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FEI President was delighted to hold the FEI General Assembly 2019 in Moscow (RUS) and welcomed distinguished guest speakers, Igor Levitin, political advisor to the President of Russian Vladimir Putin, and Stanislav Pozdnyakov, President of the Russian Olympic Committee and two-time Olympic fencing team gold medallist. **(I)**

Mr Igor Levitin read the following welcome message on behalf of the President of Russia: **(I)**

*Dear Mr. De Vos*

*Dear members of the International Equestrian Federation*

*Dear friends*

*I am pleased to welcome you on the occasion of the opening of the General Assembly of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) in Moscow.*

*Your representative organisation, uniting more than one hundred and thirty national federations, has for many years made an important contribution to the popularisation of equestrian sport, contributing to the creation of equal opportunities for training and competitions.*

*I note that for the first time Russia is hosting the FEI General Assembly. I see in this recognition of the great authority of the Equestrian Federation of Russia in the world sports community, its significant role in introducing people of different ages to the values of a healthy and active lifestyle, their comprehensive spiritual and physical development.*

*I am sure that the assembly will be held in a fruitful way and will contribute to building up constructive international cooperation in the field of sports of the highest achievements and mass physical culture. And of course, it will further strengthen the cooperation of the FEI with the Equestrian Federation of Russia.*

*I wish you successful work and the best of impressions from the meeting.*

Mr Stanislav Pozdnyakov delivered the following message to the General Assembly:

*Dear President,*

*Dear Delegates,*

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Dear Friends,

*On behalf of the Russian Olympic Committee, I would like to welcome all the delegates, organisers and the guests of the International Equestrian Federation General Assembly held here, in Russia, for the first time. This first General Assembly brought to Moscow the representatives of a record ranking number of countries which is a clear evidence of the interest of our country and the acknowledgement of a positive trend in development of the Russian equestrian sport. Leaders of the Federation and representatives of the equestrian industry use this high profile platform to discuss current issues and take strategic decisions that shape the development of the sport worldwide.*

*Just recently, we discussed with Mr President de Vos and Madame Sechina the opportunities to promote and popularise equestrian sport. I am delighted to note that our views coincide in many points and we are ready for strong cooperation.*

*I am confident that this Assembly will become a landmark event for the further development of one of the oldest sports in the Olympic programme and we will have to strengthen existing partnerships and further new business connections. And equally important, it will draw the attention of the general public to this prestigious and noble sport.*

*Highly appreciating the significance of this event, I wish all participants successful and fruitful work here in the Assembly.*

*Thank you very much.*

The FEI President thanked Mr Levitin and Mr Pozdnyakov and proceeded with his opening speech:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, colleagues and friends,*

*We have been welcomed here with open arms, and before I go any further, I want to thank Igor Levitin Advisor to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Stanislav Pozdnyakov, President of the Russian NOC for taking the time to be here with us.*

*We have had some productive days in Moscow already, and as you may have noticed with the very full meeting rooms, there are a record number of participants here – 337 to be exact. In this room, we have 91 NFs attending in person and an additional 29 represented by proxy as well as 10 Stakeholder Associations and over 40 Observers and Media.*

*As I said, this is a new record and it demonstrates just how passionate our community is.*

*As you know, this General Assembly is live streamed, but before I delve into some of the decisions ahead of us, let's first take a look back at 2019.*

*It's been a very exciting year, with major Regional and Continental Championships, Games, and stunning series Finals amongst the thousands of events across all our disciplines and age categories. And, once again, we've hit a new record in terms of the number of international events.*

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*As you would expect the year before an Olympic and Paralympic Games, we had dedicated qualifiers for national teams to secure their place at Tokyo2020! The competition was tough, but I am happy to report all the team slots have been filled! Twenty teams in Jumping and 15 teams in both Dressage and Eventing.*

*And these team slots have been shared amongst 28 nations, with a select few qualifying teams in all three disciplines – congratulations to Australia, Brazil, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Sweden and USA, who compete against the host nation Japan in the three Olympic disciplines.*

*For Ireland, this will be a particularly memorable edition, as this is the first year they have qualified a Dressage team for the Olympic Games!*

*Other first timers include Thailand and China, both sending Eventing teams, with China also having qualified a Jumping team.*

*Well done to all the teams, the first timers and the regulars, this is a huge achievement, and there are still many more nations to be added to the final count with the individual quota slots to be filled.*

*New nations and more nations competing at the Olympic Games is a direct result of the new formats.*

*In 2016, the new Olympic formats were approved at the FEI General Assembly in Tokyo, with a large majority of 96 NFs.*

*The reason we took this decision is:  
Olympic Agenda 2020*

*The IOC was adamant that our product had to adapt. It was change or be changed, and as always, we went for the proactive approach.*

*So there were two key goals we set ourselves for the new formats:*

*Firstly, allow more nations to take part; and  
Secondly, make our events more exciting and appealing to a broader audience with more broadcast friendly formats.*

*London 2012 was the first time that all sports were evaluated by the IOC based on media coverage among other things, and in an ever more competitive world, we were made very aware that we needed to improve our media figures.*

*We can only do this by having more nations and regions competing in our events, because viewers in these countries – tv and digital – will then tune in to our sport and support their athletes. The Olympic Games have always been about National Pride, and this is the key to the hearts of new fans.*

*In Tokyo, we will be evaluated again, and it is vital we improve our figures in order to further consolidate our position and the position of our three disciplines in the Olympic programme.*

*We have three new National Federations seeking affiliation at this GA. Our sport is growing and this is our opportunity to fuel that growth. We need to acknowledge this growth and provide more avenues and Olympic dreams for nations in the framework of Universality. We need to give these new formats a chance and focus on the positives.*

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*Failure is not an option.*

*This is why we have tested them in Hagen for Jumping and Dressage, and at several Eventing fixtures, so that we can fine tune the details and ensure that, from a technical perspective, they are faultless.*

*Yes, these new formats will give rise to a new kind of competition.*

*And yes the chefs d'équipes will need to adapt their strategies to the fact that there is no drop score.*

*But this is not new at Olympic Games. Between 1928 and 1968 there was the same format and no drop score. What is important here is that we need to be open minded. We need to look at the excitement that the new formats will bring.*

*And for those who think that there is a horse welfare issue, I want to remind you, that these new formats were conditional on the introduction of greater substitution opportunities.*

*And we are happy that the IOC understood and accepted our conditions.*

*There is one way forward, and that is to work together. National Federations, Chefs d'Equipes and Athletes, together we can make these formats a success at the Games.*

*We will evaluate every aspect of the formats after the Games, and objectively analyse the outcomes.*

*When it comes to growth and production figures, we have been riding on a wave of success, with increased numbers of events and registered athletes for over a decade. We are fortunate to be in this position, it's not the case for all sports, but clearly we are doing something right!*

*2019 confirms this upward trend, and I am pleased to say that alongside our sporting figures, digital media and broadcast numbers are also rising steadily! In a competitive sporting and entertainment industry, this is particularly encouraging. We are producing more news and more stories, and we are also reaching more fans, a wider demographic and generally creating a buzz.*

*All this growth is directly linked to a positive financial report and I am pleased to say that this has allowed us to once again use the operational budget to cover all our FEI Solidarity programmes and put aside an additional million in the Solidarity Fund.*

*As Chair of FEI Solidarity, I could not be more delighted with the progress that has been made in recent years. The portfolio of programmes on offer is increasing, as are the requests, and we are now catering to over 90 National Federations through technical, financial and consultancy services. Every year, more programmes are delivered across the four pillars of FEI Solidarity!*

*Like all GAs, we also have some very important issues and decisions to make with regards to the future...*

*And the most important topic, of course, is Endurance.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Temporary Endurance Committee for all the hard work they have been doing. This has been a difficult and lengthy process,*

*generating a lot of debate and passionate discussion. But as you have seen, the Committee has been attentive to the concerns of the community, and taken on-board many comments and suggestions they received after the publication of the 1st draft of the proposed rules.*

*Consultation is integral to the FEI governance process, but here, I would like to reiterate that we cannot compromise on horse welfare and we have to be accountable for our actions as decision makers.*

*We have a responsibility to uphold the values of our sport, and as I have said on several occasions, we need to bring horsemanship back to this discipline.*

*Are these proposed rules perfect?*

*Probably not. Nothing in the world is perfect.*

*But at least they address the issues that we want to address, and that we need to address.*

*If we want to remain credible, and if we want Endurance to inspire admiration for the effort and the partnership, then we need to change.*

*Let's not forget the many positive cases, the fractures, the fatalities (CIs).*

*This is unacceptable and damages the image of Endurance and all the remarkable people in the community who are committed to promoting the very best of this sport.*

*And let's not be mistaken, the negative reputation of Endurance also impacts our other disciplines and our organisation in general.*

*We know that the proposed Rules are built on horse welfare and fairness, and I am urging you to support them so that we can start rebuilding a future for Endurance set on solid foundations. Together.*

*And last of all, the last big topic which we felt was important to put on the agenda some time ago, is the future of Reining. As you know, we have had challenges from a governance perspective, and despite our efforts, we were not getting anywhere. Reining is a small discipline within the FEI, but there is a much larger community out there, and the future of Reining within the FEI is very much linked to our ability to reach consensus and work hand in hand with the NRHA. We reached only a couple of days ago an agreement with NRHA which allows us to present you several options. But we must be clear. If we decide today to keep Reining as an FEI discipline there are clear conditions and KPI's that need to be met. We have been very transparent with all of you and it's now up to you to make the decision.*

*Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see, we have a very important agenda, and the decisions we make here today will have lasting repercussions in the equestrian world and all those connected to the sport.*

*I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed wholeheartedly to this GA – and that's you the National Federations and stakeholders - with all your valuable comments in a decision making process that is unique in the sports world.*

*We are your service organisation, and I'd like to thank the FEI staff, who work tirelessly to make all this happen, and have taken this motto to heart in all their endeavours.*

*I also want to thank the NFs and stakeholders for their support and valuable input and especially for the quality of the debates yesterday.*



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*Last but not least, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Russian friends, the Russian Equestrian Federation and its President Marina Sechina without whom we would not be here today.*

*And now, before we start, let us take a moment of silence to remember the people we lost over the last year and that will be remembered for their contribution to our sport and community.*

*Thank you.”*

The FEI President concluded by expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the FEI Russian friends, the Russian Equestrian Federation and its President Marina Sechina.

Delegates were invited to take a moment of silence to remember the people who passed away over the last year and that would be always remembered for their contribution to the sport and the community. **(I)**

## **2. QUORUM**

The quorum was reached with 91 National Federations (NFs) present and 28 proxies for a total of 119 eligible votes. **(I)**

## **3. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS**

The General Assembly unanimously elected the Scrutineers for the Extraordinary General Assembly as follows: **(R)**

- Christina Abu-Dayyeh (JOR), Chair
- Simone Perillo (ITA), Member
- Wessel Strauss (RSA) Member

## **4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEI STATUTES**

The General Assembly voted to retain Reining as an FEI Discipline with no votes against and no abstentions. **(R)**

The proposed modifications to the Statutes (with the confirmation of Reining as an FEI Discipline) were unanimously approved by the FEI General Assembly with no votes against and no abstentions. **(R)**

**Key:****I** = Information/Discussion/Details**R** = Resolution/Decision**T** = Task**ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY****1. OPENING BY THE PRESIDENT**

Proceedings got underway with the Extraordinary General Assembly. **(I)**

**2. QUORUM**

The quorum was reached with 91 National Federations (NFs) present who in addition held 29 proxies for a total of 120 eligible votes. **(I)**

**3. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS**

The General Assembly unanimously elected the Scrutineers for the Extraordinary General Assembly as follows: **(R)**

- Christina Abu-Dayyeh (JOR), Chair
- Simone Perillo (ITA), Member
- Wessel Strauss (RSA) Member

**4. MEMBERSHIP****4.1. Affiliation**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the affiliation of the following National Federations: **(R)**

- Bahamas, Regional Group IV
- Mongolia, Regional Group VIII
- Ivory Coast, Regional Group IX

**4.2. Suspension**

BRU NF was suspended for non-payment of the 2019 annual subscription. The National Federation would be reinstated upon payment of the annual subscription. **(I)**

**4.3. UKR NF Regional Group changes (RG III to EEF RG)**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the change as proposed. **(R)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018, MANAMA (BRN)**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the minutes of the General Assembly 2018. **(R)**

**6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the Annual Report 2018 published on the FEI website. **(R)**

**7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. APPROVAL OF 2018 ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Chief Financial Officer presented the 2018 annual accounts to the General Assembly with detailed explanations on revenues and expenses. The Chief Financial Officer also gave highlights of the Board decisions on the allocation of the surplus for 2017. **(I)**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2018 accounts. **(R)**

**8. AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of Audit & Compliance Committee summarised his report to the General Assembly (submitted as an Annex) evidencing the good collaboration with Headquarters in Lausanne to perform the tasks of the Audit & Compliance Committee. **(I)**

**9. RELEASE OF THE BOARD & SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 2018**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the release of the Board and the Secretary General for 2018. **(R)**

**10. APPOINTMENT OF FEI AUDITORS**

The General Assembly elected PricewaterhouseCoopers in Lausanne as FEI Auditors for 2019. **(R)**

## **11. APPROVAL OF 2020 FINANCIAL CHARGES**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2020 financial charges which remain unchanged compared to 2019. **(R)**

## **12. FEI ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

N/A

## **13. 2020 BUDGET**

The Chief Financial Officer presented the main aspects of the 2020 Budget which was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## **14. APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO REGULATIONS**

### **14.1. Periodical Rules Revision**

The General Assembly gave its endorsement to the Periodical Rules Revision Policy as presented during the Rules Session (which contains few changes to the Annex submitted; the reviewed version of the Policy would be published by the Headquarters in the [inside.fei.org](http://inside.fei.org)). **(I)**

### **14.2. FEI General Regulations: Modifications**

The Secretary General reminded the General Assembly that the proposed changes to Articles 103 and 108 had been withdrawn by the FEI. **(I)**

A separate vote was then held to decide on the date of implementation of the new provision on mandatory protective headgear requirements, with delegates voting strongly in favour of implementation on 1 January 2021. **(R)**

Finally, the General Assembly unanimously approved the proposed changes to the FEI General Regulations, effective as of 1 January 2020. **(R)**

## **15. JUMPING**

The Chair of the Jumping Committee reported to the General Assembly that it had been a very busy year for the Jumping Committee. The Chair thanked the members of the Jumping Committee for their support and hard work. **(I)**

### **15.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Jumping Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## **15.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

The Chair of the Jumping Committee listed the decisions taken by the FEI Board on the occasion of its first in-person meeting on 16 November 2019 in Moscow (RUS) relating to the following Series: **(I)**

- FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Rules 2020
- FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Rules 2020
- JumpingClash Team Challenge™ Series Rules
- EEM Speed Challenge Series Rules
- Longines Global Champions Tour Rules 2020
- Longines Masters Series Rules

The Chair also mentioned that on the occasion of the second in-person Board meeting on 19 November 2019 in Moscow (RUS) the Board would decide on the proposed changes to the rules for the Longines FEI Nations Cup series and on the rules for the EEF Nations Cup series. **(I)**

## **15.3. Jumping Rules: Modifications**

The modifications to the Jumping rules were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## **16. DRESSAGE**

The Chair of the Dressage Committee presented his 2019 Report. The Chair mentioned the very promising recommendations of the Dressage Judging Working Group which the Dressage Committee had taken on board to for implementation. **(I)**

The Chair was pleased to announce that a new Short Grand Prix Dressage test had been approved and was going to be tested for the first time at the CDI-W in London Olympia in December 2019. The Short Grand Prix however would officially be available after Tokyo 2020. The Chair mentioned that the Nations Cup in Dressage was being revised and encouraged National Federations to add more CDIOs to their annual calendar to support this format. **(I)**

The Chair concluded by mentioning that, although Dressage remained a traditional sport, the discipline was open for new technical tools and interesting modern technology were continuously being tested and introduced. **(I)**

The Chair thanked out-going Dressage Committee member Klaus Roeser (GER) for his contribution during his four years as Member and Vice-Chair of the Dressage Committee. **(I)**

### **16.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Dressage Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**16.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

The Chair confirmed the approval by the Board of the 2020-2021 FEI World Cup™ Rules and 2020 FEI Nations Cup™ Rules. **(I)**

**16.3. Dressage Rules: Modifications**

The proposed FEI Dressage Rules for 2020 were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**17. PARA DRESSAGE**

The Chair of the Para Equestrian Committee presented the 2019 technical report. The Chair thanked the delegates of the General Assembly for having approved the amendments to the FEI Statutes which included having Para Equestrian represented on the FEI Board. **(I)**

The Chair reported a 10% increase in Athletes registered in 2019, and emphasised on the responsibility to continue to support the growth of the discipline. **(I)**

The Chair mentioned the successful Para Forum held in France in May 2019 during which a number of initiatives to support the development of Para Equestrian were proposed and the Para Equestrian Committee was working on a four year plan, which included actions to attract entry level in the sport and more young Athletes. **(I)**

The Chair referred to the on-going FEI classification research programme and confirmed that more information would be soon shared on the FEI Classification in-depth review launched in 2018. **(I)**

The Chair concluded by urging those National Federations who are yet to develop the discipline to find out more about the discipline and seek support of the Para Equestrian Committee at any time. **(I)**

**17.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Para Equestrian Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**17.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

No decisions were put forward for decision by the Board. **(I)**

**17.3. Para Dressage Rules: Modifications**

The proposed FEI Para Dressage Rules for 2020 were unanimously approved. **(R)**

**17.4. Para Equestrian Classification Rules: Modifications**

The proposed FEI Classification Rules for 2020 were unanimously approved. **(R)**

## **18. EVENTING**

### **18.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Chair referred to the report of the Eventing Committee highlighting the following main points **(I)**:

- The strong growth of Eventing around the world. The Olympic Qualifiers held in 2019 showed the involvement of several new nations. The Chair also mentioned that the Olympic Test event had shown that Tokyo 2020 would be held in spectacular and impressive venues.
- The FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ had been a huge success in 2019 as the nation winner of the series classification obtained a team place for Tokyo 2020. A similar incentive to support the series for the future would need to be found.
- For Eventing, Risk management was always a priority and the statistics showed a reduction of horse falls by half compared to the past 10 years – showing that the different programs in place were having positive results. The frangible technology could be included in the rules as of 2020 to be used on all fences possible
- The Eventing forum organised every 4 years would take place in Aintree (GBR) in January 2020 as an expansion of the regular National Safety Officer (NSO) seminar to allow an insight and to establish the direction of the Eventing discipline as a whole for the coming years.

The Eventing Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

### **18.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

The FEI Eventing Series rules, including the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™, Event Riders Masters (ERM) Series and the TriStar Eventing Grand Slam to take place in 2020 had been approved by the Board. **(I)**

### **18.3. Eventing Rules: Modifications**

The Chair referred to the rules revision proposed for the 2020 Eventing Rules. These were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)** All National Federations were thanked for submitting their comment on the Rules. **(I)**

## **19. DRIVING & PARA DRIVING**

The President excused the Chair of Driving who could not attend the General Assembly due to medical reasons. **(I)**

The President asked the Secretary General to explain the Driving points on behalf of the Chair. **(I)**

### **19.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Driving Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## 19.2. Decisions taken by the Board

No decisions were taken by the Board. **(I)**

## 19.3. Driving & Para Driving Rules: Modifications

The Secretary General asked for the approval of the Driving Rules, including the late amendment to Article 945 as explained in the Rules Session. **(I)**

The Driving Rules were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## 20. ENDURANCE

### 20.1. Endurance Rules: Modifications

The President thanked and congratulated the Endurance Temporary Committee for their exceptional work. **(I)**

The President referred to the Rules Session where NFs had been able to openly discuss and debate on the Rules proposals. The Session had also helped identify the points that needed to be voted on at the General Assembly. **(I)**

The President informed that there would not be any discussion regarding the Endurance Rules, and a separate voting would be done on the amendments as identified at the Rules Session. **(I)**

The voting would occur in four different sections and in the following order: **(I)**

1. Proposals supported by the Endurance Temporary Committee;
2. Proposals submitted by the National Federations (not supported by the Endurance Temporary Committee);
3. Implementation date;
4. Vote on the rest of Endurance Rules as a block.

### 1. Amendments supported by the Endurance Temporary Committee

#### 1.1. Correcting error - novice qualifications

*832.3 Novice qualification procedure: Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed (not necessarily as a Combination) two novice rides **of 40-79 km (in one day) and two novice rides** of 80-100 km each restricted to a speed of no more than 16 km/hour (calculated in accordance with Article 838.2). The required **80-100 km** rides may be completed either as (i) two single-day events, or (ii) one single-day event and one multi-day event (for the multi-day event, 40-50km must be completed per day for two consecutive days at the same Competition). All qualifying novice rides must be completed within a two-year period.*

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**



**1.2. Distance for 3\* Championships**

802.4.2 Championships include:

(e) 3\* Senior Championships of ~~a minimum of 140 km and maximum of 160 km in one day.~~

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**1.3. Consecutive requirements for qualification procedure**

This amendment involved 2 articles.

833.3 The qualification procedure for CEI star levels is set out below:

833.3.2 CEI 2\*: Athletes and Horses are qualified to compete at the CEI 2\* level once they have successfully completed ~~a minimum of two consecutive out of three consecutive CEI 1\*~~ within a two-year period.

833.3.3 CEI 3\*: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3\* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed ~~a minimum of~~ (i) two ~~consecutive out of three consecutive CEI 2\*~~, and (ii) one CEI 2\* together as a Combination, all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two ~~consecutive qualifying successful rides~~ or may be a separate third ride).

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

836.1.2(b) Qualification for 1\* Championships

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements</b>
1* Championships	Two <b>out of three</b> consecutive CEI 1* or higher, including one in Combination

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**1.4. Correcting error - number of CEI2\* required to qualify for 2\* Championships**

836.1.2 (b) Qualification for 2\* Senior Championships

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements</b>
2* Senior Championships	<del>Two</del> <b>Four</b> CEI 2* or higher, including two in Combination

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**2. Proposals submitted by the National Federations (not supported by the Endurance Temporary Committee)**

- 2.1. Minimum weight – CEI 2\*
- 2.2. Minimum weight – Juniors/Young Riders
- 2.3. Exemption from CEI 3\* Combination requirement for Athletes with Elite Status
- 2.4. One combination ride for 3\* Championships (rather than the Endurance Temporary Committee -proposed two)

**2.1. Minimum weight – CEI 2\***

805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>
<b>Senior</b>	
CEI 1* <b>and CEI 2*</b>	<b>70 kg</b>
<del>CEI 2*</del> <b>and CEI 3*</b>	75 kg
<i>CEIOs and Championships</i>	75 kg

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**2.2. Minimum weight – Juniors/Young Riders**

Two proposals were presented for a vote on the same article concerning minimum weight:

*805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
<i>Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships</i>	<b>No minimum weight</b> <del>60 kg</del>

The General Assembly did **not** approve the removal of no minimum. **(R)**

*805.1 Athletes must comply with the following minimum weight requirements, which include all riding equipment except for the bridle:*

Event	Minimum weight
<b>Young Rider/Junior</b>	
Young Rider/Junior Competitions and Championships	<b>55 <del>60</del> kg</b>

The General Assembly **rejected** the proposal for a minimum weight of 55 kg, consequently a minimum weight of 60 Kg remains and would be voted later on as part of the vote on the full Endurance Rules. **(R)**

**2.3. Exemption from CEI 3\* Combination requirement for Athletes with Elite Status**

*838.3.3 CEI 3\*: Athletes and Horses may only compete at the CEI 3\* level if they are qualified as a Combination. To so qualify, they must have successfully completed (i) two out of three consecutive CEI 2\*, and (ii) one CEI 2\* together as a Combination **(except for Athletes with Elite Status, see Article 861)**, all within a two-year period. (The Combination ride may be one of the two qualifying successful rides or may be a separate third ride).*

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**2.4. One combination ride for 3\* Championships** (instead of the Endurance Temporary Committee’s proposal for two in combination)

836.1.2(b)

Championship	Additional CEIs to be successfully completed and Combination requirements
3* Senior Championships	Two CEI 3*, including <b>one <del>two</del></b> in Combination

The proposal was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

**3. Implementation date.**

The President informed that there were 2 options for the implementation of the Endurance Rules: **(I)**

- Option 1: 1 July 2020, with full implementation of the Rules all at one time. This option was supported by the FEI Board and the FEI staff in order to give time to the

IT system to be ready and in order to fully educate the Officials prior to implementation.

- Option 2: 1 January 2020, with partial implementation of the Rules. This option was supported by the Endurance Temporary Committee, despite the fact that a number of provisions could only be implemented on 1 July 2020 as determined by the FEI Board.

The President explained the 2 options as well as the consequences of each one. **(I)**

The General Assembly, did not approve to have the full Endurance Rules implemented on 1 July 2020, but rather as presented in option 2. Furthermore, the General Assembly agreed to mandate to the FEI Board to determine the transitional arrangements. **(T)**

#### **4. Vote on the rest of Endurance Rules as a block**

The President clarified that the amendments as well with the implementation dates voted on before, would be integrated in the Endurance Rules and would be voted all together with the rules. **(I)**

The National Federations approved the Endurance Rules with 94 votes in favour, 19 against and no abstentions. **(R)**

The President thanked the work of the Scrutineers and the cooperation of the delegates for having allowed the procedures to be handle in an efficient and professional way. **(I)**

## **21. VAULTING**

The Chair of the Vaulting Committee presented his 2019 report. The Chair thanked the FEI President and FEI Headquarters for the support given to Vaulting and the efforts to include Vaulting in the Youth Olympic Games. The Chair was honoured by the General Assembly support to include in 2021 a position on the Board for the Vaulting Chair. **(I)**

The Chair of the Vaulting Committee brought forward a few points of his report, amongst which he mentioned that a working group had been reviewing the horse score in view to continuously make the discipline easier to understand. **(I)**

The Chair concluded with thanking FEI Solidarity for their on-going support in developing the discipline and creation of a new FEI World Vaulting Challenge programme. **(I)**

### **21.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Vaulting Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

### **21.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

No decisions were put forward for decision by the Board. **(I)**

### **21.3. Vaulting Rules: Modification**

The proposed FEI Vaulting Rules for 2020 were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

## **22. REINING**

The Chair of the Reining Committee addressed the Delegates of the General Assembly to express his happiness and thankfulness for their support to keep Reining as FEI Discipline. **(I)**

The Chair emphasised that this was a starting point to achieve a lot of work to meet the four year plan Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The Chair insisted on the need for the continued support of the National Federations interested in Reining and those already active in the Discipline. **(I)**

The Chair concluded that this was a great opportunity for the sport and that this showed that there was a clear commitment to Athletes who love the sport and compete in FEI Reining Events. **(I)**

### **22.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Reining Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

### **22.2. Future of Reining**

The Chair reiterated that he was looking forward to a great future of FEI Reining. **(I)**

## **23. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of the Nominations Committee referred to her written report and briefly explained 3 of the 4 recommendations done in the report to the General Assembly: **(I)**

The Chair stated that it was very important to show enthusiasm for the work that people do in connections with the nominations process and thank the staff of the FEI who put in so much time and effort.

The Chair informed the General Assembly that an in-person meeting of the Nominations Committee was held on 5 & 6 June 2019. That was the culmination of a lot of work. Members were asked to review 32 candidates for 19 positions to be elected by the General Assembly and 26 candidates for 12 positions for appointment by the Board. The Chair clarified that Nominations Committee do not choose the candidates, it just makes recommendations.

The Chair referred to the situation with the candidate for the Deputy Chair of Group IV

The Chair of Group IV informed the General Assembly that a unique situation had arisen in Group IV this year. Normally they only have 1 candidate for the position but this year they had 4 candidates, resulting in a contested election which was held according to the proper FEI procedure. 6 of 10 countries returned the Power of Attorney in time. After the

first vote, the number of candidates was reduced from 4 to 3 but there was a deadlock on the next 3 votes. This would normally require the General Assembly to select a candidate so Group IV held a "straw vote" and one candidate, the candidate from Bermuda, received 6 out of the 10 votes and the other 2 received 2 each. The Chair of Group IV therefore requested the General Assembly to elect the candidate from BER.

The Chair of the Nominations Committee finished her report by confirming that the Committee members had done their homework and asked the General Assembly to trust the Committee.

## **24. ELECTIONS**

### **24.1. Regional Group Chairs III and VII**

The General Assembly elected Marina Sechina (RUS) as Chair of Regional Group III for a term of 4 years (2019-2023). **(R)**

The General Assembly re-elected Sami Al Duhami (KSA) as Chair of Regional Group VII for a term of 4 years (2019-2023). **(R)**

### **24.2. Chair of Driving Committee**

The General Assembly re-elected Karoly Fugli (HUN) as Chair of the Driving Committee for an additional term of 4 years (2019-2023). **(R)**

### **24.3. Audit & Compliance Committee Member**

The General Assembly re-elected Vicki Glynn (NZL) as member of the Audit & Compliance Committee for an additional term of 4 years (2019-2023). **(R)**

### **24.4. FEI Tribunal Chair**

The General Assembly elected Jose Alfonso Rodriguez (MEX) as Chair of the FEI Tribunal for a term of 4 years (2019-2023). **(R)**

### **24.5. FEI Tribunal Members**

The General Assembly elected: **(R)**

- Mohammed Al Saberi (UAE) (2019 – 2021)
- Constance Popineau (FRA) (2019 – 2023)
- Valérie Horyna (SUI) (2019 – 2022)
- Christopher Hodson (NZL) (2019 – 2021)
- Martin Gibbs (GBR) (2019 – 2023)
- Diane Pitts (USA) (2019 – 2022)
- Harveen Thauli (CAN) (2019 – 2023)

*Note:* The respective terms of the above FEI Tribunal members were determined according to a draw held during the lunch break of the General Assembly in the presence of the Chair of the Scrutineers and the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

#### **24.6. Nominations Committee Members**

The General Assembly elected the following member for a term of 4 years (2019-2023): **(R)**

- EEF Regional Group: Nayla Stössel (SUI)
- EEF Regional Group: Wiveka Lundh (SWE)
- Regional Group III: Olga Kogan (RUS)
- Regional Group IV: Paul Pereech (BER)
- Regional Group V: Diego Vallejo (COL)
- Regional Group VI: Guillermo Lockhart (URU)
- Regional Group VII: Hussam Zummit (LBA)
- Regional Group VIII: Yuri Yagi (JPN)
- Regional Group IX: Jean-Michel Turlot (COD)

#### **24.7. Deputy Group Chairs**

The General Assembly elected the following Regional Group Deputy Chairs: **(R)**

- Regional Group III: Sadyr Mamytov (KGZ) (2019 – 2023)
- Regional Group V: Rocio Echeverri (CRC) (2019 - 2021)\*
- Regional Group VII: Sultan Khlaifa Al Yehyaee (UAE) (2019 – 2023)

*\*Rocio Echeverri (CRC) was elected as Deputy Chair of Regional Group V for the period 2019 – 2021, that being the remainder of term of the previous Group V Deputy Chair, Maribel Alonso (MEX) who had resigned.*

#### **24.8. Election FEI Vice President**

Further to a proposal from the FEI President, the General Assembly elected Jack C. Huang (TPE) as Vice-President. **(R)**

### **25. APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS – FOR INFORMATION**

The General Assembly were informed of the following appointments made by the FEI Board **(I)**:

**FEI Veterinary Committee**

Ian Baines (NAM) and Marc Koene (GER) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing members Dr Thomas Wolff (BRA) and Dr Jan-Hein Swagemakers (GER).

**FEI Medical Committee**

Dr Mark Hart (USA) was appointed as Chair of the FEI Medical Committee for 2019-2020 replacing outgoing Chair Dr Peter Whitehead (GBR) for a one-year period only. A full election for a four-year period would take place at the FEI General Assembly 2020. Following the approval of the proposed statutory changes by the FEI General Assembly 2019 the person elected as Chair in 2020 would become a full Board member.

Franz Kasin (NOR) and Anna-Louise Mackinnon (GBR) were both appointed members of the FEI Medical Committee. Anna-Louise Mackinnon would be in office for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Dr Jan Holger Holtschmit (GER). Franz Kasin would be in office for the two-year term 2019-2021, replacing Dr Mark Hart (USA) who was appointed Chair of the FEI Medical Committee as referenced above.

A draw conducted by Nominations Committee Chair Betty Wates in the presence of the FEI Governance & Institutional Affairs and FEI Legal Directors was performed to allocate the terms of Franz Kasin and Anna-Louise Mackinnon.

**FEI Jumping Committee**

Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE) was appointed member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Rob Ehrens (NED).

**FEI Dressage Committee**

Patrik Kittel (SWE) was appointed member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member and former Deputy Chair Klaus Roeser (GER).

**FEI Eventing Committee**

Andrew Bennie (NZL) was appointed member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Marilyn Payne (USA).

**FEI Driving Committee**

Jeroen Houterman (NED) was appointed member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member and former Deputy Chair Anne-Marie Turbé (FRA).

**FEI Reining Committee**

Flippo Masi de Vargas (ITA) was appointed member of the FEI Reining Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing Magdalena Szarszewska (POL).

**FEI Vaulting Committee**



John Eccles (GBR) was re-appointed Chair of the FEI Vaulting Committee for 2019-2020 for a one-year period only. A full election for a four-year period would take place at the FEI General Assembly 2020. Subject to approval of the proposed statutory changes by the FEI General Assembly 2019 the person elected as Chair in 2020 would become a full Board member.

Isabelle Parker (USA) was appointed member of the committee for a four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Suzanne Detol (USA).

### **FEI Para Equestrian Committee**

Michel Assouline (USA) was appointed member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2019-2023, replacing outgoing member Hope Hand (USA).

The Chair of the Para Equestrian Committee would become a full member of the Board in 2020 at the same time as the Chairs of the Medical and Vaulting Committees.

## **26. FEI SOLIDARITY**

The FEI President and Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee referred to the FEI Solidarity Activity Report and asked the FEI Solidarity Director to give further up-dates on the 2019 activities. **(I)**

### **26.1. Activity Report**

The FEI Solidarity Director presented the FEI Solidarity activities and displayed some figures summarising the results of the FEI Solidarity programme from 2012-2019 **(I)**:

- 420 NFs projects financed by FEI Solidarity
- 6+ FEI Solidarity Department Programmes
- ~400 National Officials educated
- 3'325 National Coaches educated
- ~90 National Federations involved

The FEI Solidarity Director informed the General Assembly that 64 new projects were approved by the FEI Solidarity Committee in September 2019 and would receive supported from 2020 onwards in fields such as:

- Athletes Training (all FEI Disciplines)
- Coach Scholarships
- Development of NFs Sports Structures & Systems
- Education of National Officials through the Equestrian Sports Educative Events (ESEEs)
- Farriers & Grooms ongoing training
- Social integration via horse riding projects.

The FEI Solidarity Director gave also an overview of the specific programmes initiated and managed by the FEI Solidarity Department to the benefit of the NFs, such as: **(I)**

- FEI Course for National Federations Secretary Generals and Administrators which was attended by 25 Participants (4 Presidents, 10 Secretary Generals and 11 Administrators;) from 16 National Federations and delivered by about 30 FEI Staff Members.
- FEI Coach Education Programme.
- Equestrian Sports Educative Events (ESEEs).
- FEI Solidarity Retraining of Racehorses in partnership with Longines.
- FEI World Challenges 2019.

In conclusion of her report, the FEI Solidarity Director mentioned the invaluable contribution of the various people acting in the field to help National Federations develop the sport, namely: **(I)**

- The FEI President visiting NFs part of the FEI Solidarity programme
- The FEI Development Officer the activity plan of whom was mostly about transferring technical knowledges, educating, advising on all technical matters
- The 60+ Technical Experts involved in FEI Solidarity projects and programmes worldwide as Tutors (coach education), FEI Officials (ESEEs), Professional Coaches (Athletes training camps), Technical Experts (training Farriers, Grooms, Organisers, etc).

## **26.2. Appointment of FEI Solidarity Committee Members**

The FEI President informed that Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee were appointed for a 1 year term and may serve a maximum of 4 terms.

The General Assembly approved the composition of the FEI Solidarity Committee for 1 year, as follows **(R)**:

EEF Group	Ingmar De Vos, BEL, FEI President and Chair
EEF Group	Ulf Helgstrand, President DEN NF
Group III	Marina Sechina, President RUS NF
Group IV	Eve van den Bol, President CAY NF
Group V	Juan Luis Rodriguez, President GUA NF
Group VI	Pablo Mayorga, ARG, FEI Hon. Vice-President
Group VII	HH Prince Moulay Abdellah El Alaoui, President MAR NF
Group VIII	Mona Tep, President CAM NF
Group IX	Glenda Warburton, President SWZ NF

## **27. VETERINARY MATTERS**

### **27.1. Technical Committee Report**

The Veterinary Chair thanked the Veterinary Committee for their substantial contribution way beyond the regular meetings and the Veterinary Department for the renewal of the Pony Measuring System and the updating of the Official Veterinary Education in order for it to be harmonised with the Education of other FEI Officials. **(I)**

The Chair reported that international movement of horses would continuously be a major task and that biosecurity was major component of that work. Further to biosecurity the Veterinary Committee had been looking into the Hendra Virus situation in Australia and since this report was published further information had been received and that the report would be amended with a revised text that was read out by the Chair. The Chair of the AUS NF thanked the Veterinary Chair for the clarification and looked forward to the future cooperation with full consultation to ensure biosecurity at Australian events. **(I)**

The Veterinary Committee report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

### **27.2. Decisions taken by the Board**

There were no decisions taken by the Board on Veterinary matters. **(I)**

### **27.3. Veterinary Regulations: Modifications**

The Veterinary Chair presented the merged proposal on Pony Measuring to the General Assembly as presented in the Rules Session and asked for approval of the 2020 FEI Veterinary Regulations.

The Veterinary Regulations were approved by the General Assembly **(R)**

## **28. CLEAN SPORT**

### **28.1. Global Equine Anti-Doping Control Medications Programme (EADCMP) Report 2016-2018**

The Veterinary Director informed the General Assembly about the costs and performances of the Global EADCMP during 2016-2019 and presented a video on the FEI Hyposensitivity Control System for Endurance. **(I)**

### **28.2. Equine Anti-Doping Controlled Medications Regulations (EADCMR) – Modifications**

The FEI General Assembly unanimously approved the proposed modifications to the EADCMR. **(R)**

## **29. MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of the Medical Committee gave the Medical Committee Report as a PPT presentation. **(I)**

## **30. ATHLETES COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee provided the General Assembly with an overview of the work of the Committee in 2019. **(I)**

The Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee encouraged National Federations to create an Athletes Committee within their own structures and to include athletes on their Boards. As a key element of the IOC 2020 Agenda, Athletes Committees were an important way of making the voice of the athletes heard at the highest levels of decision-making, and while this was already in place within the FEI; it needed to be further expanded at national level, she said **(I)**

## **31. OLYMPIC GAMES/PARALYMPIC GAMES**

### **31.1. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Update**

The Tokyo 2020 Equestrian Sports Manager together with Tokyo 2020 Eventing Manager presented a progress report for the Olympic Games including venue construction on the 2 venues at Bajikoen and Sea Forest, competition schedule, test event and general points in regard to the organisation to lead up to the Olympic Games. The newly appointed Jumping Manager was introduced during the presentation as well as the involvement of the Dressage and Paralympic Manager was announced as a great addition to the Tokyo2020 sports team.

### **31.2. Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games**

Please refer to point 31.1. **(I)**

### **31.3. Youth Olympic Games**

The President reported to the General Assembly that equestrian sport was very fortunate that the 2022 YOG would take place in Dakar (SEN). Mr Ibrahima Wade who not only held the position of President of the SEN NF but was also 2022 YOG Overall Director General. Equestrian sport was therefore well represented in the YOG Organising Committee. There was therefore no excuse for equestrian sport not to be the number one sport at the Games. The FEI President invited Mr Wade to provide an update on the preparations for the 2022 YOG. **(I)**

During his presentation, the 2022 YOG Overall Director General mentioned that since Senegal had been appointed by the IOC to host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the YOG he had received a lot of support from the equestrian community. The Organising Committee was working on a daily basis with the FEI and the IOC. Preparation for the Games was in good progress. **(I)**

The 2022 YOG Overall Director General mentioned that a decision had been taken by the African Confederation to host in Senegal the 2020 African Junior Jumping Championship. In addition, SEN NF would apply to the FEI to host the 2021 FEI World Jumping Challenge Final in preparation for the Games in 2022. It was intended that both these events would serve as test events for the 2022 YOG. **(I)**

A short video was shown on equestrian activity in Senegal. **(I)**

The President thanked Mr Wade and mentioned that the 2022 YOG Organising Committee and SEN NF were very motivated to host an excellent YOG and that they could count on the support of the FEI to deliver a wonderful 2022 YOG. **(I)**

## **32. FEI SERIES, CHAMPIONSHIPS & FINALS ALLOCATION**

National Federations were informed about the FEI Championships & Finals allocated by the FEI Board: **(I)**

### **FEI World Championships 2022**

- FEI **Jumping**, **Dressage**, **Para Dressage** & **Vaulting** World Championships 2022 were allocated to Herning (DEN) 6 – 14 August 2022
- FEI **Eventing** & **Driving** World Championships 2022 were allocated to Herning (DEN) 6 – 14 August 2022

### **FEI World Cup Finals 2022**

- FEI **Jumping**, **Dressage**, **Driving** & **Vaulting** World Cup Finals 2022 were allocated to Leipzig (GER) on 6 – 10 April 2022

### **FEI World Cup Finals 2023**

- FEI **Jumping** & **Dressage** World Cup Finals 2023 were allocated to Omaha (USA) on 12 – 16 April 2023
- FEI **Driving** World Cup Final 2023 was allocated to Bordeaux (FRA) on 2 – 5 February 2019

The Board decided to re-open the bid process for the FEI Vaulting World Cup 2023.

### **FEI World Cup Finals 2024**

- FEI **Jumping** & **Dressage** World Cup Finals 2024 were allocated to Riyadh (KSA) on 4 – 9 March 2023 or 15-20 April 2023
- FEI **Driving** World Cup Final 2024 was allocated to Bordeaux (FRA) on 1 – 4 February 2024
- The Board decided to re-open the bid process for the FEI Vaulting World Cup 2023.

**FEI Endurance European Championships 2023**

The Board allocated the FEI Endurance European Championships 2023 to Ermelo (NED) on 4 – 9 September 2023

**Other Allocations**

The Board also allocated the other following Championships:

**Endurance:**

- FEI Endurance European Championships 2023 to Ermelo (NED) on 4 – 9 September 2023
- FEI Endurance Pan American Championship for Seniors & Young Riders to Campinas 2021 (BRA) on 28-29 July 2021

**Jumping:**

- WBFSH FEI Jumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses 2021, 2022, 2023 to Lanaken (BEL) during the 2nd half of September 2021, 2022, 2023

**Dressage:**

- WBFSH FEI Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses 2021, 2022, 2023 to Ermelo (NED) on 1<sup>st</sup> Week-End of August 2021, 2022, 2023

**Eventing**

- WBFSH FEI Eventing World Breeding Championship for Young Horses 2021, 2022, 2023 to Lion d'Angers (FRA) on 21-24 October 2021, 20-23 October 2022, 19-22 October 2023

**Driving**

- FEI Para Driving World Championships for Singles 2020 to Schildau (GER) on 6-9 August 2020

**Multi-disciplinary:**

- FEI North American Youth Championships (**Jumping** and **Dressage**) 2021, 2022 & 2023 to Traverse City, MI (USA) on 9 August 2020, 10-15 August 2021, 9-14 August 2022
- FEI European Championship for Ponies (**Jumping**/**Dressage** /**Eventing**) 2020, 2021 and 2022 to Strzegom (POL) on 5-19 July 2020 and on dates to be confirmed in 2021 and 2022

### **33. FEI MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An overview of the further implementation of the commercial and marketing strategy was provided and some key achievements since the strategy was introduced in 2017 were highlighted, including reaching more than 200 million video views on the FEI's digital channels in 2019. **(I)**

Facebook saw a 47% increase in video views over the past year, earning the FEI the number one ranking among International Olympic Federations in terms of engagement. Instagram was one of the best performing channels, with InstaStories in particular driving strong engagement and an increase in follower numbers by 32%. **(I)**

The FEI Digital Channels won a number of industry awards over 2019, including the Best App Award for the FEI/SAP Spectator Judging App at the Digital Communication Awards. For the brand video 'What do you see', the FEI was awarded, the Golden Dolphin for Best Communication Marketing Video at the Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards. **(I)**

The FEI also acquired 3 new sponsors since the beginning of 2019: Horse Pilot (Official FEI Equestrian Apparel supplier), Cavalor (Official FEI Nutrition Partner and Sponsor of the FEI Best Groom Award) and Peden Bloodstock (Official FEI Equine Logistics Partner and sponsor of the FEI Best Athlete Award). **(I)**

In addition to being a Top Partner for the FEI and Title Partner for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Western European League, Longines had renewed its title partnership for the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Western European League - North American League and the presenting partnership for the FEI Awards Gala. **(I)**

The FEI had launched a new initiative, specifically focussing on Generation Z (youth born 1995 and later). This initiative, MyHorseWorldClub, was launched earlier in 2019 and aimed to build up a community to promote the horse and horse sport. The content featured on MyHorseWorldClub was selected and to a degree produced directly by the target audience. The channel was available on Instagram and YouTube, at a later stage a website would follow. **(I)**

### **34. COMMERCIAL ADVISORY BOARD**

In 2018 an FEI Commercial Advisory Board was established, with the mandate to provide professional expertise to the FEI on commercial matters. FEI Board Member, Mr Armagan Ozgorkey chaired the FEI Commercial Advisory Board and was accompanied by Ms Lisa Roskens, Mr Ziyad Abdulhjawad, and Mr Carles Vilarubi, all top business professionals with a passion for the equestrian sport. The Committee had been actively involved in strategic commercial questions and was providing advice on the direction to be taken. **(I)**

### **35. FEI TRIBUNAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

The FEI Tribunal Chair gave the FEI Tribunal Activity report as a PPT presentation. **(I)**

## **36. EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INTEGRITY UNIT REPORT**

As Lord Stevens had been unable to attend the General Assembly the ECIU report was done via a video presentation. **(I)**

## **37. FEI SPORTS FORUM 2020**

The Secretary General gave the dates – 6 and 7 April 2020 – and reviewed the proposed topics as follows **(I)**:

Day 1, Monday, 6 April: FEI Anti-doping Rules (human athletes; equines); multidisciplinary minimum requirements for Events and their enforcement; status of grooms.

Day 2, Tuesday, 7 April: Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games; coaching and veterinarian: on the road to Tokyo.

The programme would be developed further and the National Federations would be informed accordingly in due course. **(I)**

## **38. REGIONAL GROUPS & CONTINENTAL STRUCTURE**

No item was raised for discussion. **(I)**

## **39. ITEMS RAISED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WITHIN STATUTORY DEADLINE (NO ITEMS RAISED)**

No item was raised for discussion within the statutory deadline. **(I)**

## **40. INTERNATIONAL HORSE SPORTS CONFEDERATION (IHSC)**

The President informed the General Assembly on the background, organisation and mission of IHSC. IHSCs current agreement with the OIE ends by the end of 2019. IHSC would be renewing the agreement with OIE 5 years with a core of a project officer dedicated for the IHSC. This Public-Private Partnership had proven to be successful through the establishment of frameworks for Equine Disease Free Zones (EDFZ) and High Health High Performance Horses (HHP). With the implementation of HHP coming closer the project officer would play an important role in facilitation the processes. Within the agreement veterinary research would continue. The President further informed about the ongoing work to develop a safe, traceable vaccine for African Horse Sickness (AHS) and the necessity to build vaccine banks with the increasing risk of AHS was moving north. The work with the roadmaps produced at the IHSC-OIE Regional Workshops would continue. The FEI was taking the lead and would introduce the FEI Multipurpose Electronic System as a necessary



component of the HHP Database that was needed for the implementation of HHP. The President thanked the Veterinary Director and John McEwen for their contributions to the IHSC. **(I)**

## **41. WORLD HORSE WELFARE**

World Horse Welfare Chief Executive made his annual presentation to the General Assembly emphasising the social license to compete with horses and the importance of working closely with science to ensure that rules and standards are up to date. World Horse Welfare Chief Executive mentioned the work of Dr Rachel Murray who greatly had contributed to the understanding of the complexity of tack, oral cavity health and equestrian performance and welfare. **(I)**

## **42. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The FEI Secretary General reminded the delegates that the FEI General Assembly would be held in Johannesburg (RSA) during the week of 14 – 17 November 2020

## **43. CLOSING**

As the General Assembly came to the end, the FEI President presented HE Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa (BRN), outgoing Vice-President and Chair of Regional Group VII, with a commemorative plaque and engraved stirrup bookends as well as the FEI Honorary Vice President badge. **(I)**

Delegates also supported the appointment of Sadyr Mamytov (KGZ), outgoing Chair of FEI Regional Group III, as an FEI Honorary Board member in acknowledgement of his work for the sport and for the FEI. **(I)**

The President presented plaques to the outgoing Committee Chairs:

- Peter Whitehead (GBR), Medical Committee 2009-2019
- Henrik Arle (FIN), FEI Tribunal 2011-2019
- Betty Wates (JAM), Nominations Committee 2015-2019.

Marina Sechina (RUS), new Board member and Chair of Regional Group III, was invited to the podium to accept an FEI gold pin in acknowledgement of her new position. She was also presented with a plaque in thanks for hosting the FEI General Assembly in Moscow. **(I)**

A delegate of the Russian National Federation, was also met with a hearty round of applause as he accepted his plaque from the FEI President for his work in the organisation of the General Assembly. **(I)**

The FEI President further mentioned the newly elected Chair of Regional Group VII, who was unable to attend this year's General Assembly to receive his Board Member gold pin. **(I)**

The President congratulated Sergey Buikovich (KAZ) for fifteen participations in the FEI General Assembly and warmly supported the proposal to make him Honorary Board Member. **(I)**

Finally, Ulf Helgstrand (DEN) was presented with an FEI badge for his fifteenth participation and Ahmed Bedoui (QAT) for his sixteenth participation at an FEI General Assembly. **(I)**

Before closing the FEI General Assembly 2019, the FEI President thanked all the delegates and the Russian Federation for hosting the event, before also offering his thanks to the Board members, the FEI Secretary General and the wonderful staff as well as all the volunteers. **(I)**

Delegates were reminded of the FEI Awards Gala presented by Longines, before the President invited everyone to Lausanne next April for the FEI Forum and declared the General Assembly closed. **(I)**