

# Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>EEF Board meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	23 October 2024
<b>Time</b>	15:00 – 17:00 CET
<b>Location</b>	Online
<b>Chair</b>	Theo Ploegmakers
<b>Minutes</b>	Alice Ward

<b>Participants</b>	
Theo Ploegmakers	President
George Dimaras	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President
Quentin Simonet	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Klaus Roeser	Board Member & Athletes Representative
Nayla Stoessel	Board Member
Elisabeth Max-Theurer	Board Member
Soenke Lauterbach	Board Member
Simone Perillo	Board Member
Alan Andabaka	Board Member
<b>Invited</b>	
Hanfried Haring	EEF Honorary President
Alice Ward	Communication Manager
Ulf Brömster	Sustainability WG chair

<b>Pt.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Annex</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
	Welcome from TP and welcome to KR as the new athlete representative and board member.		
<b>1</b>	<b>For Decision:</b>		
	<b>1.1. Approval of the minutes from the BM 17.09.2024</b>		
	The comments from AA are noted and will be included. The board approve the minutes with the amends (KR abstention as not part of the previous meeting) .	X	TS
	<b>1.2. Minutes from the EEF GAs</b>		
	<b>1.2.1. Minutes from the EEF GA 18.09.2024</b>		
	SL include a note for inclusion the summary of the FEI presentation. The board approve the minutes.	X	TS

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1.2.2. Minutes GA 2023</b></p> <p>The board are informed that the approved minutes from the 2023 GA, do not include some of the attendees in the formal list of attendees.</p> <p>The board agrees the minutes have been approved by the GA, and will therefore remain as they are.</p>		TS
<p><b>1.3. Agenda of Regional Group meeting</b></p> <p>The agenda is discussed and some changes in order are suggested and agreed.</p> <p>The board agrees the discussion of horse welfare should be across all disciplines.</p> <p>The Longines Ranking update will also be added (moderated by GD).</p> <p>TS clarifies the inclusion of coaching education, and it is agreed the FEI must be able to present their viewpoint first.</p> <p>The matter of the youth EU-CH in 2025 are discussed. It is proposed the CZE and ROU give a short presentation regarding the championships to open dialogue with the NFs and answer some of the questions which have recently been raised. QS proposes all hosting NFs/OCs will be given the option to keep it more open. GD suggests the issue should be carefully considered and reviewed by EEF to ensure it is correctly addressed and managed. SL suggested the regional meeting is not the correct place for a full update on youth championships.</p>		TS
<p><b>1.4. Event manager</b></p> <p>TP gave an overview of our status, and the opportunity to move forward with an in-house event manager with cooperation with the FEI.</p> <p>The board discuss the immediate upcoming year (season 2025) and raise concerns regarding the timeline and the potential for one person to fulfil all the roles discussed.</p> <p>The board agrees to appoint Alcor in 2025 and to open negotiations with the FEI to agree the financial terms and conditions of the role.</p>	X	TP

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<p><b>1.5. EEF Statutes</b></p> <p>The board revisits the matter of updating the statutes following the decision not to bring changes to the GA 2023. The issue has been raised by an NF member, that the current statutes do not support good governance, to allow free nomination of candidates.</p> <p>This matter was asked to the FEI who agreed this was not in line with good governance practices and should be changed.</p> <p>The President asks the board permission to amend this matter, and bring it forward to an extraordinary general assembly to allow the change.</p> <p>GD wishes for any statute changes to be done through a complete comprehensive statute change.</p> <p>TP clarifies some of the matters for statutes that have been discussed (e.g executive board) have been checked by the Belgium lawyer, and do not need to be included in the statutes. The current statutes are at their minimum level, and any additional matters can be defined in the internal regulations or by-laws.</p> <p>GD proposes we work with the Belgium lawyer to explore this matter and create a full revision. He does not support an extraordinary GA for only one matter.</p> <p>The board supports this approach and will review the statutes, and by 10<sup>th</sup> November provide feedback which will be discussed by the Board. Once agreed, the proposals will be sent to the lawyer for feedback.</p>		<p>TP</p>
<p><b>1.6. EEF Expenses Policy</b></p> <p>TS provides an overview of the new document, intended for better governance and control. These will be included in the internal regulations. The document will be amended that instead of any board member can sign off, it will read one of the two vice presidents will be able to sign off.</p> <p>With this change, the board approves the document.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>TS</p>

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	1.7. LES 2025		TS
	<p>1.7.1. Calendar</p> <p>TS provided updates. Stutter Ask will move their dates but run the LES class on Sunday to avoid a direct clash with Peelbergen.</p> <p>Luxembourg have agreed to terminate their host agreement on the grounds that they cannot organise the event in 2025. This allows a new agreement to be explored with Lier, who are open to a 6-year contract (1yr+the next cycle). The board is open to this but raises a concern over the length and asks if there can be a termination clause in case of major issues.</p> <p>GD informs the board of an update within Greece. The veterinary clinic previously situated at the showground is no longer present, and under the CSIO rules they do not have a clinic within the required range. GD would like to relocate to Thessaloniki, with the same NF OC, for one year. The board approves this change.</p>		
	<p>1.7.2. Rules</p> <p>The FEI have feedback on some of the proposals and a revised document is shared with the board.</p> <p>Updates include to allow the semi-final to invite two additional teams (outside Europe) // clarification to ensure the Longines EEF Series Final competition to take place after the Grand Prix // clarification of competing teams// clarification of grand prix qualifications.</p> <p>It is discussed and in changes are added to the rules of the SF to ensure all EEF teams proceed into the second round. GD proposes to try and secure longterm contracts with the SF.</p>	X	TS
	1.8. EYLE		TP
	<p>1.8.1. Program process</p> <p>TS provides an update on the current programme, with 350 participants across the three pilot countries. On 7<sup>th</sup> November the NFs are invited to a webinar regarding the programme and to express interest.</p> <p>According to the Erasmus+ contract we need to recruit an additional 5 countries.</p>		TS

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	In the next board meeting TS will bring a full financial proposal regarding this expansion.		
	<b>1.8.2. EU registration</b>		
	Carina Mayer is the registered LEAR for the Erasmus programme, and through her login TS can access the portal. The board approves to contact the EU and move this registration to TS.		TS
	<b>1.9. Dates of next Board meetings</b>		
	A poll will be sent to confirm the next meeting date in December.		TS
<b>2</b>	<b>For Information:</b>		
	<b>2.1. Presentation of Klaus Roeser as a new EEF board member</b>		KR
	<b>2.2. FEI Dressage stakeholder meeting</b>		
	KR has submitted a proposal to the FEI regarding the noseband measuring device, given the legal standings under EU law, and has not received a cooperative response.		
	KR proposes for the EEF to consult a lawyer in order to have clarity on the issue on behalf of the EEF members and their riders.		TP/KR
	The issue of EU CE marks was also discussed, in which TS has sought some clarification.		
	The President proposes to raise it himself through an official letter to the FEI.		
<b>3</b>	<b>AOB</b>		
	Each member of the board must send a certified copy of their ID for the registration of the SDO in Luxembourg.		



EEF President  
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