
Board Minutes – Zoom, 3 April 2023 - 18:30 CET 2 Pages

Present: Eric Straus, Ali Küçük, Glenn Maes, Marysa Zourel, Gerald Kuh, Laura van de Graaf

Excused: Teodor Sheytanov, Monica Gomez Su

The President, Glenn Maes (GM), opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. The last board meeting minutes are approved.

Before continuing with the agenda GM states that the Rule Revision proposals of the IJOC are submitted to the FEI in due time and members have also received a letter as such – in line with the previous board discussions.

- 1- **FEI Meeting (27 March) Debrief – GM:** The president has attended a meeting of the FEI stakeholders regarding the “cost of jumping events”. The participants were previously set EO, IJRC, IOC, IJOC and the FEI. GM summarises the meeting and shares that the IJOC part is minimal as the official’s remuneration has already been set at the last FEI GA. Nevertheless, the discussions center around entry fees, prize money and the foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Whereas the organisers are worried about increased costs especially for the 2* and 5* levels, the athletes however are concerned that the prize money valuation has been decreasing recently especially for the US shows where the USD/CHF rate is devalued recently. As for the officials it is agreed by the board that we do not want to re-open a new chapter of consultation on remuneration. However, if-and-when, a convenient system which includes all parameters of the case correctly – is in place, the board can agree to be included in this new system also with the remuneration of the officials. GM states that he will further participate at the 17 April meeting with this perspective. The message is also shared with the Secretary General, Ali Küçük (AK) who will be representing the IJOC in these discussions at the FEI Sports Forum.

On a separate note, Marysa Zourel (MZ) shares the situation with number of stewards versus number of horses at shows. She mentions that there are currently some incorrect schedules with 6 stewards at a show with 1200 horses. At another event the number of stewards were only 4 with 2 arenas and 650 horses. Despite the concern of the OCs for the costs, the number of officials are (in these cases) still below the necessary line. GM suggests that these can be shared with the jumping department. The board agrees.

- 2- **IJOC Calendar : AK** shares the difficulty in setting the prioritised calendar and speakers. For example, the planning for May Case studies is already late. Following a discussion, the board agrees that the case studies is moved to June depending on the availability of the speakers. AK will first ask Stephan Ellenbruch and Frances Triulzi for their June availability. He will later work backwards in the calendar to create the sub-group discussions.
- 3- **Communication: GM** states that he has shared certain ideas/requests with Teodor Sheytanov about the website of the IJOC. The two will follow for the development process.



- 4- **IJOC General Assembly Update: AK** provides the outlook about the IJOC GA venue selection process. There are 4 interested venues, of which 2 have already provided their official “letter of intent”. The third one is expected from Monica Gomez Su (MGZ). Regarding the venue in the US, MZ states – as of next week- the host will send to the IJOC a detailed info pack about the organisation. ES states that this venue might have logistics challenges as it is not in a central location. Following an extensive discussion, the board agrees that the next meeting should be the latest decision for the venue. GM states that we can consider allocating 2 venues for the next 2 years in a row. The board will discuss this in the next meeting as well.
- 5- **Financial Update on Lisbon GA – LVG / GM:** Laura van de Graaf provides the excel sheet for the finalised expenses of the IJOC GA in Lisbon. Following the income deduction from the expenses, the final figures is within the reasonable limits of the budget. AK proposes that there should not be a 50/50 sharing of expenses for the IJOC Welcome dinner and that the full amount should be charged to the members, as this is one of the high expenses for the club. The board agrees. Similarly the Friday sessions can also be charged at a reasonable amount. The actualised figures of Lisbon GA document to be shared by email later.
- 6- **AOB:** Next board meetings are set for the 15th of May and 20 June respectively.

The president thanks the participants and closes the meeting.