



**21st IEOC Annual General Meeting
Burghley Horse Trials
Friday 2nd September 2022**

Minutes

In attendance: Andy Griffiths (GBR Chairman), Sue Stewart (GBR Secretary General), Alec Lochore (GBR), Nicki Kelly (IRL), Andrew Fell (IRL), Clayton Fredericks (AUS), Judy Hancock (GBR), Anne-Marie Taylor (GBR), Robert Stevenson (USA) Stuart Buntine (AUS), Jonathan Clissold (GBR), Lindy Young (AUS), Patricia Clifton (GBR), Nikki Herbert (GBR), Jane Holderness-Roddam (GBR), Helen Bowler (GBR), Sally Terry (GBR), Tim Kaye (GBR), Jo Brown (GBR), Vanda Stewart (IRL), Katrin Eichinger-Kniely (AUT), Philippa Coles (GBR), Jane Tuckwell (GBR), Gill Shea (GBR), Mats Anderson (SWE), Joan Ahern (IRL), Nicoli Fife (NZL), Agnieszka Mossakowska (POL), Lindy Best (GBR), Katherine Lucheschi (ITA), Gillian Kyle (IRL), Angela Tucker (GBR), Jane Tolley (GBR), Sarah Bullen (GBR), Jan Cottam (GBR)

Apologies: Jean Mitchell (IRL), Carolyn James (Australia), Christian Landolt (SUI), Zara Pawley (GBR), Genevieve Pfister (SUI), Gretchen Butts (USA), Felicísimo Aguado (ESP), Tim Downes (GBR), Philine Ganders-Meyer (GER), Liz Inman (GBR), Anibal Marianito (POR), Stuart Bishell (NZL), Sylvia Williams-Roberts (AUS), Margs Carline (NZL), Mercedes Campdera (MEX), Nicky Nicholson (FRA), Bernd Springorum (GER), Anthony McPherson (BEL), Sandy Phillips (GBR), Helmut Mett (GER), Christian Steiner (AUT), Christina Klingspor (SWE), Xavier Le Sauce (FRA), PollyAnn Huntington (AUS), Helen Christie (NZL), Wayne Copping (AUS), Faith Ponsonby (IRL), David Lee (IRL)

1. Welcome

Andy Griffiths, IEOC Chairman opened the 21st AGM, welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked the President, the Burghley Committee and Martyn Johnson for allowing the meeting to take place in the President's enclosure.

2. Apologies

The Chairman noted apologies had been received in advance from a number of people and requested notification of any further apologies.

3. Minutes of the 20th IEOC AGM, Burghley, 6th September 2019

The minutes of the 20th AGM, which were previously circulated by email, were approved. Proposed by Anne-Marie Taylor (GBR). Seconded by Judy Hancock (GBR).

4. Revised IEOC Statutes

The revised IEOC Statutes, which were previously circulated by email, were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Nikki Herbert (GBR). Seconded by Jan Cottam (GBR).

The Chairman confirmed the IEOC currently has around 900 members.

5. Update on IEOC Board composition and 2022 election

The Chairman explained that Board elections had been put on hold due to the COVID pandemic.

The IEOC will have an election this year for three Board positions to replace David Lee, Sue Stewart and Ernst Topp.

Ernst has confirmed he does not intend to stand for re-election.

Sue and David can stand for re-election if they wish.

The Chairman advised that to ensure continuity of the work of the Board, the Board proposed Susan O'Brien, Wayne Copping and himself have a one-off extension to their current term of office to 2024.

The meeting approved this one-off extension. Proposed by Anne-Marie Taylor (GBR). Seconded by Judy Hancock (GBR).

6. Chairman's report

Andy Griffiths (AG), IEOC Chairman, explained that the IEOC feels it is important to support Officials in a fair, legal and transparent manner. This should include a protocol for Officials when talking to the media.

AG confirmed members have already been informed of the webinar the FEI is hosting on 12 October regarding the new FEI Eventing Education System, and advised Alec Lochore was attending today's AGM to answer questions on behalf of the FEI Eventing Committee.

7. Secretary General's report

Sue Stewart (SS), IEOC Secretary General stated that the IEOC receives a lot of information from the FEI which is not always relevant to Eventing, however she feels the IEOC is fulfilling its role in passing on all information to Members in an effort to keep them all up to date in as far as possible. SS encouraged Members to share this information.

The FEI cannot share Officials' contact details with the IEOC due to data protection regulations. She therefore asked Members to make other Officials aware of the existence of the IEOC and to encourage them to join.

SS confirmed the IEOC is looking into live-streaming some meetings where possible, but internet does not always allow this to happen. A lack of internet connectivity prevented this AGM from being live-streamed.

SS advised the IEOC does its best to answer and clarify Members' questions and liaise with the FEI Eventing Committee on Members' behalf. The IEOC feels it is important The FEI is aware of any issues that may arise out in the field.

SS confirmed the IEOC is in conversation with the FEI regarding personal accident cover for Officials. Should an Official, as has happened, be injured while carrying out their duties, possibly abroad, whilst they are treated at the event there may be no follow up cover on their return home unless they have private healthcare or national health cover. It is hoped to agree extended cover for all Officials.

8. IEOC statement of accounts

In the absence of the IEOC Treasurer, David Lee, it was reported that on 1 September 2022 the IEOC account balance totalled €847, with donations having been made to the Australian Equestrian Fire Relief Fund in January 2020 and Virtual Eventing which raised money for medical charities around the world fighting COVID.

AG reminded the meeting that membership of the IEOC was free and open to all Officials and relied on donations to keep running. He thanked Rachel and Dan Moore for their generous support of the IEOC in the areas of IT and web management.

9. Any Other Business

- Anne Marie Taylor (GBR) asked what is involved in upgrading from level 3 - 4.

Alec Lochore (AL) explained this is a working document the criteria will be published with a new system being implemented from 1/1/2024

- Katherine Lucheschi (ITA) asked if already judging PSG/Internationally is this accepted on the proposed education programme.

AL , no, the idea is to make the system more competency based and to get the right people doing the job, more young people need to be encouraged.

- Lindy Best (GBR) said there were too many points of contact from the FEI some of which end up in junk mail - could this be more streamlined. Supported by Jane Holderness-Roddam

- AL stated that courses are dependent on NFs running them and the floor felt two courses in Europe was insufficient.

- From the floor it was noted that Bromont had already been cancelled, so what happens to the course - is it relocated? Courses are so full which makes it almost impossible to be available to new Officials.

- Jan Cottam (GBR) stated Hartpury were unable to run due to the lack of a foreign Course Director.

AL pointed out Houghton stepped in.

- There was general discussion from the floor regarding the three online courses for maintenance that took place but AL pointed out no transfer was possible from an online course. He reminded the meeting that the National Federations organise the courses not the FEI. Nikki Herbert pointed out the expense to the National Federations.

- Nicoli Fife (NZL) said there had been no course in NZ or Australia for five years, and there are 40 people from each country needing a course. Andrew Bennie questioned the cost to European officials travelling to a course in NZ.

- There was much concern over the location of these seminars and the expectation of Officials to foot their own expenses, along with comments regarding the FEI carbon footprint. AG said these voluntary roles should be respected and it should be easier to attend courses. The FEI need to find a solution. Jan Cottam said only a handful of Federations run courses and it is important that more offer to do this to improve the geographical spread.

- SS said there was concern over the use of national lower level dressage judges who have no knowledge of the XC and SJ , they need guidance at the lower level and this is hopefully in the new FEI programme.

- Andrew Fell (IRL) commented that the new Level 4 is in the FEI information that has been circulated and there is to be an FEI meeting in November.

- It was stated that just being on a list and doing a lot of events doesn't necessarily mean you are a good Official.

- AL explained that the new system was objectively based and going forward competency will improve, change has to start somewhere to gauge current levels and it is anticipated this will take around five years.

10. Venue and date for 22nd IEOC AGM

The 22nd IEOC AGM will take place at Burghley. Members will be notified of any other regional meetings that are scheduled in the meantime.

11. Informal IEOC regional meeting

SS gave notice of an informal meeting at WEG in Pratonni following the dressage on Friday

12. Meeting close

SS thanked Mats Bjornetun of MIM Safe Clip for sponsoring the drinks for the meeting.

AG thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home

The meeting concluded at 18:00.