

TAUPO MINUTES 2001

Minutes of a meeting of the IEOC at Taupo on Thursday 24 May 2001.

PRESENT: Peter Herrick (Chairman), Dr Bernd Springorum, Helen Christie, Graeme McCrostie, Margaret Dickie, Susan O'Brien, Jim Wright, Belle Clark, Bill Phiskie, Mike Manning, Natasha Mustapha (Mas), Ron Paterson (Aus), Brian Schrapel (Aus).

APOLOGIES: Nicoli Fife, Brendon Proctor, Robbie MacLean, Jennifer Millar, Ray Tebbutt, John Carmichael.

WELCOME: Peter Herrick welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Dr Bernd Springorum. He said how good it was to have the International Chairman of the Club present.

Dr BS addressed the meeting saying how pleased he was to be in New Zealand for his first visit.

He said he felt the IEOC was very lucky to have a representative in Jack Le Goff on both the IEOC Committee and the FEI Eventing Committee. This was a great avenue for our thoughts to get through to the FEI. The IEOC had also been asked to have a representative on the Hartington Committee.

The FEI Eventing Committee has had a very heavy workload recently, and so the IEOC has been able to help. The Club now advises the FEI on the appointment of Officials for the top competitions.

FUTURE OF EVENTING: Dr BS commented that the IEOC had concentrated on this topic on how it affected Officials. The Clubs view was that the NF's would comment on the sport as a whole, but the Club should only concentrate on the areas where it had credibility. However he felt that it was the feeling that the present format should remain. We need qualification of some rules to improve the safety of the sport. He also thought that the phase C hold needs a lot more thought and discussion with the vets.

GM brought up the difference between CCI and CIC. They are very different competitions and call for a different type of horse, and different training.

JW said he felt that the CIC has a place for training for CCI, but the CCI must remain the aim.

BSch commented that CCI is the ultimate and that CIC can only be a supplement.

GM felt that CIC should not be used for qualification for CCI, as they are very different competitions.

BSch said that you need a mix of both to cut down on the mileage, and wear and tear, on the horse.

Dr BS recommended that we make these points through our National Federations.

It was generally agreed that the meeting was in favour of the IEOC recommendation that the format of Eventing at the top level stay the same.

TRAINING OF OFFICIALS Dr BS then informed the meeting of the IEOC recommendations on the training of Officials. The procedure for organizing seminars was being upgraded. It was going to be better organized and have a much more uniform syllabus. There would be more emphasis on participants actually taking part, and not sitting at the back watching. There would be two Directors, one from overseas and one local one who knew the background of the participants. This is similar to the format of the one being held here next week, with Peter Herrick and himself organizing it. This should lead to a much better assessment of the participants.

He also talked about the assistant judge and assistant TD scheme. This is aimed to give less experienced officials the opportunity to work and gain experience at events that had a good infrastructure. He emphasized that Organising Committees would not be responsible for reimbursing these assistant officials for traveling, but would look after them at the event.

PH commented that this would be a big help to New Zealand. We realize that we cannot expect the Europeans to fund us to Europe, so we must help ourselves. He also outlined a scheme that he was hoping to introduce, whereby Eventing NZ would fund a judge to Europe each year. This would be great for more of our judges to gain experience at events overseas.

Dr BS went on to explain that the IEOC was recommending that there should be separate seminars for International Officials, and Candidate International Officials and those National Officials wishing to become a Candidate. However he realized that in many parts of the World this was not practical.

HC asked if it was possible to have seminars more often.

Dr BS explained that NFs must take a more active role in promoting seminars.

PH said that we were getting back in step with Australia, in that we would not each try and have a seminar in the same year. This would have the effect of enabling people to go to more seminars. It is almost more beneficial to go to a seminar overseas, than it is to go to one at home. You get a different perspective.

BS felt that up and coming judges should be assessed at a competition, and this could work in with the assistant judge role. The background of a potential official's experience was important.

In conclusion Peter Herrick thanked Dr Bernd Springorum for his time, and all the information he had given everyone today. He also thanked him for all the work he was doing for all of us in his role as International Chairman of the IEOC.