

# Minutes

## IJOC Board meeting

Skype, 14 April 2020

Beginning 20:00 CET

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Present:      Willem Luiten              Eric Straus              Teodor Sheytanov  
                 Anna Lingvist              Kate Horgan              Sharon Al Qauod  
                 Laura Van de Graaf      Ali Kucuk              Charles Mauldin

1. Welcome and opening by President

WL welcome the participants. He proposed rules for the participants during the Skype meetings. The board agreed with the proposal.

Condolences for Jon Doney. The death of Jon Doney is a great loss for the club and for the equestrian community. WL informed the board the information was published on the IJOC Facebook page, Instagram and web site. WL wrote a personal letter to JD's wife.

2. Update on preparation of the Survey

LVS, AK, CM

LVDG thanked AK and CM for submitting proposed questions and comments.

LVDG explained to date the group, only questions about CES online assessment have been received. LVDG asked if the group could access the questions from Survey 2018.

CM explained he had presented his proposed questions immediately after the meeting in Prague and noted the Working Group is behind the schedule.

AK proposed the WG could coordinate with the SWG and to identify the profile of current and potential IJOC members. The board agreed with AK's proposal.

3. Activities we can offer to IJOC members during the lockdown      TS

In line with the annual plan of IJOC TS proposed during the lockdown, since most of the members have more time, the club could prepare a variety of online activities. For example, interviews with other FEI stakeholders representatives, or a discussion among our members on selected topics.

WL stated this concept could be a pilot program but we should find out if our members have interest in online activities.

ES advised the Board of a similar effort being made on YouTube for Spanish speaking audiences. ES shared the information with the Board. It would be helpful if the club can check and to use this format.

The board agreed assist TS to develop a concept proposal.

4. In person maintenance course group B Officials

WL

WL commented on the letter received from FEI that the deadline for Group B officials will be not extended. He said the estimated of the number of the needed courses to cover all outstanding Group B officials coupled with and the challenges of limited number of course directors and the lockdown would make the organization of the courses impossible.

The club sent an email to Sabrina Ibanez and Stephan Ellenbruch requesting to postpone the deadline.

KH expressed concern that this topic is not up to the club. WL clarified that the Club is not proposing an exact date.

The board agreed on the need to organize Maintenance courses outside Europe.

WL proposed to FEI to permit maintenance courses with more than 20 participants at the period October – November.

TS was asked to send emails to the members and informing them of efforts to extend the deadline for Group B officials. SAQ said the information to be sent by email and published on IJOC website.

5. Update on Strategy WG – recent development

ES

ES gave an overview of the activities of SWG and reviewed the minutes from the SWG Skype meeting. (The minutes were sent to the board with the agenda for the BM). ES thanked Carsten Sorlie for his assistance bridging the SWG efforts from 2019 to 2020. The unanimous opinion of the SWG is education is the keystone for the IJOC. The SWG needs more information regarding holding RS outside of the GA.

We need discussion at presidential level to determine what the Club may do to expand education globally. ES explained many NFs lose money because the maximum number of permitted attendees is 20. The result is NFs are not motivated to organize courses. It is very important the situation to be win-win – for the organizer, participants and FEI.

WL explained that education is one of the main pillars for existence of the club. But if the focus only education this will be attractive a small base. He believes that this is not the only reason for the club to exist. We need to add value in other areas.

There was a discussion: should IJOC seminar to be only for IJOC members and if non IJOC members apply what should be the benefit for participants who are IJOC members.

AK proposed a mentor's bank to bring new members. This will be subject of discussion of the next BM.

6. Membership

SA

SAQ shared her concerns that most of our members did not paid their membership for 2020.

She will compare the information about the membership form the web site, Facebook and Instagram. Reminders will be sent to the members.

## 7. AOB

### 7.1 Organization of GA 2021.

SAQ expressed concerns about GA in Italy before things return to normal.

Due to the Corona virus – the board agreed to discuss new cities as Plan B option.

AK proposed we wait for further information from FEI about possible change of dates of FEI GA in South Africa.

LVG, SAQ and AK will support TS to develop a Plan B.

TS will lead the effort for a Plan B proposal and will present drafts for both at the next scheduled BM.

7.2. KH shared information that were members who attended both maintenance courses in Prague and paid only for one. AL explained the procedure for registration prior to the seminars.

7.3. The board agreed the in-person BM in Amsterdam in June should be canceled and we will follow our plan with BMs at every second Tuesday of the month.

7.4. KH proposed on 15 April at 12:00h everyone to raise a glass in memory of Jon Doney.

WL adjourned the meeting.

*Teodor Sheytanov*  
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