

## **Minutes of IEOC Regional Meeting at Fair Hill, Oct. 14, 2004**

In attendance: Marilyn Payne, Jo Young, Roger Haller, Angela Tucker, Joe Carr, Jack Burton, J. Allen Leslie DVM, Rusty Lowe, John Mayo DVM, Gretchen Butts, Jack Fritz, Jonathan Clissold, Carl Bouckaert, Trish Gilbert and Wayne Quarles. Regrets from Kent Allen DVM, and Sally O'Connor.

First item on the agenda was to support the request of Sally O'Connor from the Burghley meeting, that the FEI go back to every 3 years for FEI official clinic requirements. The support was unanimous. Those that hold dual licenses wish to get credit for both licenses. It was pointed out that the Veterinarians only attend once every 4 years and it was reported that there is currently no requirement for continuing education for FEI Stewards.

Carl Bouckaert reported to us the results of the rider meeting following Burghley. It appears that the riders would like to have the ability to form an ad hoc committee of 3 to include riders and officials, if they again get to the point where the Riders and Officials disagree so strongly on course changes. Gretchen Butts explained the rider concerns for those in the group that had not been aware of the situation previously. It was suggested by Wayne Quarles that perhaps this was an unusual situation. He and the other officials present felt that the idea of teamwork between the officials, organizer and riders is what makes our sport what it is. The comment was made that at both Badminton and Burghley it is felt that the rider input is not listened to with the same degree of thought, as at other Events.

There was a brief discussion of the Peter Herrick proposal and scheme. It was felt that the US and Canada are also countries that need to be added to the scheme in order for our officials to get more International exposure.

A question was asked if the new FEI Dressage tests are to be used for both CCI and CIC. According to what is currently written, this appears to be the case. It was suggested that this should be clarified.

With no other topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne Quarles