A new “IMGA sanctioned” competition ?**

Concern has been expressed that the Royal Welsh Show often clashes with other important events, and it was thought that recognising it as an IMGA-sanctioned competition might improve future scheduling.

However, after discussion it was agreed to simply make known the dates of the Royal Welsh Show as far in advance as possible (2 or 3 years) and to already publish them as scheduled future events on the IMGA website.

See also 4.11 for decision.

### **3.6 Decision on host and date for 2014 IMGA Annual General Meeting**

Quentin Voeltzel, on behalf of the French MGA offered to organise the 2014 meeting.

**[Decision : 11/13]** France will host the IMGA 2014 Annual Meeting, probably in the area close to Paris International airports (CDG, ORY). The date is fixed as November 15-16 2014.

## 4. Important Discussions and Decisions

### 4.1 Ten Year Review

Keith Martin presented the results of a ten year review. IMGAs constitution and several supporting documents were created and approved in 2003, and for the first time this year a requirement to change them had arisen : the creation of the post of Chief Referee.

The procedure for change had been explained to members two months before the meeting and all the necessary information distributed and also made available on the IMGAs website. This complied with the constitutions own requirements for modifications.

In updating the constitution, it had become apparent that minor changes, mostly concerning terminology, were also required, and so the whole package of changes was presented for approval.

**[Decision : 12/13]** All proposed changes were approved.

*Action : To replace old versions of all official documents with new versions on the IMGAs website (Keith Martin)*

Plans to significantly re-organise and upgrade the IMGAs website were outlined and accepted without discussion.

*Action : Continue with website development (Keith Martin)*

### 4.2 Election of IMGAs Executive Officers for the period until end-2015

The post of Chief Referee therefore being approved and official, Peter Dale, as the only candidate, was elected to that post.

### 4.3 Programme for Referee Training and Certification 2014 and beyond

Keith Martin reviewed the first training course for referees held in June 2013, and plans for future courses.

The contents and structure of the course were described, and the costs given. There was a discussion on the future of the referee training programme and the following conclusions were reached :

**[Decision : 13/13]** The successful candidates from 2013 are confirmed as Certified IMGAs Referees for a period of 3 years. Attention must be given to :  
Possibilities for the unsuccessful candidates to "re-sit".  
Provision for renewal of the 3 year qualification.

**[Decision : 14/13]** Peter Dale, as Chief Referee, is given a mandate to continue the training programme in 2014, with particular attention to :  
Encouraging successful candidates to run courses in their own countries with course material translated into the local language.  
Make future courses available outside Europe (there is already a request from Australia and New Zealand).  
Make future courses more widely available through better communications by the International Representatives.  
Setting up a "Guidelines for referees" document, and an online discussion forum for referees.

**[Decision : 15/13]** To examine the possibilities for different qualification levels.

**[Decision : 16/13]** To investigate extending the programme to Assistant Referees.

**[Decision : 17/13]** To require referees to submit a written report after each competition.

**[Decision : 18/13]** To only allow IMGA certified referees to officiate at IMGA sanctioned competitions from 2015.

**[Decision : 19/13]** To set up a complaints procedure whereby the actual performance of referees can be monitored.

*Action : All necessary actions to be initiated and monitored by the Chief Referee (Peter Dale)*

*Action : Update all necessary documentation and procedures (Peter Dale and Pola Preugel)*

#### **4.4 World Individuals and Pairs Championships**

Jens Martin returned (for the third year) to discussion of the structure and organisation of the World Individuals and Pairs Championships.

At the previous meeting the discussion was suspended because of the “experiment” of running the World Pairs in Denmark in 2013 using the “multiple final” format of team competitions.

At this meeting that competition provided valuable input to the discussion, with the following decisions being made :

**[Decision : 20/13]** To adapt World Individuals and Pairs Championships to the multiple finals format, as for Team Championships.

**[Decision : 21/13]** But to retain semi-finals at these championships, with no B final, the result of the semi-finals effectively deciding B final placing.

**[Decision : 22/13]** No semi-finals when numbers of competitors requires only 3 finals or less. Instead, immediately go to Final C, Final B, and Final A.

**[Decision : 23/13]** A tie break is run, if necessary, to decide the participants going into the semi-finals.

**[Decision : 24/13]** Participants are allocated to part 1 or part 2 of the semi-finals according to their scores in the qualifying heats. Highest score : part 1, next highest : part 2, next highest : part 1, and so on. If there are equal scores then the original draw number is used, with the lowest number going first.

**[Decision : 25/13]** The draw must be done in public at the briefing.

**[Decision : 26/13]**

Number of games in heats : 7

Number of games in semi-finals : 8

Number of games in A final : 10

Number of games in lower finals : to be decided by the organisers

**[Decision : 27/13]** The selection of games is the responsibility of the organisers, but in the heats all games should be played at least once. The final selection of games must be agreed with the Chief Referee.

**[Decision : 28/13]** Flag Fliers is always the last game and the tie-break game if this is required.

*Action : To update the “Organisation of IMGA competitions” document to reflect all these decisions (Keith Martin)*

*Action : To negotiate with the already-selected hosts for these competitions for 2014 and 2015 to ensure that they conform as closely as possible to the new requirement (Keith Martin)*

The discussion then moved on to entry conditions and qualification for these championships, but no conclusions were reached. The current “first come, first served” system will, therefore, remain unchanged, except that organisers must inform all International Representatives on which date entries will be opened.

**[Decision : 29/13]** IMGA will publish the opening date for entries on its website and inform all International Representatives at the same time.

*Action : Organisers to inform IMGA of the opening date for entries one month prior to that date (All)*

#### **4.5 Amendment to representation rules (GR13)**

Keith Martin presented a proposal to the GR13 rule which describes “International Representation”.

The proposal was to add a requirement that whichever country is being represented by a rider (according to GR13.1) that rider must be a member of the IMGA affiliated MGA in that country.

*GR13.5. In all cases an individual is only allowed to represent a country if they have membership of the IMGA affiliated Mounted Games Association of that country*

The objective of this change was to ensure that this requirement is unambiguous, and clearly visible in the Rule Book, based on the requirement that IMGA sanctioned competitions should be open only to members.

The proposed change was not agreed.

Clive Jones proposed an amendment to the requirement of GR13.2, suggesting that the current limit of not riding for two different countries in the same season be extended to two years. No specific decision was taken on this point, so GR13.2 remains unchanged.

#### **4.6 Ensuring compliance with standards and guidelines**

**[Decision : 30/13]** It was agreed that IMGA must become more pro-active in checking host countries’ conformance to the requirements of the “Organising an IMGA competition” document.

*Action : To revise and review that document and contact all host countries early in their preparations for their competitions to agree dates for inspections and to help and advise (Keith Martin)*

#### **4.7 Use of video to support Referees’ decision making**

At the previous meeting it was agreed to test the idea of a “video referee” at one of the major championships this year, but this was not possible. The whole subject of the use of video images by the referee was, therefore, reviewed and discussed again.

The following conclusions were reached :

**[Decision : 31/13]** Video images, when available, are to be used (or not) by the referee at his own discretion.

**[Decision : 32/13]** “Unofficial” video images (for example from spectators) must *never* be consulted.

**[Decision : 33/13]** Position of official cameras :  
One on start/finish line  
One on Changeover line if technically possible  
iPads, if possible, on each corner as an aid to Assistant Referees

**[Decision : 34/13]** A single appeal for each team/pair/individual is allowed per session. If the referee (having reviewed the video or not, at his discretion) upholds the appeal, then the team/pair/individual concerned retains the right to a further appeal. If the appeal is not upheld, then no further appeals are allowed.

*Action : To update the “Organisation of IMGA competitions” document to reflect all these decisions (Keith Martin)*

*Action : To refer these decisions to the Rules Committee to decide if changes are required to the Rule Book (Keith Martin and Rules Committee)*

#### **4.8 Young Riders and Alcohol**

Signe Sehested introduced a discussion on the use/abuse of alcohol amongst riders, supporters, officials, and spectators.

No definite conclusions were reached and no specific decisions taken.

#### **4.9 Access to IMGA**

After some discussion it was agreed that no special procedure is necessary for anyone to contact the officials of IMGA or any International Representative.

E-mail access is available directly from the IMGA website, and the private addresses and phone numbers of officials will be circulated to all International Representatives.

*Action : Provide contact information of officials to International Representatives (Pola Preugel)*

*Action : Update website to make the contact e-mail addresses more easily accessible (Keith Martin)*

#### **4.10 Medical Direction**

Andrew Gibson of ERS Medical had prepared a presentation of some of his ideas for the integration of a policy of “Medical Direction” into the organisation of IMGA.

The International Representatives present decided not to debate this point.

#### **4.11 International Cooperation in Scheduling Competitions**

See also 3.3

In order to minimise the clashes between major competitions which are becoming more frequent, it was decided to extend the forward planning and scheduling out to 5 years.

**[Decision : 35/13]** To extend the programme of future events on the IMGA website beyond the current 1 year to 5 years.

*Action : Update the IMGA website (Keith Martin)*

*Action : Provide competition dates as early as possible (All)*

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **Letter from Valy Schmartz, International Representative for Luxembourg**

A letter was addressed to all International Representatives by Valy Schmartz on November 7 2013 requesting a “derogation” for Luxembourg in the matter of International Representation (See Attachment 11).

The request was not granted.

### **North American and Southern Hemisphere Championships**

A proposal received from Northern Ireland suggested the merging of these two championships.

It was agreed as long as the countries concerned would accept it.

**[Decision : 36/13]** The North American and Southern Hemisphere Championships will be merged.

A possible title : “5 nations” – but don’t forget that Mexico could soon be a member.

*Action : The countries concerned will work it out between themselves and keep IMGA informed (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, USA)*

### **World Team Championship only every two years**

A proposal received from Northern Ireland was withdrawn by the International Representative.

### **Pre-Championship Inspections**

A proposal received from Northern Ireland suggested that the timing of pre-championship inspections should be adjusted.

After discussion it was agreed to, whenever possible, have two inspections.

**[Decision : 37/13]** To make a first inspection 5-6 months ahead of the event to check on the site and infrastructure, and a second inspection 1 month ahead of the event to check more detailed items such as equipment.

**[Decision : 38/13]** Where possible, inspections should be done by people who are already local to the championship site to reduce costs to IMGA.

Meeting closed : Sunday November 17 at 16:30

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1            Financial Reports**

**Reviews of 2013 IMGA sanctioned competitions :**

**Attachment 2            World Team Championship 2013**

**Attachment 3            World Pairs Championship 2013**

**Attachment 4            World Individual Championship 2013**

**Attachment 5            European Team and Individual Championship 2013**

**Details for 2014 IMGA sanctioned competitions :**

**Attachment 6            World Team Championship 2014**

**Attachment 7            World Pairs Championship 2014**

**Attachment 8            World Individual Championship 2014**

**Attachment 9            European Team and Individual Championship 2014**

**Attachment 10           Offers to host 2016 IMGA sanctioned competitions**

**Attachment 11           Letter from Valy Schmartz  
International Representative for Luxembourg**

## Attachment 1 : Financial Reports

### International Mounted Games Association Bank Transactions for the period 16/11/12 – 15/11/13

Opening Balance : EUR 13,493.95

Transactions		Expenditure	Income
03/12/2012	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA AGM Expenses	363.50	
03/12/2012	Payment to Keith Martin for Flowers for Philip Preugel	52.00	
13/12/2012	Payment to Clive & Carol Jones for IMGA Officer Travel Expenses to 2012 IMGA AGM	497.92	
31/12/2012	Bank Charges	2.00	
02/01/2013	Bank Charges	1.50	
18/01/2013	Royalties		12.00
21/01/2013	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Web Site Hosting	77.53	
28/01/2013	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA contribution to Matthew Slade Fund	202.77	
31/01/2013	Payment to Keith Martin for IMGA Officer Travel Expenses to 2012 IMGA AGM	481.08	
06/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - LUX		300.00
08/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - FRA		300.00
19/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - AUS		290.00
22/02/2013	IMGA 2012 Rule Books - Paypal		178.99
22/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - CAN		287.95
22/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - NIR		289.45
22/02/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - BEL		300.00
20/03/2013	IMGA 2012 Rule Books - Paypal		233.61
20/03/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - ENG		289.45
25/03/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - IRE		300.00
26/03/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - DEN		300.00
28/03/2013	Bank Charges	2.00	
02/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - NOR		300.00
02/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - SWE		300.00
02/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - SUI		300.00
03/04/2013	IMGA 2012 Rule Books - Paypal		263.84
03/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - NZL		284.95
03/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - USA		287.95
05/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - SCO		289.45
05/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - RSA		300.00
05/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - ITA		300.00
08/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - AUT		150.00
11/04/2013	IMGA 2013 Affiliation Fee - GER		289.45
21/05/2013	Payment to Keith Marin for IMGA Merchandising	396.87	
21/05/2013	Payment to Keith Marin for IMGA Postage Charges	344.36	
21/05/2013	Payment to Peter Dale for IMGA Travel Expenses	312.77	
04/06/2013	IMGA 2012 Rule Books - Paypal		527.84



## Attachment 2 : World Team Championship 2013

Report from the organisers in New Zealand :

Ten International teams attended NRM World Mounted Games Teams Championship 2013 in Hastings, New Zealand, held at NZ Horse of the Year.

Teams met before the competition in Rotorua, enjoying a Maori cultural welcome and Hangi, plus some adventure activities, whilst the many NZ volunteers brought ponies to Worlds and helped set up the area to host the World Championship.

Team Briefing and pony allocation was held on arrival of the teams to the grounds, with ponies allocated into groups of six ponies of similar ability, and then randomly allocated to teams to give each visiting teams a fair chance. Six training sessions were provided to give teams enough times to get to know their ponies. Pool ponies were available for swapping. Australia and New Zealand teams rode their own ponies, with some of their own riders also on borrowed mounts. The whole NZMGA membership got behind lending their top ponies to international team members, with many favourable comments being made about the standard of ponies provided.

Extra activities such as the Welcome Reception, Corn Evil, Splash Planet, a winery tour and a tractor trip to the Gannets were provided to add value to the teams who attended the competition.

Food throughout the training and competition was provided by NZMGA members, and was of excellent quality and presentation.

A large 'Volunteer Army' of NZMGA members participated during the training and competition, helping create a wonderful atmosphere, and providing an opportunity to develop international friendships.

World Team Champs session one and A Finals were held in the Premier Arena at NZ Horse of the Year. The A Finals were held in front of capacity crowds, creating an incredibly charged atmosphere and making a very exciting world class event.

All other sessions were held in the NRM Arena, next to the Premier Arena, with many people stopping to watch the exciting sessions.

### Final scores:

New Zealand	130	USA	84
England	121	Switzerland	53
Australia	94½	Germany	49
Wales	91½	Denmark	47
France	90	Norway	46

The gala dinner immediately after the finals was held in the function marquee of HOY, with lovely food, speeches and presentations, followed by a party in the NZMGA marquee.

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Pony Coordinator, Earner  
Pony Coordinator  
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ALL THE SPONSORS & FUNDING AUTHORITIES – we could not have held such an amazing event without you!

ALL THE PONY LENDERS – couldn't have done it without great ponies

ALL THE VOLUNTEERS – couldn't have done it without you

ALL THE TEAM HOSTS – for taking such good care of teams and ponies

ALL THE ARENA PARTY – for making us so professional and efficient

ALL THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANT REFEREES – for refereeing when you probably just wanted to relax and cheer your teams on ...

We hope you all had a memorable experience, and thank you so much to EVERYBODY for your cheerful assistance to make this a wonderful experience for everyone.

#### LIVE STREAMING

While the live streaming finished at the end of the competition, all the action is still available on the web site.

Go to <http://www.wtc2013.co.nz> and on the top toolbar go to video streams and when the box drops down go to on demand.

All the races are currently available under each session.

Photos – some free and some for sale

Websites for photos

<https://www.facebook.com/MGAWorldchampsNZ>

Kampic

<http://photos.kampic.com/v/showjumping/2013HOY/>

not loaded yet, but some should be up soon.

Bruce Jenkins photography  
<http://brucejenkins.photoshelter.com/gallery/Horse-of-the-Year-2013-Friday/G0000Ub1984TBDuY/>

<http://www.pauavisionphotography.co.nz>

## **WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT**

### **INCOME**

4-9100	WTC Entries	122 659.00
4-9300	WTC Sponsorship & Donations	23 232.83
4-9350	WTC Grants	118 261.33

**Total Income** **264 153.16**

### **EXPENSES**

Ex:6-9100	WTC Administration:6-9105 • WTC Bank Fees	205.00
Ex:6-9100	WTC Administration:6-9110 • WTC Printing	527.65
Ex:6-9100	WTC Administration:6-9115 • WTC Website	413.46
Ex:6-9100	WTC Administration:6-9190 • WTC Admin Other	1 639.53
Ex 6-9200	WTC Competition Expenses	36 951.39
Ex:6-9250	WTC Refunds Teams & Volunteers	47 272.61
Ex:6-9300	WTC Publicity	9 408.26
Ex:6-9350	WTC Hospitality	2 700.01
Ex:6-9400	WTC Meals	9 925.09
Ex:6-9450	WTC Banquet	16 194.13
Ex:6-9500	WTC Equipment	16 066.93
Ex:6-9600	WTC Pony Expenses	34 083.53
Ex:6-9700	WTC Extra Activities	15 635.22
Ex:6-9800	WTC Infrastructure	65 634.81

**Total Expenses** **256 657.62**

**Profit/Loss** **7 495.54**

Report from Peter Dale :

The whole competition was very well organised from beginning to end. The New Zealand committee should be proud of the friendly and fair games that they produced for everyone's enjoyment. The competition was held in conjunction with the Horse of the Year Show and this provided excellent spectator numbers. We were not inconvenienced to any great degree by fitting in with the show.

The pool of loan ponies was of a very high standard – all capable of A final competition. We were able to carry out reviews of decisions made in all but the final session. None of the decisions made in the ring were subsequently changed except one doubtful decision by myself was investigated ( using outside video unknown to me ! ) but was inconclusive and so the team involved were not eliminated. The teams had asked previously to be eliminated first, then reviewed and then get their points back if they were not eliminated; rather than the other way around. That's what we did and the team involved ( New Zealand ) had their points back. It had been hoped that New Zealand would also trial a new system where trainers are allowed one review request per session. In fact, it was not possible to do this because of time constraints. IMGAs need to consider this very carefully – it's a nice idea but you could have 6-8 reviews in an A final and more if the objections are upheld because the trainers then keep their one review.

Report from Colin Carson :

The world Championships this year went extremely smoothly. This was down to a fantastic committee and a huge amount of forward planning. It was also due to the generosity of the people and their hard work. Every single volunteer from NZMGA paid for the privilege of working their asses off at HOYS!

There were many great things, but the standard of loan ponies was what stood out the most. This did not happen by accident, many riders took on an extra pony and trained it up. The introduction of a loan pony class to NZMGA competitions got the novice ponies the experience to be of a standard. Three of the ponies on the reserve champion team competed in this class. Also nearly every rider who did not make the team or from the other age groups put their good pony in the pool. Not allowing people to source their own ponies kept all the good ponies in the pool. Margaret and Brenda did a great job rating the ponies so the standard was as even as possible. In previous years teams have only had one or two training sessions with their ponies but here we had five or six over the course of 5 days so the ponies where not shattered, this added to the standard of competition greatly and should be expected from every country running worlds on borrowed ponies. This entire process from start to finish should be taken as a blueprint for WTC's where most teams are on borrowed ponies.

Running this event in conjunction with a major horse show has its draw backs but I think that it was achieved with great success here. This was achieved also by planning a year in advance and a great many meetings with the organisers and Chris Hope. Anyone who was there must have appreciated how amazing it was show piecing our sport in front of a large crowd. I think it is well worth the effort and extra planning involved. We have maybe the best spectator sport in the equestrian world and for it to grow we need to get it into these major events. If we had more promoters like Kevin Hansen, who sees the possibilities for entertaining the public with our sport it would be heading towards an asset we could sell! It would be great someday to pay no entry fee for these championships!

The catering throughout the week was to a high standard and I did not here a single complaint about the food. At the gala dinner we ate like kings, were entrained by a great band and all had a great time. We all had an abundance of hot showers and toilet rolls! The weather which had been extremely hot up to this point even dipped in temperature but did not rain until everyone was driving home!

To me the only thing wrong with this championship was the poor turn out. I firmly believe it is time for WTC one year and Europeans and an amalgamated southern hemisphere / North American champs the next. This would solve the schedule congestion in Europe and bring WTC back to its former glory by having nearly every country represented. It was such a shame for so many people who worked so hard and travelled, at great expense, to worlds every other year not to receive the support they deserved from the other countries and we have a duty as a group to make sure we take steps to prevent it happening again!

Long after we all went home very satisfied with all that went on in NZ we got an email saying that NZMGA, having balanced the books, had received more funding then predicted were going to give us a refund on some costs as they had promised. This is the first time this has ever happened and I believe is what should occur when countries run these events at a large profit. A buffer is required and the country who holds it should have some funds left over for equipment and supporting travelling teams. Maybe a ceiling of say 20,000 Euro should be set with the rest refunded to teams and helpers?

### **Attachment 3 : World Pairs Championship 2013**

Report from Mary Worth (MGAGB) :

NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOWGROUND  
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 2013

The 2013 World Pairs Championships saw 145 Pairs compete over the 2 days of the competition- an increase of 19 Pairs over the previous year. This is largely accounted for by the addition of the new Under 14 age group. There were 30 Under 12 Pairs, 21 Under 14 Pairs, 47 Under 17 Pairs and 47 Open Pairs. The following countries were represented: Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

Initially, the competition ran well, despite the increased entry and time was at a premium but we managed to just about finish before the light had gone on the Saturday. The Newark Ring containing the Under 12 & Under 14 age groups managed to get through on Sunday and finished at a reasonable time.

However, problems were caused in the Horse Ring when, during Heat 3 of Session 3 of the Open, a serious accident to Leanne Quinn from Scotland saw the competition suspended as the air ambulance had to attend. This left a major problem with the time available to complete the competition. The Ground Jury made the decision to cancel all further heats in the Open and for the top 16 competitors in the Open at the end of Session 2 to go straight through to the semi- finals.

This was really the only solution to the problem given that there would not have been sufficient time to complete the competition had the remaining Open heats in Session 3 been completed. The vast majority of competitors understood the decision made and the reasons behind it but there were a few very vocal and unpleasant complaints from some riders and supporters- particularly one from France -who the referee had to threaten with eviction from the showground as he was so threatening and aggressive towards the Officials running the show.

There were 30 pairs of Minis of whom 25 were from MGAGB. The competition was excellent and the standard of riding throughout was top class. The final produced a win for Ben Hopkins from Wales the 2012 winner, who this year was partnered by Callum Cooke from England. It was a runaway victory for Ben & Callum who scored 40 points. Sophie Connors(ENG) & Rhianna Marshall (SCO)were 2nd with 28 points & Zara Jenner (ENG) & George Hobbs (ENG) were 3rd. The win topped a magnificent year for Ben who finished the year as 2013 British and World Individual Champion and 2013 British & World Pairs Champion as well as being in the successful Welsh European Championships winning Under 12 team. One to watch for the future!!!

All 21 riders in the Under 14 group came from either MGAGB or Ireland. As with all new age groups, this one will probably take a few years to build up to full capacity. Winners were Lili Antcliff (WAL) paired with Lottie Watson (ENG) who scored 42 points in the final. They were chased by Neve Donoghue (SCO) & Katie Deas (SCO) who were 2nd with 39 points and James Reid (NI) & Eoin Reavey(IRE) 3rd just 1 point behind with 38 points.

The Under 17 age group contained 47 pairs this year.as always, the final proved to be an extremely close affair with 4 pairs battling it out in the last race for the title. The eventual Champions were Greg James (ENG) riding with Harry Gates (ENG) who scored 56 points. The mixed country pairing of Josh Ryder (SCO) & Colin Verdelhan (FRA) were just one point behind in 2nd place with 55 points and All England pairing of Rory Capel & Danielle Loveless finished 3rd with 52 points. All on the last race!!!

47 pairs contested the open and 10 nations were represented: Belgium, England, France, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales. As always there was a very strong entry This year the final was made up of 6 pairs from England, 1 pair from Ireland, and 1 mixed pair-last year's winners Mark Devitt (IRE) and Danny Spencer (ENG) A superb display of games riding saw Joe Garnett (ENG) and Chloe Golding(ENG) take the title with 62 points.

Second and 3rd places were decided by a run off and Mark Devitt & Danny Spencer had to be content with second place this year (53 points) and Craig O Connor (IRE) & Kate O' Connor (IRE) took third place also with 53 points.

## Attachment 4 : World Individual Championship 2013

Report from Signe Sehested :



Before the competition

- Biggest problem was to provide electricity to all the lorries.
- An other problem was riders who entered and then could not come.
- A smaller problem was the huge amount of time it took to part up the campsite according to the Danish fire restrictions.

During the competition

- Arena had to be extended so we ended up with an arena 100x140 meter. This was for the matter of safety.
- Ponies at the campground. Very dangerous with all the cables.
- According to the very hot weather we had to buy incredible much water.
- Unwritten rules regarding scoring systems. This should be written down.
- Due to the warm weather the equipment and ground did not like each other. (poles etc were very hard to get into the ground)

After the competition

- Huge work with the account management.
- Cleaning was extremely easy and was done within a day.
- Returning all the caravans etc. for the officials.
- Returning bottles, waste.

Our goals before we started

- To make a new format that would welcome more riders on all levels and from more different countries.
- To make a true celebration of the winners
- To make all riders feel they were a part of a true championship
- To give the riders and supporters good service and help them out in any possible way.

How did we do this?

- We made it a week long competition and made sure there was finals for everybody. That meant that more riders could travel together. Some came for the win others to get experience.
- We had riders from the following countries:
- Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Denmark.
- We started in very good time planning the event, 2 years before and already 1 year before the event we had the FB page and website up running, providing riders, supporters and parents with information.
- We spend a lot of money on prizes, rosettes etc but also spend a great deal of time getting sponsorships, money was hard to get, but many gave us nice presents for the riders.
- We made a great party after the competition, where we supplied the riders etc with good food, music etc. This made them all feel happy and special as they could all celebrate what they had achieved
- We made the winners feel special. The winners got nice extra nice prizes and there were lots of people to clap, cheer and celebrate with them, as nobody left to go home, but stayed for the finals and party.

What did we learn?

- We need more manpower, we worked really hard, but the people we had was brilliant.
- We need more toilets at the campground, people did not like to walk too far ☹
- We need equipment that can adjust to the weather, as the one we got in Denmark at used in quite bad weather most of the time.
- As much information that can be given before the competition helps the parents, supporters and riders to relax, and gives the organizers better time during the competition.
- We must be completely sure of the back fence even with an extra security gap.

In the future....

- The format should stand as it was this year or something like this.
- The semi-finals can be discussed but we liked them and it seemed like riders, supporters etc liked them too.
- There should be a real celebration of the winners and the riders. A party is most wanted.
- There should be prizes and rosettes for everybody and special prizes for the winners.
- It should also be considered whether 2nd and 3rd should have rugs etc. They got medals this year, but something to think about.

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Report from Peter Dale :

World Individuals : I was present in Denmark just for the Open Group i.e. the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The other age groups had their finals on these days too. Peter Hern and Younes Ahlbom were the other referees.

Another very well organised competition with excellent facilities and good equipment. The discussion points for referees were based on two things : Firstly, on the Thursday morning one horse and rider jumped out of the arena at the security zone end. It was raining and a bit slippery. None of the referees saw this happen and so there was no elimination. Subsequently, it happened again at the same point, was seen and the rider concerned was eliminated – he wasn't happy and there was a question about the fence being high enough and substantial enough. It had been used for 2 days already for the other age groups. More fencing was added. Later, a third rider also left the arena at this point and collided with a young spectator ( a rider from another age group) who had to go to hospital. Thankfully, the spectator recovered sufficiently to ride later in the week. Again, more fencing was added.

There are lots of things to consider here – the three horses involved were strong and were travelling quickly whilst being guided towards the security area when finishing the game. It was about lane 2 or 3 of 8 lanes. Although a little slippery, it was not too bad at all. The rest of the fence was the same for the other lanes.

Should we stop people from watching from the finishing end of the arena? Should we have more substantial fences? Should the riders have been eliminated? Had the spectator been more seriously injured , who would have been liable?

When the heats had finished, the riders were placed into finals according to their points, finals for all riders. Some riders were in the B Final of the age group where the injured spectator was a rider in the A Final. For a long time it wasn't known if the injured rider would be able to take her place in the A Final. Thankfully, in the end , she was able to. After the B Final took place, if she hadn't been able to ride, could somebody else have taken her place – would it have been the B Final winner or the next highest placed rider from the scores in the heats? This question would also apply to other finals if someone dropped out.

There appears to be no written rule as to how to place riders into semi finals after heats. Should the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> riders from the heats go into semi final 1 and then 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> etc into semi final 2? What if riders have the same points after the heats? Instead, should it be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> into semi final 1 and then the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> etc into semi final 2?

I would like to congratulate all the countries for organising such brilliant competitions. The standard of equipment , organisation, venues, pool ponies and weather has been exceptional !!

## **Attachment 5 : European Team and Individual Championship 2013**

Report from Peter Dale :

Another brilliant piece of organisation at a fantastic venue. More good weather following on from that in New Zealand. This time reviews of decisions were not held because of the numbers of teams involved in such a large competition. Alun and Huw Whitney and Davy Quinn and myself were the referees for the different age groups.

The arena stood up to the hard work very well. The equipment was excellent – the only equipment problem we had were the joust lances. As everyone knows it is becoming difficult to design equipment capable of being used at the high speeds involved in modern games.

There was a discussion about the height of the Bank Board and the Hi Lo Net for riders in the under 12 category. After a trial run with the French riders on very small ponies, it was decided to use the full height for the Hi Lo but a shortened version for the Bank Board. In fact, in the competition, the French riders had no problems with the full height net. Again this needs discussion by IMGA. I am now of the opinion that the full height should be used as per the rule book. As someone said, the shorter combinations get the advantage at the cones. They should prepare themselves for the equipment as stated.

During the under 17 A Final, one team was eliminated during the Founder's Race and they considered this decision to be wrong. After a thorough investigation, the assistant referee confirmed several times that a mistake had been made and not corrected and there was no doubt. The team continued to complain and wanted to produce outside video to back up their claim. A referees meeting confirmed the elimination. Subsequently, the team continued the complaint to Keith Martin and Peter Dale sending them declarations and videos. Keith and Peter declined to continue the investigation because in their opinion the matter had been resolved. The team was adamant that in future a much greater degree of video coverage would be required.

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**Attachment 6 : World Team Championship 2014**

All information is (or will be) available at <http://www.wtc2014.fr> in English and French.



## **Attachment 7 : World Pairs Championship 2014**

Report from Mary Worth (MGAGB) :

It has been suggested that this show could be held earlier in the year. However, it would be virtually impossible to fit the show in any earlier in the year bearing in mind that it is also necessary to find suitable dates for the European, World Individuals and World Team Championships along with our other commitments to shows in this country.

Our proposals for this show (which are not fully finalised yet) are as follows:

The Championships will take place at Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground on Thursday 11th - Sunday 14th September 2014.

The Competition will be run in 4 Age groups.

Under 12 & Under 14 competitions will take place in the Newark Ring (which has space for 6 lanes)

Under 17 & Open competitions will take place in the Horse Ring which has 8 lanes.

Again the same comments are true for the World Pairs as for the World Individuals. In 2013 we had the following numbers competing at World Pairs:-

Under 12 -30 pairs ; Under 14- 21 pairs; Under 17- 47 pairs and open 47 pairs.

For the Newark Ring this meant that, starting at 8.00am we could run 9 heats per session.

The Under 12 heats were timed at 35 mins for 6 games and the Under 14 group was timed at 25 mins per heat for 6 games. In the Horse Ring we ran 12 heats per session, each of 6 games for the Under 17 & Open groups timed at 25 mins per heat.

This is the absolute maximum that can be run using the 2 rings.

### Planned format for 2014

#### Thursday 11th September

Arrivals all day. Evening: Briefing for all age Groups

#### Friday 12th September

Morning: Opening Ceremony. Each competitor will receive a commemorative souvenir.

Newark Ring- Sessions 1 and 2 for Under 12 & Under 14 Age groups

Horse Ring- Sessions 1 & 2 for Under 17 and Open age groups

Evening- Entertainment in the Joe Hallam Pavilion

#### Saturday 13 th September

Morning- Newark Ring- Session 3 for Under 12 & Under 14 Age groups

Horse Ring Session 3 for all Age groups

Afternoon- Newark Ring- Semi finals for Under 12 & Under 14 Age Groups

Horse Ring- Semi finals for Under 17 & Open

Evening Party in the Joe Hallam Pavilion or Gala Dinner in Cedric Ford Pavilion ??

#### Sunday 14th September

10.00am Under 12 Final in Horse Ring

11.30am Under 14 Final in Horse Ring

1.30pm Under 17 Final in Horse Ring

3.00pm Open Final in Horse Ring

Evening Gala Dinner in Cedric Ford Pavilion???

## **Attachment 8 : World Individual Championship 2014**

Report from Mary Worth (MGAGB) :

The Championships will be held on the all weather surface at Wales & the West Showground Chepstow from Wednesday 9th - Sunday 13th July.

Originally we had proposed to hold the Championships at the venue which we used this year for Inter Counties- Dallas Burston Polo Club. However, while this is a fabulous venue, financial reviews have proved that it will be too expensive to hold an Individual competition there as the revenue received from an Individual competition differs by a large amount from that brought in by a team competition and we would at least like to break even on the competition without having to set entry fees prohibitively high.

Another factor is that Dallas Burston can only offer us 2nd - 6th July which does not fit in well with our national dates. We have enough difficulty as it is trying to fit round the dates of the European Championships and other competitions!!

I have to say that the format used in Denmark was good but impossible to achieve when you have the numbers that MGAGB usually have for an Individual competition.

This year we held the British Individuals at Chepstow and had the following entry numbers: Under 12-38 Under 14- 28 Under 17 - 42 Open 40. It was a busy 4 days!

The previous year when GB ran the World Individuals we had Under 12- 35 Under 14 - 33 Under 17 - 55 and Open 56. We were working absolutely flat out to get through competition with these numbers.

With these sorts of numbers it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible to give finals for everyone. I understand that in Denmark there were several extremely long days of competition- one apparently running close to 14 hours.

The competition also has to be financially viable.

The entry fee for the World Individuals in GB in 2012 were £100 per competitor, I gather that the entry fee for the 2013 World Individuals in Denmark were the equivalent of £200 per competitor.

IMGA have to bear these facts in mind when deciding the format of competitions.

The format proposed for the 2013 World Individuals currently is as follows:

Wednesday 9th July

Arrival Day and Briefings for Under 12 and Under 17 groups. Opening Ceremony for Championships. Each competitor will receive a commemorative souvenir.

Thursday 10th July

Morning- Session 1 for Under 12 and Under 17 groups.

Afternoon- Session 2 for Under 12 and Under 17 groups

Evening- Entertainment

Friday 11th July

Morning -Session 3 for Under 12 & Under 17 groups. 11am Briefing for Under 14 and Open Groups

Afternoon- Session 1 for Under 14 and Open Group

Evening -Entertainment

Saturday 12th July

Morning -Session 2 for Under 14 and Open Group

Afternoon- Session 3 for Open Group

Evening- Entertainment

Sunday 13th July

Morning- Semi Finals for all Groups

Afternoon- Finals for all Groups

Closing Ceremony for Championships  
Evening-End of Show Party

This is the first draft of the proposed timetable. The General Committee will be looking at the programme more closely at their next meeting. However, the aim is to try to spread the Groups out more and not to try to cram the semis and finals into 1 afternoon for each Group which is stressful on both ponies and competitors.

An end of Show party should help to give the show the same feeling as the other IMGA shows.

## Attachment 9 : European Team and Individual Championship 2014

Information from Pierre Marsille on behalf of the organising committee :

The 2014 European Championships will be held in Gouy-Lez-Piéton from Monday July 21 to Monday July 28 2014. The Organising Committee is considering all aspects and strives to make this event a great success. Belgian weather being highly variable, we will provide two identical sets of land surface to ensure perfect competition throughout the week, about 400 covered seats and 360 stables in tents to shelter the ponies but also the riders before and after their various sessions. Straw will be put in these stables and hay will be provided on arrival ponies. It will be possible to buy hay and/or straw and/or shavings from our point of storage every day during the week.



A good spirit during the competition needs a good welcoming of the riders, of their relatives and of the public in a warm and friendly area. A marquee of 90 m x 15 m with wooden floor where everyone can sit and enjoy a good meal, hot or cold drinks and even a Belgian beer will be open from 8:00 to 23:00. For riders, breakfast and dinner from the Wednesday to the Saturday as well as the gala dinner will be included in the registration fee. A series of actions are planned to welcome our visitors (installation of showers containers, toilets containers, chemical toilets near the showground, electrical distribution boxes, Wifi hotspot, sound on the whole site, several areas of waste harvesting, etc.)

For those who do not wish to camp, different kinds of accommodation will be possible. All relevant information on accommodation around Courcelles will be available on our website <http://www.lewbbelgium2014.be>. Activities will be proposed during the stay among which a visit of the Saint Feuillien brewery... All the costs of services and infrastructure are in the budget below, which allowed us to calculate the amount of entries at about 2500 € per team and about 450 € per individual. The exact value of the entry fee will be announced on 20/12/2013. A deposit of 1000 € will have to be received on the Championship's account by 15/02/2014 and the balance by 30/04/2014. An increase of the fee will be applied if the deadlines are not respected. The bank account and the terms of payment will be provided with the application form.

### **Budget**

Renting of containers	9123 €
Ø Showers and toilets	
Ø Jury booth	
Ø Info and registration booth	
Renting of Riders marquee (Meals, bar, Gala dinner,...)	12000 €
Renting of covered grandstand 400 places	6000 €
Renting and preparation of site	10000 €
Renting of additional stables	18000 €
Meals offered to the riders	38400 €
Security Service (Euro Samu)	3000 €
On duty veterinary Service	7000 €
Accommodation of officials	3000 €
Purchase of equipment (games)	2500 €
Purchase of straw and hay for the participants	5500 €
Purchase of cleaning material	2160 €
Electricity, Wifi, water, sound systems, ...	6000 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>122683 €</b>

Let's conclude this presentation with the list of Officials and the agenda of the competition week:

- Chief Referee : Peter Dale
- Referees : Clive Jones, Pierre-Luc Portron
- Judge(s) : Marilyn Hackman, Julie Marsille
- Scorer(s) : Julie Vilain, Fabrice Fastrez
- Commentator(s) : Mappy, Sophie V, Laurence B, Steven (Logis du Poney)
- Arena Marshall : Martine Donnay
- Disciplinary Committee :

**Agenda:**

- Monday 21 July 2014
  - Teams arrival
  - Practice for teams
- Tuesday 22 July 2014
  - Teams arrival
  - Practice for teams
- Wednesday 23 July 2014
  - Qualification Heat 1 for Individuals
  - Opening ceremony
- Thursday 24 July 2014
  - Qualification Heat 2 for Individuals
  - Qualification Heat 1 for Teams
- Friday 25 July 2014
  - Qualification Heats 2 & 3 for Teams
  - Individuals semi final
- Saturday 26 July 2014
  - Qualification Heat 4 for Teams
  - Individuals Final
- Sunday 27 July 2014
  - Finals 1 & 2 for Teams
  - Gala dinner

Monday 28 July 2014

- Teams departure



## **Attachment 10**

## **Offers to host 2016 IMGA sanctioned competitions**

### **World Team Championship 2016**

#### **South Africa**

The South African Mounted Games Association hereby makes application to host The World Teams Championships 2016.

Date: Mid Year 2016 (May/June 2016)

Venue: At present 2 venues are being looked at namely the Royal Agricultural Show at the showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg and Shongweni Polo club in Shongweni 25 Kms outside Durban. Equestrian disciplines are run at both venues. The Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg would be first prize as there will be several thousand spectators. Pietermaritzburg is also the capital city of KwaZulu Natal.

Playing Area: Eight lane arena, in front of large grandstand.  
Full grass arena measuring 80 meters x 100 meters plus.

Medical: Full medical assistance with ambulance and advanced life support will be provided at either venue. International standard Hospitals are very nearby to both venues.

Accommodation: At either venue two of the largest schools will be able to provide dormitory accommodation.

Stables: Available on site

Ponies: Ponies will be provided for teams who are unable to bring their own.

Note: As was the case in Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand we recognize that all teams will not be able to bring their own ponies. We will endeavour to share ponies of different skill levels out evenly amongst visiting teams. As South Africa is a small country horse wise, MGASA cannot guarantee that all ponies will be IMGA Open standard on commencement of competition, however each team will have access to our more experienced games ponies. We are at present doing countrywide clinics to get riders to train ponies in the games requirements.

First Cost Estimates: We are sure that we will be able to cover the costs of staging the event by charging the similar entry fees as in France in 2014 but the costs will not exceed normal IMGA World Teams Championships team entry fees. In addition the pony hire charges will not be as steep.

The South African Mounted Games Association takes pleasure in submitting this application.

#### **Ireland**

No documentation available.

### **World Pairs Championship 2016**

#### **Denmark**

Denmark wants to bid in to host an international competition in 2016:

1. priority: World Pairs 2016 we really want to host this as we see it as an possibility to give this competition a new format as well as we did this year with the individuals. At the same time a big chance to bring more games riders in Europe into the international aspect of mounted games. Only problem for us is if IMGGA accept that this competition would be hosted in July or August and not in September as it is now. This is because of the workforce, arena and weather.

2. priority: If we do not get the pairs we want to bit in on the Europeans 2016. We have collected a big deal of experience now hosting to big international competitions and see us selves as ready for this competition.

### **Wales**

Wales would like to be considered to host the 2016 World Individual Championships and 2016 World Pair Championships. As you know Wales has hosted several International Competitions, more recently World Team Championships 2012 and European Championships 2010. These competitions were run to a high standard and the riders' experience was very much at the forefront of our planning. We have an experienced and highly motivated Committee who work hard to ensure that the competitions run by Wales are the very best they can be.

Denmark did a superb job in hosting the 2013 World Individual Championships, and Wales would ensure that this standard is maintained. The World Pair Championships should also be a prestigious event, but sadly this has not been the case of late.

I can assure you that Wales would ensure that both competitions are run in the manner that they should be. Providing our riders with an international experience and an event to remember.

### **MGAGB**

No documentation available.

## **World Individual Championship 2016**

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### **MGAGB**

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## **European Team and Individual Championship 2016**

### **Germany**

#### 1. Official Application EC 2016

- Germany will apply for the organisation of the European Championship 2016.
- After 2008 we are ready to host the biggest Mounted Games event in Europe again.
- Germany has a good geographical position. So we hope that every MG European Nation will be able to attend this important European tournament.
- We are ready to arrange the EC in 2016.

#### 2. Location

- Luhmühlen is one of the famous riding locations in Germany.
- Every year Luhmühlen hosts one of the major international eventing tournaments (CCI\*\*\*\* and CIC\*\*\*).
- It is located in North Germany (Lower Saxony) ca. 50 km southward Hamburg and ca. 100 km northward Hannover.
- The place is within easy reach by car, plane and train.

#### 3. Venue

- The venue has all the facilities we need.
  - The capacity is big enough to host more than 70 teams and 10.000 supporters.
  - The arena could be on sand next to a tribune (1500 people)
- Arena size: 120-130 x 70 m = 6 lanes or on grass  
Arena size: 120-130 x 100 m = 8 lanes or both  
Teams and individuals separately
- The accommodations for horses are "stabledents" and also temporary paddocks.
  - The horse place provides several facilities e.g. "washing place".
  - Two areas for training sections are possible.
  - The "Cullunaris Country Centre" is in the "heart" of the area close to the sand arena.
  - It hosts the complete official part like accreditation, speaker and press centre.
  - Further there is enough space to celebrate the welcome-evening in the building.

#### 4. Event realization

Here we want to show some ideas that could be:

- Monday arriving
- Tuesday offering a bus trip to Hamburg
- Wednesday visit an amusement park "Heide-Park Resort" (only 20 km from the venue)
- Wednesday evening "Get together"
- Thursday to Sunday competition. In the evening there are several offers for riders and supporters at the venue.
- Sunday celebrating a "German Night" .

#### 5. Rough timetable

- Our suggestion for the European Championship  
Monday 25.07.2016 to Sunday 31.07.2016
- Other dates in July are possible.

We hope that the concept can convince the board of IMGA and we would be glad to host the EC 2016 in Germany.

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## **Sothern Hemisphere Championship 2016**

### **South Africa**

MGASA's bid to host the 2016 Southern Hemisphere Championships

- Date:
- 1) End of May – beginning of June – to coincide with the Pietermaritzburg Royal Agricultural Show
  - 2) Date pending – to combine with a Polo-x international
  - 3) Date pending – to combine with a Western Mounted Games competition
- Venue:
- 1) Pietermaritzburg Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Kwazulu Natal
  - 2) Mooiriver, KZN
  - 3) Lionsriver, KZN
- Cost:
- R1500 for the competition – includes pony hire, stabling, pony transport  
R1500 for the social program

**Attachment 11 : Letter from Valy Schmartz  
International Representative for Luxembourg**

The "Conseil d'administration" of Mounted Games Association Luxembourg a.s.b.l. is writing this letter in order to explain the situation of Mounted Games in Luxembourg and to highlight the association's hopes and difficulties in putting together a team for the European and World Team Championships in 2014.

As a starting point, it has to be noted that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a country with a population of 531 441 inhabitants (in 2012). You can't compare this country to other IMGA members like, just to state some examples, France (65,8 millions), Germany (+/- 82 millions) or Canada (34,88 millions). A smaller population means fewer riders and fewer riders mean even fewer Mounted Games riders.

When the IMGA abolished the possibility of a "guest rider", IMGA probably didn't fully consider the problems that a small country like Luxembourg would be confronted with. Being able to put together a team for a World Championship or a European Championship is at the moment nearly impossible. As IMGA and its members may have noticed, Luxembourg hasn't been able to put together a team for a World or European Championships since the abolition of the "guest rider" rule. This wasn't due to a lack of interest, but because of a lack of riders being able and/or being allowed (by their parents) to compete at international level. MGAL has developed considerably since 2012 and we can now count about 25 riders. To make it to 25 riders, we include all riders:

- Lead rein riders
- Parents of MGAL riders who sometimes compete for fun
- Riders without ponies
- Riders being part of MGAL but not having the Luxembourgish nationality and not living in Luxembourg, but on the Belgium border
- Riders who have not yet progressed beyond novice or 'débutant' level.
- Riders being able to compete at an international level

Furthermore we are confronted with the problems that not every rider can buy their own pony and that riding schools won't lend their ponies to go abroad. Another problem is that some riders don't want to do more than just small one-day competitions in the surrounding area, while other riders don't have the support of their parents and are not allowed to compete abroad or in two day competitions. Another point is the financial situation, not every rider can afford the participation in competitions like World or European Championships and MGAL doesn't yet have the financial means to pay inscription fees and/or other charges. Another problem is the young age of some of our riders. We are sure that everybody will agree that it would not be appropriate or safe to send a 10 year old girl on her Shetland pony, doing lead rein competitions, to an OPEN World Championship. This would not only be frustrating for the rider and the other team members, but also dangerous.

Luxembourg is of course taking steps in team development to be able to send teams to future World and European Championships. We are organizing courses and competitions to enable our riders to make progress. We also take riders to competitions for beginners in Belgium. This luckily works well, as most of them are no further away than 50 km. However, if it gets to over 100 km, most parents don't even consider letting their children take part, as they consider it as being too far away. It therefore becomes a rather tricky issue when MGAL starts talking about trips abroad that involve travelling for a whole day or even several days.

Taking into account the above, MGAL won't be able to put together a team with 5 riders for the World Team Championship 2014 in France and the European Team Championship 2014 in Belgium. This is the reason why MGAL asks with this letter to get a special derogation for 2014 to add a foreign rider (not fulfilling the criteria of GR13.1. of the IMGA Rule Book) to the Luxembourgish team. This would not just help MGAL, but would also mean more participating countries to support the organizers. If, in the meantime, we succeeded in getting five MGAL riders to the necessary level to participate in the World or European Championships in 2014, then we would of course inform the IMGA and not take advantage of the derogation (in the

case of the derogation being granted). At the start of the year 2013, we were really hoping to see a number of riders make enough progress so they could compete at an adequate level and to convince riders and parents to buy ponies, but unfortunately this has not been the case. And as it stands now, we must regretfully acknowledge, that accumulating five suitable riders for the 2014 international open season will most likely not happen.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

Mounte Games Association Luxembourg a.s.b.l.  
Valy Schmartz (President)  
Cardie Loehr (Treasurer)