



## The Australian Mounted Games Association Inc

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Summary of

the **Committee Meeting**

held **May 25, 2023**

**Time: 8.30pm (EST)**

via Google meet

Minutes taken by Maureen Purdie - Secretary



**Meeting opened at: 8:32**

**Present:** Andrew Rodaughan, Warwick Slade, Maureen Purdie, Brad French, Ben Logue, Sean Corbin, Katrina Lloyd, Scottie Cruise, Angela Herzer, Alister Ling

Agenda Item	Time	Discussion/Outcome	Action: By whom	By when
<b>1. Apologies:</b>		Marc Fraser <b>Moved</b> Maureen Purdie that Apologies be accepted: <b>Seconded</b> Andrew Rodaughan <b>Carried</b>		
<b>2. <a href="#">Previous meeting minutes</a></b>	10mins	Moved that the minutes be accepted <b>Moved:</b> Maureen Purdie <b>Seconded:</b> Sean Corbin <b>Carried</b>  <b>Business arising from the minutes-</b> Brad was to check with Wentworth organising committee what issues occurred with Event Secretary– hay and dinners- Orders after closing didn't get through to organisers. More so with people who hadn't entered horses. Warwick said that in future shut off entries completely so this can't happen. Event Secretary allows AMGA to use the Membership system for free dependent on using ES for AMGA championships. Warwick to contact Lauren re problems Andrew was to talk to Ben and write to those named in the first aid report. - Ben followed up - Was able to contact those named. Their memory of the event showed a different side of the story. May have been some miscommunication. The process needs to be set out as to the role of First Aiders and that the appointed first aider is not to be overruled.. Positive outcome at this time. May not be if this happened again Branches looking into the cost of having first aid provided at major events - Ben has spoken to St Johns- \$25 per person per hour( Crew \$50 for 2) 7-8 hours per day. Approx \$700 a	Warwick to contact Lauren	

		<p>weekend  Different grade officers in WA are different prices  At Worlds for 4 days we have booked 2 paramedics and a vehicle . The cost is \$5000  We will vote at the the next meeting whether for Australian Championships we employ 3rd party first raiders. This will mean the cost goes up by approximately \$10 per rider.</p>		
<p><b>3. <a href="#">Correspondence</a></b></p>	5mins	<p><a href="#">WAMGA Nations</a> WA provided information on their plan for Nations 2025. Maureen asked about accommodation and feeding of teams. Angela said that they were possibly getting camping tents and they could definitely provide meals. It was discussed whether AMGA representatives ride their own horses. Sean feels that they should be able to ride their own horses. The Committee agreed. If riders are coming from interstate they need to be willing to ride their own horse.</p> <p><b><u>Nations 2023</u></b>  Andrew has heard that Nations in South Africa may not go ahead if there are not enough teams.</p> <p><b><u>Polo Shirt design</u></b>- The only designs that have come in are from Maureen and Cathi Ben suggested sending it out to members again - open for a week. After this the designs should be taken back to Branches. A decision on the design to be used at Worlds will be made at the next meeting. Training shirts have had lots of black .This distinguishes them from official shirt</p>	Maureen send out and then branches discuss/ or take a poll	
<p><b>4. <a href="#">Treasurer's Report</a></b></p>	5mins	<p>The Treasurer's report has been linked  Moved that the  Treasurer's report be accepted -Alister Ling Seconded Scottie Cruise Carried</p>		
<p><b>5. Following Australian Championships held at Wentworth</b></p>		<p>1)"At all Australian Champs heats are to be pre drawn" A vote was called for .The decision was 6 votes for predrawing the heats, 2 for against. It was felt that predrawing takes the human element out of it.Assists riders and helpers to know when they are needed and to do seeding we would need to use another program. Some felt seeding was a better option, but appears too complicated a process with the scoring programs.</p> <p>It was suggested that numbers should be put into the program and then the names allocated afterwards. This will be discussed later.</p> <p>2) Should we have Australian Championships Teams events run in age groups- possibly U18 and Open?  Should we allow U18 teams to have one 18 and over rider?</p>	Maureen Add to policies	

		<p>There were discussions around the safety issues, the fact that it is a great development opportunity for younger riders. Having an older rider in the team or a coach for the young teams may overcome some of the possible problems. The fact that deciding how the competition would be organised would be difficult- eg would we have to seed them beforehand. Parents want to ride with their kids.</p> <p>Warwick said that NZ have u18, Open and vets</p> <p>Andrew said that it seems that we are not ready to have a split. Andrew said that a coach should be with inexperienced riders, not just the young ones.</p> <p>3) Yellow cards- How are we going to record these? Do we need to carry these over to the next session or competition</p> <p>Discussion was about what we want to achieve. Recording would allow the association to back the referee. Would allow us to monitor and address undesirable behaviour. Allows us have documentation in the need for disciplinary action</p> <p>Some felt that it is not in the spirit of the game. If we are concerned about behaviour it should go back to the Branch committee, some felt that it should be recorded at National level, not at branch level. It was felt that we stick to the rule book on when a yellow card is issued and that it should not go beyond that session. Lets the riders know it is more serious than an elimination</p> <p>Recording with the reasons listed-</p> <p>Andrew said the yellow card is a step in the right direction for referees. A big jump to the red card. Scottie said that we are trying to make a simple system more complicated.</p> <p>It was suggested that the recording is done with a trial</p> <p>Needs to be confidential. The AMGA Secretary is to keep a database- with the reason the yellow card was issued.. How long do we keep the record? End of the following calendar year. It was asked if these would/could be used to guide selections. It was decided that one yellow card should not preclude a rider from selection but more may show that the rider is not a good role model</p> <p>A vote was taken and the above was agreed 5-3</p> <p>4) There are an increasing number of Coaches on the field. Being a coach is not classed as being a helper. All coaches must be named on the entry form before close of entries and those who are coaching need to organise a replacement helper if they are rostered on for helping at that time.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether a coach who is not a member would be covered by insurance and if they should have WWCC- The answer was yes, volunteers are covered by</p>	<p>Maureen Add to policies</p>	
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		<p>insurance, All those who are coaching Aust teams have WWCC. We are working towards all committee members, referees etc having this.</p> <p>After discussion it was decided that the coach did not need to be listed on the entry as riders do not at that stage have the draw. <b>BUT</b> The referee needs to be informed of who is in the arena.</p>	Maureen Add to policies	
<b>6. <a href="#">Unfit horse/rider policy</a></b>		<p>Ben has been working on this. This year we have the situation of two teams representing AMGA at Worlds in Australia on their own ponies. AMGA and riders need a guide to when a horse/rider needs to be replaced. Committees and referees also need this for determining if a horse is lame at a competition. Take back to branches for a decision at the next meeting.</p> <p>.</p>	Branch reps to discuss at their branch	
<b>7. Australian Pairs and Worlds 2023 update</b>		<p>Lauren Bingley's query. Under 18 team looking to have training . She'd like them to ride at WA teams. Policy- That riders pay \$250 to coach's costs. Ben said that it is iffy if NSW riders can go, one definitely no. This could be given in advance, Scottie ,Sean, Katrina, Brad agreed.</p> <p>Release of purchasing merchandise, power, food etc. Warwick approached the 2 referees- 6th rider can use their own pony. Warwick provided an update to AHIC.</p> <p>Ballarat- at the end of June should have a full plan</p> <p>Discussion on whether Aust teams will be riding at Pairs. Ben reported that probably most of U18 teams will be . Hope that Opens team will be there to help.</p>		
<b>8. International Rep report</b>		Warwick nothing to report		
<b>9. AGM</b>		<p>Debrief-</p> <p>Voting process- Max Meeting procedures &amp; Solicitor email</p> <p>" That new members have to join at least two weeks before the AGM in order to vote",</p> <p>(Those who were financial the previous year are counted as members)-</p> <p>Discussion on why previous year can vote-</p> <p>A vote was taken 6 in favour, 2 against and it was decided that this would be implemented</p> <p>Following advice</p> <p>Members need to be in attendance to vote either electronically or in person.</p>	Maureen Add to policies	

		We will have to register people on the day. It was felt that we need to look at making some changes to the Constitution. <b>Note this.</b> This would require a Special General Meeting		
<b>10. Other international events</b>		Nations 2023- only had 1 application, Please push at Branch level. Need to encourage riders to compete at Nations. Worlds is currently everyone's focus.		
<b>11. <a href="#">By-laws update</a></b>		Time to revisit . Some are now redundant. Committee to look at this ready for next meeting.		
<b>12. Around the Branches</b>		WA- Want to know when they can arrive at Ballarat. Scottie said there is a chance to arrive on the Tuesday. He will confirm with the grounds and check on costs. They reported that their Pairs champs are this weekend. The numbers aren't large but they have enough entries for a good competition. Vic- Scottie reported that they recently ran their Branch individuals. It was a successful event and was well attended, but they had challenging weather. They have also had their AGM . There are a few changes of committee. Everyone is positive and enthusiastic Katrina reported that AS - had indis and pairs last weekend. They had good numbers and 4 new members. Ben reported that they had good numbers at their recent Sydney comp. Several new riders attended They will be holding the Indis championships on the June long weekend.		
<b>13. Any Other business</b>		Nil		

Meeting closed: 10.53 pm  
Next Meeting: June 29 TBC