

# IEOC REGIONAL MEETING

**15TH NOVEMBER 2019 4PM**

**VOLUNTEERS MARQUEE AI3DE VENUE**

## **PRESENT**

Wayne Copping Chair AUS, Chris Wallis AUS, Susan Geddes NZ, Ian Coulson AUS, Polly Ann Huntington AUS, Fiona Muirhead GB, Jo Crosby AUS, Des Hughes AUS, Kirsten Neil AUS, Michael Dalmau AUS, Dr. Roche AUS, Caroline Jones AUS, Jill Sinclair AUS, Sue Baxter GB, Bobby USA, Geoff Sinclair AUS, Mike ES GB,

Guests- Shaun Lowery, Georgia Lowery

## **CHAIR'S WELCOME**

Chair welcomed all the guests including the Ground Jury and called for apologies. He briefly outlined Andy Griffiths resolve to travel to the GA in Moscow to put the case for more inclusion of the IEOC with the FEI Eventing Committee.

## **APOLOGIES**

Lindy Young AUS, Maxine Leigh NZL, Nicoli Fife NZL, Nikki Herbert GBR, Elaine Green AUS, Penny Dodd AUS, Carolyn James AUS, Stewart Bishell NZ, Katie Russell, Sylvia Roberts AUS.

## **Business**

### **1. Proposed introduction of a CCI5\*-S competition**

1.1 Chair put forward the proposal from the FEI about the introduction of a new 5\*-S competition.

Unanimously felt that the long format should be the principal aim and the short competition would dilute the standards and numbers of horses available. It was mentioned that the ERM may not run in 2020 due to the numbers of horses available for the standard.

1.2 Chair put forward the concept of a World Cup concept again and was discussed without any resolve on this point. IC talked about the 4.5\* level for Nations Cup/World Cup.

1.3. GS talked about the Nations Cup and possibility of a regional competition for Aus/NZ.

### **2. 10cm hackamore rule**

2.1. Discussion on the length of the lever arm in the current rules, there may be a push to have this lengthened through rider support. HC commented bits are required anyway so there is not the response from the lever arm length.

## **2. FEI Seminars**

2.1 GS explained the concept of the FEI having enough seminars to keep officials up to date in line with NFs also asking OCs to run them.

WC mentioned the problem of officials attending seminars when they are not in the third year of their cycle thus filling places that other officials need. WC suggested that the FEI should make sure that the officials in the third year of their cycle should be accepted first before others. HC supported the concept.

Discussion around NFs keeping data up to date and liaising with the FEI which Officials should have priority.

RK discussed whether the FEI think they are holding enough seminars for all Officials.

KN reminded all that the FEI want active officials.

CW mentioned that Stewards/Officials info is not consistent, Stewards also need to be on a three year rotation and need to be more connected with Officials in training.

SG Stewards would need more opportunities.

2.2 JC thought there was some ambiguity in the online test.

### **FEI Education**

3.1 GS FEI focused on getting the online test updated and suited to the task. People can always offer feedback to SLC FEI. A new test has been trialled with the rules updated. One hour for the test may be too short. The tests require a broad and comprehensive knowledge. VR discussed about some decisions needing to be made instantaneously in some circumstances but not all, time limit may not be useful.

### **Missing Flag Rule**

4.1 GS explained this rule, increasing technicality was the basis by the FEI Eventing Committee to include the head, neck, point of shoulder inside the flag. The IEOC recommendation being the flag down is still clear was not supported. This interpretation of the rule is still not consistent and the FEI-ECs plan is to have a very clear definition by January.

PH/SB There has been some discrepancy and wrongful interpretation of this rule recently at major events which hasn't been helpful with the current management of the rule.

Meeting closed at 5pm.