

 EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION	<b>Minutes</b>
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<b>Meeting Title</b>	<b>EEF Meeting during FEI GA 2010</b>
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Organization	
<b>Date</b>	<b>2 November 2010</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>14:00 – 17:00 h</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Holiday Inn East Taipei</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Hanfried Haring</b>
<b>Minutes by:</b>	<b>Hanfried Haring</b>

Attendance List		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>NF/Org.</b>
Frank SPADINGER	NF Sport Coordinator	Austria
Jacky BUCHMANN	NF President	Belgium
Ingmar DE VOS	EEF + NF Secretary Gen.	Belgium
Annamaria KOLÁŘOVÁ	NF Foreign Relations	Czech Republic
Jaroslav PECHÁČEK	NF President	Czech Republic
Ulf HELGSTRAND	EEF Vice-President	Denmark
Heiti HÄÄL	NF President	Estonia
Fred SUNDWALL	NF Secretary General	Finland
Christian PAILLOT	EEF Vice-President	France
Hanfried HARING	EEF President	Germany
Soenke LAUTERBACH	NF Secretary General	Germany
Breido GRAF ZU RANTZAU	NF President	Germany
Keith TAYLOR	NF President	Great Britain
Andrew FINDING	NF Secretary General	Great Britain
Tasos DELIVORIAS	NF Secretary General	Greece
George DIMARAS	NF Delegate	Greece
Dorottya STROBL	NF Secretary General	Hungary
Dr. Miklos JARMY	NF Delegate	Hungary
Charles POWELL	NF Past President	Ireland
David HOLMES	NF Sports Director	Italy
Benedetta PECINI	NF Delegate	Italy
Pierre ROSSY	NF Vice-President	Luxembourg
François THIERY	NF President	Luxembourg

Saša SEDLAR	NF Delegate	Macedonia
Eleonora OTTAVIANI	NF Secretary General	Monaco
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Martien VAN DEN HEUVEL	NF President	Netherlands
Maarten VAN DER HEIJDEN	NF SG/Sports Director	Netherlands
Kjell MYHRE	NF Secretary General	Norway
Michal WROBLEWSKI	EEF Board/NF Sec. Gen.	Poland
Robert FEKÁR	NF 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Slovakia
Maja STUKELJ	NF Secretary General	Slovenia
Venancio GARCIA OVIES	NF Secretary General	Spain
Claude NORDMANN	NF Board Member	Switzerland
Bo HELANDER	NF President	Sweden
Carina SJÖBERG	NF Secretary General	Sweden
PJ MC CARTAN	NF Delegate	Turkey
Thomas BAUR	Board Member	IEOA
Jan Willem KÖRNER	Secretary General	IEOA
Gerrit Jan SWINKELS	Delegate	IEOA
<b>Invitees</b>		
Sven HOLMBERG	Chair	Jumping Committee
Carsten COUCHOURON	Exec. Dir. Commercial	FEI Headquarters
Carolin FISCHER	Legal Counsel	FEI Headquarters
Jessica NEWMAN	Exec. Dir.	JustWorld

<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	Welcome
2	Approval of Minutes of last meeting in Istanbul, 8 Sept. 2010
3	Results of Meeting of Groups I & II in the morning
4	Conclusions for the Meeting of Groups I & II with the Bureau
5	Working Groups
6	Future Policy
7	A. O. B.

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## 1 Welcome

Hanfried Haring welcomes the participants in the meeting of the members of the EEF present at the General Assembly of the FEI in Taipei. He particularly welcomes those delegates who are present for the first time: Theo Ploegmakers, incoming President of the NED NF; Dorottya Strobl, Secretary General of the HUN NF; and as a guest from BLR Ekatarina Voronova.

## 2 Approval of the Minutes of Istanbul

The minutes will be approved at the next General Assembly of the EEF.

### 3 Results of the Meeting with Groups I and II

The topics discussed in the morning are shortly reviewed and confirmed. The following topics are discussed in addition:

#### 3.1 World Equestrian Games

On the basis of the communique of the FEI, the WEG are discussed. The financial situation is very problematic. The Bureau had to decide in a meeting during the WEG in Kentucky to invest 1.3 million USD to assure that the Games could go on. Another 680,000 USD have to be written off. Those are percentages of income from sponsors.

After an intense discussion about the legal situation and financial obligations the delegates ask the FEI for an earlier and tighter monitoring system. The formula of the WEG is questioned, and it is asked to start a general discussion about the long-term formula.

Christian Paillot reports about the situation of the WEG 2014 in Normandy. He explains that the financial situation is safe because of a strong involvement of the region and the state.

The NFs state that the sport besides all discussed problems was excellent in all disciplines. The President congratulates the NFs for their outstanding success and performance. Just counting medals he reports that 82 % of the medals were won by athletes and teams from NFs being members of the EEF, 11 % from North America and 7 % from the rest of the world. This excellent result is even more remarkable as the athletes from new and upcoming NFs clearly showed that their performance has increased dramatically and that they are more competitive than ever.

#### 3.2 Proposal for FEI European Jumping Championships

Sven Holmberg presents the first ideas about possible alterations of the formula of CH-EU-S (**Annex 3.2**). This was discussed in the Jumping Committee as a reaction to a memo presented at the EEF meeting in Istanbul.

After an intense discussion part of which had already taken place in the morning the delegates decide that this paper is a good basis, but that there are so many open questions that the topic has to be discussed further before making a proposal. Above all the alterations have to be aligned with other FEI disciplines.

### 4 Conclusions for the Meeting with the Bureau

The below topics will be presented to the Bureau. The presentations are enclosed and sum up the results of the discussion. (**Annexes 4.1 to 4.6**)

4.1	Reciprocity / Time-out for horses after positive tests	Michal Wroblewski, POL
4.2	Date of European Youth Championships	Ingmar de Vos, BEL
4.3	Events not affiliated with FEI	Claude Nordmann, SUI
4.4	Registration of horses and riders	Ingmar de Vos, BEL
4.5	Education / educational products	Eleonora Ottaviani, MON
4.6	Affiliation of disciplines	David Holmes, ITA

## 5 Working Groups

It was decided to install a new working group dealing with the subjects

“**Affiliation of New Disciplines**” and  
“**Format of Driving in Championships and Games**”.

David Holmes and Charles Powell were interested in making proposals about members and procedures.

## 6 Future Policy

It was decided to postpone this topic.

## 7 A. O. B.

### 7.1 Position of Treasurer

The delegates present feel uncomfortable about the fact that they received the financial figures very late. But there is an understanding for this year because of the WEG shortly before the GA and the financial implications with the WEG. It is felt that it would be good to have a treasurer again versus a comparable institution in the FEI.

### 7.2 JustWorld International

Jessica Newman, former international jumping rider and Executive Director of “JustWorld” introduces the vision, goals and achievements of JustWorld. They are published in the attached paper (**Annex 7.2**). She shows a video, distributes flyers and answers questions. The delegates present applaud wholeheartedly and promise to help wherever possible.

## ANNEXES

- 3.2 Proposal for FEI European Jumping Championships
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## **Proposal for FEI European Jumping Championships** *(by Sven Holmberg)*

### **Proposal for FEI European Jumping Championships.**

The following proposal should be seen as a reaction to the Memo presented at the EEF meeting in Istanbul. It's a first draft for your consideration.

The problem from the EEF was discussed at the Jumping Committee meeting at the end of August as pre the information given to the JC before the EEF meeting. Conclusions of the JC was to make sure that the connection to Olympic Qualifier could be maintained and thus giving all countries a way to participate.

In summary the current issues with the FEI European Jumping Championship are:

- Too expensive
- Lack of public interest
- Too many participants
- Competition format too complicated
- Difficult to sell sponsorships

Possible solutions.

- Change of competition format
- Reduce number of participants
- Using an open type of competition for qualification like the Nations Cups all leagues.

Possible new format.

15 teams qualified with 8 teams from Nations Cup Top Level, 4 teams from Promotional league and 3 from Challenger League. 15 - 20 individual riders from countries with no team.

Format with Friday first round of team competition and individual qualifier, Saturday second round of team competition and second qualifier for individuals with 10 teams and a total of 50 competitors (same system as for the OG). Sunday Individual final for 40 best after the two rounds Friday and Saturday. One round, one jump-off starting from scratch. This gives a format that opens for additional classes for the 5:th rider of teams and special invited riders.

Questions to be analyzed.

- The general idea
- Number of individual riders
- Format
- How to align this format with other FEI Disciplines
- When and how to select the teams
- When it can come in force

## **Reciprocity / Time-out for Horses after Positive Test Results**

*(by Michal Wroblewski)*

“I am very glad indeed saying that our Groups are very happy now with the conclusions of the Clean Sport programme.

In addition to this we would like to propose that the FEI considers the possibility to give a horse a “time out” after being tested positive.

We are aware that this question has important judicial and veterinary implications which are not easy.

We would be grateful if the relevant Committees /staff could consider our proposal.

Additionally we would like to request the Bureau to prove if it is clear that in national cases – it means: if a rider is banned by his federation – the ban is valid for other National Federations as well.

That means that a banned rider is not allowed to start nationally in any other federation, and this should be valid for the horse as well.”

## **Date of European Youth Championships (JYPCh)**

*(by Ingmar de Vos)*

“As in a lot of European NF’s, the school exams are taking place in the month of June, we ask not to organise championships for juniors, children and pony riders in the beginning of July. We believe that our youth riders should concentrate on their exams, and should have enough time after these exams to prepare for the championships.”

### **N.B.:**

Alain Guillet had also addressed this topic in an earlier e-mail to John Roche.

CH-EU-Ch/J/Y-S Comporta (POR) will retain the dates of 4 to 10 July 2011.

In future FEI will try to have it a requirement that the CH is held during the vacation period (which however differs greatly from country to country).

## **FEI Events run under the umbrella of non affiliated organizations**

*(by Claude Nordmann)*

“Last year, we brought to your attention the problem of some FEI events that are run under the umbrella of unaffiliated Organizations instead of being run by organizations affiliated to the FEI.

The example was the European Championship Reining which was organised in 2009 in Givrins, Switzerland. The SUI NF got the information through the equestrian press.

The same event CH EU Reining will be organized again in 2011 in Givrins under the same umbrella. The NRHA pretends that it is an internal event which is exclusively reserved to the European Associations affiliated to the NRHA in other words an US Reining Event run in Switzerland for European members.

We very well know that the FEI is negotiating with the NRHA but the problem is not yet solved and the relationship between Reining organisers and FEI NF is still unclarified and does not correspond to the FEI Rules.

We urgently ask the Bureau to look in the matter and not wait until the end of 2011 to find a solution to these well known and long pending problems.”

## **Registration of Horses and Riders**

*(by Ingmar de Vos)*

We refer to the FEI rules that indicate that all riders and horses have to be registered before participating at an international competition. If this is not the case, the combination will be disqualified and the results will not be taken into consideration. This could have very important consequences for the rankings and also for qualifications.

The problem of registration of riders and horses has been discussed largely the past years. We were happy that during the Group I & II meeting in Warendorf in March 2010, the FEI Secretary General confirmed that before a combination was to be disqualified, the NF of the rider will be informed and will have the time to repair this.

We would like to underline that there are still a lot of practical problems to be solved:

- The yearly registration procedure brings a lot of extra work for NFs. Moreover NF administrations can make mistakes for which the athletes should not be punished
- Some NF's allow riders to enter for CIMs in their own country directly with the organiser and arrange the registration afterwards
- In a lot of competitions the horses initially entered are substituted just before the competition even at the horse inspection (and some rules even allow this).
- The FEI IT system is not yet operational to allow automatic registration or facilitate automatic data transfer to help NFs.

In our view the principle should be that riders and horses entered by their NF should not be suspended for administrative reasons like the fact that they have not been registered by their NF for the current year.

Consequently, we ask:

- No automatic disqualification of riders and horses for the fact that they are not registered
- Acceptance of their results
- Adapt FEI IT to allow automatic registration

## **Education / Educational Products**

*(by Eleonora Ottaviani)*

Taking into consideration

article 4 of the fundamental principle of the Olympic Charter:

“Olympic spirit requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and FAIR PLAY”

and articles 1 and 3 of Chapter 1 of the Olympic Charter (concerning the Olympic Movement and its action):

“Art. 1 – The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced in accordance with Olympism and its values.”

“Art. 3 – In addition to its three main constituents (IOC, IFs and NOCs), the Olympic Movement also encompasses the OCOGs, the national associations, clubs and persons belonging to the IFs and NOCs, particularly the athletes, whose interests constitute a fundamental element of the Olympic Movement’s action, as well as the judges, referees, coaches and the other sports officials and technicians”,

we have accepted the idea that the responsibility for the athlete’s education is a task of the sport executives. Those executives must act and not simply react.

Sanction and coercion mean to intervene on damage already done.

Education means to work on prevention, and to educate is an investment into the future. (It is a delicate task in that it implies teaching the distinction between good and evil.) In this moment we MUST reduce the risk of violation to anti-doping rules and improve our credibility. We must say that FEI has already done a lot (Clean Sport) and that also some NFs are working hard on this subject.

We are all proud about the fact that we had no cases during the last WEG. But NFs and athletes feel that we need an educational programme in different languages. We do not want cases in London 2012, because in normal championships we are between us; the Olympic Games are highly public and the shop window of our sport.

We need

1. material (text, book, video, slide) that can be used not only for the top riders, but also for youth and amateurs;
2. material for national athletes in those NFs that follow FEI rules nationally.

The NFs of Groups I and II suggest to use the material already existing and to have the possibility to realise the project in cooperation with FEI (Harald Müller), starting early next year.

## **Affiliation of Disciplines**

*(by David Holmes)*

We have discussed the question of recognising new emerging disciplines by the FEI.

We ask the FEI to act according to the current rules regarding the request of Working Equitation and other disciplines asking for affiliation.

Furthermore we ask to start a general discussion about handling this question in the future to be ready at next year's General Assembly for a decision which takes into account the needs and opinions of all stakeholders, above all the NFs in all parts of the world.

## **Just World International**

*(by Jessica Newman)*



### **JustWorld International Call for Support from National Federations**

#### **About JustWorld**

JustWorld International acts as a catalyst for positive change in the developing world by working with local partner organizations to provide basic education, nutrition, health, hygiene, and vocational programs for children in impoverished communities in Honduras, Cambodia, Guatemala, Brazil, and Senegal.

JustWorld International works through the international equestrian community and its extensive networks to fund and sustain programs that provide basic needs to children with little opportunity to receive support from other sources.

JustWorld International's 350 Rider Ambassadors and 20 Technical Official Ambassadors from 35 countries raise awareness and funds for our programs. JustWorld supporters learn about the needs of others across the globe as they give thousands of children a leg up to a brighter future.

#### **How Your Federation Can Advance the Work of JustWorld International**

- Add JustWorld logo and link to federation website
- Publish a joint press release upon initiation of federation's support of JustWorld
- Provide JustWorld with ad space on federation website and print materials
- Include JustWorld logo on federation horse and rider equipment
- Co-brand federation and JustWorld apparel
- Encourage developing riders, team riders, and technical officials to become JustWorld Ambassadors
- Encourage horse shows affiliated with the federation to support and hold benefit events for JustWorld
- Include option to support JustWorld on individual membership renewals
- Reciprocal acknowledgment of national federation will appear on JustWorld website, promotional materials, apparel, signage at events, etc.

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