

Minutes

IJOc Board meeting

ZOOM, 15 March 2021

Beginning 18:30 CET

Present:	Eric Straus	Teodor Sheytanov	Laura Van de Graaf	
	Anna Lindqvist	Ali Kucuk	Monica Gomez Su	Marysa Zourel
Excused:	Sharon Al Qaoud			

1. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on 15 March were approved. ES proposed the minutes should be edited and distributed no later than two weeks following the meeting. The board agreed.

2. Financial Update

LVDG reported that except for recent membership payments nothing had changed since the last report.

3. Contribution to the EHV Relief Fund

The board discussed the EHV situation in Europe. There was agreement the situation is extremely difficult on many levels including financially for affected athletes and horse owners. The board agreed it does not have authorization under the Statutes to make a contribution outside of the approved budget.

The board supports the private efforts by IJOc members to donate to the EHV Relief Fund. The IJOc Facebook page has previously published information how donations may be made.

4. FB Policy Statement

Presented together with p. 8 from the agenda.

5. IJOc Excellence Award Discussion

ES proposed a concept to manage the nomination and decision-making process for the IJOc Excellence Award.

It was reaffirmed the IJOc Excellence Award is not an annual award; however, the following would be possible: more than one recipient in the same year and sequential years followed by a period of time absent an award presentation.

First, the Board would act as a Committee of the Whole serving as the Nominating Committee. Second, it was proposed that nominations must be received by July 1st accompanied by a written proposal on the merits of the nomination using the agreed upon and published criteria. Third, nominations may be submitted by any current IJOc member.

During a period to be yet determined (30 – 60 days) the Board would review, consider and decide the recipient(s) of the Excellence Award. This timeline would allow sufficient

time to make the necessary arrangements including a personal invitation of the nominee(s). The Board agreed with the conceptual plan.

AK proposed the criteria to be developed by the WG and to be included in the Internal regulations. The board agreed this would provide the institutional guidance and sustainable approach.

6. Webinar Update

TS gave a wrap-up on the first webinar. We had 70 online participants, the outcome was positive and many of our members found it very interesting. The video is available on FB and on the IJOC website. The next two sessions are set and the registration is open.

On 26th April the club will organize the first webinar for CD. TS will publish an announcement together with a reminder for the other seminars.

TS presented a concept for Case Studies sessions.

7. Strategic Planning Update

MGS presented the progress SPG. A new member Zherwin Acosta representing Asia has joined the SPG.

The SPG is working on a plan to determine the number of regions globally and the needed number of Regional Representatives.

Equestrian scope, experience, knowledge, English proficiency and personal relations are some of the criteria for the appointment of the RRs.

The candidates will apply for the position but they also could be nominated by the board.

It is further proposed that a member of the Board, for example the Vice-President or one of the RRs will be overall coordinator for the RRs.

RRs shall provide a written report to the board at least once a year month prior to the GA.

8. Statutes Update

AK presented the progress of the WG with members Glenn Maes and Christina Alvez. Henrik Arle will be involved on a case by case basis. To date, the WG has met twice.

The topics under consideration are: last Minute Membership, Membership for Retired Officials, Gender Equality, Succession, Official Seat, Social Media: Definition and addresses to be integrated, Internal Regulations, Standing Committee: Veterinarians, Value Statement.

The Internal Regulations will be a separate document from the Statutes. The IRR will cover additional aspects for the governance of IJOC and must be interpreted in conjunction with the IJOC Statues

The board approved the following timeline:

- Presentation of the final Statutes proposal to the Board: End of July
- Internal Regulations proposal to the Board: End of August

9. EEF Working Group Update

The update was sent to the board prior the meeting by ES.

10. AOB

10.1 Minutes from GA 2021

The minutes were distributed to the Board prior to today's meeting. The minutes were approved. TS will publish them on the website.

10.2. TS provided information about the current situation of the EEF Nations Cup series. When there is any official information about the start of the series TS will share it to the board.

10.3. MZ will start the process for legislation of the new IJOC board at the Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

The next board meeting will be on 12 May 2021, 18:30 CET.

ES adjourned the meeting.

Teodor Sheytanov

IJOC Secretary General