

Minutes – draft

EEF General Assembly 2024

Meeting	EEF General Assembly
Date	18 September 2024
Time	09:00-14:00 CET
Location	Nordic Hotel Forum, Tallin, Estonia
Chair	Theo Ploegmakers
Minutes	Alice Ward

Attendees:

NFs Presented:

AUT Elisabeth Max Theurer
Franz Schiefermair
Cornelia Schupfer

BEL Wendy Laeremans

BUL Velyana Zhelyazova
Kroum Rachkov

CRO Alan Andabaka

CZE Lenka SEKANINOVÁ
Petr KUKLÍK

EST Marti Hääl
Riina Pill

FIN Marjukka Manninen
Jukka Koivisto

FRA Quentin Simonet

GBR Fields Wicker-Miurin
Jim Eyre

GER Soenke Lauterbach

GRE George Dimaras

HUN Dorottya Stobl
Miklos Jarmy

IRL Denis Duggan
Avalon Everett

ISR Amichai Alperovich

ITA	Simone Perillo Andrea White
NED	Iris Boelhouwer Hidde Frankena
NOR	Tore Sannum
POL	Kaja Koczurowska Wawrzekiewicz
POR	Bruno Rente
ROU	Marilena Mladin
SMR	Sergio Michelotti
SUI	Nayla Stoessel
SVK	Zuzana Bačiak Masaryková Richard Baciak
SWE	Sandra Ruuda Andrea Barth
TUR	Meriç Baysal
UKR	Tetiana Scheinich

NFs Represented

ALB, BIH, CYP, ESP, LAT, LTU, MLT, MON, MKD, SLO, SRB

Guests

FEI	Ingmar De Vos Sabrina Ibanez Gaspard Dufour
IJRC	Eleonora Ottaviani Laura Borromeo
EEF	Theo Ploegmakers George Dimaras Quentin Simonet Eleonora Ottaviani Elisabeth Max Theurer Nayla Stoessel Soenke Lauterbach Simone Perillo Alan Andabaka Teodor Sheytanov Alice Ward

Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Annex
1	Welcome & Introduction by the President The President welcomes the members and guests to the meeting.	TP	
1.1	Appointment of the secretary of the bureau of the general assembly Teodor Sheytanov is appointed	TP	
2	Quorum As of today, the EEF has 40 National Federation (NF) members. The Power of Attorney document from Türkiye was received 11 minutes after the deadline. For this reason, the General Assembly is asked to vote to allow Türkiye to participate themselves, and in their approved proxy position for Bosnia+Herzegovina. The General Assembly votes 100% in favour to allow Türkiye to participate with no abstentions. 26 national federations are present in person, 11 proxies have been assigned. This amounts to 37 voting members. The quorum is set at 20. Weighted voting applies to item 12. Each of the 37 voting members equates to 195 votes, so the quorum is set at 99.	Secretary	
3	Appointment of Scrutineers Avalon Everett (IRE) and Zuzana Bačiak Masaryková (SVK) are proposed as the scrutineers. The General Assembly votes 100% in favour to appoint the scrutineers with no abstentions.	Secretary	
4	Approval of the Agenda The General Assembly approves the agenda.	Secretary	
5	Membership (affiliation, suspension, exclusion) All memberships have been paid in full and there are no memberships to be discussed.	TP	
6	Approval of 2023 General Assembly Minutes The General Assembly approves the minutes with 100% of the vote with no abstentions.	Secretary	X
7	Approval of the Annual Report of the Board The General Assembly votes with 100% approval of the annual report with no abstentions. No comments were made.	TP	X
8	Approval of the Financial Report 2023/2024 <i>(included in the annual report)</i> The General Assembly votes with 100% approval of the report with no abstentions. The annual accounts will be filed in the association file held at the competent enterprise court by the associations' legal representatives.	TP	
9	Release of the Board and Secretary Generals for the accounting year 2023/2024	Secretary	

	The General Assembly votes with 100% approval to release each member of the board and secretary general individually for the accounting year July 2023 to June 2024, with no abstentions.		
10	Approval of the appointed EEF Auditors The President presents the EEF Board approval to support an external auditor for next year. This is due to the desire to seek additional funding for new projects, which will increase the activity of the EEF and should allow a more stringent auditing process. The President asks for the General Assembly's approval to seek an external auditing company. The General Assembly votes with 100% approval with no abstentions.	Secretary	
11	Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2024/2025 (included in the annual report) The General Assembly votes with 100% approval for the budget with no abstentions.	TP	
12	Presentation and approval of Longines EEF Series Rules season 2025 (weighted voting system approved by the EEF GA 2022 will be applied) The General Assembly vote with 100% approval and no abstentions to separate the matter of Monaco moving group into a separate vote. Two weighted votes will now be held on the rule changes. Vote 1: All rule proposals excluding the move of Monaco The General Assembly approves the rule changes with 100% of the vote, amounting to 195 votes under the weighted voting system. Vote 2: Monaco to move to region south The General Assembly votes with 23 members in favour (133 votes), 10 members against (47 votes) and 4 members abstaining (accounting for 15 votes). The motion is approved. TS informed the LES Rules are subject of further approval of FEI and some amendments are possible. For the next years it will be established a process for LES rules revisions with deadlines for proposals and submission to the NFs of the draft and FEI to be involved in earlier stages.	Secretary	X
13	For information: weighted votes 2025-2028 The weighted voting is presented with an explanation to create an exception for Ukraine, who have been unable to host events due to the war. The General Assembly votes with 100% approval, with no abstentions.	Secretary	X
14	For information: membership fees 2025-2028 The membership fee's are explained and set for the next cycle.	Secretary	X
15	Election: 1 EEF Board Member – Riders Representative (for the term 2024-2028)	Secretary	X

	<p>The general assembly takes note that the mandate of Eleonora Ottaviani as director has come to an end as of 18/09/2024 due to the expiration of its term. The general assembly thanks Eleonora Ottaviani for the services rendered.</p> <p>The General Assembly votes, with 100% approval and no abstentions, to appoint Klaus Roeser as the new rider representative, (ordinary director of the EEF). In accordance with Article 22 §9 of the coordinated statutes of the association, he is appointed for a term running from the day of his appointment until the fourth ordinary general meeting (annual meeting) following the day of his appointment. His mandate is not remunerated.</p> <p>The appointment will be announced in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Gazette by the associations' legal representatives.</p>		
16	<p>Presentation FEI Digital Passports</p> <p>The FEI addressed the members and gave a specific presentation on the FEI Digital Passport system and the FEI Athlete Services.</p>	Gaspard Dufour	
17	<p>Presentation Sustainability, the Equestrian Federation of Finland</p> <p>The Finish Federation gave an overview of its sustainability strategy and delivery, including the equestrian industry's wider economic and social impact.</p>	Marjukka Manninen	
18	<p>Any other business</p> <p>GBR: Raised the issue of horse welfare and the upcoming FEI round table discussion. It is suggested that during the FEI GA in the UAE, there is an EEF meeting to allow NFs to discuss this issue. The FEI replied to this and the rationale behind the invitations.</p> <p>ROU: Raised the additional items added to the LES rule revision was not their preferred way of operation, and they require more time to discuss these matters before coming to a vote in future.</p>	Secretary	
19	<p>Closing</p> <p>The President thanked the organizing committee, attending nations and persons and closed the meeting at 12:55.</p>	TP	



EEF President
Theo Ploegmakers



Secretary
Teodor Sheytanov