



## IEOC regional meeting at Bromont 7th June 2013

**In attendance:** Andy Griffiths (GBR Chairman), Jane Tolley GBR, Samantha Lendl PRO US, Tom Todaro, Martin Plewa GER, Roger Haller US, Annabel Scrimgeour GBR, Yulia Novitskaya BLR, Sue Baxter GBR, Jane Hamlin US, Ana Schravessande MEX, Mercedes Campdera MEX, Dusanka Markotic, MEX, Heidi Beaumont CAN, Sue Ockendon CAN, Rosemarie Maegli CAN, Gillian Rolton AUS, Suzy Burdon AUS, Gilda Ortiz de Munoz, Lawrence Jacdos GUA, Derek di Grazia US, Bea di Grazia US, Andy Bowles NZ, David O'Conner US, Lawrence Jacobs GUA, John Williams US, Morgan Rowse US, Ricardo Perez Conde MEX, Delado Bastos de Miranda BR?, Daniel Dube CAN, Fleur Tipton, CAN, Ann Basket, Maribel de Sanz-Agero GUA, Maurizio Garcia, Jay Hambly CAN, Karen Nyrop US, Karen Robinson, Yves Rossier CAN, Jan Stevens CAN, Geoff Morgan US.

**Guests present:** Giuseppe Della Chiesa (FEI Eventing Committee), Catrin Norinder (FEI Eventing Committee)

### Apologies:

a) Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman thanked the Organiser Sue Ockendon for allowing the meeting to be held at Bromont.

He reiterated that the object of the IEOC was to enable feedback and co ordination worldwide from global meetings to liase with the FEI Eventing Committee to improve transparency and understanding.

The meeting was opened to the floor for questions.

1) David O'Connor asked for clarification of the rule regarding a rider to see the Medical Officer before leaving the Competition site or riding a second horse. He cited an example of a girl who following a fall was seen and cleared as fit by the paramedics, but was subsequently given a yellow card a fortnight later after the event for not complying with the regulations of seeing the Chief Medical Officer. He asked that the rule be made clear as to who is considered the correct doctor or medical administrator to be approached in these circumstances. Can the CMO designate personnel or must it always be the CMO himself who might be difficult to find or busy elsewhere.

Giuseppe Della Chiesa agreed that the rule needed clarification. The rule states CMO but practically this could be designated with nominated officials being able to fulfill the role. He said the rule can be improved and that it was an essential part of the Briefing so that the riders could be made aware.

Andy Griffiths asked what should take place at a CIC where there was no briefing.

Catrin Norinder stated that a new rule will be implemented so that all riders could now understand.

2) Derek de la Grazia asked for clarification regarding vetting at the end of a CIC.

Giuseppe answered that if a horse finishes lame at the end of the xc the GJ have a right to eliminate/disqualify if the case of abuse can be applied, but simple lameness is not sufficient reason for elimination.

Andy Griffiths asked that this be qualified as the term Vets Examination implies that horses will be inspected for soundness.

Giuseppe said that there is clarification posted on the website at present, and that the vet's role at the finish was there to check condition and assess fitness to travel etc and report any signs of abuse to the GJ.

Derek de Grazia cited an instance where the horse was eliminated for lameness after the finish of a CIC and lost not only the prize money and placing but valuable qualification.

Catrin Norinder said that this was an unfortunate example of misinterpretation of the ruling.

Derek asked how this misinterpretation could be remedied.

Giuseppe said this combination was unlucky to be the victim of best intended misinterpretation, and that unfortunately volunteer/human error was continually an issue.

Sue Ockendon said it was unfair to assess a horse immediately after the XC

Giuseppe said that the intention was not to be unfair but prevent cases of abuse.

David O'Connor said that the instance of recognition of official misinterpretation must be a 2 way street and that the riders must also be given same degree of latitude for similar instances. He again cited the case where the rider was given a yellow card 2 weeks after the competition for failing to be checked out by the CMO. The competition was closed and therefore no further action should have been taken.

Giuseppe agreed that after the competition was finished it was fundamental that no further action can be taken.

3) Andy Bowles stated that there was much discrepancy in the costs and locations of FEI Seminars, and asked how costs could be minimised especially in the Southern Hemisphere.

Catrin answered that all NFs propose dates and places and so it was up to the NFs to set up and organise.

AB suggested that a cap on each course be proposed.

CN said that each country had its own system of funding and some were more financially supported than others .

Mercedes des Campera said it was unfair to expect FEI to shoulder the burden as some NFs are supported where others are unable to be so due to lack of finance. The Global Education Programme was a huge help in this to more limited nations and she expressed it was essential for this to be continued.

4) Sue Baxter said that there was concern about the need for an FEI official at 1 and 2 star events. She noted that national judges do not necessarily have the training, knowledge and experience of eventing.

Mercedes said that this was invaluable experience for officials where there were limited numbers of competitions.

Gill Rolton said that in these instances an experienced TD and President could provide a good educative situation for new faces and that this form of mentoring could help encourage more new recruits into the system.

Sue Baxter emphasized that the role of an experienced President was essential.

Gill Rolton emphasized the need to rationalise on expertise available.

5) Andy Griffiths asked can a 2\* Course Designer be allowed to build at 3\*.

David O'Connor said that certainly use someone from home country but builder should come from abroad.

6) Andy Griffiths asked if for next year it was going to be mandatory to have XC last in CICs.

Giuseppe said it was to be discussed at next FEI Meeting as there had been mixed reactions to the idea. There was a need to be a more clear differentiation between the two formats in terms of order of tests and shortness in terms of days etc.

Roger Haller said that the wear and tear on horses needed to be taken into account and the general picture of horses jumping in a better form on pre XC Jumping phase.

Giuseppe acknowledged this and said that it was a present dilemma how to make the necessary differentiation in order to define the difference of the 2 formats.

The meeting was then closed.