

## Working Group "Jumping" 15 July 2011, Aachen (GER)

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>Working Group "Jumping"</b>
<b>Date</b>	Friday, 15 July 2011
<b>Time</b>	10.30 to 12.30 h
<b>Location</b>	Aachen, Show Venue of CHIO Room Halla
<b>Chair</b>	Hanfried Haring
<b>Minutes taker</b>	Hanfried Haring

<b>Attendees Invited</b>				
<b>Participants</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>NF/Org.</b>	
✓	Hanfried HARING	EEF President	GER	
✓	Otto BECKER	Member FEI Jumping Comm.	GER	
✓	Will CONNELL	Chef de Mission	GBR	
✓	Rob EHRENS	Chef d'Equipe	NED	
✓	Marco FUSTE	Chef d'Equipe	ESP	
✓	Sven HOLMBERG	Former Chair of FEI Jumping Com.	SWE	
✓	Soenke LAUTERBACH	Secr. Gen.	GER	
✓	Wiveka Lundh	Sports Director	SWE	
✓	Eleonora OTTAVIANI	President IJRC	MON/IJRC	
✓	John P. ROCHE	Director Jumping	FEI	
<b>Excused:</b>				
	Claude NORDMANN	Internat. Relations	SUI	
	Christian PAILLOT	EEF Vice President	FRA	
	Kevin STAUT	Member FEI Executive Board	FRA	
<b>Invitees</b>		<b>Title</b>	<b>NF</b>	<b>Pt attending</b>
✓	John MADDEN	Chair Jumping Committee	FEI	all
✓	Ingmar de VOS	Secr. Gen.	FEI	
✓	Jan Willem KOERNER	Organisers' Repr.		

**Last modification on:** 18 July 2011

<b>Agenda</b>		
<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
1	Minutes of the meeting on 27 April 2011 in Leipzig	
2	Final discussion of the results:	
	2.1	Paycards
	2.2	FEI European Jumping Championship Format
	2.3	Nations Cup
3	Identification of urgent topics regarding Show-Jumping	
4	A. O. B.	

The Chairman Hanfried Haring welcomes the attendees and thanks them for coming despite of the busy days in Aachen. He congratulates Rob Ehrens to the victory of the Dutch team in the Nations Cup competition. He particularly welcomes Ingmar de Vos, who attends the Working Group's meeting for the first time in his new function as FEI Secretary General, and John Madden in his capacity as acting Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee.

### **1) Minutes of the meeting on 27 April 2011 in Leipzig**

No remarks.

#### **2.1) Paycards**

The intense discussion underlines the findings in the annex that was submitted to this item and leads to the following results:

1. The urgency of the problem is underlined by all attendees. If no solution is going to be found, we run the risk that the sport will be destroyed in the medium term.
2. A small Working Group shall be established to intensely analyse the current situation and to elaborate proposals for a solution. It shall commence as soon as possible, however not in a hurry, as the problem is really complex. The WG members shall define their timeline themselves, subject to approval by the EEF Board.
3. The following items are suggested to the Working Group:
  - Include all stakeholders (Athletes, Organisers, National Federations, ...)
  - Consider the danger of secession of individual groupings

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- Permit the possibility to control
- Secure the necessary transparency
- Discuss various approaches for various star levels (Development level)
- Appearance money / Paycards
- Ranking points
- Responsibility of NFs
- Include organisers who are known for violations against the Paycard prohibition

### **2.2) European Jumping Championships**

The attendees agree that a decision must be taken now – on the one hand for reasons of the timeline for decisions in the FEI and on the other hand to offer the required planning reliability for NFs and OCs.

John Roche explains the contents of his e-mail dated 1 July (sent as an annex to the agenda before the meeting) which had been elaborated following the discussions of the Working Group in Leipzig, the discussions of the FEI Jumping Committee and the statements of NFs and Athletes. It is questioned whether the number of 30 results to count for the Individuals' qualification is adequate. It is in general considered to be too high. On the basis of the discussion and the available statistics, John Roche will determine and communicate the number of best results to count.

**With the alterations mentioned above, the Working Group unanimously agrees to the present draft.**

When communicating the outcome, it is particularly important to point out to the fact that no nation and no individual will be excluded by this necessary restriction of the European Championships. This is secured by the fact that the FEI Nations Cup Challengers League is open.

### **2.3) Nations Cup**

**Nations Cups and Regional Championships are the best products of equestrian sport and the prerequisite for equestrian sport to remain in the Olympic family.**

Collection of ideas:

- The division into three Leagues is right
- The Top League is extremely valuable and good for all, i. e. for media, sponsors, owners
- The Promotional League is the problem child; the foremost objective must be to improve that one

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- Within the Promotional League, the differences are too big with regard to the requirements for riders and horses
- The distances are so long that the kilometers to be driven are in no relation to the result
- The goal is: six shows, four-star level, four riders per team, five riders allowed per NF
- Schooling of Course Designers and appointment of Judges in view of having the same requirements for all

**To do:** Together with John Roche and John Madden find a way to elaborate proposals for solving these questions.

### **3) Identification of urgent topics regarding Show-Jumping**

See item 2.3

### **4) A. O. B.**

No remarks.

The Chairman thanks the participants for the open and fair discussion and concludes the meeting at 12.30 h.