

Minutes



Meeting	EEF Board Meeting
Date	25 March 2018
Time	13h00 – 15h30
Location	Mövenpick Hotel Lausanne, Avenue de Rhodanie 4, 1007 Lausanne
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	Board Member
Andrew Finding	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
Soenke Lauterbach	Chair of the EEF Strategic Planning Working Group
Cesare Croce	International Relations of ITA NF

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 01 Feb 2018	HH	X
2	EEF proposal to FEI Bureau on 28 March 2018	HH/TP/SL	
3	2018 EEF General Assembly	HH	
4	Jumping Ranking Points	EO	
5	Updates: - Balkan Equestrian Conference - EEF EU Committee Meeting	GD BH	
6	Small countries	UH	
7	Qatari Endurance Proposal	NS	X
8	EEF Committee Working Group proposal (“Pooling the Talents”)	AF/NS	X
9	AOB	CM	

1. Welcome & Minutes of the last Board Meeting held on 01 Feb 2018

The President (HH) welcomes the meeting attendants and in particular the FEI President Ingmar de Vos who followed the EEF's invitation to join the meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 01 February 2018 are approved. The President refers to agenda item 4 regarding the election of the Group II Chair. At the last meeting Theo Ploegmakers and Ulf Helgstrand had both shown their interest to be a candidate for Group II Chair. The President was then contacted by a number of Board members and asked to take action because it would be difficult if two Board members would compete for one position. Ulf Helgstrand and Theo Ploegmakers had some phone conversations and also met today with the President and 1st Vice-President to discuss the situation. They came to the following agreement: The current and future problems in the European sport need all available power leading to a broader EEF leadership involving all personalities. This leadership should consist of Armagan Özgörkey (already elected as Chair Group I), Theo Ploegmakers as Chair Group II (if elected) and Ulf Helgstrand as Deputy Chair Group II and one of the Vice-Presidents of the EEF. Following this decision Theo Ploegmakers will be a candidate for Chair Group II, with Ulf Helgstrand as his Deputy. Consequently Ulf Helgstrand will not stand as candidate for Group Chair. The Board members agree unanimously with the proposed solution and declare that they are backing both personalities in the functions proposed. The decision of the Board will be published.

2. EEF proposal to FEI Bureau on 28 March 2018

HH provides a short recap of the last in-person FEI Bureau meeting held in Montevideo where the EEF's proposal on continental representation had been presented. All concerns and questions that had been raised by the FEI Bureau members have subsequently been addressed by the EEF Strategic Working Group and Soenke Lauterbach, Chair of the Working Group, summarizes the answers that will be given to the FEI Bureau at its upcoming in-person meeting on 28 March 2018 in Lausanne. Once completely finalized, the Powerpoint presentation that has been prepared for the FEI Bureau Meeting shall be shared with all Board members. The presentation will make it clear that there is no longer the proposal of having two systems within the FEI (continental & group system) and that the EEF would be supportive of the idea to merge Groups I & II and name them "EEF Regional Group" within the FEI Group structure. If the FEI Bureau would be supportive of the amended proposal during its in-person meeting on March 28th, the FEI Statutes and General Regulations would need to be amended accordingly and presented to the FEI Bureau at its in-person meeting in June.

3. 2018 EEF General Assembly

HH summarizes the recent communication between Longines, the EEF and the ITA NF with regards to the EEF GA in 2018. Contrary to the original assumption the CSIO in Rome will no longer be part of Division 1 in the Longines FEI Nations Cup series but will be supported by another sponsor instead. The EEF Board thus agrees that the EEF GA shall not be held in connection with the CSIO Rome but entirely separate in a hotel in Rome. The Board reiterates its strong loyalty towards Longines and expresses its gratitude for the extensive support they provide in Equestrian sport.

4. Jumping Ranking Points

Eleonora Ottaviani informs the Board that a meeting of the FEI Ranking List Working Group is planned for April 2018 and that an update will be provided at the next EEF Board Meeting.

5. Updates:

5.1 Balkan Equestrian Conference

George Dimaras reports about a working meeting that was held in Athens recently between organizing NFs of the 2018 Balkan Championships. The Regulations for the Balkan Championships were fine-tuned and will be submitted by Alan Andabaka to the EEF. The exact dates and places of this year's Balkan Championships were also finalized and a Driving Championship will be added to the FEI Calendar. The veterinary issues in Romania and Turkey are a great risk factor for the Balkan Championships as well as for Division 2 in the FEI Nations Cup Jumping and another meeting with FEI delegates will be held later today.

5.2 EEF EU-Committee Meeting

Bo Helander and Carina Mayer provide a short update on the outcome of the EEF EU-Committee meeting that was held in Zaventem (BEL) on 19 March 2018. The main subjects were the ISU case, prize-money & VAT issues for event organizers, HGV driver regulations, consumer sales, veterinary issues in Romania and Turkey, the EHN manifesto and the VAT proposal of the European Commission.

6. Small countries

This item is postponed to a later meeting.

7. Qatari Endurance Proposal

Nayla Stössel informs the Board about the cooperation proposal that was received from Qatar with regards to a potential Endurance series in France/Europe. The Board emphasizes that any series must be approved by the FEI Bureau and that the EEF is currently not intending to join the proposed cooperation and will absolutely not enter into such cooperation without the approval of the FRA NF.

8. EEF Committee Working Group proposal (“Pooling the Talents”)

Andrew Finding summarizes the proposal and explains in detail the objective and the underlying problems which led to it. It is proposed that the EEF Talent Pooling system could for example be run over a pilot phase of two years.

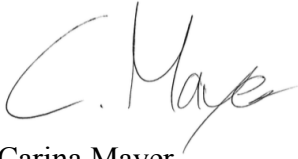
Armagan Özgörkey shall be added to the working group and minor additions shall be made to the proposal, as suggested throughout the presentation. After a further review of

the finalized paper by the EEF Board, the proposal shall then be presented to the EEF General Assembly in Rome at the end of May.

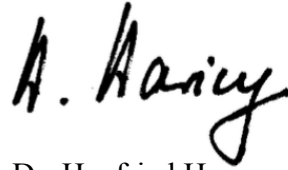
9. AOB

No items were raised.

Signed by



Carina Mayer
Minutes taker & EEF Secretary General



Dr. Hanfried Haring
Chair of the meeting & EEF President