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Key:
I = Information/Discussion/Details
R = Resolution/Decision
T = Task

1. FEI RULES REVISION POLICY - GROUP I & II

The National Federations from Regional Groups I and II appreciated and thanked the proposal made by the FEI for the rules revision process because it brought clarity and clearly set an objective process. **(I)**

However, some National Federations asked for the possibility to discuss and amend rules during the General Assembly week, which was to say, after Phase IV of the Rules Revision Policy when the FEI provides the National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders with the final draft of rules changes. **(I)**

The FEI Secretary General confirmed that the FEI took on board the comments received during the discussion with the Regional Groups I and II on 18 November 2018. The Secretary General also clarified that ultimately the FEI is a facilitator and consequently the FEI was going to consider to include a new Phase in the Rules Revision Policy to accommodate the National Federations request. A new proposal regarding this potential new phase was intended to be submitted for discussion at the Sports Forum 2019. **(I, T)**

2. ROLE OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES IN THE DEVELOPMENT MODEL FOR THE REGION_- GROUP IV

The FEI Group IV via the voice of the President of the BER NF, expressed its concern that the qualification requirements for the Pan American Games will move from Small Tour up to GP level. Mainly USA and Canada have combinations at GP level. A raise of the technical level would prevent the small NFs of Group IV to qualify for the Pan Am Games. **(I)**

The FEI President responded that he was pleased that the level was raising, but the FEI would take these his concerns on board. **(I)**

The Chair of the FEI Dressage Committee clarified that the FEI was only starting to think about the level of Dressage at the Pan American Games. Indeed, today rider/horse combinations qualify on the Small Tour instead of on the Big Tour for the Pan American Games. The Chair confirmed that he asked all concerned

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Groups to think about the level and come up with proposals to present to the Dressage Committee for review. **(I)**

3. SUPPORT FOR THE FEI NF ADMINISTRATORS COURSE – GROUP IV

The Secretary General of the CAN NF wanted to bring his testimony on the excellent initiative the FEI had developed. He thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity to attend this 5-day course developed, organised and hosted by the FEI. He mentioned the very intensive sessions that the participants joined and also the great opportunity to discover that the FEI was not only a Service oriented body but was also very accessible to NFs. He learned that NFs could interface with the FEI in a much efficient way than they were currently doing. In addition to the learning, the Secretary General of the Can NF emphasised that it was an opportunity to meet with the FEI Staff, therefore new relationships, new learning and much better interface with the International Federation. It was a fantastic learning experience said the Secretary General of the CAN NF who thanked the FEI and encouraged all NFs which have not yet taken part to show their interest. He expressed his hope that this course would continue. **(I)**

The President guaranteed that this initiative would continue. He invited all NFs which have not yet attended this course to think about applying when the announcement for the 2019 course will circulate, which should be beginning of 2019. This second course which gathered 27 people from 17 NFs had already shown improvement in the communication between the NFs and the FEI Headquarters. **(I)**

4. ENDURANCE – GROUP VII

The UAE NF Secretary General took the floor and thanked the Bureau for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Endurance community, specifically from Group VII, to express concerns about the current developments in Endurance. **(I)**

His Group had some apprehensions about the recently created Endurance Temporary Committee specifically, the Temporary Committee's timeline to review the rules. Group VII felt that the existing 2018 rules should remain in place to in order to allow the Committee to properly evaluate the recommendations and studies which had been discussed at the Endurance Conference s held in Dubai. **(I)**

The President thanked the UAE Secretary General and his National Federation for the excellent Conference in Dubai; it had been very interesting with different views however no consensus had not been reached. The 2nd Vice President which

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had been added to the Temporary Committee as an Observer, commented that the Committee had only been in place for one month, but had held already one meeting. In addition, an person meeting would take place on 12 December, in order set the priorities as a Committee and also focus on the various stakeholders groups to reach out including athletes, organisers, officials, NFs and regional voices. It was important to take all of them into consideration.

The President invited the UAE SG to actively collaborate with the Temporary Committee. So far the latter, had proven to be efficient and Group VII region was represented by the most important stakeholder, with elected Endurance athlete's Representative who came from Saudi Arabia. The UAE would have the opportunity to be heard before and during the Sports Forum. **(I)**

5. SOLIDARITY – GROUP VII

The Secretary General of the Sudanese Equestrian Federation thanked the FEI Solidarity for its assistance, especially via coach education. However, its NF was still stuck in the implementation of various tools such as for example the guidance on course building in relationship with the organisation of the FEI World Jumping Challenge; the lack of jumping material, etc. **(I)**

The FEI Development Officer informed the Secretary General of the SUD NF that his request has been taken on board and would follow-up this matter. Actions could be taken shortly in the framework of the next FEI Course for Coaches due to take place in December 2018. **(I, T)**

6. THE IMPACT OF FEI VETERINARY REGULATION (ART 1008, STABLES) ON ENCLOSURES TO THE EVENTING COMMUNITY IN OCEANIA – GROUP VIII

The representatives of NZL NF and AUS NF addressed their concern that the proposed change of the Veterinary Regulations Article 1008 II. Enclosures, would have a very negative impact on events in Australia and New Zealand where this kind of stabling is relatively common. The Veterinary Chair explained the concerns of the Veterinary Committee on the current, unregulated use of such stabling especially in regards of safety for the horses. It was agreed that there was a need for cooperation to and time to find the best solutions for implementation. Following advice from the Legal Director it was agreed that a proposal should be presented at the Rule Session where the provisions of the article should only apply as "best practice" guidelines as of 1 January 2019. Compliance with the provisions would only become mandatory as of 1 January 2020. **(R)**

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7. EURO ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP 18-21 JULY 2019, MOSCOW (RUS) (JUM/DRE/ END) - FEI

The President informed the Regional Groups about the proposal for a Euro-Asia Championships (Jumping, Dressage, Endurance) to be held in Moscow from 18 – 21 July 2019. The President welcomed the proposal and stated that this was a fantastic initiative. The Regional Groups were informed that the proposal would need the approval of Regional Group III and any other Regional Group(s) impacted and would be run as a Regional Championship in accordance with the FEI Rules. **(I)**

8. MOU FEI-NRHA-AQHA - FEI

The Secretary General informed the National Federations that the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) had been breach the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the FEI, particularly: 1) competition of horses older than 7 years were not run as per the FEI Rules and Regulations; 2) they were not implementing the sanctions that the FEI was imposing on athletes, owners and support personnel with regards to FEI anti-doping and controlled medication rules, and; 3) the FEI Veterinary Regulations and Stewards Guidelines were not properly implemented in the reining competitions. **(I)**

Despite the fact of having had several meetings with these 2 associations they had not cured the MOU breaches. Consequently, the Secretary General informed the National Federations that the FEI was going to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding with NRHA and AQHA. **(I)**

The FEI was going to keep organising FEI Reining Competitions and was open to discussing with NRHA and AQHA the possibility of reaching a new agreement that guaranteed the application of the FEI Rules and Regulations and standards to the international reining competitions organised by NRHA and AQHA. **(I)**

Additionally, the FEI Secretary General invited National Federations to provide the FEI by the end of February 2019 with their input about the future of the reining disciplines in the FEI (including the possibility of organising young horses competitions (question raised by FRA NF) or including Para-Reining (question raised by RSA NF). **(I)**

NOTE from Headquarters: *the deadline was finally fixed to 22 February 2019.*

Finally, the President added that the situation of Reining was special because of the existence of 2 international governing bodies: the FEI and the NRHA/AQHA. **(I)**