



MINUTES OF ONLINE MEETING SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

8-10 PM CET

17 Countries represented.

Apologies received from Czech Republic. Also from Marilyn Hackman.

Proxy vote received from Czech Republic.

The meeting opened with a welcome to Mexico as an IMGA candidate nation.

AGENDA ITEM 1:- VOTING

The meeting started with a discussion about whether votes and decisions taken at these meetings would come into effect immediately. It was felt that matters raised would need to be further discussed by individual countries, their committees and riders.

Proposal :- Discussions at interim meetings can be voted on at the subsequent meeting. Passed by 93% vote.

Keith will look at our Constitution to see if changes are needed to be made. Agenda item for next interim meeting

AGENDA ITEM 2:- WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA. PONY HEIGHT CHANGE REQUEST by Warwick

- Minimum # Teams - 10 Open & 10 U17 expected - 100 Ponies - Expect to have to provide over 120 ponies
- Many good Australian games horses come from working farm homes and are 152cm to 158cm (15hh to 15.2hh)
- Approx half a dozen horses that are in this range are all A grade horses and have competed in national finals for many years.
- We would hate to see these horses not be able to be used as they will be a bonus for any team that would use them
- We will not force any team to have to have one of these horses in their team.
- Only looking for an exemption for this event

Discussion followed this proposal. References were made to 2008 when a similar pony height request was accepted.

Representatives to discuss this with their respective countries. **Vote on this in next interim meeting**

Warwick would also like to know how many countries are intending sending teams to Australia in 2023.

Discussion moved on to whether self-sourcing of ponies was unfair to nations who had no contacts in the host country.

Alun to look up previous documentation on this subject. Agenda item for next interim meeting

AGENDA ITEM 3 ASSISTANT REFEREES' COURSE Warwick provided these figures

- IMGAs Reps

-- Registered 27

-- Accessed 8

-- Never Accessed 19

-- Completed Assessment 5

- Number of countries enrolled riders – 1

A better effort is needed from our Reps to get this course up and running. Agenda item for next interim meeting

AGENDA ITEM 4 INSTAGRAM

Megan gave us an update about our new Instagram. Reps asked to provide photos. Also asked to get as many followers as possible. 612 following at moment

AGENDA ITEM 5 IMGAs NEWSLETTER

Megan and Chris to produce a quarterly newsletter with such items as:-

Updates from each country about your competitions and training

International competition dates

Top tip from a Referee

Top tip from a Trainer

Top tip from our tack expert Margaret Welsby

IMGAs news - Rule changes / breathalyser updates etc

Minutes from our quarterly online meetings

Assistant referee training - how each country is doing training its members

An interview of 10 questions with a personality from Mounted Games

Plus anything else the Reps might like included.

Hoping to produce this first copy at end of January

AGENDA ITEM 6 MOUNTED GAMES SURVEY FROM THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PRESENTED BY CONOR

Proposal to ask our riders, parents, officials and supporters 15 questions about Mounted Games to see what they perceive to be our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our sport.

Questions are to be uploaded by Mats onto MG Scoreboard. Translations also to be done.

Questions at the moment are:-

1. Are you a

Rider Parent Trainer Official Supporter?

2. In which country do you mostly play (are involved with) Mounted Games?

3. What age group are you involved with?

U12 U15 U18 Open

4. Why do you do Mounted Games?

For fun. To meet friends. To ride.

To meet people from other countries. To win.

Other reason:- _____

5. What is your goal in doing Mounted Games?

To ride for and represent my country.

To ride for and represent my club/team.

To win an International title

Other (maybe fun competitive or Internationally competitive) _____

6. Would you like to see professional riders in the future?

Yes/No

7. Do you prefer to ride in Teams, Pairs or Individuals?

Teams Pairs Individuals No preference

8. Are there enough Home Competitions in your country each year

1 2 3 4 5

Not Enough Too Many

9. Are there enough IMGA competitions each year?

1 2 3 4 5

Not enough Too many

10. Do you think ponies should be randomly tested for drugs?

Yes No

11. Do you think coaches should pass a certificate of competence/knowledge/skills/?

Yes No

12. What would you see as a main reason to quit the Sport?

Pony Time Cost Age Work Lack of competition for my level Please specify.

13. Is Mounted Games your only Sport?

Yes Other Equine Sport Other Sport.

14. Frequency of IMGA Competitions

1. 'As is' Europeans and World Teams every year

2. 2. Europeans Every Year, World Teams every two Years

3. 3. Europeans and World Teams on Alternate years

15. Timetabling

1. Fixed Timetable for IMGA Competitions –

Same dates every year so that National competitions can be planned around that.

2. Leave as is – variable dates

3. Restrict International Competitions to a fixed window e.g. July.

Suggestion from Florence to have an open box for further comments.

Agenda item for next interim meeting

AGENDA ITEM 7 UPDATE ABOUT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FROM SIGNE.

Proposal to call this the United League Cup. To run every 2 years. To be open to all clubs. Qualification to start this year. Individual countries to decide on their own qualification criteria. Signe, Conor and Mark Crowe to continue working on this project. Agenda item for an update at next interim meeting

AGENDA ITEM 8 FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR COMPETITIONS.

Signe thought this could be done by an online survey. It might be easier to calculate how well a competition has been organised. Chris to come up with a list of items for the survey. Agenda item for next interim meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 FEI QUESTIONS.

Representatives asked to answer the following questions regarding membership of FEI:-

FEI SURVEY

1. Are you a member of FEI?
2. What are the advantages for being a member of FEI?
3. What are the disadvantages for being a member of FEI?
4. Are you a member of a National Equestrian Organisation?
5. What are the advantages for being a member of a National Equestrian Organisation?
6. What are the disadvantages for being a member of National Equestrian Organisation?

Chris to send out these questions in an email.

AGENDA ITEM 10 COVID UPDATE

Signe wished to bring to the attention of everybody that Covid testing might cost each person at Europeans 130 Euros and this would need to be budgeted for. Covid discussion to be an agenda item for next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 11 PROPOSED DATES FOR NEXT INTERIM MEETING

Saturday March 6

Saturday June 5

First week August at World Teams in Scotland

Nov 13&14 AGM in Florida

Meeting closed at 9:55 CET