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Minutes

Meeting	EEF Meeting (Groups I & II)
Date	19 November 2017
Time	09:00 – 16:00
Location	Sheraton Montevideo Hotel, Room TBC
Chair	Hanfried Haring
Minutes	Carina Mayer

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Opening and Welcome	Hanfried Haring Armagan Özgörkey	
2	Minutes of the EEF Meeting in Tokyo (JPN), 20 November 2016	Carina Mayer	X
3	Summary of EEF GA in Luxembourg (Statutory Changes)	Theo Ploegmakers	
4	Olympic Quotas Tokyo 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jumping ○ Dressage ○ Eventing 	Armagan Özgörkey John Roche Bettina de Rham Catrin Norinder	X
5	Preparation of FEI GA – Rules Revision		
5.1	Jumping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blood Art. 241.3.30 / Art. 242.3.1 ○ Obstacles Art. 208.7 ○ Minor athletes in senior competitions Art. 255.2.1 & 2.2 & 2.3 ○ Boots Art. 257 ○ Percentages of invitations & home riders & ranking list points Annex V ○ Entry fees Annex VI 	Hanfried Haring John Madden John Roche	
5.2	Dressage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HiLo drop ○ Collective marks ○ Judges Supervisory Panel 	Carina Mayer Frank Kemperman Bettina de Rham	
5.3	Para-Equestrian Dressage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judges Supervisory Panel 	Carina Mayer Amanda Bond	



			Bettina de Rham	
	5.4	Vaulting	Carina Mayer	
	5.5	Reining	Carina Mayer	
	5.6	Eventing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event categorization system 	Hanfried Haring Giuseppe della Chiesa Catrin Norinder	
	5.7	Driving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draw in O-events and Championships ○ Para World Championships ○ Time penalties in marathon Art. 963.5.1 ○ Calculation of cones/marathon in classification Art. 974 	Quentin Simonet Karoly Fugli Manuel Bandeira de Mello	
	5.8	Endurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weight of Athletes Art. 812.1-4 ○ Age of horses at Junior Championships Art. 815.2.4 ○ Qualification procedure / CoC for 8yo horses Art. 816.1.4. 	Carina Mayer Brian Sheahan Manuel Bandeira de Mello	
6		FEI GA Contested Elections: Meeting the candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eventing Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alec Lochore (GBR) ▪ David O'Connor (USA) Presentation of other non-contested election candidates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jumping Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stephan Ellenbruch (GER) ○ Nominations Committee Group II representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ellen Damhaug-Scheel 	Hanfried Haring Election candidates	
7		A.O.B. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GBR NF governance changes ▪ EU horse transportation matters 	Armagan Özgörkey David Holmes	
8		Closing remarks	Hanfried Haring	



Attendance List

EEF Board

Hanfried Haring	President & Chair FEI Group II
Armagan Özgörkey	Vice President & Chair FEI Group I
Ulf Helgstrand	Vice President
Andrew Finding	Board Member
George Dimaras	Board Member
Theo Ploegmakers	Board Member
Eleonora Ottaviani	Board Member
Nayla Stössel (excused)	Board Member
Carina Mayer	Secretary General

NFs Present

Frank Spadinger	AUT
Wendy Laeremans	BEL
Alesia Machulskaya	BLR
Kroum Rachkov	BUL
Teodor Sheytanov	BUL
Bohumil Rejnek	CZE
Ulf Helgstrand	DEN
Venancio Garcia	ESP
Marti Hääl	EST
Fred Sundwall	FIN
Quentin Simonet	FRA
Virginie Couperie Eiffel	FRA
Jason Brautigam	GBR
David Holmes	GBR
Iain Graham	GBR
Stephan Ellenbruch	GER
Soenke Lauterbach	GER
George Dimaras	GRE
Ronan Murphy	IRL
Cesare Croce	ITA
Andrea White	ITA
Marco Di Paola	ITA
Theo Ploegmakers	NED
Maarten van der Heijden	NED
Ellen Damhaug Scheel	NOR
Mihnea Virgolici	ROU



Marina Sechina	RUS
Maxim Kretov	RUS
Asen Stojanov	SRB
Sandra Wiedmer	SUI
Claude Nordmann	SUI
Annika Tjernström	SWE
Bo Helander	SWE
Atif Bülent Bora	TUR
Osman Kilic	TUR
Mykhaylo Parkhomchuk	UKR

Associated Members

Mariette Withages	IDOC
Jon Doney	IJOC

Guests

Maria Gretzer	Chair of FEI Athletes Committee
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<p>1.</p>	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p>The President welcomes the delegates and opens the meeting. He thanks the Chairs of the FEI Technical Committees, the Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee and the FEI Discipline Directors for their attendance.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Minutes of the EEF Meeting in Tokyo (JPN), 20 November 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the 2016 EEF Meeting in Tokyo are approved. No comments are made.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Summary of EEF GA in Luxembourg (statutory changes)</p> <p>Theo Ploegmakers refers to the statutory changes that were made at the 2017 EEF General Assembly and informs the delegates that these were presented to the FEI Bureau on 18 November 2017.</p> <p>Hanfried Haring states that there appears to be general acceptance of the fact that Group 1 and 2 are working together. There remains an open question with regards to Group III countries whereas it is clear that these cannot be represented twice. The EEF will further work on the details and will meet again with the FEI Bureau on 28 March 2018.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Olympic Quotas Tokyo 2020</p> <p>Armagan Özgörkey refers to the letter received from Group C countries with regards to a proposed reallocation of quota between the Groups. Group C states its wish to remove one quota slot from the EU-CH and give it to WEG instead. Greece supports the proposal. Group A & B are not willing to give a slot away from the EU-CH and Germany offers an alternative proposal to allow Groups A,B and C to compete for 3 slots at the EU-CH. BLR doesn't consider the alternative proposal as a viable alternative because it would give Group C three possibilities to qualify for the Olympic Games whereas it is a basic FEI principle to give each NF only two possibilities to qualify. Hanfried Haring rejects the proposal in his role as President of the EEF because all Group Chairs (including the Group III Chair) had been involved in the consultation process that led to the FEI proposals. The existing FEI proposal is a compromise on which all Group Chairs were able to agree upon.</p> <p>Maarten van der Heijden raises the question why the Paralympic quota is not discussed at the same time as the Olympic quota. Bettina de Rham states that the IPC has provided the FEI with its feedback on the proposed quota which will be shared with NFs in early 2018. The Paralympic quota for Tokyo 2020 will then be submitted to the FEI GA in 2018. Frank Spadinger asks whether the 2018 WEG will be part of the Paralympic quota and receives confirmation from Bettina de Rham that this is the case.</p> <p>Soenke Lauterbach states that the deadline to achieve the MES is very early and asks</p>



	<p>whether there is any chance to prolong the deadline. Catrin Norinder states that the later the deadline the more difficult it will be to fill the quota and it should be avoided at all cost that slots remain unused. The IOC hasn't approved the deadlines yet, this will probably be finalized by the IOC in February. It is proposed to set for example a deadline of 2-3 weeks before the final entry date which is felt to be acceptable by the delegates.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Preparation of FEI GA – Rules Revision</p> <p>With regards to the blood rule the delegates agree that it should lead to elimination and not disqualification. There shall be no softening of the rule and it is desirable for the blood rule to be included in the General Regulations because the welfare of the horse is paramount in all disciplines. If this is not possible for this year then at least the sanction is harmonized now. It is concluded that EEF shall come up with a wording proposal for the 2019 General Regulations, the SUI NF offers assistance.</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Jumping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blood Art. 241.3.30 / Art. 242.3.1 All agree that blood should lead to elimination and not disqualification. ○ Obstacles Art. 208.7 Do discussion. ○ Minor athletes in senior competitions Art. 255.2.1 & 2.2 & 2.3 BEL: level of horses and younger athletes getting better, want to compete in bigger competitions. NF doesn't want them to go too quickly but should also not hold them back. Item to be raised with the FEI. ○ Boots Art. 257 AUT: Do not ban all hindboots but publish a list of those that can be used. GER: Need clarity on standard how allowed hindboots should look like, give the FEI time to establish this. In favor of staggering the rule change. BEL: Homework needs to be done correctly. Junior can ride youth class one week without boots but next weekend CSI2* exact same level and is allowed to use boots. Should be very clear for stewards which boots can and cannot be used. John Madden agrees that the stewards manual will require a clear definition of what is allowed for the protection of the horse. This subject will be raised during tomorrow's session. ○ Percentages of invitations & home riders & ranking list points Annex V FRA: The 2017 rules with regards to exceptions to the invitation system were not acceptable and the 2018 rules are not acceptable either. The Longines Jumping Ranking is too much impacted by one commercial series. IJRC proposes to give



ranking points only for 5* events that accept 60/20/20 without exception for series other than the World Cup and Nations Cup. This is strongly supported by the FRA NF.

GER: supports French position and IJRC position as communicated at IJRC GA in Gothenburg.

NED: Also backing the IJRC proposal.

GRE: Supporting this proposal for fair chances of riders and small NFs.

AUT: Backing French proposal, request to vote on this item separately at the FEI GA.

SUI: same opinion as AUT, vote must be separate.

Theo Ploegmakers asks the delegates how it could be justified that we ask the FEI to make exceptions only for their own products but not for others. This would be very difficult to justify in terms of EU competition law.

Ingmar de Vos: The calculations of the Longines Rankings were untouched for approximately 15 years but meetings were held in 2017 to change these. It was agreed to have maximum one AA ranking class at an FEI event. In the past there was no link between ranking points and the obstacle height but this shall change so that the points are no longer only related to prize-money. The Working Group that had met also agreed upon increased ranking points for the Nations Cup but needs to be careful because the series is only open to 13 NFs. With EU competition law (antitrust legislation) it is not possible to exclude others from competition by not giving GCT/GCL ranking points. Ranking rules for 2018 cannot be changed now because they have already been published and schedules have been approved accordingly. The IJRC proposal needs to be discussed in the Ranking Working Group to understand the consequences, also from a legal perspective. The invitation system meeting in Lausanne was fruitful and even the critics were open to look in the future with the aim to further improve the system.

FRA: NFs are very concerned about the future of the jumping discipline because nobody knows whether there will be even more commercial involvement with shows like the GCT/GCL or similar indoor events in the future.

Hanfried Haring: The EEF and FEI share the same concern. The FEI is working on an improvement of the ranking but it must be done in a clever way, not just quick, because this may provoke provisional measures by the antitrust authority.

GER: NFs know that this matter is very complicated. The online invitation system is important and welcomed by NFs. However, certain details of the current proposal are not supported by the GER NF.

Hanfried Haring states that he sympathizes with the French proposal but legal

consequences would probably need to be taken into consideration.

Invitation system

GER: Soenke Lauterbach was part of the round table meeting in June and NFs have difficulties to live with the proposal because it reduces the possibility to nominate riders for events in their home country. A compromise proposal is made by GER, NED, BEL & FRA with increased percentages for home riders at the cost of the Longines ranking for lower level events (please see details hereunder):

Annex V CSI Invitation Rules
 Invitation Rules for CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events (Worldwide)

Compromise Proposal

Event Level	Athletes from the Longines Ranking	Athletes selected by the host NF	OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	35-50%	25-40%	25%
CSI3*	25-45%	25-45%	30%
CSI2* "stand-alone"	15-35%	25-45%	40%
CSI2* "big event"	0%	20%	80%

Ingmar de Vos states that this may negatively impact the quality of high level events when there are less athletes from the rankings.
 Soenke Lauterbach counters that it is important to give mileage to riders at events that take place in their home country in order to give them more experience. The alternative proposal of the aforementioned NFs shall be presented during tomorrow's session with the FEI Bureau.

- **Entry fees Annex VI**
 No comments

5.2 Dressage

- **HiLo drop**
 2 NFs that are present support the implementation of the HiLo drop for 2018 but the others are strongly against it.
 NED: It is good for media and the public.
 ITA: A more simple system is being tested in Italy, the ITA NF will report on the outcome back to the EEF.
 GBR: We must recognize issues with the current system but the HiLo drop



would be a blunt instrument; Dressage is different from other sports in terms of the position of judges. Even with HiLo drop the system can still be manipulated; It is proposed to wait for the final proposals of the FEI Judging Working Group across the various subjects and to not just change one aspect now and other things later; Pilot testing could be an option. Another alternative would be an automatic correction when there is a 5% deviation.

GER: Opposed to HiLo but testing phase would be acceptable.

IDOC: Wants to be cooperative and testing of different systems is ok; AIDEO is willing to help with testing also; Evaluation of the testing shall not be done by those who developed the system but must be independent.

DEN: Agrees with the IDOC with regards to a testing that must be transparent and independent.

AUT: Lack of education is the key problem and thus education must be improved and aligned. In case any testing of new proposals is positive then any possible implementation can only happen after the 2020 Olympic Games.

ITA: Testing ok.

Harald Müller furthermore provides input on the status of FEI Education and the FEI Campus. The development of the FEI Online Dressage Handbook has been stopped. In Reining they already do regular online judging and video training so that it could serve as a role model for other disciplines.

EEF position:

An introduction of the HiLo drop in 2018 is unacceptable but testing is welcomed and supported. The testing of the various different proposals must be transparent. Evaluators must be independent. It will be crucial to define in beforehand what a success would look like. Education must be tackled. JSP to maintain its powers and it is recommended to change the terms of the JSP according to the AUT proposal (JSP members are appointed for two years periods. They may be reappointed for three successive periods.)

- **Collective marks**

GER is strongly against but majority of other NFs can live with the proposed change.

- **Judges Supervisory Panel**

Powers of JSP shall be maintained as currently in force.

- **Nations Cup**

NED: The rules must be amended so that three results from GPS and GPF count for the team result. Rotterdam and other OC had problems in 2017.

GBR: Supporting NED opinion and in addition there should only be one format (and not a choice between different formats).

The EEF will submit a proposal for a rule change to the FEI Dressage



	Committee for approval by the FEI Bureau.
5.3	<p>Para-Equestrian Dressage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judges Supervisory Panel GBR: In favor of introducing JSP for Para at Paralympics and WEG. Cost factor is certainly crucial but the idea itself is supported by NFs.
5.4	<p>Vaulting</p> <p>No items raised.</p>
5.5	<p>Reining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Para-Reining Bob Thompson presents World Para Reining to the delegates and would welcome feedback from NFs on their interest to have Para-Reining integrated as a new discipline into the FEI. ○
5.6	<p>Eventing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event categorization system NED: The lowest new international level is not necessary, the riders should ride nationally. Giuseppe della Chiesa: It is not mandatory to participate on this low level as it is not relevant for qualification but it is important for other regions with less developed Eventing nations.
5.7	<p>Driving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draw in O-events and Championships NED: Do it the same as in all other disciplines. Will be raised during tomorrow's rules session. ○ Para World Championships NED: To be combined with the two-in hand drivers (pairs) because of less competitors; supported by FRA NF. Would be good for development. Karoly Fugli answers that it is up to Organizing Committees to decide for which combination of Championships they wish to apply, there is no requirement set by the FEI Driving Committee that this can only be in combination with the singles. ○ Time penalties in marathon Art. 963.5.1 FRA: The penalties for the marathon are currently acceptable but changes should be made to cones; AUT: Change in one go and not now a bit and later again.



	<p>The FEI took note of these comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calculation of cones/marathon in classification Art. 974 See above. <p>NFs express their gratitude to the FEI for the financial support which has been offered to facilitate the participation of their drivers in the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games.</p>
<p>5.8</p>	<p>Endurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weight of Athletes Art. 812.1-4 BEL: Jumping and Eventing had weight requirements a long time ago but it was abolished; One must consider that weight is not the same as body mass which leads to a disadvantage for women and also for small horses; The average body weight of women and men is not equal and thus the rule is against equality; The speed argument doesn't make sense; It is proposed to take down the minimum weight to decrease dead weight which is very different from real weight. GBR: It would be interesting and important to have an opinion of the FEI Veterinary Committee on this subject as well. NED: Supporting the position of BEL, return to current rule or 70kg and in some years take weights out all together. ITA: Agrees to this proposal as well. <p>EEF position In the long term weight requirements should be abolished in Endurance but in the short term the required minimum weight needs to be reduced or the current rule needs to stay in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age of horses at Junior Championships Art. 815.2.4 No comment ○ Qualification procedure / CoC for 8yo horses Art. 816.1.4. No comment ○ Qualification criteria for regional championships BUL: Letter submitted to the FEI and feedback was received.
<p>6.</p>	<p>FEI GA Contested Elections: Meeting the candidates</p> <p>The candidates listed hereunder present themselves to the delegates and answer questions that are raised. Alec Lochore is attending an FEI Eventing event in Ocala as a TD and his candidature is thus presented by David Holmes. Hanfried Haring sincerely thanks Andrew Finding for all his dedication in chairing the FEI Nominations Committee over the past years and representing Group II in such a professional manner.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eventing Committee Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ David O'Connor (USA)▪ Alec Lochore (GBR) <p>Presentation of other non-contested election candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nominations Committee representative Group II<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ellen Damhaug-Scheel (NOR).▪ Jumping Committee Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stephan Ellenbruch (GER)
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GBR NF governance changes<p>David Holmes provides an update on the recent governance changes of the British Equestrian Federation. The deadline of 31 October 2017 that had been set to undertake these changes has been achieved. One aspect was for example to look at gender balance in the Board. Currently the Board is chaired by an interim chairman and the next step will be to recruit a permanent Chief Executive.</p>▪ EU horse transportation matters<p>Göran Akerström provides an update on equine transportation law and its importance for sport and breeding. Göran Akerström is part of a 3 person expert panel which held two meetings so far.</p> <p>Infectious anemia<p>Göran Akerström reports about the current issue of infectious anemia. Earlier this year there were two outbreaks in polo horses and authorities became very alert (especially ITA & BEL); Horses were/are isolated for up to 90 days; ROU was put under specific restrictions by the authorities and the 7 events that are planned in ROU for 2018 must ensure that all measures are strictly followed otherwise the movement of horses will be restricted even more than today. ROU: Romanian vet authorities are taking this subject very seriously, the OC as well.</p>▪ Update on FEI Bureau meeting<p>Hanfried Haring provides a short update on the FEI Bureau meeting that was held the previous day and refers to the following subjects:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ FEI GA: 16-20 Nov 2018 in Bahrain▪ EEF GA: Taking place right after the CSIO Rome in June 2018,</p>



	<p>exact date to be confirmed. Additional extraordinary GA together with FEI GA;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hosting fees for FEI named events▪ FEI Nations Cup Division 2 rules to be approved by the FEI Bureau during its second meeting in Montevideo▪ FEI workshop with young people▪ Planned content for 2018 FEI Sports Forum▪ Lawsuit filed against the FEI and GCT/GCL▪ Appointments by the FEI Bureau▪ 2022 WEG <p>Preparation for 2018 FEI GA BEL: Proposal to work better together as EEF to align NFs on several topics before feeding back to the FEI; It is recommended to use for example the EEF Secretary Generals meeting for the preparation.</p>
8.	Closing Remarks The President thanks the delegates for their valuable contributions to the meeting and closes the meeting at 16:45.