



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Mid-year Meeting 2009

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Held at Broadlands, Romsey, England
Thursday August 20

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

Meeting opened : 19:00

Present :

Phil Logue	Australia
Pierre Marsille	Belgium
Signe Sehested	Denmark
Sheila Peck	England
Isabelle Pierrard	France
Philip Preugel	Germany
Philip Whooley	Ireland
Frie Martin	Luxembourg
Brenda Cross	New Zealand
Brian Kennedy (representing Colin Carson)	Northern Ireland
Alyce Lande (representing Inger Hilmersen)	Norway
Ian Marr	South Africa
Nisse Adolfsson	Sweden
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland
Liz Englert (representing Paul Greiling)	USA
John Griffiths	Wales
Peter Dale	Referee
Marilyn Hackman	IMGA
Clive Jones	IMGA
Jens Martin	IMGA
Laurence Bauduin	Belgium
Keith Hardy	England
Kay Leese	England
Francis Whooley	Ireland
Gunilla Adolfsson	Sweden

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the meeting would be informal, with no binding decisions taken. It was an opportunity, with so many International Representatives present, to exchange information and raise a few points in preparation for the annual meeting in November.

General Information

Dates for 2010

July 2 - 4 European Team Championship (in Wales)
July 15 – 18 World Individual Championship (in the UK)
July 23 – 25 World Team Championship (in Geneva)

Details of these competitions, and all others planned for 2010, will be published on the IMGA website as they become available.

Organisation of International Competitions

John Beale, Signe Sehested, and Margaret Welsby, are working together to produce this document.

Keith Martin is coordinating, and combining their contributions into a draft document which will be presented in November.

Promotional DVD

Jim Dunn's project to produce a promotional DVD and brochure for Mounted Games is nearing completion and will soon be available.

The cost of \$2000 was donated.

GamesPro

GamesPro is a software application designed to help in the preparation and running of Mounted Games competitions.

It stores information about the competition, the games to be played, and the teams entered, and from this information it can produce games lists for each session, score sheets, and the final results.

The demonstration attempted at the annual meeting in Sydney last year was not very successful, due to incompatibilities with the software and the laptop being used, but the author, Dag Hoffgaard (Norway) has continued to develop the software and it is now being thoroughly tested.

It will not be ready for full release and general use until the testing is complete, so if you would like to receive a copy of the test version and try it for yourself, please contact Dag Hoffgaard at daghoff@gmail.com, or Keith Martin at Keith.Martin@mounted-games.org. The more people who participate in the testing, the better will be the final application.

To run GamesPro you will need :

- Microsoft Windows XP (it may run under Vista but installation may be difficult)

- Microsoft .NET Framework, with the following resources :
 - 400 MHz Pentium processor or equivalent (minimum), 1 GHz (recommended)
 - 96 MB RAM (minimum) 256 MB RAM (recommended)
 - up to 500 MB of disk space
- Microsoft WORD and EXCEL

Membership

The difficulties with South Africa's membership have now been resolved and Ian Marr was present at the meeting as South Africa's International Representative.

World Equestrian Games

For a long time Paul Greiling has been working to have Mounted Games accepted into the World Equestrian Games to be held in 2010 in Kentucky, September 25 to October 10. He has now received confirmation, but the exact details are still not available.

Everyone will be kept informed of developments for this exciting opportunity.

Preparation for the Annual Meeting

Annual IMGA meeting November 2009

This year's annual meeting will be held at the "Centre sportif des Evaux" at Onex, Geneva – the same location as the World Team Championship 2010 – on Saturday November 14 with an option to continue into Sunday November 15 if necessary.

Everyone will receive a reminder of the arrangements for the meeting, travel, hotels, and so on, in the next few weeks, and agenda for the meeting will be circulated at least 4 weeks before the meeting.

Annual Referees' Meeting

There is a meeting every year in France of all Mounted Games referees, the objective being to ensure harmonisation and standardisation between all the referees.

It has been suggested that this idea should be extended to the referees of all member countries of IMGA, and so the subject will be on the agenda for discussion in November.

Assistant Referees

Assistant referees are vital to the smooth and fair running of any competition, but we have little or no control over their qualifications to do the job. Proposals will be discussed in November for ways to raise the level of professionalism for assistant referees to the same level as referees.

Age Groups / Classes

Each member country has its own ways of splitting competitions by age group (under 14, under 17, Cadets, Benjamins, Minis, and so on) with the only the "open" class being common.

When these countries come together in international competition, an agreed and standardised definition of age groups or classes is required. IMGA cannot continue to change every year.

This is a priority issue for the November meeting, and Wales (hosts for the 2010 European Championship) will present a proposal.

Rules Committee

As requested last year, the webpage(s) for the Rules Committee have been updated to allow everyone to see not only which change requests have been processed or are currently under consideration, but also the requests still to be dealt with in the current year. This allows anyone to make their opinions known to the Committee and everyone is encouraged to do so.

The meeting was closed at 19:45