

Agenda

Meeting	EEF General Assembly
Date	21 September 2023
Time	08h30-14h00 CET
Location	Hotel Botanique, Sokolovska 11, 18600 Prague, Czech Republic (Meeting room: Magnolia & Jasmine)
Chair	Theo Ploegmakers
Minutes	Alice Ward

Attendance List EEF Board

Theo Ploegmakers
George Dimaras
Quentin Simonet
Simone Perillo
Soenke Lauterbach
Nayla Stössel
Eleonora Ottaviani

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member

EEF Staff

Teodor Sheytanov
Alice Ward

NF Attendees

National Federation Attendees

AUT	Dietrich Sifkovits Cornelia Schupfer
BEL	Wendy Laeremans
BIH	Jany Schaurte
BUL	Kroum Rachkov Velyana Zheyazova
CRO	Alan Andabaka
CZE	Radek Rouč Petr Kuklik Sylvie Boušková Markéta Kramolišová Radovan Salek
DEN	Ulf Helgstrand
ESP	Venancio Garcio Belén Flores
EST	Katrin Pill
FIN	Marjukka Manninen
FRA	Quentin Simonet Catherine Bonnichon - de Rancourt
GBR	Malcolm Wharton Jim Eyre
GER	Hans-Joachim Erbel Soenke Lauterbach
GRE	George Dimaras
HUN	Dorottya Strobl Miklos Jarmy
IRL	Denis Duggan
ISR	Amichai Alperovich
ITA	Simone Perilo Andrea White
MLT	Paula Calamatta
NED	Iris Boelhouwer Hidde Frankena

NOR	Tore Sannum
	Beate Heieren Hundhammer
POL	Marcin Kaminski
	Kaja Koczurowska Wawrzekiewicz
POR	Bruno Rente
SLO	Tatjana Vele
	Rok Vadjal
SMR	Sergio Michelotti
SRB	Visnja Andric
	Jelena Dimitrijevi
SUI	Michel Sorg
SWE	Sandra Ruuda
	Gisela Löfstrand
	Wiveka Lundh
TUR	Hassan Tuncer
	Bilun Biber

STAKEHOLDERS

IJRC	Valentina Ottaviani
	Beatrice Ottaviani
	Laura Borromeo
European & Mediterranean Horseracing	Dr Paull Khan

Invited Guests

FEI	Sabrina Ibanes
FEI	Francisco Lima
Longines	Urs Schiendorfer Longines
Longines	Michael Vuilleumier
White Griffin	Ruth Dancer
EEF	Ulf Bromster

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Introduction by the President The President opens the General Assembly and welcomes the delegates.	TP	
2	Appointment of a secretary of the bureau of the general assembly Teodor Sheytanov is appointed.	TP	
3	Quorum As of today, the EEF has 40 National Federation (NF) as members, of which 29 are attending in person and 8 are represented by proxy. Voting is on a simple majority and will require 19 votes to pass.	Secretary	
4	Appointment of Scrutineers Andrea White ITA and Dietrich Sifkovits AUT are appointed as scrutineers.	Secretary	
5	Approval of the Agenda The members approved the agenda.	Secretary	
6	Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion) The members approved the suspension of two members: European Pony Club and the International Group of Equestrian Qualifications.	TP	

7	Approval of 2022 General Assembly Minutes The members approved the minutes of the 2022 General Assembly held in Warsaw, POL.	Secretary	X
8	Approval of the Annual Report of the Board The members approved the Annual Report of the Board. No comments were made.	TP	X
9	Approval of the Annual Accounts 2022/2023 The president explained the update in the initial annual accounts. Due to the late receipt of invoices the membership fees were split into the two accounting years. This update was confirmed by the Audit committee who reviewed all the items and are satisfied that the income/cost explanation is fair and correct. The members approved the annual accounts. The annual accounts will be filed in the association file held at the competent enterprise court by the association's legal representatives.	TP	X
10	Approval of the Budget for 2023/2024 The members approved the budget.	TP	X
11	Discharge of the Members of the Board and Secretary General for the accounting year 2022/2023 The members approved to discharge each member of the Board and Secretary General individually for the accounting year July 2022 to June 2023.	Secretary	
12	Approval of the appointed EEF internal Auditors The member approved the appointment of Ulf Bromster and Hidde Frankena as internal auditors.	Secretary	
13	Presentation Sport Development Teodor Sheytanov (TS), EEF Sport Development Manager, presented the activities from the previous 12 months. This includes the Equestrian Sport Education Events (ESEE) which are organised with FEI Solidarity, the EEF Evolution League which provides international opportunities in Jumping and Dressage aimed at smaller nations, and the new EEF Academy aimed to provide training and education opportunities to develop officials. TS urged NFs to put officials forward for the officials' programmes and support the initiative to in turn help the development and potential promotion of officials. He highlighted the need to keep people in the sport, and secure the future through continuous growth and development of good officials. An outline of the number of NF FEI Solidarity projects was also provided alongside regional championships for Balkan and new Nordic-Baltic championships. An update on the support provided to Ukraine was also given.	QS	
14	Presentation EEF Sustainability Strategy Ulf Bromster gave an introduction to the EEF approach to sustainability, and the importance for NF members to take action. Ruth Dancer (White Griffin) outlined the new EEF strategy and the core goals moving forward while outlining the work that has already been done. This is available online for all to reference back to. NED asked about whether there could be financial rewards or punishments to encourage action from members which engaged some discussion about the role of motivation and societal responsibility.	UB	
15	Presentation Longines EEF Series	GD	

	<p>George Dimaras (GD) gave an overview of the 2023 season, the third season of the Series. The philosophy of the Series, to provide opportunities to young riders, horses and smaller nations to gain experience and grow the sport. The provisional calendar for 2024 was shared with 8 qualifiers, 2 semi-finals and the final set to return back to Warsaw.</p> <p>SUI: Offered thanks for this product, it's very important for horses and riders and federations. Asked for the position regarding the height 1.45 or 1.50m Nations cups. GD confirmed for now it would remain the same, to be as open as possible for all nations, but the EEF are open to continue discussing this to find the average for the level.</p> <p>DEN: could we redistribute bonus' to help young riders with entries or wild cards. GD explained wild card allocations are by the rules, but we can look and talk about ways to get more wild card invitations for U25 riders and the invitation and allocation of teams to events to help increase opportunities.</p> <p>ITA: Thanks from ITA federation for the concept and opportunity to jump, and the sponsors who support the Series.</p>		
16	<p>Presentation "Equestrian Young Leaders Europe (EYLE)" TS presented the concept of the EYLE programme and the progress in the first year. Each of the three pilot countries are now in control of their national plan and starting to recruit and train coaches to begin rolling out the programme in early 2024. TS invites other interested countries to contact him to discuss the potential to expand EYLE.</p> <p>SWE: To provide proof of the results, both Henrik Ankarcrona (Jumping chef d'équipe) and Sandra Ruuda (SWE NF President) were both participants in the young leaders programme</p> <p>NED: In addition to the leadership skills, our young leaders have been shown to have better results in school too so its very overall beneficial</p>	TS	
17	<p>Reappointment: 2 EEF Board Members (for the term 2023-2027)</p> <p>The general assembly decided to reappoint Nayla Stössel, residing at CH-9053 Teufen (Switzerland), Schwendi 525, as ordinary director for the period 2023-2027 and to reappoint Quentin Simonet, residing at 41600 Chaumont sur Tharonne (France), Rue de Nouan 1 as ordinary director for the period 2023-2027. Their mandate is not compensated.</p> <p>Both directors were reappointed with all 37 votes in favour.</p> <p>The reappointments will be announced in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Gazette by the association's legal representatives.</p>	Secretary	X
18	<p>Election of 3 Members of the EEF EU-Committee (for the term 2023-2027)</p> <p>Dr Eموke Ratki, Dr Klaus Miesner, Christian Van Rilo-Schaurte standing. All three candidates were elected with all 37 votes in favour.</p>	Secretary	X
19	<p>Election of the second vice-president of the EEF</p> <p>The EEF president, Theodorus Ploegmakers, elected Quentin Simonet as second vice-president of the EEF, in accordance with article 22, §7 of the articles of association.</p> <p>The members supported the election of the second vice-president of the EEF made by the EEF president.</p> <p>The election will be announced in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Gazette by the association's legal representatives.</p>	TP	

20	Any other business Member Survey: TP covered the results of the member survey including the comments for improvement and progression.	TP	
21	Closing. TP thanked all attendees and the hosts, the Czech Federation. The meeting was closed at 11.45	TP	



Th. J. W. A. Plagmakers
EEF. President.