

# CONFERENCE CALL- Minutes

Dressage Committee, Conference call Meeting 31 January 2012



<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>Dressage Committee meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	31.01.2012
<b>Time</b>	18:00-20:00
<b>Location</b>	Conference call
<b>Chair</b>	Frank Kemperman
<b>Minutes taker</b>	Anna Milne

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"/> Elisabet Lundholm (SWE)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Trond Asmyr (FEI HQ)					
Invitees					
<input type="checkbox"/>					

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Agenda				
Pt.	Topic	Speaker	Time (min)	Annex
<b>Annex:</b> X=attached; *= In your possession; **=to be emailed by [dd.mm.yyyy]				
1	Approval of minutes of last meeting,	Chair	5	
2	World Cup rules clarifications - Some minor clarifications are needed	Trond Asmyr		X
3	Action plan 2012 - As presented to the FEI Bureau in November Future plan	Frank Kemperman/ Elisabet Lundholm		
4	Reasons for eliminations - update - Clarification of how the C-judge should react if blood is seen on the horse during a competition	Trond Asmyr		X
5	Riders representative in Dressage Committee - update	Trond Asmyr		
6	Reem Acra FEI Dressage World Cup Final - participation and wild cards Standing after Amsterdam WEL: <a href="http://search.fei.org/Search_Centre/Ranking/Pages/Search.aspx?rankingCode=D_WC&amp;nfGroup=500">http://search.fei.org/Search_Centre/Ranking/Pages/Search.aspx?rankingCode=D_WC&amp;nfGroup=500</a> <u>1</u> NAL before last weekend:	Trond Asmyr		

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	<a href="http://www.feeworldcup.org/Dressage/Documents/NALStandings%202011_2012%20October25.pdf">http://www.feeworldcup.org/Dressage/Documents/NALStandings%202011_2012%20October25.pdf</a> Oceania: Hanna is qualified CEL: Final in Warsaw, march			
7	Stakeholders meeting during Reem Acra FEI Dressage World Cup Final	Trond Asmyr		
8	Report re working group categorisation of events	Thomas Baur		
9	Bids for championships, including North American championships for YR/J 2012	Trond Asmyr	x	
10	Need for clearer definitions of level of entry fees for events, and what should be included, as jumping has done?	Trond Asmyr		X
11	Date for next meeting and annual in person meeting	Frank Kemperman		
	AOB	Chair		

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and approval of minutes of last meeting

The Chair opened the first meeting of the year and welcomed all. The Minutes from the previous meeting 12 December 2011 were approved.

### 2. World Cup rules clarifications

The DD brought up three issues:

- a. The North American World Cup Committee had informed that the final date for qualification should be 12.03.2012 and not 01.03.2012 as mentioned in the document.
- b. The qualification rules for different Leagues are quite different from each other. The North American League uses percentages while the others use placings for the distribution of points, which had not been taken into consideration when deciding on the distribution of points from other leagues (once full points, then half the points).
- c. The rules were not consistent regarding how many results from other Leagues were to count. This has now been clarified to as being 2.

These issues concern the rules 2011/12 and consist of a clarification only. If the DC agreed, these would be presented to the Executive Board for approval the following week.

**Decision:** The DC agreed these clarification be presented to the Executive Board for approval.

### 3. Action plan 2012

The main points of the Action Plan for 2012 were:

1. Improve quality of Judging
2. Promotion of Dressage, to make sport more attractive for a wider public
3. Improve quality of Series
4. Event evaluation / categorisation
5. Development

Both points 2 and 5 contained the actions of "long term strategy paper" and these two actions should therefore be combined with the work of Elisabeth Lundholm on the development/future of Dressage.

Future plan

Elisabet Lundholm started the work on a future plan for Dressage at the in-person meeting in Paris in June 2011 and had distributed a first document for the DC for this meeting, and the Chair thanked her for her work so far. Dressage was to be the main issue at the Sports Forum in 2013, for which this was a good beginning.

**Decision:** Elisabeth Lundholm would make a draft for the information needed and the DD would then follow up on the information gathering. All members were to send in their ideas. The issues were then to be discussed at the next in-person meeting.

### 4. Reasons for eliminations - update

The DD reported on the progress of the issue of elimination due to blood anywhere on the horse. A clarification will be issued that the same procedure as before would be followed in 2012, i.e. blood anywhere on the horse when in the arena entailed elimination.

The FEI Veterinary Commission received the task from the FEI Bureau to look into this matter for a common rule across the disciplines.

**Decision:** A draft to be sent out to all Judges as a clarification was nearly ready, and would be sent once cleared by all relevant parties. The FEI Veterinary Commission was to discuss the possibility of a common rule across the disciplines.

### 5. Riders representative in Dressage Committee – update

The DD informed of the decision by the Bureau in November 2011 not to appoint riders' representative to the DC before all legal matters were concluded. They were still ongoing.

**Conclusion:** There was not yet a Riders' representative appointed for the DC as the legal discussions were still ongoing.

### 6. Reem Acra FEI Dressage World Cup Final™ – participation and wild cards

The DD informed that it was still too soon to know the participants for the World Cup Final, as there were still two more qualifiers in the WEL, the CEL League Final and 6 qualifiers in the NAL left. From the PAL, Rachel Hanna had qualified.

**Conclusion:** The participants for the World Cup Final were not known at this point as many qualifiers still remained. The DC would be consulted in case of demands for extra starting places.

### 7. Stakeholders meeting during Reem Acra FEI Dressage World Cup Final

The DD stated that the Stakeholder meeting during the Final in 's-Hertogenbosch would be a good way to inform the stakeholders and receive their feedback in return.

**Decision:** The next Stakeholders meeting would take place on Thu 19<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon/evening. Agenda to be discussed at next DC meeting.

### 8. Report regarding working group categorisation of events

Thomas Baur referred to a recent meeting in London and informed that he was working with Harald Müller on a paper in this regard, the first draft of which should be ready later in the week.

This would then be on the Agenda for the next DC meeting to which Harald Müller should be invited also. Jumping has discussed this to a great extent and it has to be decided how detailed the DC wants this to be for Dressage, also depending on resources needed.

**Decision:** This issue would be discussed at the next DC Conference call to see how to continue. Thomas Baur and Harald Müller would come with a proposal.

### 9. Bids for Championships, including North American Championships for YR/J 2012

The DD informed that there were currently two bids for the DC to consider:

- North American Y/J Dressage Championships 2012, for which there was one application from Lexington, the same organiser as previous years.

**Decision:** The DC forwards their recommendation to the Bureau.

- World Breeding Championships for Young Horses 2014-15. There are two bids: Verden GER and Ermelo NED

**Decision:** The DC forwards their recommendation to the Bureau.

### 10. Need for clearer definitions of level of entry fees for events, and what should be included

The DD said that when looking at draft schedules, it was not clear what the Organisers had to include and not detailed on all levels. Jumping had a more defined way for all their categories.



**Decision:** The DD and Thomas Baur were to make a draft proposal for a more detailed Annex 12 in regards to Organisers duties and fees.

## 11. Date for next meeting and annual in person meeting

The date and place for the next in-person meeting were discussed. The first proposal was London just after the Olympic Games, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The next conference calls were set for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, both at 18h-20h Swiss time.

## AOB

Thomas Baur brought up the issue of the proposed All America Cup event in Florida. The DD informed that Maribel Alonso still had not received any feedback from the Groups despite reminders. The Chair stressed that this was important, and that it was part of a long-term strategy, with the plan to upgrade the event each year. It has to be ensured that this has the backing of the USEF.

**Decision:** The DC was positive to the idea. It would be a test event in 2012. The DD was to work further on this.

The Chair took up the issue of the recent downgrading from CDI5\* to CDI4\* of an event in the US, and thanked Thomas Baur and the DD for a good decision under the circumstances.

The DD gave a summary of the annual 5\* Judges Seminar in January in Ermelo (NED), for the first time chaired by Ghislain Fouarge in his role as Dressage Judge General. It had been well prepared and many conclusions reached, mainly regarding Freestyle and also Young Horse judging. Leif Törnblad had also conducted a fruitful session on judging passage and piaffe. The conclusions would go into the Guidelines on how to judge Freestyles. Anne Gribbons also brought up the wish from the Riders to have a table/list with degrees of difficulty of different movements or combinations of movements. David Hunt had been in the same group and they had already made a draft list.

The Chair thanked the DC for the meeting and email contact would be kept until the next conference call.

Next meetings		
Date	Subject	Location
26.03.12, 18h00-20h00	Conference call	
15.05.12, 18h00-20h00	Conference call	
13-14.08.12	In-person meeting	London GBR

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