

Meeting in the IEOC-Scandinavia during the Malmö CIC*** 2003

During the Malmö City International Horse Trials CIC*** World Cup the Scandinavian group of the International Eventing Officials Club had a meeting on Saturday the 30th of August. The chairman of the Swedish Eventing Committee was invited as guest.

Present:

Christian Persson, TD/CD, Sweden

Søren Cederqvist, TD/CD, Sweden

Mats Andersson, TD/CD, Sweden

Lars-Erik Gällerdal, chairman of the Swedish Eventing Committee

Anne-Mette Binder, GJ, Denmark (secretary)

The following issues were discussed:

1. Regional opinions on the “Future of Eventing Championships”

The meeting supported the opinions given to FEI by the Swedish Federation i.e supporting the idea that all championships in the future should be organized as CIC's for the following reasons:

1. They are easier and cheaper to organize
2. Probably will result in less injuries of the horses
3. Better for sponsors and owners as the horses can compete more often
4. Easier and cheaper to cover for example for TV-media
5. Easier to get new riders into the sport as it is more "up to date" with a short format and fits the modern lifestyle
6. As OG in the future will have this format it will be very confusing for everyone if other championships has other formats

The meeting was not against the idea that big, traditional CCI's like Badminton could remain as before.

The IEOC-Scandinavia welcomes a CIC**** version.

1. Eventing Courses 2004 – Programme for Eventing Officials

The IEOC-Scandinavia welcomes the reviewed programme of the FEI Eventing Committee. Furthermore there is a strong wish within the group of Scandinavian officials on international level, that the Nordic countries work closer together in order to adjust the national rules of eventing in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark.

Also concerning the education of officials on a national basis there is a strong wish from the IEOC-Scandinavia, that the education programmes for eventing officials are adjusted and upgraded in some of the national federations in Scandinavia in order to match international standard.

Lars –Erik Gällerdal supported the idea and was willing to open the Swedish courses for GJ, TD and CD's for other NF's in Scandinavia.

1. Development of the sport in Scandinavia.

The idea of creating a closer corporation between the Scandinavian countries in order to develop the sport was discussed. The Scandinavian group suggests development on the following areas:

- on the committee-level
- on the level of education of eventing officials
- on the level of CD's concerning sharing experiences
- on the level of educating riders

The question was how to establish the cooperation. The meeting felt, that there had to be one co-ordinator who would take the responsibility and try to establish a closer contact between the Scandinavian eventing committees. Lars-Erik Gällerdal will consider to invite Denmark, Finland and Norway to the Swedish meetings for OC's, TD/CD's etc. It was decided, that the minutes from the 2003-meeting should be send to the national eventing committees for information.

1. Chairmen of IEOC-Scandinavia

As the group of TD, CD and GJ's in Scandinavia is rather small and everybody works together, have contact or meet during the season on a regular basis the group decided, that the IEOC-Scandinavia in the future should only have one chairman working as a co-ordinator for CD/TD's and GJ-members. Anne-Mette Binder was elected to take over from Frederik C. Obel, Denmark, and Roger Edberg, Sweden.

It was of great importance for the meeting, that a minimum of communication between the members and other national/international officials in Scandinavia was developed and secured. The aim is to create a network and forum for discussions and questions concerning rules, course-design, safety and other experiences within the sport.

Therefor all members of the IEOC-Scandinavia are invited to forward their mailaddresses to Anne-Mette Binder, binder-struck@private.dk, Klosterhaven 1, DK-3460 Birkerød. Phone: +45 45 82 11 71/+45 25 34 99 98. National colleagues from the Scandinavian countries are welcome to join the mailinglist/forum and send their mailaddresses as well. IEOC-members are suggested to invite the colleagues.

1. Next meeting

Will be held during the Malmö City International Horse Trials CIC*** 2004.

cc:Eventing committees in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark.