

CONFERENCE CALL- Minutes

Dressage Committee, Conference call Meeting 02 August 2011



Meeting title	Dressage Committee Meeting (by Conference Call)
Date	02 August 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)					
<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 07-08.06.11	Chair		
2	Strategy for approval of equipment The DD asks for the DC's advice	TAS		
3	Nominations for members of the Dressage Committee 2012	Chair		X
4	Meggle Cup – application from GER NF and organizer to accept Meggle Cup as a FEI series	TAS		
5	The blood rule as it pertains to the discussion amongst the trainers and riders in Aachen	AG		
6	Judging: Last information / evaluation Judges Supervisory Panel	AG TAS		
7	Nations Cup – continuation of discussion at the Paris meeting	Chair		
	Action Plan 2011	Chair		
	AOB	Chair		

Minutes

1. Welcome and approval of minutes of last meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. The Minutes from the previous meeting 07-08 June 2011 were approved.

Following up in issues from the previous meeting, Thomas Baur inquired about the 5* Judges automatically being also Young Horse judges, as some were missing from the list. All 5* should be on the list and the DD was to check this.

Mr Baur also brought up pt 7, bid from Wroclaw, which was to be discussed under AOB. He also informed the Committee that in relation to pt 11, horse inspection, the Organisers' club were working on a proposal for this for the next meeting. Elisabeth Lundholm added that a Vet should be involved in this work and the DD confirmed that the DC decision from the previous meeting had been forwarded to the Veterinary Commission.

2. Strategy for Approval of Equipment

The DD informed the Committee that HQ received a number of requests from manufacturers, NFs, stakeholders, riders and trainers about equipment. So far the FEI has followed a strict line in this matter, but the DD now wanted to open a strategic discussion on the way to go forward, without requiring a decision at this point. He had received some feedback from officials, riders, the Chief Steward General, and trainers (who preferred a strict line), and now wanted the feedback from the DC before continuing the discussion.

The DD proposed to discuss this at the meeting of the Stakeholder clubs' Boards in Rotterdam at the EU-CHs, and then take it up with the DC again after their feedback.

Currently there is a testing panel. All agreed conflicts of interest had to be avoided (e.g. someone involved in manufacture of equipment could not test). The Panel could either be set and approved by the DC or vary from case to case.

Decision: The issue was to be discussed with the Stakeholder clubs in Rotterdam and the DC would revert to the issue afterwards.

3. Nomination of Members for the Dressage Committee 2012

The Chair informed that there were two outgoing DC members for 2012, Thomas Baur as the Organisers' representative and Margit Otto-Crepin as the Riders' representative.

For the Organisers' representative, there was one candidate; reappointment of Thomas Baur.

For the Riders' representative, there were three candidates, Wayne Channon (GBR), Maria Ines Garcia Cuellar (COL) and Luis Lucio (ESP), for the DC to consider.

Decision: The DC will inform the Nominations committee about their recommendations.

4. Meggle Cup – application from GER NF and organizer to accept the Meggle Cup as an FEI series

The DD informed that he had been contacted by the German NF and Escon Marketing about approving their Meggle Cup as an FEI series.

Decision:The GER NF would be asked for a detailed proposal which would be discussed at the next meeting. The DD was to check with the Legal department about the status of such a series.

5. The Blood Rule as it pertains to the discussion amongst the Trainers and Riders in Aachen

Anne Gribbons reported from a meeting in Aachen about the opposing view among riders and trainers on the proposed rule regarding blood on the horse. Several of them wanted to keep the current rule of blood on the horse always meaning elimination. There seems to be several different opinions within the Riders club on this matter.

The DD reminded that the official consultation period starts on 20th August, which is the formal period for the Stakeholders to come back with input. The Veterinary Committee was looking at the possibility for a Vet to decide if a horse was fit to continue. There was also feedback from a judge that the horse should not be taken out of the ring to be inspected, but that the groom and a Vet should be present by the ring, in order to preserve transparency for the audience.

The DD also reminded that many other disciplines were more lenient and this was the reason a change on this point had been suggested for Dressage. A discussion would be held in Rotterdam and the issue would be further discussed in the DC once there was feedback.

Decision:The issue would be discussed again in the DC once stakeholder and NF feedback had been received.

6. Judging – Last information/evaluation – Judges Supervisory Panel

The DD recapped that based on previous DC decision; Eric Lette would not be on the JSP after Rotterdam. All had agreed to raise the age limit to 74, and Jan Peeters (NED) had been asked to join the JSP. The DD had met with the JSP in Aachen discussing the work, and it had been agreed that Jan Peeters would observe the JSP in Rotterdam, in order to then be able to work at events following Rotterdam. Other roles of the JSP had also been discussed for 2012, such as going to other shows where not required in order to help improve them.

The DD and David Hunt would work to find an additional trainer candidate.

Anne Gribbons thought the system of drawing the Championship Judges from a Long List should be discussed again after the OGs.

The Chair reminded that the new system had been approved by all at the DC at the in-person meeting in 's-Hertogenbosch in 2010. David Hunt also stated that the main criteria should always be the quality of the judges, not so much the nationality, and not every country had a top quality judge at every moment in time.

Elisabeth Lundholm called for information from shows where there had been issues with judging, in order to help the JSP and the DC when appointing judges. The DD was to look into what was practical in this respect.

Decision:Appointing new JSP members would be discussed again after Rotterdam.

7. Nations Cup – continuation of discussion at the Paris meeting

The Chair proposed waiting with this matter until after the discussions with the chefsd'Equipe in Rotterdam about the concept of such a series. Anne Gribbons had given feedback that such

a series could be difficult in some years for the American riders, so feedback was now needed to see what the Europeans felt about it.

8. Action Plan 2011

The Chair confirmed that the Action Plan for 2011 was working well.

9. A.O.B.

Ponies

The DD and Elisabeth Lundholm had organized a meeting with the chefs d'Equipe at the EU-CH-P in Poland, with 15 nationalities represented (a trainer and the chef d'Equipe from each NF invited). The discussions had been good.

The degree of difficulty was seen by most to be sufficient for the time being, and flying changes should not be introduced for another 3-5 years. Good basic riding was seen as most important.

The Rules and formula for EU CH for Ponies was discussed. The preference was for all riding the Team and Individual tests (normal draw for Individual test, to give equal chance to all to qualify for Freestyle), over having a consolation test.

Having qualification criteria of 60% for the EU-CH was discussed, and could motivate to reach higher standards. Initially 3-4 nations may be lost. Ideas to have a network to support CDIs to add a CDIP to their events was proposed.

There was also a discussion about spurs (currently limited to 1,5 cm) and most NFs wanted 3 cm spurs to be allowed as riders had difficulty reaching with the short spurs.

The future of Pony sport was briefly discussed, as was the development of children physically and mentally. There should be clear steps from P to J to YR to U25 level in order to motivate the riders.

The DC had to decide on the following issues:

- No flying changes to be introduced in 2012
- Changing the formula to be like J/Y, that all riders ride both the Team and Individual tests
- 60% as a qualification limit for the EU-CH-P-D
- A regular draw also for the Individual test (i.e. not in groups based on team test results)

All agreed to the above four points.

The issue of how to proceed in case a Pony can not start in the first test was brought up and it was decided that in Championships, the combination would have to finish the first test (Team) in order to be allowed to compete in the next tests.

Decision: The above five issues were agreed to unanimously.

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EU-CH-P 2011 in Poland

The DD reported briefly from the above Championship. The Dressage arena had not been finished in time for the first competition, which postponed the start by one day. Once there, the footing was acceptable in the main arena. There was no infrastructure around the Dressage arena and the judges were unprotected from the weather. No electric scoring was available and although the manual scoring worked mostly satisfactorily, there was a problem with the team results and a tie for bronze, where the mistake was only discovered after the prize giving. The quality of the riders, ponies and teams was excellent, and Pony sport has developed to a high level in a short time. The atmosphere despite everything had been good.

The DC discussed how to take more precautions to prevent similar problems in the future. An advance visit of the TD would have to be insisted on, and also at allocation more care needed to be taken. In this case, a letter to the POL NF stating that something similar cannot be allowed to happen again should be sent. The DD confirmed that there was already contact with the POL NF and that they had been asked to work on preventing similar situations. It was also proposed that the Organisers' club look into if they could possibly help to find more organizers prepared to make a bid.

The meeting was closed at 20.15.

Next meetings:

The next conference call was scheduled for Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 18h00 Swiss time

Next meetings		
Date	Subject	Location
27.09.11, 18h00-20h00	Conference call	