

Meeting of the Scandinavian Group, IEOC.

25th August 2002

During the Malmö City International Horse Trials CIC*** World Cup the Scandinavian group of judges, TD's and CD's had a meeting on Friday 16th August 2002.

Present:

Roger Edberg, Sweden, chairman of the TD/CD-group

F.C. Obel, Denmark, chairman of the Judges-group

Søren Cederqvist, Sweden

Christian Persson, Sweden

Örjan Reinholdsson, Norway

Mats Andersson, Sweden

Hedvig von Knorring, Sweden

Jutta Koivula, Finland

Hans Viebke, Sweden

Anne-Mette Binder, Denmark (referent)

The following issues were discussed:

1. Education and promotion of judges, TD's and CD's.

Bearing the seminar in Luhmühlen June 2002 in mind the group suggests, that for future seminars instructors should have experience from international 3-D-Events and national/international Grand Prix dressage level.

The group also suggests, that for the future a number of trainers and riders should be invited to take part in the seminars.

The conclusion on the Luhmühlen seminar was, that there is not much time and opportunity to concentrate on special questions at seminars run during an event. Also the judges would have enjoyed hearing from the "Test-designer" personally, Mr. Christopher Bartle, why and how he made the new tests the way he did.

Therefore the group suggests as follows for the **judge's education**:

Within a period of three years each judge **must** attend at least one seminar held before the season concentrating on dressage and jumping. In Warendorf, Germany, an FEI-seminar similar to the suggestion was held in March 1999 with much success. Within the period the judge **must** also have attended at least one seminar concentrating on the Cross Country. The seminar could be held at an International competition. The idea of the suggestion is to make sure, that all three disciplines are taken well care of in the education-system. And also to meet the development of the lifestyle of younger judges, who apart from getting experience as International officials also want/need to find time for family life, and a professional career.

The **Course Designers and TD's** felt, that experiences with seminars not held at competitions were very good. It leaves time to concentrate on details and discussions.

The group also discussed the point of having seminars at *** competitions, when some judges/TD's/CD's are concentrating on * and **-competitions. Suggestion: Have official-seminars at various levels.

For the future, the group suggests, that it is the FEI 3DE Committee – and not the NF's as it is at the moment – in co-operation with Directors of the seminars, who suggest **promotion of the officials**. It was clear that the national official-education varies a lot within the Scandinavian countries. It was suggested, that the NF's should work closer together on the matter.

2. Qualifications/dispensations.

The number of dispensations to the rules regarding qualifications to ** and ***-competitions were discussed. The group was not quite sure who is actually giving the dispensations and on what background. Everyone felt, that the number of dispensations to the qualification-system should be kept very low. During the 2002-season especially, riders/horses not experienced enough according to the rules of qualifications but carrying a dispensation to the qualification-system have caused "bad pictures" in the sport during competitions.

3. Comments on PERA's paper of the 25th February 2002.

The Scandinavian IEOC-group urges the committee to understand, that the many changes on the international rules for 3DE should not be so drastic and without any kind of communication and dialogue with the people concerned. Also, there should be enough time left to ensure, that the National regulations on 3DE are similar on a global base. As for PERA's suggestion of letting an independent panel evaluate the referees after the competition as in football, the IEOC-group is not fascinated of this thought. However the group strongly feels, that inviting trainers and riders to the seminars would be a success for all parties involved.

The Scandinavian Group supports PERA's suggestion of extending the ages for Jun. and YR to 19 - 22 years of age.

4. Fee of membership.

Roger Edberg volunteered to collect and arrange the payment of membership of the IEOC 2002 – for more information visit www.i-eoc.org

5. Yearly assembly in Malmö.

It was decided agreed that the Malmö City International Horse Trials would be the venue for the future annual meetings of the Scandinavian group of the IEOC.