

Minutes of the Southern Region Annual General Meeting

Held at 10.30am on Sunday 10 February 2019

At English Provender Company, Greenham Business Park, Thatcham RG19 6HA

In attendance: Jo Morris (Chair - outgoing) Sarah Wheatley (Vice Chair), Nikki Carter (Secretary – outgoing), Leanne Chick, Alastair Elliott, Marilyn Hackman, David Leese, Kay Leese, Jo Lock, Gail Maidment, Annie Morris, Alan Peck, Sheila Peck, Emma Pink, Rob Taylor, Dee Tordoff, Cheryl Warren and Barrie Yates

Apologies: Lisa Beachus, Nicola Berry, James Berry, Julie Edwards, Caroline Forster, Warren Forster, Alex Franklin, Carol Greasby, Paul Jenner, Carolyn Kirby, Allison Ledger, John Leech, Suzanne Leech, Kate Nicholls, Debby Rowles-Jones, Meg Rowles-Jones, Tash Rowles-Jones, Leanne Simister, Christopher Smith, Debbie Smith, Lynda Tapp, Jo Gubb, Anthony Rowles-Jones, Bella Capel

²Proxy held by Jo Morris

¹³Proxy held by Rob Taylor

³ Proxy held by David Leese

Minutes of last AGM (11 February 2018)

On the proposal of, seconded by, the minutes were approved.

Minutes of last committee meeting (9 December 2018)

On the proposal of, seconded by, the minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from Minutes not on the rest of the Agenda

Jo Gubb has been appointed as the Safe Guarding Officer and this role is to be held for 3 years. Should a conflict of duties occur, Sheila Peck has kindly agreed to help as and when needed.

Chairman's Report

Jo Morris's read her report to the committee advising everyone this would be her final report and thanked everyone for the support she has received whilst undertaking this role. She knows she has left the committee in a strong position with a great team to take the South of England forward. The committee thanked Jo for the difference she has made and look forward to her being a county rep on the committee.

Financial Report

Alan Peck's report forms Appendix 1 of these minutes

Alan also asked the committee to consider how the money for the South of England could be invested for our future. He would welcome any recommendations.

Riders' Representative's Report

No update since last report as no meetings held.

Election of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Riders' Representative

Chairman: There was only one nomination, Annie Morris, nominated by Sheila Peck, seconded by Alan Peck, so Annie Morris was elected as Chairman

Treasurer: There was only one nomination, Alan Peck, nominated by Nikki Carter, seconded by Kay Leese, so Alan Peck was elected as Treasurer

Secretary: There was only one nomination, Emma Pink, nominated by Sarah Wheatley, seconded by Clare Hawkins, so Emma Pink was elected as Secretary

There were no nominations for Riders' Representative, so nominations were called from the floor.

At the meeting we agreed to Ask Miss Sadie Lock to undertake the role of Riders Representative, if she agreed, the committee agreed to vote via email after the meeting.

Update 14th February 2019 – A n email vote has taken place by everyone present at the meeting and a unanimous yes has been returned. *Annie Morris to confirm with Sadie that she is now the Riders Representative for England South.*

England MGA and Election of Representatives on England MGA Committee

Jo Morris read to the committee the England MGA Minutes – Appendix 2

Alastair Elliott resigned.

Leanne Chick was the only other person wishing to stand. All present at the meeting were asked if anyone else wished to stand as a representative on the England MGA Committee.

We then had to vote and the following wished to stand and only 4 places are available,

Anthony Rowles-Jones, Kay Leese, Jo Morris, Jo Lock and Leanne Elliott.

All votes were collected in and counted. The following committee members will now be representing the South of England on the England MGA Committee meeting

Kay Leese, Jo Morris, Jo Lock and Leanne Elliott.

Co-opted Members

These are currently Alison Grimshaw, Marilyn Hackman

On the proposal of Jo Morris, seconded by Emma Pink, it was unanimously agreed that Nikki Carter, Alison Grimshaw and Marilyn Hackman will be co-opted to the Southern Region Committee for 2019

IMGA

Nikki Carter updated us with the membership rules that have been updated for IMGA. They have agreed to have a 3-tier membership. These are

- 2-year membership for free – but will not have a vote on the IMGA board
- Associate member – for 2 years or more with a vote on the board
- Full membership with all rights for voting and will send members to IMGA events
- Should any country wishing to send a team to the IMGA events, they can move to the full membership at anytime and no longer have to wait the two years.
- Rules committee can now be made from any IMGA members rather than from each country.
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Southern Region Training

The first Southern Training took place and was well attended. A total of 18 riders booked in.

The next Southern Training will take place on 3rd March 2019 at Parley Equestrian Centre. At this moment in time we have 48 riders booked in for training. We do have trainers that have already volunteered to come along and train on the day but should anyone else still be willing to help, this would be gratefully appreciated. **Emma Pink to advertise on Southern Website/Facebook page for trainers needed and email to all Southern members.**

Unfortunately, South West training was not able to be booked in as a suitable venue could not be found.

The feeling from all Southern members is, if possible, further training to be offered. **Annie Morris to consider.**

There is always some confusion this time of year as to when Membership is due and from which months this runs from. This can have an impact on the training events that are being held and also the pairs/individual winter series that happen. **Annie Morris to ask the at the MGAGB meeting is our membership could run from 31 March to 31 March?**

Should anyone wish to undertake the referee official training, the committee agreed that financial help can be given to Southern members to undertake this training. When we are next advised of the official training date, we can advise all the Southern Members that help is available. Hopefully this may encourage a few more members. The only caveat that we would ask for, please help at the events that the South of England are responsible for over the year.

We also spoke about the expense of having a DBS check done. **Emma Pink to check with Jo Gubb the costs involved.** Emma Pink then to inform Annie Morris and Alan Peck as the committee agreed that we would pay for 2 checks to be done for each of the Southern Counties.

Southern Competition 2019

Suggestions have been asked for the entertainment for our Southern Competition that is being held on 22nd/23rd June 2019.

Jo Morris asked if the committee are happy for West Hants Pony to run the catering at this event. The committee agreed.

Emma Pink to issue a timetable for each of the rings at the competition for setting up and clearing

away each day. These are to be split over the Southern Counties. Jo Morris confirmed that Dorset would be happy to run one ring, so the timetable would just need to be done for ring 2.

Alan Peck confirmed that he would be happy to sort entries and payments for this event.

Marilyn Hackman to happy to sort haylage, the same as last year.

South of Teams 2019 and election of trainers

The Southern Region Home International Trainers will be:

Open: Sheila Peck

U17: Robert Taylor

U14: Jo Morris

U12: Leanne Chick

We also spoke about the England Teams running at the HI events this year. It was decided by the committee that this would detract from the importance of the HI Events and also reduces the team members that you can select from, if they are riding at the same event as an England Team. *Jo Morris to feed this back to the England Committee.*

The Southern Committee also agreed to pay the entry fees for the Home International Events for all age groups this year.

We have donated our Joust Sets to MGAGB as they do not have any, but we have agreement that when we need them, we can BORROW them.

Equipment and Equipment trailers

Each of our trailers has an inventory and each trailer is insured. *Alan Peck to chase PG Sports as the replacement equipment still has not arrived despite being paid for last year.*

Matters discussed at MGAGB General Committee

Jo Morris read the minutes out from the meeting – copy to follow

Intercounties location is still under discussion with various venues and hopefully will be announced soon. This will also now only be a 2-ring show. Once the league system has been agreed, you will then compete throughout the year to qualify to ride at Intercounties.

The committee also discussed lots of concern over the ground conditions at Leicester Show ground, specially the large concrete boulders that can be seen just under the ground. The feeling of the committee is that lots of riders are not wishing to ride there because of this. This would impact the league system for Intercounties. *Annie Morris to advise the MGAGB committee of these concerns.*

The committee discussed, at great length, what improvements can be made to make sure that any pony that is injured in the ring, does not come back into play without agreement from the Chief Referee. We discussed the possibility of including a new rule under Animal Welfare that any animal injured in ring, must not enter back into the ring, without the agreement of the chief referee. If the animal enters the ring without this agreement, the team will be eliminated from the session. Also possibly keeping a record in the commentary box of injuries, this will then advise the referees of any events that may have happened in the day that they are not aware of. *Annie Morris to bring this up at the MGAGB Committee meeting.*

Any Other Business

Matters raised included:

British Individuals this year is to be run by the Southern Counties. *Emma Pink to email all County Reps and all Southern Members asking for volunteers to help set up 2 rings.* The following committee members agreed to be on site and help :-

Sheila Peck, Alan Peck, Leanne Chick, Jo Lock and Sadie Lock.

We have also been allocated the UK Masters to run by the Southern Counties. Newark are still to confirm, in writing, which rings are being allocated to us to run this competition. *Annie Morris to ask for confirmation at the next MGAGB meeting.*

Emma Pink to email all County Reps and all Southern Members asking for volunteers to help set up 2 rings.

Jo Saunders has taken over as County Rep for Greater London North

We have a total of 14 Counties in the Southern Region.

Date and venue of next meeting

Committee meeting – 17th November 2019

AGM - 9th February 2020

At English Provender Company

APPENDIX 1



ENGLAND SOUTH MGA FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR AGM

FEBRUARY 2019

Balance 1 st November 2017	£22 060.01
Balance 31 st October 2018	£26 345.86
INCREASE	£ 4 285.85

The main income was from the Southern Championships which produced a profit of £8 464.68.

We again provided haylage for all competitors as well as bouncy castles, disco dome, free sweets and a (noisy) silent disco.

Unfortunately, we have had to spend £503.67 to replace stolen and damaged games equipment.

The main expenditure, apart from the championships, was on entering teams for the Home International competitions and paying some contributions towards kit or travel. This cost us a total of £1 675.00.

Other purchases included 2 portable generators costing £600 each, a marquee costing £722.39, which can be used again, and a breathalyser for £147.94. We continued to insure our equipment trailers for a premium of £303.32.

Short term loans were provided for England MGA to cover IMGGA Rider fees from ETC 2017 and ETC 2018 deposits. These have now been paid back. We have recently provided a loan of £4000 to cover the ETC 2019 deposits and will also provide another £6000 for the balance in April. This will be repaid by England MGA when entry money is collected from the selected riders in May/June. (England North are providing loan funding for the WTC 2019)

Financial support of £238 was given for a training day in February 2018 and this will continue with a training day in January at Eaglesfield Kent and Parley in March.

Refreshments are provided for all who attend the AGM and committee meeting.

We are happy to discuss any suggestions about potential future spending and plan to continue making a small annual profit to carry forward.

Alan

Treasurer

Feb '19

APPENDIX 2

ENGLAND MGA Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at 10.am 20th January 2019

Venue: Aston Le Walls Equestrian Centre

, Welsh Rd, Daventry, Northamptonshire

Present: Pete Walters (Chairman), Elaine Trevor-Jones (Vice Chairman), Alan Peck (Treasury)
Alastair

Elliott, Alison Grimshaw, Kay Leese, , Alan Surman, Anthony Rowles-Jones, Lisa Davies, Billy
Robinson, Tessa Downes, Jo Morris

Apologises: Sadie Lock

Matters Arising from the Minutes of last meeting 140118

ARJ has now managed to gain access to the website and re designed and updated the information including the Hall of Fame but the 206/2017 information is missing. ETJ wil contact Jens Martin for this information.

ARJ has updated and published England email address on the website this is for members to contact, the Chairman and Vice and Secretary.

Financial Report

AP confirmed that both the North and South have transferred the money to England being lent to pay the deposits for the Europeans and World Team Championships.

The England Championships

PW will purchase sale or return for all the stock for the bar. Bookers are 10 miles from the venue

PW will establish if they can deliver

Sword, Joust and balloon will not be run at the Championships as the arena is not long enough but is the same length as Chepstow.

Consideration will be given to an individual session after the end of the team sessions, it was agreed we will not be hiring in flood lights.

The competition will run on a 2 minute equipment changeover to ensure that all heats run to time.

A sub committee will be set up to discuss and organise the event this will include PW, ETJ, AG also Jo Lock and Sonia Tutt have agreed to be part of this sub committee.

We will need to source at least x2 ipads and x2 judges for each heat.

AG to establish that when hiring the equipment from MGAGB can this include the ipads, kettles etc. Also need to confirm if Ipads are included are they also insured under the MGAGB insurance.

Does MGAGB have base poles? AG to establish

LD bought 7 lanes of base poles which can be borrowed, JM has 5 lanes any breakages will have to be replaced.

LD and JM attending Saturday only.

Set up Friday bank holiday, maybe arrive Thursday night PW to establish if this possible with ponies.

PW included marquee prices in his original costing. PW to confirm that we can still use the venues marquee and this can be erected in the field which we are camping in.

To encourage people to the bar, the draw for the competition will be done on the evening of the Friday in the marquee

PW to establish whether there is access to electricity in the field.

PW to ask about tables and chairs when making enquiries about the marquee.

PW to discuss with venue regarding rubbish clearance although the committee feel we should ask competitors to take home their rubbish this works well with other shows.

Venue will supply a catering van, specialist coffee van and ice cream van.

Entries to open straight away and entry form to be put on the website by ARJ.

£50 deposit agreed by all

Prizes Easter Eggs, rosettes and sashes

X-zony will sponsor prizes

Feedback from IMGA AGM

ETJ presented the England's bid for World individuals 2021 of behalf of MGAGB

Wales have invited the top 7 finishing teams at The World Team Championships. They have stipulated that the riding members of the top 7 teams, allowing 1 change only, must be the team that attends the Royal Welsh which is 2 days after the World Teams finishes.

Concerns were made by the whole committee that this is expecting trainers and riders to have 2 ½ weeks off work in the Open age group. The committee agreed that the Europeans and Worlds are our priority and any rider unable to continue to the Royal Welsh would not be frowned upon for not being able to continue to Royal Welsh.

The bid from France for 2021 has been given on the back of venue changes as set out by IMGA.

IMGA purchasing a camera system which will cover the entire arena top, bottom, centre and diagonal. These cameras will be at every competition and will be running 24 hours.

Fixed peaks are now banned from IMGA

IMGA voted to move forward to joining FEI

IMGA minutes are available to look at on the website.

England will be responsible for all English riders at IMGA competitions. IMGA require approval of these riders from England. England agreed that where any rider who has a ban from MGAGB would not be approved to compete for England

A safeguarding incident was reported to England by IMGA and is being investigated. **AG dealing with.**

All IMGA rule changes will be added to the England website via a link to the IMGA website rule changes.

Next iMGA AGM 23/24 November, anything to be brought up should be passed to ETJ by 21/07/2019.

Fund raising/sponsorship for England

SL has contacted many companies and no one keen to just give money but she has had interest in companies offering prizes for competitions.

Selection process

Committee will compile a list of names for trainers and selectors, vote on them and then contact them and invite them for the role

A process for selection will be sent out

Riders who do not want to be considered should contact England and advise this

When riders are selected their position will not be confirmed until a deposit towards the entry fee and kit is received.

Trainers will pay for their own shirt

Code of Conducts for Trainers, Riders and Parents for riders under the age of 18yrs for all IMGA competitions including World Individuals and Pairs. **AP is redrafting**

Any Other Business

AG to request MGAGB that an England team can run in U17 and Open Home Internationals it will be the World Team selected

An on going incident is being addressed with the Safeguarding officer AG to deal with this.

Date and venue of next meeting

TBA