

## CRYERS HILL

December 2007

Dear Members,

Please find enclosed details re the 2008 MGA season.

### **(1) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

These remain at the same levels as in 2007 and are as follows: -

Riding membership : £40

Non-riding membership : £20

#### **Family memberships:-**

2 parents & 1 riding member : £55

2 parents & 2 riding members : £75

2 parents & 3 or more riding members : £95

Membership renewals are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

The age limit for non-riding siblings (i.e. other sons or daughters) to be included free of charge in a family membership is under 17 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January. Please list the names of ALL family members to be included in your family membership on your membership application form.

Membership forms are included with this letter for those receiving the letter by post. For those members receiving the letter by email, membership forms can be downloaded from the website-[www.mgagb.co.uk](http://www.mgagb.co.uk).

**Please return forms and remittance to Rosie at Cryers Hill NOT to Buxton.**

**N.B.** Any family siblings over the age of 17 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 who attend MGA events **must** join as non-riding members.

The following Resolution was passed at the General Committee Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2003 :

- (i) **Family membership applications must state the names of any non-riding siblings, under the age of 17, who will be attending MGA events.**
- (ii) **Members will be asked to provide a passport photograph for inclusion on their membership cards for 2004 and subsequent seasons".**

Members will be expected to carry their membership cards with them at MGA events. Several members did not send photographs in last year which means that those members will not have been issued with a membership card. **PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS IN THIS YEAR IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.** The cards will be laminated and include the photograph. Cards will be issued on receipt of membership application forms. Cards will not be issued to those who already have them complete with photograph. Members will retain the same membership card and number throughout their time with MGA. Replacement membership cards can be reissued on request for a fee of £5.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AT ALL MGA EVENTS AS THEY MAY BE NEEDED AS PROOF OF AGE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO BUY ALCOHOL FROM LICENSED BARS ON SHOWGROUNDS. ALL THOSE SHOWGROUNDS WHO RUN BARS FOR MGAGB HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD REQUEST PROOF OF AGE FROM MEMBERS BEFORE SERVING THEM WITH ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**

Please ensure that any friends or relatives who attend MGA events on a regular basis join as members as it is unfair to those who pay their subscriptions for others to enjoy the facilities provided at shows free of charge.

**Please note that anyone who goes into the arena at any MGA show is not covered by MGA insurance unless they are a member.**

**\*\*\*\*\*NB\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

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**\*\*\*\*\*DATE FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP\*\*\*\*\***

In line with the resolution that was passed at the General Committee meeting held on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2004, a renewal fee of £20 will be charged if renewal memberships have not been received by 31<sup>st</sup> March in any year. The General Committee feel strongly that ALL persons who attend MGA shows should be fully paid up members and that membership subscriptions should be paid before the start of the playing season.

**If renewal memberships have not been received by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 then a £20 administration fee will be imposed.**

Please get your photographs taken if you have not already done so, complete and return the membership form as soon as possible and, in any case, before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 in order to avoid having to pay the £20 renewal fee.

**N.B.** Membership handbooks will be available as soon as they are printed. However, this will not be until mid March at the earliest as we cannot print handbooks until after the Annual General Meeting has taken place.

## **(2) TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

At their meeting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005, the General Committee discussed the situation regarding guests of members who accompany members to internal shows as there have been a number of occasions when such guests have caused problems. It was agreed that such guests should be made temporary members of the Association by payment of a fee of £5 per show.

The following resolution was also passed by the General Committee:

**"Whilst it is recognised that the Association will entertain temporary members by payment of a fee, the member introducing them to the Association must be responsible for their behaviour whilst at MGA events and will be subject to the Disciplinary Code of Conduct of the Association."**

## **(3) TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS**

When you renew your membership you will automatically be registered with the team that you rode for during the 2007 season. If you wish to transfer to another team for 2008 you **MUST** complete a Transfer Form. Forms are available from Rosie at Cryers Hill or can be downloaded from the website - [www.mgagb.co.uk](http://www.mgagb.co.uk). Completed transfer forms should be returned to **Rosie**. Please note that free transfers are only permitted up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Transfers between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June will incur a fee of £50.  
Transfers are not permitted after 30<sup>th</sup> June in any year.

## **(4) ENTRY FORMS FOR PAIRS AND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**

Entry forms for the Spring Pairs, World Pairs, Midlands Individuals and World Individuals will be available for download from the MGAGB website in early January or can be obtained from Rosie (01494 564500 or [Rosie@mgab.co.uk](mailto:Rosie@mgab.co.uk))

## **(5) DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

A list of dates booked so far for the 2008 season is enclosed for those receiving this letter by post. For those members receiving the letter by email, the 2008 dates list is available on the website - [www.mgagb.co.uk](http://www.mgagb.co.uk).

This is by no means the final list as no doubt more dates will be added and/or confirmed but it gives you a start for planning dates for 2008.

## **(6) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007 SEASON**

### (i) Formal Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of MGA (GB) Ltd. will take place at Hatton Village Hall, Hatton, Warwickshire on Sunday 16th March 2007 at 11.00 a.m.

The Annual General Meeting is a Company business meeting and the Agenda will be as follows: -

- (a) Welcome by the President
  - (b) Welcome by the Chairman
  - (c) Apologies for absence
  - (d) Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting
  - (e) Matters Arising
  - (f) Chairman's Report
  - (g) Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
  - (h) Executive Officer's Report
  - (i) Election of Officers for 2008
  - (j) Regional Reports
  - (k) Closing address and presentations
  - (l) Date and venue of next Meeting
  - (m) Lunch
  - (n) Open Meeting of the Association
- (ii) Nominations for Officers of the General Committee 2008

The following Officers of the company will be required to stand for election at the AGM as members of the General Committee as listed in the current Articles of Association of the Company, MGA(GB) Ltd :-

The President, The Chairman, The Vice Chairman, The Treasurer, the Chairman and two members from the England North Region, the Chairman and two members from the England South Region, the Chairman and two members from the Welsh Region, the Chairman of the Scottish Region, the Chairman of the Northern Irish Region and 1 Rider Representative from each of the regions- i.e. England North, England South, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.

(Rider Representatives must be 18 years of age or over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008).

Any member of the Association is entitled to stand for election as an officer of the Company.

Any nominations for any position as an Officer of the Company must be received at **BUXTON** by **22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**. Each nomination must be in writing and must be proposed and seconded by voting members of the Association. (i.e. Members over the age of 18 years as at 1st January 2008). The nomination must be accompanied by a notice in writing from the nominee indicating his/her willingness to stand for the position.

(iii) Voting

In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting you **MUST** have paid your membership subscription for 2007.

All members who are aged over 18 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 and who renewed their membership in 2007, are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Votes may be given either in person or by proxy. **POSTAL OR EMAIL VOTES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting you may appoint a proxy to vote for you by completing a proxy voting form (available from Rosie) and returning the form either **personally , by post or by fax to** arrive at **Buxton** no later than 11.00 a.m. on **FRIDAY 14th MARCH 2008**.

(iv) Open Meeting of MGA (GB) Ltd.

The format of the day will be as follows: -The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the morning and will be followed by lunch. The afternoon session will be given over to an Open Meeting at which members can put their questions to members of the General Committee and a variety of issues will be discussed including any proposed rule changes. The attendance at previous Open Meetings has been very poor indeed. We often hear that members have questions that they would like the Committee to answer – this Meeting is your chance! If you are interested in helping to share the future of the Association, I would urge you to make every effort to attend.

(v) Venue

Hatton Village Hall is situated on the A4177 between Warwick and Balsall Common. Tea/coffee will be available on arrival but please note that there is no bar or catering facilities at the venue. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND DRINKS.**

## **(7) E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

In order to save money on postage and to improve efficiency we would like to send information to members by e-mail wherever possible. If you have e-mail available could you please let Rosie have your e-mail address. Send an e-mail to [rosie@mgagb.co.uk](mailto:rosie@mgagb.co.uk) to register your e-mail address with us. Please inform Rosie if you change your email address.

## **(8) CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS**

Both the Buxton and the Cryers Hill offices will close at 1.00pm on Thursday 20th December and reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday 2nd January 2008.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours sincerely,

Mary Worth  
Executive Officer MGA (GB) Ltd.