



Board Minutes – Zoom, 12 April 2022 - 18:30 CET 2 Pages

Present: Glenn Maes, Laura Van de Graaf, Gerald Kuh, Eric Straus, Teodor Sheytanov, Ali Küçük, Sharon Al Qaoud, Marysa Zourel

Excused: Monica Gomez Su

The President, Glenn Maes (GM), opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. Below decisions are taken:

Approval of the minutes: The board approves the minutes of the last meeting dated 28 February.

1. **Webinars Update:** The secretary general (AK) provides an update about the upcoming webinars. Accordingly, Mikail Rentsch, Göran Akerstrom and Louis Konicks will be the respective speakers. He further informs that Stephan Ellenbruch and Frances Hesketh Jones have already been contacted about the “case studies webinar”. As for the dates, AK asks the availabilities of the board members. Following the discussions, it is decided that the availabilities of the speakers need to be prioritized first. To this end, AK will confirm the dates with the speakers and inform the board accordingly. Another webinar topic will be “FEI IT Applications” for which AK will further investigate with the FEI IT Department. This topic has been proposed by Teodor Sheytanov (TS)

2. **GA 2023 Update:** AK informs the board that the first response of the FEI is positive about the organisation of the “in-person FEI maintenance course” during the IJOc General Assembly. However, the date and format of the courses (judging, stewarding and course design if possible) will be clarified with the FEI in due course. Eric Straus (ES) proposes that the course designers maintenance course should be included within the IJOc GA. The event will be held in conjunction with the local NF. As a MOU stakeholder, the IJOc is authorised to conduct FEI courses with more than 20 participants. AK will continue to update the board.

3. **FEI OG 2024 Consultation Meeting Update:** AK briefs about the consultation group zoom meeting where the feedback from the IJOc was also included. All discussion items will be further reviewed during the Sports Forum. However, general tendency of the participants so far is the following:

- a) **Entry timelines:** to be reviewed further.
- b) **Order of competitions and the competition schedule:** Almost all stakeholders (including the IJOc) support team event before the individual final. So, most probably this will be the result at the Sports Forum and the FEI GA.
- c) **Substitution process:** to be reviewed further
- d) **MER's:** General tendency is to remove the CSI3* level from MER certification.
- e) **Ranking/bareme at first individual competition:** to change this from 1.1 to against the clock (2.1) (also in line with the IJOc feedback)
- f) **Maximum number of penalties in the round:** to be reviewed further.
- g) **Number of judges in the jury box:** Supported by the IJOc as well, the proposal was well accepted among the participants – to increase the number of jury members by one.

The consultation process will continue with the Sports Forum and is expected to be finalised at the FEI General Assembly.

4. **Regional Representatives (RR) Update:** Eric Straus (ES) replaces Monica Gomez Su (MGS) in delivering the update of the regional representatives. The presentation covers the FEI groups, officials' numbers in the respective countries and proposed number of RRs. ES states that previously the Strategic Planning WG was covering the regional representatives concept. To this end, he proposes that MGS continues to chair the Strategic



Planning Group which shall also contain the subject of regional representatives. Following the discussions, it is decided by the board that the RRs are essential part of the process and must be prioritized. They can be covered inside the Strategic Planning Working Group for which all proposed members and the chair must be approved at the next board meeting together with action plan, deadlines and the respective reporting.

5. **Annual Activity Plan:** AK shares the annual activity plan and reminds the board about the “work-in-progress” status items. Namely, the IJOC communication campaign and the regional representatives activation. The board agrees that both must be prioritized. Once approved by the board, Strategic Planning WG will take over the task.

6. **Remuneration of Officials:** The president provides a brief overview about the latest status and the meeting held with the FEI. Participants collectively agree that the main aspects involved when discussing the subject are the following:

- a) There needs to be a differentiation of remuneration amongst functions (example FJ or PGJ vs jury member.
- b) There needs to be a differentiation as per the levels of events.

There are certain other factors that affect the subject of remuneration. However, to start the discussions, the board members agree that this is a correct starting point. It is also noted that another stakeholder in these discussions is the Equestrian Organizers (EO). GM and the WG will further continue the discussions with stakeholders and report to the board accordingly.

7. **Members information:** AK provides information about the membership matters. Politically restrained regions and members have been discussed. The board is asked for assistance in finding/contacting organizers that can positively discriminate IJOC member(s) from challenged regions. Same applies for the membership payments. Such colleagues will be reminded that technically they are not current members but given the current environment, they will be asked if they can provide an outside source for payment and keep a temporary status.

8. **A.O.B.**

- AK informs that there will be an in-person meeting of IJOC/FEI in Lausanne. The meetings will target the matters about, officials’ education, appointments, exchange program, remuneration and general coordination between the FEI departments and the IJOC. The president and the secretary general are going to be present. The board agrees.
- AK provides information on Payments Membership WG Update.
- Attendance at the FEI Sports Forum is discussed and the information on which board members will be present is shared.
- MZ is asked for an update on the registration status of the IJOC in Bern. She states that in coming weeks, she will have the contact with the authorities and revert to the board.
- The next board meeting dates is set for **10 May**. Tentatively, the following board meeting will be on **21 June**.

The president thanks the participants and closes the meeting.