



International Carriage Drivers Association

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes

Date : Wednesday September 17, 2025, 15:00-16:00 h.
Place : Le Pin au Haras, Chateau du Pin – main meeting room

Attendees – Committee: Boyd Exell (AUS), president
Marie de Ronde-Oudemans, secretary general
Hugh Scott-Barrett, special advisor
Kris Rohrssen, member
Kelly Bruder, member
Franz Schiltz, member – FEI representative
Total of 45 ICDA Members

Apologies: 52 ICDA Members

1. Opening (Approval of Agenda & Quorum)

The President opened the meeting at 15:10 h., confirming that the required quorum of members for the General Assembly to have been validly set up, was present.

The proposed agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved without amendments.

2. President's Year Report

The President presented an overview of the main achievements and developments during the past year. As an attachment of these minutes the President's Year Report is added. Key points included the strengthening of ICDA's position as shareholder of the FEI and the successful completion of several ongoing projects.

3. Financial Report (up to September 1, 2025)

As the Treasurer was not able to attend the ICDA General Assembly, the Secretary General, presented the financial overview for the period ending September 1, 2025. As ICDA has been recognized by the FEI in November 2024, there is no complete financial year and therefore in 2026 a full financial report will be reviewed and presented for approval by the ICDA General Assembly. To date there are 662 ICDA members, 392 active drivers (FEI / international drivers) & 270 supporters (grooms, officials, NFs etc.)

Costs in the past years & 2025 included:

- Compositions of the ICDA Statutes
- In person meetings with the FEI and other stakeholders of the FEI
- Travel expenses
- Website / PR / Survey
- Support events
- ICDA General Assembly

The Attendees had no questions regarding the presented figures.

The Secretary General was happy to announce that ICDA Membership has free the past years and also in 2025, this to the fact that all financials were generously covered by sponsoring. As official FEI Stakeholder though ICDA has obligations and therefore a membership fee for 2026 of 15 euros per year is proposed and approved by all attendees of the General Assembly.



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4. Development and Future Plans of ICDA

The Special Advisor outlined cooperation with other stakeholders. Future initiatives will include:

- develop competition structure to make driving sport more affordable for athletes and support teams
 - more attractive for spectators and sponsors
 - continue to focus on improved athlete safety (alongside equine welfare)
 - better align competition calendar with needs of athletes (for example the WDC's in 2026)
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5. Elections & Appointments

Elections ICDA Committee: Following the statutes the elections for the ICDA Committee elections will start in 2027. At the General Assembly a draft schedule of elections is presented which will be discussed this year in the committee. All positions were filled in accordance with ICDA's statutes.

Account auditors: Marco Freund (GER) & Jeff Legg (USA) are appointed are appointed from the General Assembly as account auditors are elected for two years. They will audit the association's financial accounts in 2026 & 2027 and write a report to the Assembly.

6. Proposals from Members

Members were invited to present proposals for consideration.

Several constructive ideas were shared, including improvement of the FEI event calendar 2026. The President agreed to evaluate these proposals in more detail and take action towards the FEI.

7. Any Other Business

The President thanked all participants for their contributions and commitment to ICDA's mission.

8. Closing & New Meeting Date

The President thanked all members for their active participation and constructive discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:30 h.

The next meeting of the ICDA General Assembly 2026 is scheduled during the World Driving Championship for Singles in München (GER) for Tuesday September 1, 2026 (to be confirmed).

Prepared by:

Marie de Ronde-Oudemans, Secretary General

Approved by:

Boyd Exell, President