



## Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>EEF Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	22 January 2016
<b>Time</b>	<b>11:00 - 16:00 h</b>
<b>Location</b>	Value Stay Brussels Expo, Brussels
<b>Chair</b>	Hanfried Haring
<b>Minutes</b>	Imke Schlechter

<b>Participants</b>	<b>NF</b>
Hanfried Haring	GER
Ulf Helgstrand	DEN
Theo Ploegmakers	NED
Andrew Finding	GBR
Eleonora Ottaviani	MON/IJRC
Bo Helander	SWE
George Dimaras	GRE
Nayla Stoessel	SUI
<b>Invited</b>	<b>NF</b>
Imke Schlechter	GER
Constance Popineau	FRA
Jacky Buchmann	BEL
<b>Excused</b>	<b>NF</b>
Armağan Özgörkey	TUR

<b>Agenda</b>			
<b>Pt.</b>		<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1		Opening and Welcome	
2		Follow up of the 2015 - meetings	
3		Meeting dates 2016	
4		Preparation of the FEI-Sports Forum	
5		Secretary General of the EEF	
6		AOB	



# MINUTES:

**1- Opening and Welcome:** The President opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. He excuses Armagan Özgörkey. He welcomes especially Imke Schlechter who is helping during the time of the absence of a General Secretary and thanks the NF-GER for this contribution. He welcomes Jacky Buchmann, who is traditionally invited at the first meeting of any year and Constance Popineau who will report about the Telephone Conference regarding VAT problems in the EU.

## **2- Follow up of the 2015 - meetings**

The president proposes to inform/discuss:

### **Strategic Planning:**

The results of the meeting at the CSIO Rome have been discussed at the Board Meeting at the CSIO Aachen. The next meeting of the SPC is planned for February 19th with the focus on a more precise Business Plan, a possible new membership fee structure and a general discussion of goals and products as well.

### **FEI-Entry System / ECS:**

The Entry System is working well. It is now extremely important to introduce the ECS in order to forget the still existing Pay Card problem.

### **Sponsorship:**

The contracts with LONGINES and SAMORIN are signed. An official ceremony is planned for February 10th in St. Javier, Headquarter of Longines.

The first edition of the "Genration Games" will take place in Samorin from 1st to 3rd July.

### **Taxation of the EEF:**

The question of taxation of the EEF was discussed at the Board Meeting in Warsaw. Armagan Özgörkey had organised a meeting with Price Waterhouse Cooper, which took place earlier in the morning. The representative of PWC gave clear answers to our questions. Minutes will follow.

In general the situation is positive. EEF as a Non Profit Sport Organisation is tax free in Belgium. Commercial activities in the current frame are not questioning this position. PWC advises to conduct as many meetings in Brussels as possible.

**3- Meeting dates 2016:** To find suitable dates for meeting is one of the most complicated tasks for the management. Dates for the Board meetings see Annex.

The President thanks the British Federation and especially Andrew Finding to organise the General Assembly of the EEF.

The GA will take place in the Birmingham/Stoneleigh Region at the already publishes dates (Board 10th Oct., GA 11th Oct.) in connection with the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).



#### **4- Preparation of the FEI-Sports Forum:**

Main topics of the Forum (4 - 5 April) will be the “Olympic Formula 2020” and “Officials”. It was already decided to prepare the first item with a meeting of the Board with the chairs of the three Olympic Working Groups (Ulf Helgstrand, Mike Etherington-Smith, Hanfried Haring). Date to be decided. Working Groups Show Jumping and Eventing will meet soon (5 February/15 February).

Working Group Dressage did already decide about their proposals to the Board. Ulf Helstrand gives a short report.

#### **5- EEF Sub-Committee VAT:**

Constance Popineau gives a report about the results of the recent TC of the Sub Committee (minutes see Annex). The situation in the EU-member countries is extremely different. The following discussion shows that it is necessary to get even more information. However before any action is taken an intensive discussion with the members has to take place.

#### **6- Secretary General of the EEF:**

The Board members are completely informed about the data, CV, etc. of 7 candidates. After intensive discussions the following decision is made. Three candidates will be invited to an interview with HH, AÖ, UH, TP. They will decide finally and they come back only to the Board for advice if unforeseeable circumstances arise.

NB:Names of the candidates are not given in these minutes, because all three selected candidates asked for strict confidentiality what was agreed by the President. The minutes will be published on the EEF-Website as usual.

#### **7- Any other business**

The Hotel, now named Value Stay Brussels Expo, changed the booking policy. The result is an enormous work load for the office as well as higher financial risk. So we have to change the location for the future. Jacky Buchmann offers the facilities of the Belgium federation after their move to another place near the airport.

The President thanks all the members for their very valuable contributions and close the meeting at 16:00 h.

#### **Annexes:**

- VAT in the European Union
- Tax situation EEF
- Meeting dates 2016