

**Board Minutes – Zoom, 31 January 2023 - 18:30 CET**

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**Present:** Ali Küçük, Glenn Maes, Laura Van de Graaf, Monica Gomez Su, Marysa Zourel, Teodor Sheytanov, Gerald Kuh

**Excused:** Eric Straus

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The President, Glenn Maes (GM), opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

The previous board meeting minutes (12 and 13 December respectively) are approved.

**1- IJOC-FEI Debrief Preparations and Survey Results:**

GM provides a summary of the survey responses which he had earlier distributed by way of email to the board. Accordingly, the key areas to improve (from the survey) are as follows: Time management – Course Content/Format - Test Format. Of course, the board members discuss more details including but not limited to evaluation forms of the FEI, number of attendees, speech delivery and the status of assistant course directors etc. However, the above list prevails as the core focus and GM states that the IJOC will approach the FEI in a constructive way to improve the future FEI Courses and the IJOC events. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, a meeting with FEI colleagues is set. Ali Küçük (AK) requests that the next GA date of IJOC is already informed to the FEI participants in that meeting. (i.e., the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of January 2024). Monica Gomez Su (MGZ) and Marysa Zourel (MZ) both share two different venues that are interested to host the IJOC General Assembly. AK has already requested from these members a letter of interest. The board asks from AK to prepare a comparative fact sheet for potential hosts.

**2- New Task Distribution of the Board Members:**

Following the General Assembly, The President shares with the board members his proposal for the new task distribution for 2023. Accordingly, AK is appointed to continue his function as the Secretary General whereas Laura van de Graaf (LVG) will continue as the Treasurer. Eric Straus (ES) is also proposed to continue as the Vice President of the IJOC. The board agrees and approves these functions.

**3- FEI Rule Revision Process:**

Due to short time frame, AK is asked by the board to check and share last years' remaining revision requests with the board. GM mentions that one of the topics for future discussions will be "unforeseen interruption during a round" as in the examples of some protesters jumping into the competition arena while the round of a rider is in progress. MZ mentions the clashes between the stewarding manual and the veterinary regulations whereas Gerald Kuh (GK) shares his concern about the discrepancy of the guiding poles on different sources. Both members are asked to provide their wording proposal to the board.



**4- AOB :**

- a. The board approves 1-night additional accommodation reimbursement for Marysa Zourelis and Ali Küçük who have worked on the opening day of the course designers course.
- b. LVG states that she will review the list of assistant course directors who have paid their registration fee to the IJOC and will start their refund process following her consultation with Ali Küçük.
- c. Next 3 board meeting dates: The board agrees on the following dates: **27 February, 3 April, and 15 May.**
- d. **Webinars:** New ideas for webinar topics:
  - i. Hoof care and presentation by a farrier (contact person LVG/MH)
  - ii. Supportive therapies used in the stable (MZ)
  - iii. Footing of competition arenas (AK)
  - iv. World Cup Qualifiers GP qualification process (LVG)

The board asks from AK to share the updated webinar calendar with the board before proceeding with selection of topics.

- e. **Harassment:** AK states that he has been approached by the Eventing Officials Club about some cases of harassment by/towards event officials. To this end the board discusses in length the situation in jumping. The collective conclusion is that such topic needs to be addressed in very near future. As an MOU stakeholder of the FEI, the board assumes that if such case occurs and it is brought to the attention of any board member, such must immediately be shared with the FEI by the IJOC.
- f. **Social Media:** It is decided that the user /account owner status of social media platforms are to be reviewed. GM will make the first contacts to start clarifying the situation.

The president thanks the participants and closes the meeting.