

International Eventing Officials Club

The 2nd AGM of the IEOC

This was held on Friday 7th September, during Blenheim International Three Day Event, and was very well attended, by over 50 FEI Officials from all over the world, with apologies from a further 25.

The Secretary General reported that there were approx. 125 paid-up members at that date, including approx. 20 new '2001' members.

Blenheim proved to be a really good venue, as it coincided with an FEI course for Judges, TD's and CD's, and we were fortunate to have Catrin Norinder and Giuseppe de la Chiesa [member of the FEI Three Day event Committee] in attendance.

Thanks were passed on to Mike Etherington-Smith, Liz Lyall [British Eventing] and the Blenheim Organising Committee for their kind hospitality.

Many 'current topics' were discussed, and we were pleased to hear that Hugh Thomas has recently been appointed to 'chair' a committee to completely 'review' the present FEI Eventing Rules. We look forward to receiving the finished copy.

The Board co-opted Patrick Carew, Francois Lucas and Peter Herrick, as 'Permanent Advisors' to enlarge the platform of information coming in, and out to our members.

Jean Mitchell presented the accounts, which had been prepared by the treasurer – Dolores Bruun, and thanked those Regional Representatives who had organised meetings in their own countries, providing lots of valuable 'feed back' to the Board, as well as individual members who have kept in touch when they had 'something to say'.

Meeting between the Three Day Eventing Committee and The IEOC Board at Pau on Friday 12th October 2001

Our Chairman, Bernd Springorum and Vice Chairman, Frederik Obel attended this meeting with the full FEI Three Day Event Committee, which had been postponed when Badminton was cancelled.

This provided a wonderful opportunity to discuss the many matters which influence our 'daily work load' when officiating, under the present rules. FEI rules once implemented, have to be followed by all FEI Officials, regardless, if these rules are in discussion or not.

However, it was pointed out that we couldn't prevent our qualified members from having their 'own opinions' about our sport, which includes the discussion of the rules, which can influence the sport, in general.

The IEOC will inform the Three Day Committee when such discussions are required.

Selection and Promotion of Officials was discussed in depth, and it was agreed that Giuseppe de la Chiesa would liaise with Bernd Springorum to finalise a 'framework' for this important subject.

Other subjects discussed included dangerous riding; stricter use of the rules, including more efficient interpretation; the adoption of the current rules of FEI Dressage and FEI Jumping; and restricting the **'time interval' of rule changes.**

The FEI have now published their Final Statement "**Future of Eventing**" which is available, along with other publications, on the FEI Web-site:

www.horsesport.org [under reference/reports]

It is also possible to receive the latest FEI news direct, by E-mail, by 'registering' with:

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Dressage Glossary [English/French German] - at last, we have it printed and are about to distribute it - we hope that you will find it useful, and please feel free to let me know if it fulfils your expectations.

New 2002 FEI CCI Dressage Tests: Those present at Blenheim, were privileged to have the opportunity to see the 'proposed' new tests ridden, videoed, timed and fully discussed with some leading International and National riders, Chris Bartle [who designed them] and the International Judges, present. There were 2 tests at each star level, and Chris was very happy to take on board the various comments, make notes and indeed subsequent alterations.

These tests have now been finalised – 1 at 4 star level, and 2 at three, two and one star levels, and will be the only tests to be used in CCI's in 2002, **when one judge will be positioned at E or B.**

New CIC Dressage Tests: Jack Le Goff has also designed 3 new Dressage Tests, at one, two and three star levels and of similar standard to the new CCI tests, for use in CIC's. These are shorter tests, and if a CCI has a 'large' number of entries, they may ask for permission [from the FEI] to use the shorter CIC test, of the same star level.

For the one star CIC test only, a snaffle bridle is compulsory, and spurs are optional.

- **The concept and rules for a CIC World Cup have just been approved by the FEI Bureau, and will be implemented in 2002.**

'Basic' New Rules for 2002

Additions to Rule 507 of the 1999 Rules for Eventing [and all subsequent modifications published by the FEI].

N.B. The Eventing Committee will review the technical parameters of Article 507.9 – Qualifying results – at the end of 2002.

Qualifications will now be based on all 3 tests.

- A type/level of qualification gives the possibility to compete at the different types/levels of competitions.
- Deadlines for qualification are 4 weeks prior to the first day of dressage.
- The maximum period for obtaining these qualifying results is the current and preceding 2 calendar years.
- A qualification will last for 2 calendar years, following the year in which it is achieved.
- **A qualifying result** is achieved by completing a competition with minimum parameters of 'all round' performance.
- Not less than 50% of Dressage good marks.
- Not more than 20 jumping penalties on the Cross Country obstacles Test.
- Not more than 20 jumping penalties in the Show Jumping Test.

- In addition, for 2002, a qualifying result can also be achieved by finishing within the top 25% of the starters.

Dressage

A new scoring system will be introduced – scores will be given in percentages, which will be translated into penalty points.

Cross Country

- Elimination will now occur at the 4th refusal.
- One fall of the rider is permitted.
- One fall of the horse 'on the flat' is permitted.

Phase C and 'C Halt'

- Phase C will be shorter and be ridden at 160 metres / minute.
- There 'must' always be a C Halt.
- Depending on the weather conditions, the **Ground Jury** may reduce the time of the C Halt
- The C Halt may vary from a full 10 minutes down to Zero.
- The 'reduced time' will **not be added to the time allowed for phase C** [without the hold].

Jumping

- Eventing will now follow the 'pure' show jumping rules.
- 4 penalties for a knock down.
- 4 penalties for a refusal
- Second refusal – elimination.
- Fall of rider and /or horse – elimination.
- Time penalties will continue to be calculated at one penalty for every second over the time allowed.
- Courses are now shorter and should be built like a 'mini grand prix'.

New Qualification System

- The principle of the new system is that it is necessary to do at least one CCI at the 'lower' level within the qualification criteria.
- Obtain not less than 50% of the available dressage marks.

- Not more than one refusal across country.
- Not more than 90 seconds over the optimum time.
- Not more than 4 fences down in the show jumping.
- Complete 3 CNC's [National one day events] at the same level as the CCI to which the rider wishes to upgrade.
- CIC's also count for qualifications.

There is no longer a different qualification for horses and riders, and it is not now necessary to have a 'clear round' at a lower level to progress to the higher level.

Exemptions [for 2002] can only be given if a combination has achieved the qualification according to the 1999 rules.

The Board of the IEOC is very conscious of the fact that FEI Officials in some countries find the 'Membership Fee' too expensive, and so the Board intends to meet early in 2002, to discuss this and to 'investigate' the possibility of working more through the Regional Representatives.

This was discussed, and proposed at a really 'well attended' meeting organised and chaired by Diann Schrapel, with Bernd Springorum in attendance, and held during Adelaide International Horse Trials, in November 2001.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any other comments, suggestions, etc., that you would like the Board to consider, at their next meeting.

Wishing you a 'Very Happy Christmas' and a really 'Successful and Safe' 2002.

Jean Mitchell [Secretary General IEOC]