

Minutes



Meeting	EEF Board Meeting
Date	12 August 2018
Time	09h00 – 13h00
Location	CSIO Budapest event venue (HUN NF office), Kerepesi út 7, 1187 Budapest, Hungary
Chair	Hanfried Haring
Minutes	Carina Mayer

Participants	
Hanfried Haring	President
Ulf Helgstrand	Vice President
Armagan Özgörkey (excused)	Vice President
Eleonora Ottaviani (excused)	Board Member & Athletes Representative
Nayla Stoessel (excused)	Board Member
Andrew Finding (excused)	Board Member
George Dimaras	Board Member
Theo Ploegmakers	Board Member
Carina Mayer	Secretary General
Invited	
Ingmar De Vos	FEI President
Bo Helander	Chair of EEF EU-Committee

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 25 March 2018	HH	X
2	Process leading up to the 2018 EEF Extraordinary General Assembly in Bahrain	HH	X
3	Nations Cup Series (Div. 1 & 2)	HH	
4	Balkan Championships	CM	X
5	Situation Endurance	HH	X
6	AOB - European CIC** Cup (former “Rural Riders”)	CM	X

1. Welcome & Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 25 March 2018

The President (HH) welcomes the meeting attendants. The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2018 are approved.

2. Process leading up to the 2018 EEF Extraordinary General Assembly in Bahrain

Carina Mayer summarizes the final steps that have to be taken ahead of the 2018 Extraordinary EEF General Assembly in order to ensure compliance with the EEF Statutes.

One vacant position in the EEF Board will be announced in due course and the application process will be opened accordingly.

The draft job descriptions shall be sent to all Board members by email when the minutes of this meeting are distributed. After approval by the Board the job descriptions shall be published on the EEF website.

All documents related to the EEF Extraordinary GA will be sent to NFs before October 18th (statutory deadline of 4 weeks before the GA).

The planned process and run-down for the EEF Extraordinary GA is also discussed. HH will chair the entire meeting, also after the election of the new EEF President. If Group III countries wish to initiate a move to the EEF Regional Group then this needs to be done through the FEI (because it requires approval by the FEI GA). Once the new EEF Statutes are approved at the EEF Extraordinary GA these will immediately become valid, meaning that Group III countries cannot participate in the elections of the EEF President, 1st Vice-President and Board Member. The 2nd Vice-President is appointed (not elected).

3. Nations Cup Series

FEI President Ingmar De Vos joins the meeting and is welcomed by the EEF President and the EEF Board members.

Division 1

A meeting with the Division 1 organisers took place at FEI HQ on 2nd July to understand their concerns. The concerns identified were the following: In return for the financial contribution the OCs feel they need to provide too much visibility and hospitality to Longines and they would like to have the possibility to attract a title sponsor for the event. The FEI President had a meeting with Longines and managed to renegotiate the agreement and reduce the visibility and hospitality the OCs need to provide to Longines as well as the possibility under certain conditions to attract a title sponsor for the event. The President contacted the OCs and they seemed to be satisfied with the solution.

Division 2

A meeting with NFs and OCs of Division 2 was held in Budapest on August 11th. On the basis of the attached minutes Carina Mayer reports about the content and outcome of the meeting. The Board discusses and concludes on the following:

➤ Insufficient number of Division 2 qualifiers due to events being taken away by Division 1

The proposal to allow NFs that are organizing a CSIO in Division 1 to organize a second CSIO in Division 2 is supported in principle.

➤ Cost to organize a CSIO qualifier in Division 2

The proposal to initiate a rule change so that OCs should no longer be obliged to pay for hotel accommodation of the teams is not supported because of the important consequences for the development of all CIOs worldwide. This subject needs more and intensive considerations.

➤ Course design & ranking list points to motivate athletes to compete

The proposal regarding ranking list points and course design is supported.

➤ Guaranteed starting possibilities for Division 2 NFs at Division 2 CSIO qualifiers

The proposal to give entry priority for Division 2 participating NFs is supported.

➤ Inactivity of Group B

The proposal is supported in principle. The EEF President is asked to contact the respective NFs before taking action.

4. Balkan Championships

Carina Mayer reports about the Balkan Driving Championships in Serbia and the Balkan Dressage Championships in Bulgaria and refers to the written reports that had been sent to the Board members by email on July 4th (for Driving) and on July 10th (for Dressage). She also proposes the addition of educative events to future editions of the Balkan Championships (Annex 2) and potential consideration of a qualification system/minimum eligibility standard.

The report is discussed and supported by the Board members in general.

5. Situation Endurance

The President states that the issue with regards to the Endurance event in Fontainebleau has been clarified and that the SUI NF has been in direct contact with the FEI in this matter. There is currently no need for further action.

6. AOB

European CIC2 Cup (former “Rural Riders”)**

The EEF does not support the addition of another FEI named Championship to the calendar but the proposed name change of the event is supported. The title of “European CIC2** Cup” is considered to be suitable. The involvement of the EEF will be discussed again after analysis of the circumstances.

Coordination of National Dressage Championships dates

Ulf Helgstrand raises a request from the NED NF who would like to see that one weekend is set free in the FEI calendar on which there would be no FEI Dressage event so that NFs could organize their National Dressage Championship on those dates. The Board members state that this has been tried before but it did not work due to very different concepts in the various NFs. The EEF does not support this proposal unless the NED NF will bring new arguments on this subject to the table.

Jumping Invitation Rules

Theo Ploegmakers informs the Board members about a new proposal received from the IJRC with regards to the Jumping Invitation Rules according to which the new invitation rules should be applied to all FEI events, except for the Nations Cup.

The Board does not take a decision on this important topic because of the absence of four members and the difficulty to judge the legal consequences. The FEI is asked for an advice from the legal department and if possible from outside lawyers as well. It is not certain that the proposed move would be helpful in the context of the current legal challenges.

New concept of combined “European Championships Glasgow 2018“

The FEI President has been asked how the FEI has positioned itself with regards to the new concept of combined European Championships that are currently taking place in Glasgow & Berlin. Ingmar De Vos states that the FEI has not been approached by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) with regards to a potential inclusion of equestrian disciplines in this new competition format. It is also questionable whether the integration of equestrian sport would be feasible. In case the EBU will contact the FEI in this regard the EEF will be consulted for its opinion accordingly.