

**Minutes of the IEOC Regional Meeting at**  
**Punches town on**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May 2002**

**Members Present:** Jack Le Goff; Martin Plewa; Neil Clinton; Angela Tucker; Faith Ponsonby; Peter Ponsonby; Gillian Kyle; Roeli Bril; Maxine Leigh; Stephanie von Schilcher; David Lee; Rosemary Lowry; Denis Currie; Patrick Carew and Jean Mitchell.

Giuseppe Della Chiesa [Member of the FEI Three Day Eventing Committee] was also present.

Patrick Carew chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to Punches town, being especially pleased that there were so many countries represented.

Giuseppe explained that due to extremely high printing costs, the FEI are up-dating their Web Site and will use it much more for communicating with all FEI officials.

Jack le Goff said that the FEI syllabus for the seminars was in need of being up-dated, and the Three Day Committee would be working on this, in conjunction with some of the Board members of the IEOC.

The education and promotion of judges is an extremely high priority, and in future it will be necessary to attend a course every 2 years [3 at present], as well as providing satisfactory competition results.

New 'Candidate' judges will have to be apprenticed to senior judges at least 2/3 times [with different judges] – sitting outside with a 'writer' - and then being reviewed by the senior judge, and also to 'shadow' the Ground Jury at a competition.

When a judge is appointed to 'candidate' status they will then be required to get judging at least 2 or 3 times, as soon as possible.

Giuseppe then advised that:

1. Seminars would focus yearly on different 'subjects' – 2002 is on dressage.
2. Assessment will become very important, assisted by expert training.

3. Courses would be arranged at least 2 years in advance, to allow officials to plan their attendance.
4. Numbers will be limited [maximum of 30?]
5. Courses will be 'mixed' to allow as much 'exchange' of information and ideas, as possible.

Maxine asked about the training of Chief Stewards for Eventing, and it was agreed that the Three Day Committee should be asked to organise these and help to fund this training, as Chief Stewards are a very important part of our sport. At present this is left to the National Federations, and looking at the FEI Directory, there would appear to be a real need to review this whole category.

There was a good discussion about the 'political' pressure that has been evident, due to the accidents, and the subsequent TRL forms that are now required to be filled in at all events [job for the assistant TD, or even the assistant to the assistant TD!!!]. There may also be a requirement to train and appoint 'Safety Officers'.

Jack then gave a comprehensive explanation of the new CIC\*\*\* World Cup series – the committee has appointed Tim Henson to direct the series. This year qualifiers will be held at Gatcombe, Cherbourg, Malmo and Milano, with the final at Pau in 2003.

Giuseppe advised that the CIC rules would be included in the new 2003 rule book [not just as an annexe].

There was then a discussion about the reduced speed on phase 'C' and the 10 minute 'C' halt, and Jack explained how he tells the riders at their briefing, to adjust their speed and utilise the box, to give their horses the maximum benefit.

Also the need to make very clear any rule changes i.e. the fact that the new CIC\* dressage test must be ridden in a snaffle bridle, and spurs are optional!!

It was agreed that it's extremely important that all officials follow the rules [and don't just put their own interpretation on them] – officials must all agree, interpret correctly and give confidence.

From 2003, judges will only be permitted to judge at 5 CCI's in any one year, it will be compulsory to have a candidate judge on some Ground Juries – this should help to get more opportunities for judges – and to have an Assistant TD.

After some very good discussion, Patrick thanked the International Sport Horse Show Committee for providing the venue and the hospitality at Punches town, and the meeting was closed.

Jean Mitchell [ Secretary General IEOC }