

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTING OFFICIALS CLUB  
REGIONAL MEETING  
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS  
1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2001**

**PRESENT.** Bernd Springorum (Germany), Cara Whitham (Canada), Clare Lewin, Brian & Diann Schrapel, Barry & Lyn Roycroft, Geoff McGuire, Tom Compagnoni, Jan Colclough, Hugh Foletta, PollyAnn Hutchinson, Kerrie Robbins, Geoff Sinclair, Mike Manning, John Carmichael, Jane Bennett, Robbie MacLean, Vince Roche, Vicky Brydon, Val McKenzie, Neil Clinton, Mary Hovers, Harry Le Bherz, Jill Hart, Neil Kennedy, Gillian Canapini

**APOLOGIES:** Maxine Leigh, Peter Herrick, Mary Longden

Diann Schrapel, FEI Steward General for Australia welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Bernd Springorum, Chairman of the IEOC.

Bernd provided background information about the development of the Club and the membership is open to Judges, Course Designers, Technical Delegates and Stewards. During the two years of operation, discussions have focused on the future of the sport. The Club is there for officials to have input into the areas they are affected by rather than the formation of the direction of the sport. Issues discussed have included:

- Better selection and training of officials
- Consistency in the conduct of seminars
- Criteria for selection of officials
- Assistance for countries where officials do not get adequate opportunity
- Assistant TD positions
- Comparable positions for inexperienced judges to work with experienced judges
- Awareness of improving the quality of judges in line with OC's and Riders

The second AGM held during Blenheim was held about 6 weeks ago. A seminar for Judges and TDS was also conducted. The Club was invited to present proposals to the 3DE Committee meeting at Pau. Issues discussed included:

- The definition of dangerous riding not clear – to be put back to the legal procedures
- Refusal – jumping out of a stop modified if the fence is a drop
- Black flag fences - clarification
- Use special discipline rules as much as possible
- Against the elimination for first fall of rider

Main point above in line with FEI considerations

It is important that the rules are used when officiating, even if do not agree with them

Other issues:

- Qualifications – concern about the not more than 90 seconds over the optimum time might encourage inexperienced and young riders to go fast to make the time – safety issues
- C Halt variations – to be handled individually to cater for exceptional circumstances
- Representation of the IEOC on FEI Eventing Committee
- Better financial assistance for FEI Officials needing more practices
- Independence of officials

**NEXT STEPS**

- Talk with Giuseppe Della Chiesa (Committee Member) regarding the selecting and promotion of officials

## **DISCUSSION**

M Manning: commented about the ISJC (International Show Jumping Club) Newsletter – encouraging new members by circulating free for a year

B Roycroft: membership fee outrageous, Club possibly damaged by representation on FEI Eventing Committee, need person representing group, not someone with self interests

R MacLean: need value for money & information from club

H Le Bherz: suggested a local base sub branch

R MacLean: asked how does the system work?

B Springorum replied that the German officials sat around a table and decided who would represent them. Need a person who can contact all members, take opinions and provide feedback. Agreed that free newsletters may be a good idea for a period of time. Some countries don't see the Club useful. The fee has been reduced to \_ after joining as a member. Funds have been used to provide some assistance to younger judges – Polish & Spanish (?)

G Sinclair: asked what are the benefits?

B Springorum: for officials to be better represented and voice heard and taken seriously by the FEI

B Roycroft: Club needs membership to have a strong voice. Volunteers pay substantial fees to remain in the position

N Clinton: if benefits here, people will become members, need flow of information as to what happens

B Springorum: Information channels from FEI working quite well. Club can only give additional information. Club/Regions need someone with internet to circulate information – need someone with professional background and time

M Manning: could network through email/fax – questions, interpretations etc

V McKenzie: limited as do not have email. Need someone to do it

C Whitham: asked what is the expense of the newsletter and board

B Springorum: German Federation helps for no cost to mail newsletters Club paid for trip to attend meeting in London for Hartington Report. Most travel costs are covered by OC's – meetings attended when officiating at events

C Whitham: suggested regions paying a flat fee to IEOC and have internal fee within region for members

V Roche: questioned the role of the AUS/NZL Federations in circulating information. NF's do little for their officials and there are no career paths

R MacLean: should focus on communication form FEI and disseminate. Easy to send group emails and network

C Whitham: suggested more discussion

G Sinclair: suggested AUS/NZL pay say \$1000 membership with information flow back to a person to disseminate by email/fax – cost to be covered

R Maclean: suggested fee of \$25 per member with \$10 kept for administration and \$15 to go to IEOC

V Roche: NF's should be used

G Canapini: EFA Membership fees maybe could subsidize membership

B Springorum: Could have a couple of contact persons in regions. NF's may not be interested in assisting

R MacLean: currently on Officials/Technical aspects Sub Committee (NZL) – offer of information flow to list of tonight's participants

C Whitham: proposal to go to Board

N Clinton: Suggested D Schrapel and R MacLean talk about distribution of information to members

**CONCLUSION:** Diann Schrapel thanked everyone for their attendance and input and especially thanked Bernd for chairing the meeting