

Informal IEOC regional meeting at World Equestrian Games, Pratoni Friday 16th September 2022

In attendance: Sue Stewart (GBR Secretary General), Lindy Young (AUS) Kristof Verlinden (BEL), Frances McAvity (CAN), Dana Diemer (USA), Nicky Kelly (IRL) Andrea Webb (AUS), Carolyn James (AUS), Michael Barnes (AUS), Martin Beloqui (URY), Javier Jeri (PER), Elena Ceballos, Vanda Stewart (IRL) Paddy Gatelly (IRL), Daniele Altobell, Tissie Reason (GBR)

Apologies: Andy Griffiths (GBR Chairman), Sarah Verney (GBR), Katherine Lucheschi (ITA), Stuart Bishell (NZL), Stuart Buntine (AUS), Gretchen Butts (USA), Joan Ahern (IRL), Nikki Herbert (GBR), Faith Ponsonby (IRL), Anne-Mette Binder (DEN), Christian Struck (DEN), Anton Granhus (NOR), Anibal Marianito (POR), Helen Christie (NZL), Mercedes Campdera (MEX), Helmut Mett (GER), Christian Landolt (SUI), Jutta Koivula (FIN)

1. Welcome

Sue Stewart, IEOC Secretary General welcomed members to the meeting and thanked the Pratoni organising committee and Carola Brighanti for allowing the meeting to take place.

Sue passed on apologies from Andy Griffiths, IEOC Chairman, David O'Connor, Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee, and Catrin Norinder, FEI Director, Eventing & Olympic Games.

2. Report on recent IEOC activities

Sue explained that due to the global pandemic the IEOC elections have been delayed until this year. A call for nominations for three Board members has been circulated with a deadline of 30 September.

Sue advised that the updated IEOC Statutes were approved by members at the AGM at Burghley earlier in the month.

Sue explained that the IEOC is a conduit between the FEI and Officials in the field. The IEOC is constantly working to improve the numbers, accessibility, and cost of compulsory seminars. She explained that all Officials need to encourage their own national federations to put on these Seminars, but clarified the requirements that it is always preferable to attend an overseas Seminar.

Sue advised the IEOC is also pursuing the need for personal accident insurance whilst at FEI events for all Officials.

Sue noted the IEOC relies on voluntary donations.

Sue then opened the meeting to the floor.

3. Any Other Business

 Kristof Verlinden stated the cost of training courses is prohibitive. This was supported by all attendees.

4. Meeting close

The meeting wished the Championships a successful and safe competion.

The meeting concluded at 18:10.