

**Present:** Eric Straus, Ali Küçük, Glenn Maes, Marysa Zourel, Teodor Sheytanov, Laura van de Graaf

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

The President, Glenn Maes (GM), opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. The last board meeting minutes of April the 3<sup>rd</sup> are approved.

- 1- FEI Sports Forum – Debrief:** Ali Küçük (AK) briefs the board about the FEI Sports Forum held between 24-26 April. He summarises the discussions about the Session on “Cost of Jumping Events” as well as the meeting held before the Sports Forum. Following a long discussion, the board thanks AK for the debrief and agrees the IJOC position remains unchanged. Should a new system of entry fees/prize money/number of starters etc be proposed, the IJOC will investigate the possibility of inclusion into the formula. However, currently there is no discussion or legitimate formula in on the table.
- 2- IJOC Calendar:** AK mentions that there is a continued challenge in locating the dates/speakers for webinars in general. The board agrees on seeking other speakers for certain topics. Specifically, about the “Case Studies Webinar” alternative names are proposed as speakers. Accordingly, for Judges: Carsten Sørli (DEN) and David Distler (USA), for Stewards Maria Hernek (SWE) and Cesar Hirsch (VEN) will be approached. With Monica Gomez Su as the reserve. For the Grooms Association, AK will talk to Lucy Katan for fine-tuning the next webinar/education session for grooms. It is agreed that AK will contact Eric Straus (ES) for detailing further webinar topics from the list of items he had previously proposed.
- 3- IJOC General Assembly Update:** Following the evaluation of the candidate cities/NFs, the board approves the IJOC 2024 General Assembly host venue as Rome (ITA). The necessary communication will be conducted by the Secretary General and the members will be shared a separate letter about 2024 and 2025 General Assembly approach of the Club. Especially for 2025, it is highlighted that the venue will be prioritized, where possible, in favour of “out of Europe” selection. GM proposes that Laura Van de Graaf (LVG), as event organiser of the GA 2024, travels to Rome as soon as possible, to check the proposed conditions by the ITA NF. Participants agree.
- 4- AOB:**
  - a. ES informs the board that Jan Golding (AUS) is resigning as a Regional Representative and proposes Penny Dodd (AUS) to replace her. The Board approves the change.
  - b. LVG states that there is a new set of PayPal payment issues and that she will address this immediately after the board meeting. ES questions the reason as to why the continued problems occur with payment systems. LVG will investigate this and inform the Board.
  - c. Marysa Zourel (MZ) reminds GM and LVG to provide their signatory apostilled document to share with the Swiss authorities. While they will proceed on this, it is agreed that for the moment the signatories of MZ and AK will be provided to the authorities immediately after the board meeting.
  - d. Teodor Sheytanov requests a presentation opportunity for the EEF during the IJOC General Assembly. This is about education of national officials. GM states that the agenda and order of presentations are not yet clear and therefore the request cannot be answered at the moment.
  - e. As agreed, on 15 May, the next board meeting is set for the 20th of June.The President thanks the participants and closes the meeting.