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## Minutes

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| <b>Meeting</b>      | <b>EEF Board Meeting</b>                 |
| <b>Date</b>         | <b>26 August 2017</b>                    |
| <b>Time</b>         | <b>10:00 - 12:00 h</b>                   |
| <b>Location</b>     | Radisson Blu Riverside Hotel, Gothenburg |
| <b>Chair</b>        | Hanfried Haring                          |
| <b>Minutes</b>      | Hanfried Haring                          |
| <b>Participants</b> |  |
| Hanfried Haring     | President                                |
| Ulf Helgstrand      | Vice-President                           |
| Armagan Özgörkey    | Vice-President                           |
| Andrew Finding      | Board Member                             |
| Theo Ploegmakers    | Board Member                             |
| <b>Invited</b>      |  |
| Ingmar De Vos       | FEI President                            |
| Sabrina Ibáñez      | FEI Secretary General                    |
| Cesare Croce        | Candidate for FEI Chair Group I          |
| Marco Di Paola      | NF ITA President                         |
| <b>Excused</b>      |  |
| George Dimaras      | Board Member                             |
| Bo Helander         | Chair of EEF EU Committee                |
| Eleonora Ottaviani  | Board Member & Athletes' Representative  |
| Nayla Stoessel      | Board Member                             |
| Carina Mayer        | Secretary General                        |
| Javier Revuelta     | Invited Candidate for FEI Chair Group I  |



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| <b>Agenda</b> |  |  |                |
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| <b>Pt.</b>    |  | <b>Topic</b>                               | <b>Speaker</b> |
| 1             |  | Welcome                                    | HH             |
| 2             |  | Minutes Board Meeting Aachen, 21 July 2017 | HH             |
| 3             |  | EEF Continental Representation in the FEI  | HH/TP          |
| 4             |  | Update on recent activities                | All            |
| 5             |  | A. o. B.                                   | All            |

### **1 Welcome**

The President, Hanfried Haring, welcomes the participants, especially FEI President Ingmar de Vos and FEI Secretary General Sabrina Ibáñez, the newly elected President of the Italian NF, Marco Di Paola, and Cesare Croce as representative for foreign affairs in the Italian NF.

Both Marco Di Paola and Cesare Croce introduce themselves. MdP underlines that he wants a close cooperation with the EEF in order to solve the European problems together with the other European NFs, in concerted action. Cesare Croce introduces himself in his new function and reminds the Board that during his time as President of the Italian NF, the EEF was created and that he wants to continue the very close relationship after the interruption of some years. Disregarding of whether he will be elected Chair of FEI Group I, he is very much looking forward to a close cooperation with EEF and FEI. Both MdP and CC invite the Board to a meeting during CSIO Rome in 2018.

Ingmar de Vos welcomes the explanations of the Italian guests. He states that contested elections are very good in principle, however regarding his own experience this leads to frictions afterwards in nearly all cases. He proposes that the candidates discuss a solution in order to prevent a contested election from taking place. The participants agree.

### **2 Minutes Board Meeting Aachen on 21 July 2017**

The Board members had already agreed by e-mail. There is no further remark.

### **3 EEF Continental Representation in the FEI**

The amendment of the Statutes has already been agreed by the Board, however it was decided that the advice of a lawyer specialised in Belgian law should be sought. The President thanks Theo Ploegmakers that he has agreed to discuss with the selected law firm. TP explains why at the foundation of the EEF, it had been decided that it should be a national body, however changed it in Baku in 2014 in an international body. So we are confronted at the moment with a contradiction, i. e. EEF is nationally registered in Belgium but changed to international Statutes. The transformation of a national to an international body is not possible according to Belgian law. That means that we would have to dissolve the EEF and create a new one with the same

personalities and the same functions. IdV explains that this way is complicated, lengthy and expensive.

After a long and intensive discussion the Board members present decide to take the pragmatic way. So EEF will stay with the national Statutes, adapt the wording and save costs and efforts. The other way provides no real advantage.

TP agrees to discuss with the lawyer again about the Statutes which will then be sent to the members. HH agrees to moderate the discussion between the candidates and to send relevant letters respectively. He will adapt the letter to the members and send them.

## **4 Update on Recent Activities**

### **4.1 Qualification Systems for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

The proposal of the Bureau is sent to the NFs. AÖ and HH explain the background for the agreement of Europe in the Bureau which is mainly based on the fact that it does not make any sense to fight universality after the decision about teams etc. was done and agreed by the IOC. They state that only Jumping was taken into question and that above all, Olympic Group G (South East Asia, Oceania) was overestimated. However Europe has 10 possibilities to qualify (3 Europeans, 6 WEG, 1 Nations' Cup Final and on top of this Group C = Central & Eastern Europe/Central Asia 2). If Europe would have gotten one more slot, then it would have been instead of the Nations' Cup Final which would be completely against our policy!

The Board members present are in agreement.

### **4.2 Meeting of the EEF Dressage Working Group**

Ulf Helgstrand, Chair of the Working Group, reports. The meeting was also attended by the EEF President, the Chair of the FEI Dressage Committee Frank Kemperman and the FEI Director Bettina de Rham and was very positive and constructive. Minutes will be sent to the Board.

### **4.3 From the Horse's Perspective**

The seminar was a great success. It will be continued at the next European Championships 2019 in Rotterdam. EEF gained a lot of attention and approval.

It was discussed if these topics should not be discussed in several seminars during the year. HH agrees in principle, however states that this depends on the capacity of the staff of EEF.

### **4.4 EEF Board Members**

The terms served and the rotation if the maximum time is restricted to 2 x 4 years are discussed. There are some possible solutions. HH will make a proposal for the procedure to be discussed at one of the next Board meetings.

**5 A. o. B.**

No remarks.

The President thanks all participants for their contribution and closes the meeting at noon.