



## **IEOC regional meeting at WEG, Normandy Friday 29th August 2014**

**In attendance:** Sue Stewart (GBR Secretary General), Andy Griffiths (GBR Chairman), Helen Christie (NZL IEOC Board), Jose Ortelli (ARG IEOC Board), Jane Holderness-Roddam (GBR), Suzie Cotterill (GBR) Jane Starkey (GBR), Gillian Kyle (IRL), Jan Cottam (GBR), Francois Lucas (FRA), Chris Hodson (NZL), Joe Carr (USA), Lindy Young (AUS), Nina Gardner (USA), Chris Wallis (AUS), Sally O'Connor (USA), Kate Christie (NZL), Philine Ganders-Meyer (GER), Fritz Otto-Erley (GER), Gerit Mathesen (GER), Eileen Pritchard-Bryan (USA), Zbigniew Siebt (POL), Nathaly Fulda (GER), Nathalie Carriere (FRA), Patrick Michaud (FRA), Augusto Cunha (BRA), Sarah Bullen (GBR)

**Apologies:** Wolf Mueller (AUT), Donald Kear (GBR), Christina Klingsport (SWE), Jean Mitchell (IRL), Anton Granhus (NOR), Mercedes Campdera (MEX), Giulio Pocci (ITA), Gillian Rolton (AUS), Christian Landolt (SUI), Margaret Carline (NZL), Helmut Mett (GER), Anthony McPherson (BEL), Gina McPherson (BEL), Stuart Bishell (NZL), Ninnie Odenrick (IRL), Frans van Meggelen (NED), Ciska van Meggelen (NED), Lindsay Jenkins (GBR), Vince Roche (AUS), Mercedes Campdera (MEX), Gardie Grissell (GBR), Nikki Herbert (GBR), Anne-Mette Binder (DEN), Christian Struck (DEN), Christian Landolt (USA), Jennifer Millar (NZL), Margie Molloy (USA), Ernst Topp (GER), Alec Lochore (GBR), Alain James (FRA), Jean-Marc Varillon (FRA)

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting thanking Jean-Marc Varillon, Eventing Director WEG, Sophie Lemaire, Directrice du Haras National du Pain, and Francois Lucas for assisting with the planning and venue for the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

1. The Secretary General advised apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from a number of people, and requested notification of any further apologies.

### **3. Report of the IEOC activities from the Chairman - Andy Griffiths**

1. The Chairman gave the meeting a quick summary of the IEOC year, with perhaps the biggest moment being the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the FEI. This is cementing an important relationship and a voice with the FEI Eventing Committee. We, the officials are all out on the ground and seeing what is going on at events worldwide.
2. The new Organisers Alliance also signed a MOU with the FEI, and all of this work is now beginning to gel.
3. Around 1,000 people are emailed regularly by the IEOC.
4. With regard to finances, small voluntary subscriptions are very welcome to maintain the IEOC presence. At the moment all IT costs are met by sponsorship from Rachel and Dan Moore, to whom we're greatly indebted. It is hoped to develop some literature about the IEOC to circulate at seminars, which will enable people to know who we are and how to join. This will be a cost which your subscriptions will help to cover. We need to encourage younger people to come through as officials, and any idea to improve our image would be very welcome.

### **4. Report from the Secretary General – Sue Stewart**

1. Sue advised existing officials need to encourage new officials to join the Club as the IEOC is not supplied with contact details of new officials.



2. It is hoped that in future details of the IEOC will be made available at FEI seminars.
3. Sue confirmed the FEI are trying to get dates for seminars confirmed two years ahead as it is recognised that many officials need time to plan their attendance, and secure cheaper airfares. Attempts are being made to keep cost down.

## 5. Any Other Business

1. Seminars
  - A request was made for more combined courses with all roles, including Stewards. The Eventing Committee are to be asked whether this will count for TDs/Judges to refresh their Stewarding.
  - The Eventing Committee is to be asked whether more work, reading and testing could be done prior to the seminar to make the time spent together more productive.
  - It was agreed reducing the number of nights away could help keep costs down, as well as making attendees known to one another in advance so they can investigate sharing transport and accommodation.
2. Stewarding
  - Discussion on 2015 stewarding and use of national stewards who need to gain experience before going on to an FEI seminar. Clarification was requested.
  - Eventing Committee to be asked whether the FEI keep any record of who, other than the Chief Steward has been stewarding.
  - The meeting asked whether those on the Stewards list who have no intention of stewarding should remain on the list, and whether everyone on the list should attend a seminar for Stewards.
3. Burghley 2013 cases
  - Chris Hodson thanked the IEOC members for their patience and understanding during the FEI Tribunal investigation of the Burghley 2013 cases regarding Clifton Promise and Clifton Pinot.
4. Rule changes
  - Jan Cottam asked if rule changes could be limited to once a year as it's tricky to follow them when they are made mid-season.
  - Sue Stewart stated this has improved greatly, particularly with the addition of FAQs on the website
5. Contact details of officials
  - The Eventing Committee are to be asked whether the FEI can publish contact details for officials to help organisers contact them.
6. Reports for officials upgrading or shadow judging
  - It was confirmed reports for officials upgrading or shadow judging should be sent to the FEI by the senior official doing the assessment.

**The IEOC AGM will take place after the dressage on Friday 6th September 2013 at Burghley.**