

**Minutes of the IEOC Regional Meeting at
Melbourne International Horse Trials on
Thursday June 9th 2005
At 5 pm.**

Present: David Lee (IRL), Suzuler Suziko (JPN), Kirsten Neil, Mary Longden, Chris Wallis, Gillian Rolton, Caroline Jones, Lee Norris, Gillian Elwes, Graeme McLeod, Vicky Brydon, Polly Ann Huntington, Barry Roycroft, Bev Shandley, Neil Clinton, Jim Dunn, Zane Treloar, Jo Edwards, Geoff Sinclair, Brian & Di Schrapel (as per attendance list).

Apologies: Jill Hart, Des Hughes, Katrina Dukats, Clare Lewin, Damian Nosedo, Lynette Roycroft, Jill Sinclair.

Brian Schrapel opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, in particular David Lee, Treasurer of IEOC and the other international visitors.

REPORT BY DAVID LEE

- IEOC is financially healthy
- Funded 3 officials to officiate at major events **[actually offered to 5]**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **FEI RULE CHANGES**

Gill Rolton raised the issue of the 'change of direction / approach to an obstacle' can be interpreted as clear or 20 penalties – difficult for jump judges

Agreed that where such fences exist, the GJ / TD need to clarify at the riders briefing how it will be judged

- **CHANGE OF NAME FROM EVENTING**

No one had any suggestions other than to promote, communicate and explain the current name

Barry Roycroft asked if there had been any mention about Warwick calling their event an Eventing Triathlon? **Jim Dunn** advised he had not heard any rumblings

- **GROUND JURY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Barry Roycroft commented that the FEI appears to think that current Ground Jurors are not competent SJ Judges and this is not the situation with most GJ's. In Athens the GJ were victims of circumstance. GJ's should be able to judge the SJ

Gill Rolton commented that the FEI was looking at the make up of the GJ

Brian Schrapel felt that the current Ground Jury system allows the event to be kept on an even bias as no one person had full authority

Barry Roycroft / Brian Schrapel – this meeting not in favour of changing the responsibilities of the Ground Jury and the option of a specialist SJ judge at all levels be an option

- **PAYMENT OF 3* & 4* TECHNICAL DELEGATES**

"A trial of 1500 Swiss Francs to commence in 2006 and reviewed in 2007".

Vicky Brydon agreed that TD's should be paid as they do a lot of work and perhaps should be at **all levels**

David Lee commented that if all levels were to be paid this would knock some of the lesser nationals, and jeopardize the running of events

Discussion took place about a lower fee as the potential for most of the CIC's in Australia to pay this fee was virtually out of the question. **Most events run on a 'shoestring'!**

Polly-Ann Huntington advised that Western Australia run *** events for a very small number of competitors and would not have the ability to pay TD's 1500 Swiss Francs

Geoff Sinclair / Gillian Rolton – this meeting strongly recommends a lower fee of 500 Swiss francs for Australasia at CCI's and CIC's to avoid the loss of events

- **PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCORING SYSTEM**

Jim Dunn commented that he felt the proposed changes were **dead!**

- **YELLOW FLAG TRIAL**

David Lee advised it was not used at Kentucky

Barry Roycroft felt that it creates more people to interfere with the competitor

Neil Clinton advised that the use of the yellow flag would be trialled at this event – rider would be warned and then allowed to continue

The meeting felt that the FEI was changing too much too quickly, without sufficient thought to the effects & implementation of the changes.

- **OTHER ISSUES**

Vicky Brydon & Gill Rolton raised the issue of receiving invitations to judge overseas and being asked to pay airfares.

In Vicky's case, she was only advised after accepting the invitation, and was forced to decline the invitation as unable to raise the airfare. Gill's invitation is for the World Cup Final, and she has managed to find the airfare. It was felt that this situation places FEI Officials in a situation of "those who can" and "those who can't" afford to pay their own way.

The meeting felt quite strongly about the inequality, as Australian Events have to pay the airfares for overseas judges officiating in Australia.

The meeting closed 6.25 pm.

Diann Schrapel [IEOC Regional Representative for Australia]