

CONFERENCE CALL- Minutes

Dressage Committee, Conference call Meeting 28 February 2011



Meeting title	Dressage Committee Meeting (by Conference Call)
Date	28.02.2011
Time	18.00-20.00
Location	Conference call
Chair	Frank Kemperman (NED)
Minutes taker	Anna Milne (FEI HQ)

Attendees invited					
Participants	Title	Pre-sent	Ex-cused	Unex-cused	Be-lated
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Baur (GER)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Gribbons (USA)					
<input type="checkbox"/> David Hunt (GBR)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Elisabeth Lundholm (SWE)			X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Margit Otto-Crepin (FRA)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Trond Asmyr (FEI HQ)					
Invitees					
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Agenda				
Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Time (min)	Annex
Annex: X=attached; *= In your possession; **=to be emailed by [dd.mm.yyyy]				

1	Welcome and approval of minutes of last meeting 17.01.11	Chair		
2	Meeting with stakeholders (boards and/or members) at World Cup final or Dressage Committee's in person meeting (IDOC has also initiated a meeting, and their suggestion is attached)	Chair		X
3	Action Plan 2011, including key decision and milestone due dates	Chair		X
4	New course director	TAS		
5	Update from 5* judge seminar in Warendorf (minutes attached)	Chair/TAS		X
7	Update bids for Championships	TAS		X
8	EEF report on Costs to run Championships	Chair/TAS		X
9	Youth Olympic Games 2014 Nanjing, China Plans to introduce dressage	TAS		X

Minutes

1. Welcome and approval of minutes of last meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. He informed that Elisabeth Lundholm had presented her excuses for not being able to participate in this meeting. Regarding point 2B, there had been no response from anyone, and it was agreed to stay on the rules and not give any more exceptions in 2011 on this point.

The DD gave an update on the issues arising from the previous meeting's minutes. On point 2, the Olympic time schedule, the arrival date was still to be confirmed by LOCOG. On point 2B, the Olympic team qualification for groups F & G, the proposal with NF feedback had gone to the IOC and awaited their final approval. All were already updated on point 2C (Western Europe). Under point 10, Miscellaneous, he updated on the work done by Elisabeth Lundholm regarding Ponies and their tests. Discussions were to be had with Chefs d'Equipe and Trainers at the EU-CH-P in Poland about the levels of the tests. A small group would then look into the actual tests. For Development, a meeting between Elisabeth Lundholm, the DD and Jacqueline Braissant of the FEI HQ had been set up to discuss topical issues, also three judges with experience from the Challenge tour (Maja Stukelj, Raphaël Saleh and Peter Holler) would attend. Anne Gribbons announced her interest in taking part in this work on Development/challenge tour with Elisabeth.

2. Meeting with Stakeholders (point 8 Action Plan 2011)

The same format as in Kentucky (smaller meeting first with Boards, followed by open meeting for all members) was proposed. The DD suggested using the rest days (Fridays) at both the World Cup Final in Leipzig and at the EU-CH in Rotterdam.

Decision: The DD was to coordinate these meetings and ask Rotterdam when in contact with them next. He would send more details to the DC, and all who had the possibility were encouraged to be present.

3. Action Plan 2011

The Chair went through the points of the Action Plan 2011.

Point 1, welfare of the horse, was to be a subject at the stakeholders meetings. The DD was to ask Graeme Cooke if he could be present at the meeting in Leipzig,
Point 2, development, had already been discussed under agenda point 1.

Point 3, the World Cup – the bidding process for WEL was ongoing. Anne Gribbons reported from the other leagues. Problems were riders having only one horse, that they did not want over-use, lack of sponsorship and travel costs.

Point 5, judging had no new issues to discuss. All info about JSP and Dressage Judge General (DDG) had been published. The DD had recently sent out to the JSP the details about their non-competition tasks and was to have a phone meeting with them.

Point 6, Media. A similar media seminar as given in den Bosch last year by Wim Ernes to the media was to be given in Leipzig.

Point 7, Dressage tests. The complex issue of coefficients and marks needed to be looked into by a working group. The issue was to be discussed first at the stakeholders meeting in Leipzig to gauge interest by trainers, riders and officials.

Point 8, communication with stakeholders had already been discussed and was progressing well.

Point 9, ponies – see above

Point 10, Championships and Finals. The Chair reminded that it was needed to look into improving the qualification procedure for the 2016 OGs, starting at the end of 2011. He proposed Thomas Baur do this. There is a political issue involved as the IOC wants to change the groups to secure better representation by all Continents in the OGs. This work will be initiated by the Secretary General. Another issue were the Pan American Games and the level of the tests there. Anne Gribbons and Trond Asmyr had discussed this in Palm Beach earlier this year already. It is complicated to combine the wishes of the Grand Prix level nations and the IOC. The issue would also be discussed in Leipzig.

Point 11, rules – no new developments

Point 12, Officials. The DD and Harald Müller were working on this. The new JSP.

Point 13, Stewarding. This was to be discussed in Leipzig.

Point 14 Events was also to be discussed in Leipzig.

Point 15, Club memberships was an issue for the FEI as it required coordination between all disciplines.

4. **New Course Director**

Decision: Ghislain Fouarge to be appointed Course Director.

5. **Update from 5* Judges Seminar in Warendorf**

The DC had seen the Minutes from this meeting. The DD informed that a number of conclusions from the Minutes on what to do in specific situations had been extracted from the Minutes and sent to all FEI Judges so they are informed.

6. **Conversion rates**

The Chair explained that the strong Swiss Franc (especially against Euro) was an issue for the World Ranking List and shows in Show Jumping. He had been invited as a Bureau member to a round-table meeting on this matter, date and place to be confirmed. He was to keep the DC informed on the outcome. The issue is smaller for Dressage, with the exception that the normal FEI fees for the organizers will be higher, and also the minimum prize money level for 5* events.

7. **Update on Championships Bids**

An updated list of all the bids is on www.fei.org.

8. **EEF report on Costs to run Championships**

The Chair referred to a document produced by the European Equestrian Federation regarding the increasing costs of EU-CHs asking about a qualification process to limit the number of teams. This was concerning Jumping, but it had to be investigated what the situation was for Dressage. This also concerned all other CHs and Finals. Dressage has a quality requirement for the participants that can be used to steer the numbers.

Also the kind of CHs wanted in the future should be discussed.

Decision: HQ was to compile the number of participants in the various CHs over the past few years for the DC to discuss.

9. **Youth Olympic Games 2014, Nanjing China**

The DD explained that following the first Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010, which of the equestrian sports only included 30 Jumping athletes on borrowed horses (36 horses bought by the IOC and trained in Australia), discussions about introducing also Dressage in 2014 had arisen, under the condition that the total number of athletes and horses was not increased. As it was not seen as realistic to have this competition with fewer participants in each discipline, the idea to combine Jumping and Dressage arose. The DC was favorable to the 17-18 year bracket.

Decision: The DC was in favour of this project and enthusiastic over it.

10. **A.O.B**

Starting order for the Grand Prix Special at the Olympics: The DD explained that in the original Olympic paper, the starting order was based on 36 riders, and as the number was now down to 32, the groups had to be adjusted.

The DC discussed the groups; however the process and the principles had already been set by the Task Force report (and approved by the General Assembly) for London, including that the starting order of the riders within a team will remain the same as in the Grand Prix.

Decision: The DC unanimously decided for following format:

- 1st group: riders ranked 7th to 11th of the qualified individuals
- 2nd group: team riders from teams ranked 5th to 7th
- 3rd group: riders ranked 1st to 6th on the qualified individuals
- 4th group: team riders from teams ranked 1st to 4th

Next meetings

Date	Subject	Location
14.04.2011	Conference call, 16-18h Swiss time	
07-08.06.2011	In-person meeting	Paris, FRA