



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Mid-year Meeting 2012

Final version (17 September 2012)

Held at the David Broome Centre
Chepstow, Wales
Friday July 20, 2012

International Representatives present :

Sophie van de Calseyde	Belgium
Isabelle Pierrard	France
Jacques Cavé	Italy
Mark Devitt	Ireland
Jens Martin	Luxembourg / IMGA
Brian Kennedy	Northern Ireland
Inger Hilmersen	Norway
Younes Ahlbom	Sweden
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland
Paul Greiling	USA
John Griffiths	Wales

IMGA officials present :

Keith Martin	IMGA
Clive Jones	IMGA
Carol Jones	IMGA
Pola Preugel	IMGA
Marilyn Hackman	IMGA

Others present :

Maureen Purdie	Australia
Pierre Marsille	Belgium
Jörg Stolzenburg	Germany
Sean Bource	Interpreter
Jerome O'Conner	Ireland
Frie Martin	Luxembourg
Denise Bentall	New Zealand
Hugh Clotworthy	New Zealand
Kate Wiltshire	New Zealand
Chris Hope	New Zealand

Colin Carson
Eivind Kjuus
Peter Dale
Davy Quinn
John Riva
Alun Whitney

Northern Ireland
Norway
Referee
Scotland
Scotland
Wales

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the meeting would be informal. With so many countries represented it was an opportunity to exchange information and ideas.

The meeting would, however, concentrate on those subjects of immediate interest.

European Championship 2012

Philippe Gargallo's pre-competition report was circulated to all members July 11, but members were encouraged to put any outstanding questions to Jacques Cavé.

Peter Dale raised the question of the number of games in each heat.

It is normal at the World Championship to have 10 games per heat in the qualifying stages and all 24 games (split into 2 parts) in the finals. In the European Championship it seems to have become accepted that there should only be 8 games per heat because of the scheduling difficulties of such a big championship.

It was decided to go to 10 games, and Peter Dale would make up the games list.

IMGA Meeting 2012

Mark Devitt proposed to change the date of the meeting from the previously agreed 17-18 November to one week later to allow a visit to Tattersalls where the championship will be held.

Unfortunately this would cause travel problems for some members because of the Thanksgiving holiday in the USA.

It was agreed to retain the original dates.

European Championship 2013

This championship will be held at Tattersalls, near to Dublin, on 8-15 July 2013.

From the Tattersalls website : Situated only 11 miles North-West of Central Dublin, Tattersalls Ireland sits in between the M2 and M3 (Junction 5) motorways and therefore is easily accessible by road, boat and air being 14 miles from Dublin International Airport, 16 miles from Dublin Ferry Port and 30 miles from Dun Laoghaire Ferry Port. Tattersalls is situated opposite Fairyhouse Racecourse.

World Team Championship 2013

A presentation was made by Denise Bentall on behalf of the New Zealand organising team.

WTC 2013 Committee :

Coordinator	Chris Hope
Secretary	Denise Bentall
Treasurer	Hew Campbell
Pony Coordinator	Brenda Cross
HOY Liaison	Kate Wiltshire

The World Team Championship will be held at the New Zealand Horse of the Year Show at Hastings, March 6 -16 2013.

Information was distributed to members, and is available at

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/files/site/176/27/Pdf/120522172912RQEYBGFJ.pdf>

Information is also available on the NZMGA website at

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/clubsite.asp?siteid=17627&pageid=79426&pagetypeid=18>

A Facebook page has been created at

<http://www.facebook.com/MGAworldchampsNZ>

The matter of borrowed ponies was addressed and Denise explained their policy :

All loan ponies will be graded according to ability by our pony coordinating team. They will be distributed evenly into groups.

At the 2.30pm briefing on Sat 9th March at Horse of the Year showground, coaches will pick a number out of a hat, which will correspond to a group of ponies. This will randomly determine the group of ponies you receive.

Spare ponies will be provided where possible, in the event you are dissatisfied with one of your ponies.

Please avoid the temptation to try to make private arrangements. This only makes the job of the pony team much more difficult, and is not possible when there are so many ponies to provide. Only pool ponies will be supplied for the competition. Worlds 2008 in Australia was run on this principle, and it was found to be the only way when all the visiting teams are on borrowed mounts.

As per usual practice, the host team will ride its own ponies. If any countries wish to bring their own ponies for the competition they are most welcome.

This policy was discussed and agreed.