



## **MINUTES OF IMGA ONLINE MEETING SATURDAY 6 MARCH 8-10 PM CET**

Apologies received from South Africa, France, Switzerland and Denmark.

A general note to all at the start of the meeting: 2021 Rule books now available to buy via IMGA website.

Also Keith has been working on our website to make general enquiries more easily accessible.

**AGENDA ITEM 1:- VOTING AT INTERIM MEETINGS:-** Keith's report on voting at Interim meetings found that there were no problems in our Constitution or other documents with voting at these meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:- WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA. PONY HEIGHT CHANGE REQUEST by Warwick VOTE was 53% to 47% to accept this proposal which is only for the World Teams Championship in Australia.**

Discussion turned to whether there might be a Rules Committee request for a permanent change in maximum pony height if someone was prepared to propose it at a later date.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:-** Discussion on whether self-sourcing of ponies is unfair for nations who have no contacts in the host country. Alun's proposal for a method for standardisation of supply and allocation of Pool ponies for World Team Championships and Nations Cup.

A lengthy debate with many contributions from Representatives. It was decided to breakdown this proposal into smaller points that could be discussed at future meetings. Contributions to suggest more manageable sections would be welcomed from across the Mounted Games world.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:- ASSISTANT REFEREES' COURSE:-** Update of feedback from Representatives about this course. **NEXT ONLINE MEETING ON JUNE 5 TO DECIDE WHEN AND HOW TO ROLL THIS OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION.**

**AGENDA ITEM 5:- INSTAGRAM:-** Update from Megan. Megan is asking for more photos.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:- IMGA NEWSLETTER:-** How was January's issue? Suggestions for improvement / inclusion. Florence kindly suggested software (Canva) to produce the Newsletter.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:- MOUNTED GAMES SURVEY** presented by Conor. Survey to be distributed to our Representatives to give feedback on appropriateness of the survey questions

**AGENDA ITEM 8:- UPDATE ABOUT IMGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.** Signe was not able to attend the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 9:- UPDATES ABOUT OUR 2021 COMPETITIONS.**

Europeans:- Message received from Signe saying that entries are now extended to end of April.

World Teams:- Message from MGA Scotland:-

“MGA Scotland feel they cannot commit to hosting the 2021 WTC due to continuing uncertainty regarding Scottish Government restrictions. There are also the added difficulties with the movement of equines due to Brexit and the Herpes Virus.

Our WTC venue is almost certainly unable to accommodate us as they are unlikely to consider any form of attended event either indoors or outdoors. The Scottish Borders Common Rides, a 13<sup>th</sup> Century tradition, which surround our venue are cancelled for 2021 as are many major Scottish equestrian events.

MGA Scotland can review this situation in one month. However, we are happy for another nation to host this event if their restrictions are less prohibitive. Scotland would be happy to work with any other nation, travel restrictions permitting.”

World Individuals: Proceeding as planned

World Pairs: no update available

Nations Cup: Proceeding as planned

**AGENDA ITEM 10:- FEI QUESTIONS.** 4 countries have replied to this so far. More replies needed to discuss this in the future. Survey to be re sent out to Reps.

**AGENDA ITEM 11:- COVID UPDATE.** Wait and see seems to be the continuing consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM 12:- FUTURE COMPETITIONS:-** If any of our International Competitions are cancelled this year, should we postpone them again till 2022 or should they be cancelled to allow the 2022 hosts to run them?

Limited time to discuss this. Florence said the priority must be for individual countries to decide whether they wished to continue to host a competition the following year in the event that their Championship was cancelled this year.

Conor suggested that some re-scheduling of the calendar ought to be considered to avoid multiple Championships being located in the British Isles and Ireland.

Decision for Representatives to continue this discussion with their own committees. **VOTE ON THIS IN NEXT ONLINE MEETING IN JUNE**

**AGENDA ITEM 13:- PROPOSED DATES FOR NEXT INTERIM MEETINGS**

Saturday June 5,

Saturday August 7

Nov 13&14 AGM in Florida.