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1. OPENING

See Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

2. QUORUM

The Secretary General provided an update on the number of National Federations participating at the General Assembly which increased to a total of 103, being 69 National Federations present in-person and 34 National Federations online.

3. ELECTIONS OF SCRUTINEERS

See Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Suspension

The National Federations of Algeria and Lithuania had been provisionally suspended due to non-payment of the Annual Membership Subscription Fee.

NOTE FROM HEADQUARTERS 1: *After the General Assembly the National Federations of Algeria and Lithuania paid their Annual Membership Subscription Fee and therefore their suspension was lifted.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

The General Assembly approved the minutes of the Hybrid General Assembly 2022. **(R)**

Out of 89 voting Delegates present and 82 votes validly casted there were 81 yes, 1 no and 3 abstentions. 4 votes were not received.

6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The General Assembly approved the Annual Report 2022. **(R)**

Out of 89 voting Delegates present and 81 votes validly casted there were 81 yes, 0 no and 3 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDITORS REPORT 2022

The FEI Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented the 2022 audited financial statement to the General Assembly.

Revenues in 2022 amounted to CHF 48,487,110 and expenses to CHF 50,984,538.

The CFO explained that although the year had been very good operationally, the war in Ukraine, the inflation that had followed and the rapid rise in interest rates had driven the financial markets in the red zone as of March 2022 and had had a negative effect on the FEI portfolio.

The effect of the rapid rise in interest rates by central banks across the world to fight inflation had been two-fold. On one hand, it had provoked a recession fear and a slump in the stock market as profit expectations had been lowered for companies due to more expensive borrowing conditions, which had been particularly felt in the tech sector. In addition, it had driven bond valuations down as bond values move in the opposite of interest rates.

Therefore, the valuation of the FEI Portfolio at 31 December 2022 had resulted in a loss of CHF 2'497'428 for the FEI financial year 2022.

The CFO clarified that bonds would be reimbursed at 100% of face value when they expired. Consequently, as long as the debtor was of good quality, the loss remained mainly on paper. A loss would be realised if a bond were to be sold, which was not the case.

The General Assembly approved the audited financial statement for 2022.

Out of 91 voting Delegates present and 84 votes validly casted there were 83 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

8. AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of Audit & Compliance Committee presented her report to the General Assembly. No questions were raised.

9. RELEASE OF THE BOARD & SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 2022

The General Assembly approved the release of the Board and the Secretary General for 2022. **(R)**

Out of 91 voting Delegates present and 81 votes validly casted there were 81 yes, 1 no and 3 abstentions. 8 votes were not received.

10. APPOINTMENT OF FEI AUDITORS

The General Assembly appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers, Lausanne (SUI) as the Auditors for 2024. **(R)**

Out of 91 voting Delegates present and 82 votes validly casted there were 81 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions. 9 votes were not received.

11. BUDGET 2024

The CFO presented the budget for 2024, which contained a slight deficit of –CHF 391'115.

This highlights the needed for the FEI to perform a closer analysis of its priorities, expenses and revenues and to ensure that the structure is adequate and in line with the spending capacities of the organisation. This work would be performed during the first semester of 2024 and proposals on the way forward would be made to the in-person FEI-Board meeting in June 2024.

The General Assembly approved the FEI Budget for 2024. **(R)**

Out of 93 voting Delegates present and 84 votes validly casted there were 83 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention. 8 votes were not received.

12. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL CHARGES 2024

The General Assembly approved the financial charges for the year 2024. The financial charges for 2024 remained unchanged compared to the previous year. **(R)**

Out of 93 voting Delegates present and 81 votes validly casted there were 79 yes, 2 no and 3 abstentions. 9 votes were not received.

13. APPROVAL OF FEI RULES & REGULATIONS

13.1. Internal Regulations of the FEI: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Internal Regulations of the FEI, effective as of 21 November 2023. **(R)**

Out of 93 voting Delegates present and 85 votes validly casted there were 84 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention. 7 votes were not received.

13.2. FEI General Regulations: Modifications

Further to the FEI Rules Session held on 20 November 2023, two separate votes were identified and requested, namely Appendix M "FEI Social Media Policy" and the new provisions regarding Integrity/Ethics matters (art. 156.4).

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Appendix M "FEI Social Media Policy". **(R)**

Out of 93 voting Delegates present and 83 votes validly casted there were 68 yes, 15 no and 3 abstentions. 7 votes were not received.

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the new provisions regarding Integrity/Ethics matters (art. 156.4). **(R)**

Out of 94 voting Delegates present and 84 votes validly casted there were 70 yes, 14 no and 2 abstentions. 8 votes were not received.

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the FEI General Regulations, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 94 voting Delegates present and 84 votes validly casted there were 82 yes, 2 no and 3 abstentions. 7 votes were not received.

13.3. Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 94 voting Delegates present and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

13.4. Para Equestrian Classification Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Para Equestrian Classification Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 94 voting Delegates present and 87 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

13.5. Paris 2024 Paralympic Regulations: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Regulations, effective as of 21 November 2023. **(R)**

Out of 95 voting Delegates present and 88 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

14. JUMPING

14.1. Jumping Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee provided a brief overview of the Jumping Report submitted as an Annex.

In 2023 and for the first time since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the FEI Jumping Calendar had suffered only minor disruptions.

The Chair reported on the in-person meetings and teleconferences the Committee had held in 2023; the meetings with various stakeholders; the revision of the FEI Jumping Rules; the FEI Jumping European Championships and Continental Games for Seniors, which had taken place in 2023; the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™; the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™; the Longines Ranking Working Group; the appointment and education of Jumping Officials, the membership of the FEI Jumping Committee; as well as the contributions made to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database, and FEI TackApp.

The Chair paid tribute to the late FEI Jumping Director Marco Fuste who sadly passed away at the start of year at the age of 60. He expressed his special thanks to outgoing Jumping Committee Deputy Chair Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE) and welcomed the newly appointed FEI Jumping Director Todd Hinde.

14.2. Jumping Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the FEI Jumping Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. 3 votes were not received.

15. DRESSAGE

15.1. Dressage Committee Report

The Secretary General provided a brief overview of the Dressage Technical Committee report and paid tribute to the work done by Anna Milne and Philippe Maynier in successfully managing the Dressage Department prior to welcoming the new Dressage Director, Ronan Murphy, in July 2023.

The Secretary General reported on the key activities of the Dressage Technical Committee including: the revision of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ rules 2024; the approval of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Rules 2023-2024; ongoing research on the use of the double bridle; the Rules Revision process; the appointment of key officials for the Paris Olympic Games; the introduction of a new named series of combined events in 2024 and an overview of the major Championships and Games held in 2023.

15.2. Dressage Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the FEI Dressage Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

16. PARA DRESSAGE

16.1. Para Equestrian Committee Report

The Chair of the Para Equestrian Technical Committee provided an overview of the Committee's report noting the growth and development of both Para Dressage and Para Driving, with both Athlete and registered Horse numbers significantly increased when compared with the previous year. There had also been a record number of events held during the year with 41 Para Dressage shows hosted by 22 different National Federations.

The Chair also highlighted the very successful European Championships held in Riesenbeck (GER) in September and the launch of the FEI Para Dressage World Challenge in Uruguay.

2023 had also been a very busy year for Para Classification with 177 new requests received. The Chair thanked the Classification Working Group for all their hard work while also noting that 2023 had seen the introduction of a Judges Supervisory Panel for Para Dressage.

The Chair acknowledged the significant contribution of outgoing Deputy Chair of the PETC, Michel Assouline (USA) and welcomed the newly appointed FEI Director of Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting, Ronan Murphy.

16.2. Para Dressage Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the Para Dressage Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention. 4 votes were not received.

17. EVENTING

17.1. Eventing Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee presented a comprehensive report on the Committee's activities in 2023. The Committee had met via teleconference and in-person to receive updates on preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and discuss the Eventing Risk Management Programme; proposed modifications to the FEI Eventing Rules 2024; documents supporting the Rules such as The Cross-Country Guide for Officials, Memorandum and Equipment & Tack FAQ; and education of Officials.

Since its inception in 2000, the FEI Eventing Risk Management Programme had amassed 23 years of data, showcasing a consistent improvement in data quality. The collected

information, including fence descriptions, fall reports and fence analyses from each competition had facilitated significant data mining for the Risk Management Steering Group, aiding in queries related to Athlete and Horse qualification and addressing technical issues in the discipline. Looking ahead to 2024, there were plans to transition from a manual data collection process to an online system, aiming to enhance accuracy, streamline data entry for Officials, and simplify database management for the FEI Headquarters.

The key Risk Management statistics showed positive trends in 2023, the number of competitions had increased by 7.8%, totalling 858 compared to 796 in 2022.

Horse falls showed a decreasing trend over the last decade, with a continued reduction of 70% in rotation falls. A 16% reduction in horse falls had also been registered since 2016. It was noted that 25% of falls were non-fence related which needed further study. The Chair encouraged other disciplines to make similar studies on falls to better understand their causes and help the horse industry move forward.

The Chair provided an update on the FEI Risk Management Policy and Action plan, the FEI Eventing Forum and NSO Seminar held in January 2023, which had allowed active discussions regarding the strategy for the future of the discipline.

A mention was made of the implementation of the updated Education system for Eventing created to enable the discipline to adapt positively for the future. As any change, implementation and a balanced outcome would will take time.

In addition, the Chair reported on the activities of the Eventing Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG); the Eventing series, Championships and Games; the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™; the FEI Eventing World Athletes Rankings. The Eventing Development Programme was specially mentioned with the launch of the Eventing Challenge in 2023, which was believed to be a valuable tool for the discipline's growth in the future.

17.2. Eventing Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the FEI Eventing Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 95 voting Delegates present and 87 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention. 7 votes were not received.

A separate vote on the extension of the transition period for National Officials included in Art. 513 until 31 December 2024 requested by NFs was passed, , effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 95 voting Delegates present and 85 votes validly casted there were 82 yes, 3 no and 3 abstentions. 7 votes were not received.

18. ENDURANCE

18.1. Endurance Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Endurance Committee presented a comprehensive report on the Committee's activities in 2023 which is included as an Annex.

18.2. Endurance Rules: Full Revision

The General Assembly approved the full revision of the Endurance Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 91 votes validly casted there were 90 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions. 3 votes were not received.

19. DRIVING & PARA DRIVING

19.1. Driving Committee Report

The Chair thanked the Driving Committee and the Driving Department for the continuous support. The Chair highlighted some of the major achievements of the year with emphasis to the first Hybrid Driving Forum held in April, in Kronenberg (NED).

The Rules modifications proposal introducing the Recorded Warning Card, the Additional Individual Entries for combined Championships/CAIOs of Ponies and Youth.

No questions were raised.

19.2. Driving & Para Driving Rules: Modifications

The Secretary General mentioned that as agreed during the Rules Session on 20 November 2023 there would only be one vote, including Art.927 Additional Individual Entries – Option A as specified in the Annex.

The General Assembly approved the modifications of the Driving & Para Driving Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 4 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

20. VAULTING

20.1. Vaulting Committee Report

The Chair of the Vaulting Technical Committee provided an overview of activities during the year and extended thanks to all stakeholders who contributed to the success of the 29 CVI events held in 2023, and especially the very successful combined FEI Vaulting World and European Championships held in Flyinge (SWE).

The Chair highlighted the work done preparing the Rules and Guidelines for 2024; the Online Forum held in February, with over 150 delegates from 20 Countries participating. The Chair also noted the successful annual FEI Vaulting seminar held in Austria at the beginning of November where key topics discussed included: horse score 2024 updates, FEI Veterinary Rules and processes and the format of the Horse Inspection.

The Chair thanked the members of the Vaulting Technical Committee and especially noted the significant contributions of outgoing member, Isabelle Parker (USA). The Chair also thanked Laetitia Gilliéron and Thya Moritz from the FEI Vaulting Department for all their work during the year.

20.2. Vaulting Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the modifications of the Vaulting Rules, effective as of 1 January 2024. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention. 6 votes were not received.

21. VETERINARY

21.1. Veterinary Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee reported on the activities of the Committee, which had met via teleconference and in person throughout the year. The report covered the FEI Veterinary Regulations, biosecurity; Games and Championships; Clean Sport; pony measurement; FEI Equipment Expert Group; education; the Veterinary Working Group on Endurance; research; and the International Movement of Horses.

The Chair expressed her gratitude to FEI staff members Caterina Termine for her work on the Veterinary Courses contents update and Gonçalo Paixão having follow up on reports from Veterinary Delegates.

She recognised the Technology and Sport Support Department for their continued development of the FEI HorseApp.

21.2. Veterinary Regulations: Full Revision

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the FEI Veterinary Regulations, effective as of 1 January 2024.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 86 votes validly casted there were 84 yes, 2 no and 0 abstention. 10 votes were not received.

22. MEDICAL

22.1. Medical Committee Report

The Chair of the Medical Committee presented a report on activities covering:

- Medical coverage at Events;
- National Federation Medical Advisor project;
- Personal safety equipment;
- Human anti-doping programme; and
- Medical Committee focus for 2024.

The Chair of the Medical Committee highlighted a project to establish a National Federation Medical Advisor programme, aiming to improve athlete safety and well-being. This initiative sought to create a communication channel between the National Federations and FEI, particularly benefiting smaller National Federations with limited resources. The program envisioned volunteer Medical Advisors, experienced in sports medicine, who would facilitate communication on health matters, assist in anti-doping education and compliance, and coordinate medical coverage for FEI events in their respective countries, with an educational programme slated for development in 2024.

The Chair of the Medical Committee also mentioned the importance of minimising serious injuries in horse and athlete falls and that the Medical Committee had therefore established a working group to review helmet standards. The international expert panel, comprising engineers, standards experts, medical professionals, athletes and representatives from other equestrian disciplines, concluded that additional testing measures and new energy transmission limits to the brain should be implemented in helmet standards. The findings were set to be communicated to FEI stakeholders by the end of 2023, with ongoing updates based on evolving materials and research. Additionally, the Chair of the Medical Committee highlighted that the Medical Committee was coordinating the formation of an expert task force to address safety and effectiveness in air vests.

23. ATHLETES

23.1. Athletes Committee Report

The FEI Secretary General referred to the report of the Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee, who could not attend in person.

The report provided an update on the competitions, which had taken place in 2023; social media; the comprehensive array of tools and resources created by the FEI and made available to all athletes online. These included ways of creating an interesting online FEI biography, the rules governing each discipline, clean sport initiatives, safeguarding measures, medical and safety guidelines, public profile management, and more.

The FEI Secretary General highlighted the consoling thoughts of the Chair by reading them out loud:

“Undertaking this voluntary role of the Athletes' Chair has been an entirely new experience for me, and each day has brought new insights and perspectives into the needs of competitors, trainers, horse owners, grooms and other stakeholders in this multidimensional sport.

In light of these complexities, I earnestly seek everyone's collaboration to maintain our Social License to Operate, preserve our sport's Olympic status, promote its growth, foster its development, and provide educational support to our equestrian community. Let us move forward with unified dedication and respect for our cherished sport.

In a world full of turbulence and instability, the horse gives human beings a profound sense of joy, allowing us to momentarily set aside the surrounding chaos. As we continue on this journey into the future alongside our four-legged companions, may we do so with open-hearted generosity and unwavering respect.

Equine respect should be our motto in all that we do related to equestrian sport."

24. SOLIDARITY

24.1. Solidarity Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee provided the delegates with a detailed presentation on the FEI Solidarity Committee. The full report and the presentation could be found on the FEI Website, in the General Assembly 2023 hub.

24.2. Approval of Solidarity Committee Members

The FEI President and Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee thanked the outgoing Solidarity Committee Member:

- Luis Miguel Soria Cespedes (CHI).

The FEI President reminded that Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee were appointed for a 1-year term and may serve a maximum of 4 terms and thanked the appointed FEI Solidarity Committee Members who were approved by the General Assembly for 1 year 2023-2024: **(R)**

- EEF Group Marjukka Manninend (FIN);
- Group III Sadyr Mamitov (KGZ);
- Group IV Catherine Ramsingh-Pierre (BAH);
- Group V Juan Manuel Melgar Bardales (GUA);
- Group VI Diego Iturralde Aponte (BOL);
- Group VII Badr bin Mohamed Al-Darwish (QAT);
- Group VIII Mikaela Conjuangco Jaworski (PHI);
- Group IX: Mary K. B. Binks (KEN).

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 88 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention. 7 votes were not received.

25. NOMINATIONS

25.1. Nominations Committee Report

The Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the Annex. No questions were raised.

26. ELECTIONS

The General Assembly elected the following persons:

26.1. Regional Group III Chair

Marina Sechina (RUS) was elected Regional Group III Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Marina Sechina (RUS) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 82 votes validly casted there were 66 yes, 16 no and 12 abstentions. 2 votes were not received.

26.2. Regional Group III Deputy Chair

Sergey Buikevich (KGZ) was elected Regional Group III Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Sergey Buikevich (KGZ) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 85 votes validly casted there were 82 yes, 3 no and 9 abstentions. 2 votes were not received.

26.3. Regional Group VII Chair

Sultan Al Yehyaae (UAE) was elected Regional Group VII Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Sultan Al Yehyaae (UAE) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 88 yes, 1 no and 6 abstentions. 1 vote was not received.

26.4. Regional Group VII Deputy Chair

Hussam Zummit (LBA) was elected Regional Group VII Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Hussam Zummit (LBA) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 84 votes validly casted there were 83 yes, 1 no and 8 abstentions. 4 votes were not received.

26.5. Driving Technical Committee Chair

Joaquin Medina (ESP) was elected Driving Technical Committee Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

There were 3 Candidates:

- Joaquin Medina (ESP)
- Hugh Scott-Barrett (GBR)
- Franz Schiltz (LUX)

There was no Candidate recommended by the Nominations Committee.

In the first round, out of 96 voting Delegates present and 91 votes validly casted 0 abstentions and 5 votes not received the results were:

- Joaquin Medina (ESP): 59
- Hugh Scott-Barrett (GBR): 26
- Franz Schiltz (LUX): 6

26.6. Audit & Compliance Committee Member

Vicky Glynn (NZL) was elected Audit & Compliance Committee Member for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Vicky Glynn (NZL) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention. 6 votes were not received.

26.7. Nominations Committee Members

The following candidates were elected as FEI Nominations Committee members:

- Dorottya Strobl (HUN), EEF Regional Group, term 2023-2027

Dorottya Strobl (HUN) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 4 abstentions. There were 3 votes not received.

- Andrea White (ITA), EEF Regional Group, term 2023-2026

Andrea White (ITA) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 92 votes validly casted there were 92 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. There were 2 votes not received.

- Hossein Shafiee (IRI), Regional Group III, term 2023-2027

Hossein Shafiee (IRI) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 87 votes validly casted there were 85 yes, 2 no and 4 abstentions. There were 5 votes not received.

- Jaime Masters McDowell (BER), Regional Group IV, term 2023-2026

Jaime Masters McDowell (BER) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 85 votes validly casted there were 85 yes, 0 no and 6 abstentions. There were 5 votes not received.

- Elena Couttenye (VEN), Regional Group V, term 2023-2027

Elena Couttenye (VEN) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 4 abstentions. There were 6 votes not received.

- Guillermo Valente (URU), Regional Group VI, term 2023-2027

Guillermo Valente (URU) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. There were 3 votes not received.

- Waleed Aljasem (KUW), Regional VII, term 2023-2027

Waleed Aljasem (KUW) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 89 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 2 no and 3 abstentions. There were 4 votes not received.

- Linda Chen (TPE), Regional Group VIII, term 2023-2026

Linda Chen (TPE) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 4 abstentions. There were 6 votes not received.

- John Paton (ZAM), Regional Group IX, term 2023-2026

John Paton (ZAM) was the only candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 88 votes validly casted there were 88 yes, 0 no and 6 abstentions. There were 2 votes not received.

The FEI Board took the decision to apply staggered terms at its teleconference on 31 January 2023. Subsequently, at its Teleconference on 11 October 2023, the FEI Board approved the following staggered terms: Four (4) members: 2023-2026 and Five (5) members: 2023-2027. The terms were allocated by a draw overseen by the Nominations Committee Chair during the General Assembly 2023 after the election of the members took place.

26.8. FEI Tribunal Chair

Jose Alfonso Rodriguez (MEX) was elected FEI Tribunal Chair for the four-year term 2023-2027.

Jose Alfonso Rodriguez (MEX) was the only Candidate.

Out of 96 voting Delegates present and 93 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention. There were 2 votes not received.

26.9. FEI Tribunal Members

Yuri Yagi (JPN), Harveen Thauli (CAN) and Agustin Fattal Jaef were elected FEI Tribunal Members for the four-year term 2023-2027.

There were 5 Candidates for 3 available positions:

- Yuri Yagi (JPN)
- Harveen Thauli (CAN) - Recommended by the Nominations Committee Ms
- Marjolaine Vrand (FRA) - Recommended by the Nominations Committee
- Agustin Fattal Jaef (ARG)
- Martin Gibbs (GBR) - Recommended by the Nominations Committee

In the first round Yuri Yagi (JPN) was elected as follows out of 96 voting Delegates present, 94 votes validly casted, 0 abstention and 2 votes not received:

- Yuri Yagi (JPN): 38
- Harveen Thauli (CAN): 26
- Marjolaine Vrand (FRA): 12
- Agustin Fattal Jaef (ARG): 9
- Martin Gibbs (GBR): 9

In the second round Harveen Thauli (CAN) was elected as follows out of 96 voting Delegates present, 90 votes validly casted, 0 abstention and 6 votes not received:

- Harveen Thauli (CAN): 32
- Agustin Fattal Jaef (ARG): 22
- Marjolaine Vrand (FRA): 20
- Martin Gibbs (GBR): 16

In the third round Agustin Fattal Jaef (ARG) was elected as follows out of 96 voting Delegates present, 90 votes validly casted, 0 abstention and 6 votes not received:

- Agustin Fattal Jaef (ARG): 38
- Marjolaine Vrand (FRA): 30
- Martin Gibbs (GBR): 22

27. DECISIONS BY THE BOARD & APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Secretary General informed the General Assembly about the following decisions taken by the FEI Board at its in-person meeting on 18 November 2023:

ALLOCATIONS

The Board allocated the following FEI Championships:

FEI World Championships 2026

FEI World Championships (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage, Driving, Vaulting), Aachen (GER), 10-23 August

Week 1: Dressage, Eventing, Vaulting

Week 2: Jumping, Driving, Para Dressage

FEI Endurance World Championship, Al Ula (KSA), 17 October

FEI European Championships 2025

FEI Dressage European Championship, Šamorín (SVK), 28-31 August

FEI Driving European Championship, Löhden (GER), end August – beginning September

FEI Endurance European Championship, Castiglione del Lago (ITA), 6 September

FEI Vaulting European Championship and FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors and Young Vaulters, Stadl Paura (AUT), 30 July – 3 August

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments to the FEI Technical Committees:

FEI Jumping Committee

Michel Sorg (SUI) was appointed as a member of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Henrik Ankarcona (SWE).

FEI Dressage Committee

Thomas Eyckmans (BEL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Patrik Kittel (SWE); with the abstention of the FEI President.

FEI Para Equestrian Committee

C. Mike Tomlinson (USA) was appointed as a member of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Michel Assouline (USA).

FEI Eventing Committee

Anne-Mette Binder (DEN) was appointed as a member of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Andrew Bennie (NZL).

FEI Driving Committee

Jan Devaere (BEL) was appointed as a member of the FEI Driving Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Jeroen Houterman (NED); with the abstention of the FEI President.

FEI Vaulting Committee

Alejandra María Orozco Vizcaíno (MEX) was appointed members of the FEI Vaulting Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Isabelle Parker (USA).

FEI Veterinary Committee

Dr Ali Tweissi (UAE) and Dr Richard Mitchell (USA) were appointed as members of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four-year term 2023-2027, replacing outgoing members Dr Marc Koene (GER) and Dr Sheelagh Higgerty (RSA).

FEI Medical Committee

Dr Tess Goodwin (AUS) was appointed as a member of the FEI Medical Committee for 2023-2027, replacing outgoing member Dr Anna-Louise Mackinnon (GBR).

JOINT STATEMENT FROM SOME NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AS A REACTION ON THE FEI BOARD DECISION REGARDING RUSSIA AN BELARUS

The National Federations of Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden made the following statement:

“In response to the FEI Board decision of 18 November 2023 on protective measures regarding Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials, the Nordic, Baltic and Central Europe National Federations are obliged to address the equestrian community with a following statement.

“With all due respect, we cannot support the FEI Board decision on lifting the protective measures to allow future participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials as neutrals.

“The situation with the war in Ukraine has not changed. Therefore, we stand firm in our position, not to open the participation for Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials in international sports. Now is not the right time to consider their return. The neutrality of Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials cannot be defined, checked and supervised effectively.

“Nordic, Baltic and Central Europe National Equestrian Federations take this opportunity to reaffirm our steadfast support once again with the Ukrainian people and the demand for peace.”

The FEI President took note of the NFs’ statement and referred to previous explanations provided in connection with the decision taken by the FEI Board and confirmed the statement would be reflected in the Minutes.

28. EQUINE ETHICS & WELLBEING COMMISSION

The Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission Chair addressed the General Assembly and handed over the Commission’s final report “A Good life for horses. A vision for the future involvement of horses in sport” to the FEI President.

The FEI President explained the following steps which include the FEI Board carefully studying the Final Report with the aim of presenting to the community proposals of actions to be taken by the FEI that will be discussed at the Sports Forum 2024.

The President thanked the Chair and the Commission for their work and dedication over the past 18 months and presented the Chair with a token of recognition.

29. CLEAN SPORT

29.1. Global Equine Anti-Doping Control Medication Programme (EADCMP)

The FEI Veterinary Director presented the report from the FEI Global Equine Anti-Doping Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP), which includes data on FEI Global EADCMP 2022 testing, Hypo Sensitivity and Limb Sensitivity Control (HSC) examinations, as well as information on Doping and Controlled Medication Cases.

The Veterinary Director expressed concern over the numbers of medication and doping violations in Endurance, which remain at a high level, and urged National Federations, Athletes and Grooms organisations to use the new FEI Campus course on Prohibited Substances as well as the material in the Respect Your Horse campaign.

30. INTERNATIONAL HORSE SPORTS CONFEDERATION

Dr Luis Barcos, Regional Representative for the Americas for the World Organisation of Animal Health (WOAH, previously OIE) made a presentation on the successful outcomes of the Public Private Partnership between the IHSC and WOAH.

The collaboration had resulted in tools to facilitate international movement of horses such as Equine Disease-Free Zone and updated international standards for equine diseases. Dr Barcos also reported on ongoing projects and the next steps in the field of international horse movement.

31. FEI MANAGEMENT

The Secretary General referred to the Annex provided to the General Assembly. No questions were raised.

32. FEI TRIBUNAL

The Chair of the FEI Tribunal presented the FEI Tribunal activity report, including an overview of the FEI Tribunal decisions in 2023, as well as information on the Hearings, Preliminary Decisions, Agreements, CAS Appeals and Decisions.

33. EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INTEGRITY UNIT

The Secretary General referred to the report of the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit published as an Annex.

34. WORLD HORSE WELFARE

Roly Owers, Chief Executive of the equine charity World Horse Welfare, made a presentation that is published as an Annex to the General Assembly on the FEI Website. Social License to Operate, the work of the Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission as well as the 30 proposed Recommendations were emphasised in his presentation.

35. SPORTS FORUM & GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The FEI Sports Forum 2024 would be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 29 and 30 April 2024. The sessions for the FEI Sports Forum 2024 would initially include (subject to final confirmation) discussions on Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission Action Plan, Sustainability in Equestrian Sports, Paris 2024 Progress Report, Paris 2024 Communication Campaign, Human and Equine Anti-Doping Rules, Athletes Safeguarding in Equestrian Sport, Jumping Cost of Events – Follow-up, Education Working Group Progress Report or Genders in Equestrian.

Delegates were informed that the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2024 would take place from 9-13 November in Muscat (OMA).

36. ITEMS RAISED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WITHIN STATUTORY DEADLINE (NO ITEMS RAISED)

36.1. EGY NF: Wild Cards and Olympic Qualification

The President of EGY NF presented to the General Assembly the two topics mentioned above.

Regarding the:

- Olympic Qualification System for Los Angeles 2028, the FEI President explained that the EGY NF, similar to all FEI National Federations, would have the opportunity to make their proposals to the Olympic Qualification System for Los Angeles 2028 within the standard discussions and decision-making process that the FEI applies for all Olympic Games;
- Wild Cards, the FEI Jumping Chair explained that, as it was discussed at the Regional Group VII meeting on 19 November 2023, the current system of Wild Cards defined in the Rules is strictly applied for the FEI. However, given the number of requests for the highest level of competitions that were received it was not possible to provide Wild Cards to all requestors. At the same time, very few

requests were received for 3* level. In addition to that the FEI Jumping Chair explained that whatever system is in place, it has to be done worldwide and not focus on specific regions.

The Secretary General sent an important reminder to all National Federations and emphasised that when Wild Cards are attributed it was of the utmost importance to use them.

37. RECOGNITIONS

As the General Assembly came to the end, the FEI President congratulated all elected and appointed members and presented outgoing Board Members with a commemorative plaque and Delegates warmly supported the proposal to make them FEI Honorary Board Members with FEI Honorary Board Member pin.

- Karoly Fugli (HUN) – Chair, Driving Committee 2011-2023
- Sami Alduhami (KSA) – Chair, Regional Group VII 2019-2023

Following the elections of the new FEI Board Members, the President welcomed Sultan Khalifa Al Yehyaee (UAE), Chair of Group VII as well as Joaquin Medina (ESP), Chair Driving Technical Committee term 2023 – 2027 with the FEI Board members gold pin.

In addition, the President expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Federación Ecuestre Mexicana and its President Juan Manuel Cossio and Secretary General Patricio Zambrano as well as the Secretary General of the Pan-American Equestrian Confederation Daniela Garcia Nigaglioni for hosting the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023 with commemorative plaques.

The FEI President warmly thanked Claude Praz – FEI's Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources for his commitment and contribution to the FEI and the Equestrian Community and wished him a well-deserved retirement as from 1st July 2024. He invited him on the podium to address the audience.

Before closing the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023, the FEI President thanked all the delegates, the participants in-person as well as online and the Federación Ecuestre Mexicana for hosting the event, before offering his thanks to the Board members and the FEI Secretary General. The President said that in his 30 years' FEI General Assembly attendances it had been the smoothest which hopefully was the result of the trust that our community as well as our National Federations have in the FEI's leadership.

Delegates were reminded of the FEI Awards Gala presented by Longines and declared the General Assembly closed.

38. CLOSING

See Point 37 above.