

DRAFT Minutes

IJOc Board meeting

ZOOM, 17 August 2021

Beginning 18:30 CET

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

ES open the meeting. AK proposed adding PCR testing for Officials under AOB. The board agreed with the addition.

1. **Approval of the minutes June 14**

The minutes were approved.

2. **Financial Update**

Financial Update

ES brought up for information and discussion the IJOc travel reimbursement policy. The previously approved travel reimbursement policy for the board members is:

- a. for the GA is – no reimbursement for the hotel or airplane ticket
- b. For one in-person board meeting – airfare based on European airfare and one night in a hotel

After discussion the board agreed that traveling expenses are higher due to COVID situation. Further the policy should to be reviewed annually to ensure a current cost basis and the policy to be included in the internal regulations.

The board agreed for the remaining months of 2021 the BMs will continue on ZOOM.

LVDG reported that there are no significant changes except some member's annual fee payments.

3. **Best Practices Update**

MGS, ES and SAQ shared their experiences from the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020. They pointed out that there was good cooperation with the local officials and the planning was good in all the aspects.

Recommendation: great effort for education in advance of the stewards outside North America and Europe has to be done before such an important event. It was observed that for Night Stewarding there was willingness by the stewards to learn. The Veterinary support was absolutely phenomenal and readily available.

4. SPG Update

MGS will distribute the job description prior to the next meeting where it will be discussed.

5. Nominations for Excellence Award

The Award and guidelines will be incorporated into the IJOC Internal Regulations. The board agreed for 2021 to identify and to select candidates using the agreed upon guiding principles: one or more nominees, the award will not be annual and nominees may come from the following categories athletes, organizer, institution, official group, entourage of athlete or other non-profit organization.

LVG nominated Willem Luiten. ES pointed out that the board previously nominated Jon Doney. The board supported both nominations for 2021.

ES will contact WL and JD's wife to inform them about the nominations and to report back to the Board.

The board discussed the design of the award, the costs, the addition of a parchment like testimonial and the name itself.

The deadline of Thursday August 19 at 18:30 CET was set for renaming of the award. SAQ indicated she would propose a new name for the Award by email. All other details to be determined.

6. General Assembly Update

TS presented the preparations to date for the IJOC GA in January 2022 in Sofia. The venue has a number of large halls to allow for COVID spacing requirements. The board will closely monitor the Covid global situation and will set the date for determination of decision. The Board will communicate to the members the dates of the IMCs and GA with a survey question about the intention and willingness of the members to attend in person meeting if the situation allows it. ES will prepare the announcement.

7. Webinars Update

TS reported on the progress of the case studies discussion groups. The sessions have gone well and appear to enjoy wide acceptance. The members across the groups are active in the discussions. The creation of smaller subgroups seems to be working well and with result that participants are more actively engaged. Several times the subgroups have proposed different decisions. To date, 7 groups have met with an average number of participants in each group of 11. LVD and AK shared their positive experience as participants. The board agreed this is an excellent tool to involve the members but we have to encourage them to share new cases. ES is in contact with SE and FHJ to settle upon a date of the final discussion. ES proposed next topic for IJOC Webinar to be “Stable Management at Olympic level” and to continue with the efforts to invite Santiago Varela for a webinar.

8. FEI Rule Revisions

TS made short overview of the proposed changes.

9. AOB

9.1. PCR testing

ES previously shared the email which he received from the FEI legal department as an answer to his official letter to SE as Chair of the Jumping Committee. AK shared his understanding that the text of the answer can't be accepted as an official answer from FEI which could be communicated to our members. This will be in favor mainly for officials from regions outside Europe which face the problem with OCs not agreeing to include the price of PCR test as a traveling expense. ES will write again to SE to seek approval to use his comments from the 2021 online discussion during the GA.

9.2. AK proposed the board to find a way for active involvement of the members at the FEI rule changes. It will be subject for future discussion.

Next BM will be in two parts: the first hour dedicated to normal IJOC matters and the second hour to the special session for Statute changes and Internal Regulations

8 September 18:30 CET.

Teodor Sheytanov

IJOC Secretary General