

**Board Minutes –** Zoom, 21 June 2022 - 18:30 CET 3 Pages

**Present:** Eric Straus, Ali Küçük, Sharon Al Qaoud, Glenn Maes, Laura Van de Graaf, Gerald Kuh, Monica Gomez Su

**Excused:** Marysa Zourel, Teodor Sheytanov

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

**Approval of the last board minutes:** The last board minutes are approved.

- 1- **Financial Report Q1 / 2022:** Treasurer Laura Van de Graf (LVG) provides the update on the financial standing of the Club. As for the income items, she informs that the membership fee gains are circa 3 K€ short of the budgeted figure for 2022 (i.e. € 25,000), whereas on the expense side, the actual figures are significantly lower than the budgeted levels. This is mainly due to the Club's operation with online platforms and mostly webinars under Covid measures. On a separate note, LVG suggests that a professional accountant / auditor be outsourced to better follow the financials and create regular business reports. The board agrees that couple of professional alternatives are investigated including but not limited to in-sourcing amongst the membership base as well. Another discussion item is reduction in membership fee as the current cash balance of the Club is sufficient. The idea is postponed to be reviewed in detail, where necessary.
  
- 2- **Strategic Planning Working Group:** Monica Gomez Su (MGZ) first explains the restructuring and the proposed members of the group. The names presented to the board are: MGZ as the chair, Charles Maudlin, Kate Horgan, Eric Straus, Alice Mak, Guilherme Nogueira as members. Ali Küçük(AK) proposes Murat Batur (TUR) for more geographical coverage and Sharon Al Qaoud (SAQ) suggests for the Middle East, Hussam Zammit (LBY). It is agreed that MGZ will contact these names and ask about their interest. GM asks about the job description of the WG and requests that further planning is prepared before the WG recruitment with new members.



As for the regional representatives, the MGZ proposes (and the board agrees) that the Secretary General sends out a general invitation announcement to members for the respective regional positions.

3- **Remuneration of Officials:** GM provides the latest status. He informs that the joint proposal of the IJOc & EO is already presented to the FEI and the first reaction is positive. This will be then followed by the standard “FEI rule revision process” presented to the NFs. GM continues to share two minor revision requests. Namely, the business class ticket wording and the inclusion of technical delegates per diem into the proposal. It is decided that (where possible) contacts with NFs must be activated to inform and highlight the necessity of this rule change before the voting at the FEI General Assembly.

#### 4- A.O.B.

- a. **Swiss Registration:** AK states that, the update will be provided in the next board meeting.
- b. **IJOc General Assembly (GA) 2023:** AK informs that the date of the GA is most probably set for 13-15 January. This will be further confirmed following the FEI meeting on 5 July. Simultaneously, the format of all courses will be discussed, and the GA set up will be prepared accordingly.
- c. **Membership WG** – AK informs the board about the latest meeting held with AK, TS, SAQ and LVG. Following the discussions, the WG decided that the membership process should be centralised at the Secretary General. On a separate note, it is recorded that the validity of the previous years’ membership lists are also discussed and it is concluded that an official reference should not be made to these lists for future. SAQ reminds that the FB applications and the website members lists should be checked/attended to accordingly. LVG will also promptly check the availability of a secondary access to PayPal account for SG as well as a “read-only” access of the bank account.
- d. **EEF WG Membership:** AK shares with the board that an application has been sent to EEF with the request to become a member of their jumping working group. The response will be shared with the board accordingly.
- e. **Biosecurity Pilot Course (Istanbul)** - AK provides an overview of the first Biosecurity course of the FEI and that the outcome is very positive. He states that (once the syllabus and the curriculum is established) the course will most probably be available in the FEI Campus. Similarly, he already asked the FEI colleagues to share the presentation as a webinar with the IJOc.



- f. **Webinars Planning** – AK provides an update about the upcoming webinars. The webinar with Göran Akerström is now confirmed for September the 20<sup>th</sup>. Other webinars are currently being checked with speakers. Case Studies, FEI IT Applications, Course Design. Other future topics currently investigated are Biosecurity and Transport of Horses.
- g. The next board meeting dates is set for **3 August**.

The president thanks the participants and closes the meeting.