

Minutes of IEOC Regional Meeting at Saumur on 24th May 2002.

Present:

Francois Lucas; Francois Belz [Association Francaise des Juges de CCE]; Malou Nedelec; Andre Arriuberge; Alain Steffan; Paul Lanchais; Pascal Laurencon; Pierre Andre; Solange Panetier; Peter Hasenboehler; Joseph Burger; Nathalie Carriere and Monique de Pessemier.

The 2 FEI Course Directors at Saumur were also present:
Mariette Withages and Hugh Thomas.

Apologies: Jack Le Goff [attending a CIC World Cup Press conference] and Judy Bradwell; Annabel Scrimageour and Sue Stewart [they had attended the meeting at Badminton]

The Secretary General – Jean Mitchell – chaired the meeting and welcomed all the officials [most of whom were participating in the FEI course], and while she conducted the meeting in English, Mariette very kindly agreed to translate into French, which meant that the French speakers were able to participate and understand.

There was a great deal of discussion about all the FEI Eventing rule changes that have been put in place this year [2002], and the apparent lack of communication with the officials.

Hugh Thomas was able to tell the meeting that he is already ‘collating’ the new rulebook, which will be published in book form, in 2003. He mentioned that National Federations had been sent a copy of the proposed rule changes in March, for their opinions, and that they are also on the FEI Web Site.

However, after some discussion he agreed that it was not indeed yet on the Internet.

Hugh was able to assure the meeting that the IEOC has had a valuable input to the new rules and that many of the present ‘queries’ that are being asked by our members, are already answered in the new rules, which have been approved at the General Assembly at Morocco, in April.

There was a discussion about the fact that the FEI appears to be 'dropping' the French versions of their 'literature', apparently due to the expense of 'double printing'.

It was confirmed that the 2003 version of the FEI Eventing Rule Book would be in English – with a French translation on the Web Site only.

Jean thanked the Association Francaise des Juges de CCE for hosting the meeting.

Jean Mitchell [Secretary General IEOC }