

Minutes

Meeting	EEF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021
Date	27 October 2021
Time	08h30-11h45 CEST
Location	Hotel Savoyen, Rennweg 16, 1030 Vienna, Austria
Chair	Theo Ploegmakers
Minutes	Carina Mayer

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Introduction by the President	TP	
2	Quorum	CM	
3	Appointment of Scrutineers	CM	
4	Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion)	CM	
5	Approval of the Annual Report of the Board of Directors	TP	X
6	Approval of the Annual Accounts for the financial year that ended on 30 June 2021	TP	X
7	Discharge to be granted to the Board of Directors and Secretary General for the performance of their duties during the financial year that ended on 30 June 2021.	CM	
8	Approval of the rolling three-year annual budget for the financial years that will end on 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024	TP	X
9	Confirmation of the address of the registered office of the association	CM	
10	Approval of the EEF Auditors for the financial year that will end on 30 June 2022	CM	
11	Approval of the EEF Strategy 2022-2026	SL	X
12	Longines EEF Series 2022	GD	
13	Election of 1 st Vice-President	TP	X
14	Approval of the revised EEF Statutes: 14.1. Approval of the amendment of the purpose of the association (4/5 majority required). 14.2. Approval of the determination of the object of the association (4/5 majority required). 14.3. Approval of other amendments of the articles of the association and adoption of new articles of association (2/3 majority required).	TP	X
15	Any other business	CM	
16	Closing	TP	

Attendance List

EEF Board

Theo Ploegmakers	President
Ulf Helgstrand	2 nd Vice President
Quentin Simonet	Board Member
George Dimaras	Board Member
Soenke Lauterbach	Board Member
Eleonora Ottaviani	Board Member & IJRC
Nayla Stössel	Board Member
Carina Mayer	Secretary General

NFs Present

Alan Andabaka	ALB
Dietrich Sifkovits	AUT
Richard Berger	AUT
Wendy Laeremans	BEL
Teodor Sheytanov	BUL
Lenka Sekaninova	CZE
Ulf Helgstrand	DEN
Venancio Garcia	ESP
Jukka Koivisto	FIN
Quentin Simonet	FRA
Hans-Joachim Erbel	GER
Soenke Lauterbach	GER
George Dimaras	GRE
Dorottya Strobl	HUN
Miklos Jarmy	HUN
Amichai Alperovich	ISR
Simone Perillo	ITA
Andrea White	ITA
Iris Boelhouver	NED
Hidde Frankena	NED
Tore Sannum	NOR
Beate Heieren Hundhammer	NOR
Bruno Rente	POR
Polona Rifelj	SLO
Rok Vadnjal	SLO
Sandra Wiedmer	SUI
Wiveka Lundh	SWE
Andriy Milovanov	UKR
Mykhaylo Parkhomchuk	UKR

NFs by Proxy

Croatia	CRO
Cyprus	CYP
Liechtenstein	LIE
Luxembourg	LUX
Macedonia	MKD
Serbia	SRB

NFs voting online

Iain Graham	GBR
Gintare Sakyte	LTU
Marco Danese	MON
Kaja Koczurowska- Wawrzekiewicz	POL
Marilena Mladin	ROU
Sergio Michelotti	SMR
Zuzana Baciak Masarykova	SVK
Atif Bülent Bora	TUR

Associated Members

Peter Bollen (online)	EO
Klaus Roeser (online)	IDRC
Linda Keenan (online)	IDTC
Laura Borromeo	IJRC
Eric Straus (online)	IJOC

EEF Guests

Jany Schaurte	BIH NF (voting rights for EEF 1 st Vice-President only)
Ingmar De Vos	FEI
Sabrina Ibanez	FEI
Barbara Rodel	FEI


1	<p>Welcome & Introduction by the President</p> <p>The President opens the General Assembly and welcomes the delegates.</p> <p>He highlights this special edition of a General Assembly which is hosted in a hybrid format (in-person in Vienna & online) for the very first time. A special welcome is expressed to the FEI President, Ingmar De Vos, and the FEI Secretary General, Sabrina Ibanez.</p>
2	<p>Quorum</p> <p>A two-thirds quorum is reached with 35 National Federations (NFs) represented. The EEF has a total of 38 member NFs.</p> <p>21 NFs are present in Vienna, holding 6 additional proxies. 8 NFs are represented online. The NF of Bosnia & Herzegovina is also present in Vienna but is only entitled to vote for the EEF 1st Vice-President and is not counted for the quorum.</p>
3	<p>Appointment of Scrutineers</p> <p>The General Assembly appoints the scrutineers for the General Assembly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorottya Strobl (HUN) - Teodor Sheytanov (BUL)
4	<p>Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion)</p> <p>No affiliations, suspensions or exclusions.</p>
5	<p>Approval of the Annual Report of the Board of Directors</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the Report of the Board and the Report of the Working Groups / Committees. No comments are made.</p>
6	<p>Approval of the Annual Accounts for the financial year that ended on 30 June 2021</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the financial report of the year 2020/2021. The report had previously also been approved by the EEF internal auditors Andrea White (ITA) and Miklos Jarmy (HUN).</p>
7	<p>Discharge to be granted to the Board of Directors and Secretary General for the performance of their duties during the financial year that ended on 30 June 2021.</p> <p>The General Assembly releases the EEF Board and Secretary General for the year July 2020 to June 2021.</p>
8	<p>Approval of the rolling three-year annual budget for the financial years that will end on 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the budget for 2021/2022 and the planned budget for 2022/2023 & 2023/2024.</p> <p>Hidde Frankena (NED) raises the question why the sponsorship fee is drastically reduced in the budget and whether this should be a reason for concern. The President states that</p>

	<p>the present sponsorship contract with Longines will end on 31 December 2021 and that negotiations for a potential extension of the partnership are in progress. No amount has been stated in the budget because an agreement has not been signed yet. Hidde Frankena also states that he would welcome the use of round numbers for the budget instead of very exact figures.</p> <p>Iris Boelhouwer (NED) asks for an explanation on the increased membership fees that are planned as of 2022/23. The President states that the EEF is planning to present a new concept for membership fees to the General Assembly next year (in 2022) which would be fair towards all members, the bigger NFs and the smaller NFs. Increased membership fees are important for the EEF in order to avoid full reliance on sponsorship income and to recognize increased activity of the EEF for its members.</p> <p>Ulf Brömster (SWE) asks for explanation on how the Board sees the evolvement of the EEF as an organization instead of focusing too much on the numbers. The President states that there are several new initiatives ready for implementation which includes a footprint study of equestrian sport, the hire of an EEF Sport Development Manager and the realization of the Young Leaders Program (Erasmus+). The EEF will increase its activities which is also reflected in increased operational expenses in the budget.</p>
9	<p>Confirmation of the address of the registered office of the association</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the EEF's registered address as follows:</p> <p>European Equestrian Federation (EEF) Belgicastraat 9, Box 2 1930 Zaventem Belgium</p>
10	<p>Approval of the EEF Auditors for the financial year that will end on 30 June 2022</p> <p>The General Assembly appoints Hidde Frankena (NED) and Ulf Brömster (SWE) as auditors for the 2021/22 EEF financial accounts.</p>
11	<p>Approval of the EEF Strategy 2022-2026</p> <p>Soenke Lauterbach, Chair of the EEF Strategic Planning Working Group, presents the new Strategic Plan to the members and opens the floor for questions.</p> <p>Hidde Frankena (NED) raises a question regarding the planned takeover of the European Championships and the Regional Championships from the FEI and what the EEF is planning to do better than the FEI to make this takeover beneficial for its members. Soenke Lauterbach states that it is not about being better or doing things differently than the FEI but as a continental organization these events should be under the umbrella of the EEF rather than the FEI. Quentin Simonet (FRA) also responds that as a regional organization the EEF is closer to the members and has the possibility to permanently monitor the subject (including the allocations). There are currently significant challenges to receive enough bids for all European Championships and the EEF can be of added value in reversing this trend.</p> <p>Iris Boelhouwer (NED) asks whether the EEF Sport Development Manager will also be tasked with the handling of taking over the European Championships. Soenke Lauterbach</p>

	<p>states that the management of more than 30 European Championships would require the hire of more staff and thorough planning in the coming years to ensure a smooth transition and running of these events under the umbrella of the EEF. The objective is to create a benefit for both the EEF and FEI in the end.</p> <p>Ulf Brömster (SWE) highlights the importance of horse welfare in the context of the Strategic Plan and that this should be in the spotlight under the strategic pillar of “promote”. He also proposes to include the element of sponsorship in the pillar of “promote”. Soenke Lauterbach refers to the Strategic Plan as presented where horse welfare is already highlighted as a main element to be promoted. Sponsorship is considered to be more of an operational element rather than a strategic element in the current view of the Strategic Planning Working Group but it will be added in the course of actions in the Plan.</p> <p>The General Assembly approves the EEF Strategy for the years 2022-2026 with 32 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions. The 2/3 majority is achieved.</p>
12	<p>Longines EEF Series 2022</p> <p>George Dimaras presents a short review of the 2021 Longines EEF Series season and also an outlook towards the 2022 season. For 2022, all qualifiers, semi-finals and finals have been set with the exception of one qualifier still to be determined in Region Central. Several rule changes for 2022 have been proposed to the FEI, those are currently under consideration. Special gratitude is expressed towards Longines as the title partner of this EEF series.</p>
13	<p>Election of 1st Vice-President</p> <p>Following the withdrawals of Soenke Lauterbach (GER) and Simone Perillo (ITA), the election is held between the candidates Peter Bollen (BEL) and George Dimaras (GRE). Both candidates are given the possibility to present themselves for 5 minutes to the General Assembly.</p> <p>George Dimaras (GRE) is elected as EEF 1st Vice-President for the term 2021-2025 in the first round of voting. George Dimaras receives 30 votes, Peter Bollen (BEL) receives 5 votes. The 2/3 majority is achieved for George Dimaras.</p> <p>Election of an ordinary EEF Board Member</p> <p>Following the election of George Dimaras (GRE) as 1st Vice-President, the Board member position becoming vacant shall be filled immediately. The following candidates present themselves to the General Assembly for election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Bollen (BEL) - Cayetano Martinez de Irujo (ESP) - Simone Perillo (ITA) - Tore Sannum (NOR) <p>In the first round of voting, none of the candidates receives the required number of 19 votes (Simone Perillo: 11 votes, Cayetano Martinez de Irujo: 8 votes, Tore Sannum: 8 votes, Peter Bollen: 7 votes). For the next round of voting, Peter Bollen is removed from the list of candidates.</p>

	<p>In the second round of voting, none of the candidates receives the required number of 19 votes (Tore Sannum: 15 votes, Simone Perillo: 13 votes, Cayetano Martinez de Irujo: 6 votes). For the next round of voting, Cayetano Martinez de Irujo is removed from the list of candidates.</p> <p>In the third round of voting, Simone Perillo (ITA) receives the required number of 19 votes and is elected as an ordinary EEF Board Member. Tore Sannum receives 16 votes.</p>
14	<p>Approval of the revised EEF Statutes</p> <p>14.1. Approval of the amendment of the purpose of the association The General Assembly approves the amendment of the purpose of the association with 34 votes in favor, no vote against and 1 abstention. The 4/5 majority is achieved.</p> <p>14.2. Approval of the determination of the object of the association The General Assembly approves the determination of the object of the association with 33 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 1 abstention. The 4/5 majority is achieved.</p> <p>14.3. Approval of other amendments of the articles of the association and adoption of new articles of association and internal regulations of the articles The General Assembly approves the other amendments of the articles and new articles with 33 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 1 abstention. The 4/5 majority is achieved.</p>
15	<p>Any other business</p> <p>No items are raised.</p>
16	<p>Closing</p> <p>The President thanks the delegates for their attendance of this General Assembly and their cooperation in the context of this hybrid edition.</p> <p>Special gratitude is extended to the President and Secretary General of the Austrian National Federation for having hosted this hybrid General Assembly in Vienna.</p> <p>The meeting is closed at 11h45.</p>

Signed by



03 November 2021

Theo Ploegmakers

Date

EEF President