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Minutes

Meeting	Dressage Working Group
Date	24 August 2017
Time	14:00 - 18:00 h
Location	Hotel Liseberg Heden, Gothenburg
Chair	Ulf Helgstrand
Minutes	Ulf Helgstrand
Participants	
Ulf Helgstrand	Chair/DEN
Thomas Baur	Organiser
Linda Keenan	IDTC
Kyra Kyrklund	Rider and Trainer
Hans-Christian Matthiesen	IDOC
Elisabeth Max-Theurer	NF AUT
Ton de Ridder	Trainer
Maarten van der Heijden	NF NED
Invited	
Hanfried Haring	EEF President
Frank Kemperman	Chair FEI Dressage Committee
Bettina de Rham	FEI Director Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage
Frank Spadinger	NF AUT
Mariette Withages	BEL
Excused	
Carina Mayer	EEF Secretary General



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Agenda			
Pt.		Topic	Speaker
1		Introduction and Welcome	
2		Recommendations of the FEI Dressage Judging Working Group	
3		FEI proposed rule changes for 2018	
4		Qualification System for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games	
5		A. o. B.	

Topic 1

The Chair UH welcomes the participants, especially the invited chair of FEI Dressage Committee Frank Kemperman and his director Bettina de Rham.

The participants introduce themselves.

Topic 2

The experts present explain their opinion and give their reasons for it. It is obvious that there are different opinions with good reasons. After a long and fruitful discussion, the participants agree on the following statement:

In 2018 a test in practice (judges and riders aware of the testing) with hi-lo drop score should be performed at as many shows as possible. Statistical expertise should be involved to evaluate these tests and a consequence of the result should be prepared in advance.

The majority is of the opinion that the introduction of hi-lo drop score without the test in practice is by far too dangerous for a number of reasons.

More education and training is also requested at all levels in order to improve the quality of judging.

The chair of FEI Dressage Committee FK underlines that all persons involved have the goal to make judging better and more transparent. He looks at hi-lo as a tool to reach the goal.

The button in all judges huts to inform judge C was supported.

The proposal from the FEI working group on collective marks is supported.

The proposals from the FEI working group considering Ground Jury and supervisory panel are supported depending on the outcome of the hi-lo drop score.

Topic 3

A lot of proposals set by the NFs will be taken on board in the FEI, FK said, but they should all be forwarded to the FEI by the NFs in print.

Topic 4

Proposals for qualifying events are discussed and a recommendation to the FEI to appoint these events, including a pool of judges. Proposals will be forwarded to the FEI by the NFs involved.

Topic 5

Geographical differences concerning qualification for the World Cup Final in central Europe are discussed.