



Minutes

Draft to be approved by the EEF General Assembly in 2020

Meeting	EEF General Assembly
Date	25 June 2019
Time	08:30 - 14:00
Location	Bucharest (ROU)
Chair	Theo Ploegmakers
Minutes	Carina Mayer

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Introduction by the President	TP	
2	Quorum	CM	
3	Election of Scrutineers	CM	
4	Approval of the Agenda	TP	
5	Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LTU (suspension) - UKR (affiliation) 	TP	
6	Approval of 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly Minutes in Bahrain	CM	X
7	Report of the Board	TP	X
8	Financial Report of the Year 2018	AÖ	X
9	Release of the Board and Secretary General for 2018	TP	
10	Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - revised for the year 2019 - for the year 2020 	AÖ	X
11	Appointment of EEF Auditors	CM	
12	Approval of EEF Statutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honorary Board Members & Honorary President - Minor corrections 	TP	X
13	Approval of Internal Regulations	TP	X



14	EEF Communication Plan	NS	
15	2020 EEF Euro League to replace Division 2 in the NC Jumping	TP & GD	
16	Pooling the Talents	AF	
17	Brotherhood	TP & TUR NF	
18	Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of candidates - Election of 3 Board Members - Election of members for permanent EU-Committee 	TP	X
19	Confirmation of the Board in compliance with Belgian legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation of the previous appointment of members of the Board - Confirmation of the end of the mandate of previous members of the Board - Confirmation of the composition of the Board 	TP	X
20	Update of the Strategic Planning Working Group	SL	
21	Any other business	TP	
22	Closing		



Attendance List

EEF Board

Theo Ploegmakers	President & Chair EEF Regional Group
Armagan Özgörkey	Vice President & Chair EEF Regional Group
Ulf Helgstrand	Vice President
Andrew Finding	Board Member
George Dimaras	Board Member
Soenke Lauterbach	Board Member
Eleonora Ottaviani	Board Member
Nayla Stössel	Board Member
Bo Helander	Chair of EU-Committee
Carina Mayer	Secretary General

NFs Present

Dietrich Sifkovits	AUT
Richard Berger	AUT
Wendy Laeremans	BEL
Kroum Rachkov	BUL
Teodor Sheytanov	BUL
Alan Andabaka	CRO
Bohumil Rejnek	CZE
Ulf Helgstrand	DEN
Venancio Garcia	ESP
Mikael Forsten	FIN
Jukka Koivisto	FIN
Quentin Simonet	FRA
Catherine Bonnichon de Rancourt	FRA
Mohamed Elsarky	GBR
Nick Fellows	GBR
Lise-Lotte Olsen	GBR
Soenke Lauterbach	GER
George Dimaras	GRE
Miklos Jarmy	HUN
Ronan Murphy	IRL
Andrea White	ITA
Simone Perillo	ITA
Robert Mandic	MKD
Eleonora Ottaviani	MON



Ad Wagemakers	NED
Lukasz Jankowski	POL
Joao Moura	POR
Marilena Mladin	ROU
Claudiu Selistean	ROU
Polona Rifelj	SLO
Asen Stojanov	SRB
Sandra Wiedmer	SUI
Annika Tjernström	SWE
Wiveka Lundh	SWE
Atif Bülent Bora	TUR
Murat Batur	TUR

NFs by Proxy

Albania	ALB
Cyprus	CYP
Estonia	EST
Liechtenstein	LIE
Luxembourg	LUX
San Marino	SMR
Slovakia	SVK

Associated Members

Paul Khan	EMHF
Laura Borromeo	IJRC
Teodor Sheytanov	IJOC

EEF Guests

Iuliia Parkhomenko	UKR
Maxim Kretov	RUS



1	<p>Welcome & Introduction by the President</p> <p>The President opens the General Assembly and welcomes the delegates.</p> <p>He refers to the important statutory change that was approved in Bahrain in November 2018 after which the EEF became the official voice of Europe for the “EEF Regional Group” in the FEI. In order to ensure that the voice of Europe is as strong as possible in the FEI it is essential to have a good communication between the EEF and its members so that opinions can be consolidated and represented as a group. Thus also the EEF General Assembly is an important platform to exchange views on matters of common interest.</p>
2	<p>Quorum</p> <p>A two-thirds quorum is reached with 26 National Federations (NFs) present who in addition hold 7 proxies for a total of 33 eligible votes. (The EEF has a total of 37 member NFs.)</p>
3	<p>Election of Scrutineers</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously elects the scrutineers for the General Assembly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea White (ITA) - Teodor Sheytanov (BUL)
4	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the agenda for the General Assembly.</p>
5	<p>Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LTU (suspension) - UKR (affiliation) <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the temporary suspension of the LTU NF due to non-payment of membership fees.</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the affiliation request of the UKR NF who wishes to leave the FEI Regional Group III and join the EEF Regional Group. As soon as this request has also been approved by the FEI General Assembly in November 2019 the UKR NF will become a member of the EEF.</p>
6	<p>Approval of 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly Minutes in Bahrain</p> <p>The minutes of the 2018 EEF Extraordinary General Assembly held in Bahrain are approved. No comments are made.</p>



7	<p>Report of the Board</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the Report of the Board.</p>
8	<p>Financial Report of the Year 2018</p> <p>Lise-Lotte Olsen (GBR) questions the correctness of the following sentence on page 2 of the Annual Report where it states that “<i>Deloitte can also guarantee that the Annual Report is appropriate or suitable for the purposes of the stakeholders.</i>” The sentence should rather read “<i>Deloitte can also not guarantee that the Annual Report is appropriate or suitable for the purposes of the stakeholders.</i>” This will be followed-up with Deloitte.</p> <p>(Note: Following a conversation with Deloitte the sentence has been corrected to “<i>Deloitte cannot guarantee that the Annual Report is appropriate or suitable for the purposes of the stakeholders.</i>”)</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the financial report of the year 2018.</p>
9	<p>Release of the Board and Secretary General for 2018</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously releases the EEF Bureau and Secretary General for the year 2018.</p>
10	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - revised for the year 2019 - for the year 2020 <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the revised budget for 2019 and the budget for 2020.</p>
11	<p>Appointment of EEF Auditors</p> <p>The General Assembly appoints Maarten van der Heijden (NED) and Miklos Jarmy (HUN) as auditors for the 2019 accounts.</p>
12	<p>Approval of EEF Statutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honorary Board Members & Honorary President - Minor corrections <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the proposed amendments to the EEF Statutes.</p>



<p>13</p>	<p>Approval of Internal Regulations</p> <p>The General Assembly unanimously approves the Internal Regulations for the EEF.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>EEF Communication Plan</p> <p>Nayla Stössel (NS) presents the core elements of the EEF Communication Concept. The full presentation can be found in annex to these minutes.</p> <p>The entire Communication Plan will be presented to the members in early 2020.</p> <p>Following a question from Lise-Lotte Olsen (GBR), NS confirms that the Communication Plan will also be shared with NFs for consultation. Mikael Forsten (FIN) highlights the importance of good communication and encourages the EEF to involve NFs as soon as possible when new matters of importance come up.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>2020 EEF Euro League to replace Division 2 in the NC Jumping</p> <p>George Dimaras (GD), Chair of the EEF Jumping Working Group, presents the new concept of the EEF Euro League to the delegates. The full presentation can be found in annex to these minutes.</p> <p>The EEF is in the process of signing a sponsorship contract for this new series and is starting to look for organizers. The draft rules have already been submitted to the FEI Jumping Department.</p> <p>Simone Perillo (ITA) compliments the EEF for this new concept which looks exciting and is fully supported by the ITA NF. He asks for San Marino to be added to the qualification groups. Following his question why the Group “South” is bigger than the other groups GD responds that this is due to the fact that many of the listed countries don’t have a team yet.</p> <p>Following a question from Maxim Kretov (RUS) GD confirms that the Euro League concept is designed for the “Seniors” age group but that NFs can definitely also send up-and-coming athletes starting from the minimum age allowed in the Seniors category.</p> <p>Mikael Forsten (FIN), Soenke Lauterbach (GER), Teodor Sheytanov (BUL), Joao Mouro (POR), Bülent Bora (TUR) and Marilena Mladin (ROU) share their positive opinions about the new concept. The TUR NF would wish to see that those that competed in the previous year in a CSIO5* would also be excluded from participation in the series.</p> <p>Marilena Mladin states that Romania would be interested in hosting a qualifier for the Euro League.</p>



	<p>The Euro League concept (presentation) will be shared with member NFs after the General Assembly so that they can study the details and consult internally within their NFs. The members will also be informed as soon as the sponsorship contract has been signed.</p>
16	<p>Pooling the Talents</p> <p>Andrew Finding (AF) and Nayla Stössel (NS) present the <i>Pooling the Talents</i> concept. The full presentation can be found in annex to these minutes.</p> <p>The President adds that this subject is very important in order to secure the power and influence of Europe in the FEI.</p> <p>Quentin Simonet (FRA) states that it is important for candidates to also represent a European vision. In order to have significant influence on voting matters on FEI level it is considered necessary to also form alliances with other Regional Groups.</p>
17	<p>Brotherhood</p> <p>Murat Batur (TUR) presents the Brotherhood project on “Welfare of the Horse” which will be run as a regional workshop in Istanbul in September 2019. The full presentation can be found in annex to these minutes.</p>
18	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of candidates - Election of 3 Board Members - Election of members for permanent EU-Committee <p>The candidates for the EEF Board are given 5 minutes time to present their candidacies to the delegates.</p> <p>The General Assembly elects the following EEF Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quentin Simonet, FRA (term: 2019-2023) - George Dimaras, GRE (term: 2019-2023) - Nayla Stössel, SUI (term: 2019-2023) <p>The President sincerely thanks Andrew Finding for the many years that he has served on the EEF Board and for the valuable contributions he provided at all times. The EEF will officially bid farewell to Andrew Finding at the next EEF Group meeting.</p>



	<p>The General Assembly elects the following members for the permanent EEF EU-Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Catherine Bonnichon de Rancourt, FRA (term: 2019-2023)- Ronan Murphy, IRL (term: 2019-2023)- Klaus Miesner, GER (term: 2019-2023)- Gianluigi Giovagnoli, ITA (term: 2019-2023)
19	<p>Confirmation of the Board in compliance with Belgian legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Confirmation of the previous appointment of members of the Board- Confirmation of the end of the mandate of previous members of the Board- Confirmation of the composition of the Board <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Christian Paillot (FRA) had been elected as EEF Vice-President in 2010 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2012.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Michal Wroblewski (POL) had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2010 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2011 (due to death).</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Wojtek Markowski (POL) had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2012 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2014.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Manuel Bandeira de Mello (POR) had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2010 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2014.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Dr. Hanfried Haring (GER) had been elected as EEF President in 2010 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2018.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Andrew Finding had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2010 and that his mandate as a member of the Board came to an end in 2019.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Theo Ploegmakers (NED) had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2010 and as EEF President in 2018. He currently still serves as a member of the Board.</p> <p>The General Assembly confirms that Mr Armagan Özgörkey (TUR) had been elected as EEF Board Member in 2011 and as EEF Vice-President in 2012. He currently still serves as a member of the Board.</p>



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20	<p>Update of the Strategic Planning Working Group</p> <p>Soenke Lauterbach (SL), Chair of the Strategic Planning Working Group, presents the preliminary report of his group. The new Strategy for the EEF is currently work in progress and a workshop session with member NFs will take place in the context of the EEF Regional Group meeting in Moscow in November 2019.</p>																											
21	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Bids for 2022 FEI World Championships</p>																											



	<p>Following a question from Simone Perillo (ITA) the President confirms that the EEF will support European candidates for the 2022 World Championships but will not support a particular organizing committee.</p> <p>New member NFs in the FEI</p> <p>The President informs the delegates about the fact that several new NFs are requesting membership with the FEI for approval by the 2019 FEI General Assembly in. He states that in a majority of those countries there is no equestrian sport at all but the new NFs nonetheless receive full voting rights if they get approved by the FEI GA. This may mean that in a couple of years decisions will be made by those that have no equestrian sport in their country. The President proposes to initiate a process with the objective to change the approval procedure for new members and to raise the bar of their equestrian know how before they can vote. He asks NFs to think about what it means for Europe if we just tolerate the current system for the long-term.</p>
22	<p>Closing</p> <p>The President thanks the delegates for their numerous attendance of this General Assembly and their active contributions. He closes the meeting at 13h50.</p>