

**Present:** Glenn Maes, Laura Van de Graaf, Eric Straus, Ali Küçük, Sharon Al Qaoud, Marysa Zourelí

**Excused:** Monica Gomez Su, Gerald Kuh, Teodor Sheytanov

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- 1- **Approval of the last board meeting minutes:** Sharon Al Qaoud (SAQ) states that the last board minutes are not complete. To the extent that the speakers' comments should be more detailed. Specifically, she shares the two topics for which Eric Straus (ES) and Teodor Sheytanov (TS) has mentioned. Those were "Course Designers Maintenance Course during the IJOc GA" and "the IJOc Webinar on FEI IT Applications" respectively. The board agrees that the relevant additions must be integrated by the Secretary General and the new version of the minutes should be circulated asap.
- 2- **Strategic Planning WG:** (Incl. regional rep. and communication campaign): The participants agree that – in principle- as the chair of the WG is not present, it is not appropriate to take a decision. Nevertheless, it is agreed that an email is sent to Monica Gomez Su (MGZ) detailing the questions of the participants about the WG. It is requested that the answers are received before the next board meeting on 21 June so that a binding decision for the way forward can be taken.
- 3- **Short update on FEI Sports Forum:** Marysa Zourelí (MZ) provides feedback on the FEI Sports Forum including the Paris 2024 Olympic Games proposed formats and scheduling. Event Classification System (ECS) is also going ahead, and details were shared. International Grooms Association is now officially recognised by the FEI.
- 4- **Registration of the IJOc at the Swiss Authorities:** MZ has had some contacts at the local authorities in Switzerland regarding the registration status of the IJOc. Firstly, she informs that board about the new contact person at Swiss government in charge of the IJOc. Through his guidance, MZ states that we can reach out any time to ask further questions. The summary about this contact is as follows:
  - a. MZ has been provided the certificate of registration and shall further send to AK.
  - b. Emailing is sufficient for official communication
  - c. Board member names do not need to be updated at the Swiss counters annually but at any rate, can still be sent via email.
  - d. They do not provide a certificate/official document with names of the IJOc board members
  - e. Sandra Wiedmar from NF SUI is also contacted for official posts delivery.
  - f. The last 2 years (2020 and 2021) tax declaration forms need to be filled and sent back to the authorities. MZ shall contact Laura Van de Graaf (LVG) for this purpose.
  - g. MZ shall also investigate the tax liability status of the Club as it is a non-profit organisation.

The board thanks MZ for the update. SAQ and ES state that in the past, there was a documentation with specific names on it (as provided by the authorities). In the specific case, it was the name of Stephan Ellenbruch as shared by TS. MZ states that this is the information she has been given but can be further checked. Secretary General will ask TS about the specific document.



- 5- Remuneration of Officials:** GM informs the board that there is no major change since the last discussion - but rather minor remarks. Gerald Kuh had a short conversation with the representatives of the EO (Equestrian Organisers) during the FEI Sports Forum. Accordingly, EO also considers the matter as important, and they are willing to continue the discussions. Participants discuss additional items such as “working hours” and “number of officials” in line with the remuneration. GM states that there might be a tendency towards an “evaluation system for officials” and such might be potentially exercised by the FEI, Organisers, riders and/or other stakeholders. ES mentions that it is a delicate matter when Organisers are entitled to evaluate the officials where (in significant number of cases) they do not have the knowledge about the functions of the officials. SAQ adds that the PGJ should also be reporting and evaluating the officials in the team. GM once again reminds the board members if they have remarks/suggestions about the potential proposal of the IJOc. We need to be ready when/if there is a green light for prompt meeting request by the FEI.
- 6- Members information/ new members:** AK informs the new members of the Club. SAQ discusses the previous procedure about new member approvals and that it may not be necessary to approach the board in that direction. She also adds that it might be necessary to update certain regulations. AK adds that the club has currently 290 members and 79 registered to the first webinar. However, the latter might increase towards the deadline.
- 7- A.O.B.**
- a. AK informs the board that the second meeting of the Payments & Membership WG shall take place on the 23rd of May.
  - b. The in-person meeting planning of the IJOc at FEI Offices is shared by GM. The participants from the IJOc will be the president and the secretary general. The aim is to review current matters with Jumping department, education, IT and the top management. The board approves the travel and accommodation expenses of the two participants.
  - c. GM provides benchmark applications of the Equestrian Organisers in terms of membership, payments, and eligibility to vote at the GA. To this end, it might even be an idea to consider a reduction in the IJOc membership fee for next year. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.
  - d. The email Exchange between an organiser and the FEI is also shortly covered, regarding the payments of officials, prize money etc.
  - e. Next board meeting date is kept as **21 June**.

The president thanks the participants and closes the meeting.