



Minutes

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Meeting	EEF Board Meeting
Date	09 October 2017
Time	10h00 – 16h30
Location	Hotel Mercure Kikuoka in Canach (LUX)
Chair	Hanfried Haring
Minutes	Carina Mayer

Participants	
Hanfried Haring	President
Ulf Helgstrand	Vice President
Armagan Özgörkey	Vice President
Eleonora Ottaviani	Board Member & Athletes Representative
Nayla Stoessel (excused)	Board Member
Andrew Finding	Board Member
George Dimaras	Board Member
Theo Ploegmakers	Board Member
Carina Mayer	Secretary General
Invited	
Bo Helander	Chair of EEF EU Committee
Soenke Lauterbach	Chair of the EEF Strategic Planning Working Group
Cesare Croce	International Relations of ITA NF

Pt.	Topic	Speaker
1	Welcome & Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on 26 Aug 2017	HH
2	Preparation for EEF General Assembly	HH
3	Balkan Championships	TP/AÖ
4	Item raised by IEOA / Endurance Alliance	Pierre Arnould / Nicolas Wahlen
5	Candidate Presentation: Chair of FEI Eventing Committee	Alec Lochore
6	AOB	HH



1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on 26 Aug 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 August 2017 are approved.

2. Preparation for EEF General Assembly

The Board discusses the agenda and content for the General Assembly. The proposed statutory change is discussed in great detail.

3. Balkan Championships

Theo Ploegmakers, Armagan Özgörkey and Hanfried Haring report about their recent visit to Bulgaria for a coordination meeting regarding the future of the Balkan Championships. An MOU will be signed with representatives of the Balkan Equestrian Conference (BEC) the following day. Rules and Regulations for the Balkan Championships have been submitted by the BEC to the EEF as well.

It is intended to combine future editions of the Balkan Championships also with educational projects (ie EEF Brotherhood) in order to assist in further developing Equestrian sport in the Balkan region.

4. Item raised by IEOA / Endurance Alliance

This item is postponed as the invited guests didn't attend the meeting.

5. Candidate Presentation: Chair of FEI Eventing Committee

Alec Lochore presents himself as a candidate for the Chair position of the FEI Eventing Committee. He explains his experience, qualification and motivation in detail and answers numerous questions asked by the Board members. His manifesto is studied in detail and is also available on the FEI website at <http://inside.fei.org/fei/elections> .

6. AOB

Longines Ranking List points

The Athletes in the IJRC agree that the invitation system established by the FEI is a correct solution to guarantee meritocracy among competitors and equal treatment for all athletes as requested by the Olympic Charter.

However, the fact that the invitation system is not equally applicable in all competitions and events creates an unfortunate distortion in the distribution of points in the ranking list.

After a careful analysis of the ranking list's evolution (in conjunction with the Chefs d'Equipe and National Federations, thanks to an in-depth study of the French NF) and of the ranking positions' changes of many riders over the past six months the IJRC realized that in

short term there will be a ranking list that unfortunately will not reflect the criterion of meritocracy which guarantees standards within all Olympic sports.

The opinion of the IJRC is that an immediate revision of the norms that govern the ranking points is necessary: all competitions, first of all the 5* events, must follow the 60-20-20 in order to receive ranking points. These must be put into force in 2018, in order to avoid that a non-credible ranking list will be used for the Olympic Games, Nations Cups and European Championships.

The Board agrees that the EEF General Assembly shall be informed about this matter as well and further efforts will be required to address the identified problem.

Small Countries

Armagan Özgörkey reports on his visit to several small countries belonging to Group I, including for example Malta and San Marino. The question was raised whether considerations could be given to the concept of a “Small Countries Games” or a meeting that is particularly addressed to the challenges of small countries.

It is agreed that this subject shall be put on the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting in order to dedicate sufficient time for discussion of this subject.

The President thanks the meeting participants for their contributions and closes the meeting.