



### **IEOC (NZ) Puhinui 7th December 2013 5.30pm**

Andy Bowles Chaired the Meeting, Katie Christie taking Minutes.

**Present:** Andy Bowles(NZL), Katie Christie(NZL), Penny Dodd (AUS), Bronwyn Gillott (AUS), Jo Crosby (AUS), Janet Evans (NZL), Lindy Young (AUS), Laura Hedberg (AUS), Sue Brown, (AUS), Bernie Hewitson (NZL), Margie Molloy (USA), Kay Buckley (NZL), Stuart Bishell (NZL), Tim Downes (GBR), Andrew Bennie (NZL), Eliza Reidel (NZL), Craig Dunderdale (NZL), Adri Lea Doyal (MEX), Chris Wallis (AUS), Rob Essex (NZL), Barbara Woolhouse (NZL), Susan Geddes (NZL), Kevin Sapsworth (NZL), Tich Massey (NZL), Mary Robins (NZL), Mike Guilfoyle (NZL).

Arrived late @ 6.20pm; Mura Love (NZL), Hamish Butler-Gallie (NZL), Helen Christie (NZL). (Had been tied up Officiating).

**Apologies:** Des Hughes(AUS), Gillian Roulton(AUS), Margs Carline(NZL), Anne Tylee(NZL), Polly Ann Huntington(AUS), also Susan O'Brien(NZL)Secretary of Event!

Moved Andy Bowles/Katie Christie

**Minutes of Previous Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012**, circulated, and Taken as Read.

Moved Rob Essex/Susan Geddes

### **Matters Arising from Minutes**

- a) Stewards Seminar in NZL. In progress at this Event, which is great! Thank you organisers.
- b) Progress on IEOC/ERA Joint Statement. On-going. IEOC ready to sign MOU with FEI. It was asked if there had been any feedback on Andy Bowles 'Discussion Paper' sent to the FEI. No word as yet.....

### **Finance**

As per Agenda, Balance ASB was \$300.43. Withdrew \$210.74 (100 Pounds). Balance now \$89.69

### **Correspondence**

None directly to this group. Anything relevant was circulated to those on this e-mail list.

### **General Business (on Agenda)**

- a) **NZ Technical Committee**

Stuart Bishall spoke as a representative of the NZ Technical Committee. Points to note i) ensure you are using the new Aug 2013 ESNZ Eventing rule book for National competitions. ii) there is a new system of grading for National Officials, work through the system to a level where you want to be. iii) TC are trying to help Officials with opportunities to work at different events. iv) there will be an FEI Seminar Taupo 2014.

b) **GEP.**

General discussion. i) Noted that the programme for Stewards has been very successful, but disappointing that there are double ups and that other people missing out on opportunities. ii) Need more clarity on how appointments are made. iii) Beneficial to show GEP Appointments on FEI website. iv) timeline as to how and when someone can reapply after having a GEP trip. v) preference given to countries that offer to have GEP officials. vi) The event hosting a GEP recipient needs to ensure that their Officials are happy to work with that person, example of someone arriving at an event and the person who was supposed to be the educator, not wanting to be involved.

Moved Penny Dodds/Lindy Young "More transparency into how GEP positions are appointed".

c) **What do you want to see from IEOC**

- i) Opportunity to have meetings in each country annually. Who organises the meetings?? How do we organise meetings when we don't have a Board Member in our country? Consistency e.g. should we have meetings at all 4\* or W3\* or at nominated high profile event?
- ii) Clarification on TDs and GJ becoming Level 1 Stewards. Short half day course as part of respective FEI seminar, is that covering enough? TD and GJ take spot of hard working Stewards at Olympic Games/WEG. With the blanket approach for all Officials to be Level 1 Stewards, did they want to be one, do they care, and have they a passion? Has anyone asked whether they are interested? There are some TD/GJ who were already active Stewards and were listed. Could we find out, who wants to be there, and if they are interested in continuing. Not fair to those 'career stewards'.
- iii) From the Badminton Meeting 2013. There where points made at the meeting held in May that haven't been answered.
  - Use of retired Officials having a role to educate up and coming Nationals
  - FEI Officials having free access to major competitions for service to the sport.
  - The cost of Officials going on courses every 3 years, paying to get there, accommodation, course fees. Costs vary from country to country. Some NF subsidise others don't. Steward's courses have to be completely user pays. Discussion..... In NZL and AUS much cheaper to be in Auckland and Sydney with easy access of flights, rather than Taupo and Adelaide.Discussion on some Officials getting plenty of work, and others minimum.

Moved Andy Bowles/Penny Dodds "FEI to be pro-active in minimising the costs for Officials inc. Stewards, to get to Seminars, and standardise costs across the World."

**Any Other Business**

It was asked that these queries be sent to the IEOC Board, for them to seek clarification from the FEI.

- i) Bits, wrapping of. 2014 rule states may be covered with rubber or latex. In the FAQ/additional information /clarification FEI paper, it states (page 2) no material around bit is permitted. Will this change?? They contradict.
- ii) Spurs. In the same FAQ paper, Rowel spurs are allowed for D and SJ, (vertical in photo) but Horizontal (Sprenger) rowels not allowed. Horizontal and Vertical soft touch are allowed (balls). Can we have a definitive ruling and explanation about Horizontal Rowel Spurs? There seems to be much confusion.
- iii) Is it OK that a fly hood can be tied in the front to the noseband? Down the front of the face? Photos seen.

Helen Christie(arrived late) thanked Andy for Chairing the Meeting and Katie for taking Minutes.

The Meeting closed at 6.30p.m.

Those present acknowledged the very sad passing of Jim Dunn (AUS). Our thoughts are with his family, he will be missed.

## Summary of questions to be asked -

### Questions to go to FEI from this meeting. (If IEOC approves)

- 1 Is there going to be any official feedback on Andy Bowles Discussion Paper? (Matters Arising b)
- 2 The Motion – More transparency into how GEP positions are appointed. (General Business b)
- 3 The Motion - FEI to be pro-active in minimising the costs for Officials, inc Stewards, to get to Seminars, and standardise costs across the World. (General Business c iii)
- 4 Could there be clarification on which Officials want and are interested in being on the FEI Stewards list. (General Business cii)
- 5 The Questions in Any Other Business, referring to rules on tack.

### Questions to go to IEOC Board

- 1 Opportunity to have more IEOC Meetings – General Business C i
- 2 Any progress on items brought up from the Badminton Meeting 2013? – General Business C iii

Another question brought up in discussion after the Seminar dinner was – How relevant is the question asked on many FEI application forms, as to the level that the person has ridden at?? How much is that taken into consideration when making appointments? Should it be assumed that International competition means FEI Level events?