



Minutes

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Meeting	EEF Board Meeting
Date	3 April 2016
Time	15:00 - 18:45 h
Location	FEI Headquarters Lausanne, Pedro Mayorga Room/ Ground Floor
Chair	Hanfried Haring
Minutes	Hanfried Haring

Participants	NF
Hanfried Haring	
Ulf Helgstrand	DEN
George Dimaras	GRE
Andrew Finding	GBR
Eleonora Ottaviani	MON/IJRC
Theo Ploegmakers	NED
Nayla Stössel	SUI
Invited	
Bo Helander	SWE
Soenke Lauterbach	GER
Ingmar de Vos (for items 1 – 4)	FEI President
Carina Mayer (for item 1)	Future EEF SG
Excused	
Armagan Özgörkey	TUR

Agenda			
Pt.		Topic	Speaker
1		Opening and Welcome	HH
2		Minutes of the Board Meeting in Brussels on 22 January 2016	HH
3		Preparation of the Sports Forum/Bureau Meeting 4 – 7 April 2016	HH
4		Meeting with the Balkan NFs in Thessaloniki on 18 February 2016	George Dimaras



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5		Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting on 11 March 2016	SL/HH
6		AOB	HH

1. Opening and Welcome

HH welcomes the Board members and Soenke Lauterbach who is invited as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. He excuses Armagan Özgörkey who had to cancel his trip because of the special situation in Turkey.

HH particularly welcomes Carina Mayer as the new Secretary General of the EEF from 1st October. He explains that he made an agreement with Ingmar de Vos and Sabrina Ibáñez that she will continue to work as Senior Manager and Head ad interim of the FEI Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage Department until the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro are over. The Board agrees and heartily welcomes Carina Mayer.

Carina Mayer presents herself. She points out that she very much looks forward to her new tasks and to working with the Board and the member organisations. She then leaves the meeting to go back to the meeting with the Para-Equestrian Committee.

2. Minutes of the Board Meeting in Brussels on 22 January 2016

The minutes are accepted.

3. Preparation of Sports Forum /Bureau Meeting 4 to 7 April 2016

HH explains the situation regarding the topics of the Sports Forum and underlines that the preparation by the Working Groups Dressage, Eventing and Jumping was very intensive. It is organised that experts will express the opinions of the Working Groups/EEF.

Without going too much into details it is agreed that the discussion will be concentrated on the question of four competitors in the team with a drop score or three riders without. The Board underlines that there is absolutely no need to have the same formula in all important Championships (OG, WEG, CH-EU). We have to do our utmost to keep the current system for important events in Europe.

4. Meeting with the Balkan NFs in Thessaloniki on 18 February 2016

George Dimaras provides information about the historical background and the performance level of the Balkan Games. The decision of the FEI to place the responsibility for “Regional Games” on the Continental Organisations or the Groups respectively was a shock for the respective countries. In a meeting with Ingmar de Vos, Hanfried Haring and Armagan Özgörkey in Thessaloniki, the Balkan countries unanimously agreed to a working paper with the main points being

- a two-year transition period
- setting minimum standards
- a Committee of 3 or 4 persons to make proposals and to discuss with EEF/FEI.

The FEI President complements the information and explains the position of the FEI. He then leaves the meeting.

5. Strategic Planning Working Group Meeting on 11 March 2016

Soenke Lauterbach gives a report on the last meeting of the Working Group on 11 March. Due to unforeseen circumstances, only four members were able to attend. Thus the following topics have been discussed and later agreed to by the members who missed the meeting:

- Cooperation with Longines/ consequences
- IRT
 - possible integration into the Masters
 - current discussion with OCs Paris, Los Angeles and PAEC
- Restructuring of Groups I and II (and III)
(see minutes of Strategic Planning Working Group)
- Membership fee
(see minutes of Strategic Planning Working Group)

Discussed are the political problems making a sensitive and careful discussion necessary. The discussion has to begin and can be done without time pressure.

The President thanks SL and the Strategic Planning Working Group members and asks them to proceed.

6. AoB

6.1 Relaunch Website

The website has to be relaunched, above all because of the high costs to be maintained up-to-date. HH proposes to accept the offer from e-werk, the current provider for EEF and NF GER to the tune of about 8,000 EUR. The Board agrees.

HH proposes to insert a monthly column where personalities express their opinion on current topics. The start will be made by the Board members. The Board agrees.

6.2 New Address Brussels

The Belgian NF moves to a new place near the airport. The Board decides that the EEF headquarters' address shall be changed accordingly.

6.3 Secretaries General Meeting in Paris, 18 March

HH reports on a very interesting meeting of the EEF Secretaries General. The meeting, also attended by FEI Secretary General Sabrina Ibáñez, showed very clearly how important meetings in this composition are. He thanks the French Equestrian Federation, in particular Constance Popineau and Quentin Simonet, for the excellent organisation.

The President thanks the personalities present for their valuable contributions and closes the meeting at 18:45 h.