

**Minutes of IEOC Regional Meeting at
Adelaide International Horse Trials on
Friday 8th November 2002 at 5.00 pm**

Present: Vince Roche (Chair), Di Schrapel (Mins]. Secretary), Susan O'Brien (NZL), Val McKenzie, Lyn Roycroft, Tom Compagnoni, Barry Roycroft, Gill Elwes, Brendon Proctor (NZL), Vicky Brydon, Brian Schrapel, Jan Colclough, Yvonne Morrison, Loris Henry (USA), Chris Wallis, Geoffrey McGuire, Neil Kennedy, Grant Johnson, Georgina Kennedy, Helen Christie (NZL), Sue Gunn, Jim Dunn, Wayne Copping, Hugh Foletta, Jennifer Millar (NZL), Beth Turner, Phil Bailey, Jill Hart, Hunter Doughty

Apologies: Jill Cobcroft, Michael Creber, Mary Longdon, Michael Etherington-Smith (GBR), Margaret Dickie (NZL), Ron Paterson, Gill Rolton

Vince Roche opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the international visitors attending the FEI Seminar

Minutes of the IEOC AGM held at Luhmuhlen on 14th June 2002

A brief summary was given of the meeting - main points being:

- Arnold Martin's passing
- How the Club is helping FEI Eventing Officials to provide the best and most professional standards
- Website (address at end of minutes)
- Liaison with the FEI Three Day Event Committee
- 2003 will see elections for Board positions
- Membership fees - still not decided
- Rule book changes

BUSINESS

1. FEI Courses

- Structure could be improved if new and re-accredited officials were separated (Brian Schrapel)
- Is four days attendance necessary to keep accreditation? (Neil Kennedy)
- Could the IEOC subsidise certain people to run seminars? (Lyn Roycroft)
- Participants pay a large fee to attend seminars to maintain accreditation, FEI lost the plot - need two tiered system - suggest people not necessarily qualified as TD's/CD's could run seminars to prepare people (Barry Roycroft)
- New format a lot better (Yvonne Morrison)
- The Adelaide seminar was to be 3 days, however the Dressage Judge was not available, hence the 4 days (Jennifer Millar - Seminar presenter)
- Could be more focus on course designing (Grant Johnson)
- SE Asian Region Seminars are available to Australians (Jennifer Millar)

- 3 yr v 2 yr for accreditation - every two years will make it difficult
- Courses have moved from being conducted at *** events to **** events. While it is great to see the **** course, the huge majority of people present would gain more from courses held at * and ** events. (Vince Roche)
- Courses might be more appropriate conducted at **/**** events (Sue Gunn)
- Dressage - what level then? (Jennifer Millar)
- Updating/re-accreditation time should be flexible (Yvonne Morrison)
- Better communication about courses (early notification of dates) being conducted to enable attendance required (Grant Johnson)
- This should now improve in Australia with Barbara Fenner as Officiating Co-ordinator (Vince Roche)
- It is important that courses are advertised (Loris Henry)

1. High Level Officials Courses

- Need feedback from officials who attend these courses - there are a few from the Antipodes. (Vince Roche)
- FEI have said they would continue this format (Barry Roycroft)
- There are 4 levels - Top Officials, International, Candidate & National - shouldn't put National & current Candidates together, as the greatest diversity in knowledge and ability is between these two groups (Lyn Roycroft)
- Officials do pick up information from the qualified officials (Tom Compagnoni)
- Assistant TD system working well, now need to introduce up and coming judges via a similar system to sit in on ***/**** tests - use the experienced judges to do this (Barry Roycroft)
- This should start at National events (Val McKenzie)
- The 'shadow judging' system should be formalised (Vince Roche)
- Have personally experienced being President of the Ground Jury with experienced judges - very worthwhile (Helen Christie)
- Judges need to ask to judge at events (Vince Roche)
- Assistant judges/officials should be recognised (Barry Roycroft)
- Now could have 4 judges with the changed judging positions

1. Membership Fees

- Still need 'snail mail' as not everyone on internet

1. Rule Books

- Need effective way to advise that changes have been made to the rules i.e. a published summary of rule changes to come from the FEI to all FEI Officials who give their email addresses to the FEI (Vince Roche)
- USA keep the National rules for a year without change so officials/competitors know (Loris Henry)

1. Other

- When courses are conducted outside events, can these be FEI recognised, as often riders/trainers/event officials can't usually attend FEI courses held at competitions?
- Need to look at progression plan for Officials i.e. better guidelines for progressing, being recognised and used etc (Vince Roche)
- Should have local people (qualified) to run courses that have accreditation (Beth Turner)
- FEI have certain regulations that have to be complied with (Jim Dunn)

1. New FEI Rules

- Huge concern for organisers regarding the new rules for foreign judges/officials at CIC's (Vince Roche)
- FEI are inhibiting the sport with these restrictions (Beth Turner)
- Need * events for riders to qualify - CNC's are now qualifications, CIC's now very expensive to run & CIC judging does not count (Jim Dunn)
- Now we have an officiating manager, attendance at courses (national & international) should be recorded in the National Office (Barry Roycroft)
- IEOC did assist with appointment of officials, now FEI has taken this back (Barry Roycroft)

When Australian secretariat is advised regarding IEOC membership costs, Australian officials will be advised

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Meeting closed 6.20 pm