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EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY - EOGA  
&  
ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY – GA  
2025**

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**Minutes of the Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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## LIST OF ATTENDANCE

1. AEF PRESIDENT - HAMAD BIN ABDULRAHMAN AL-ATTIYAH
2. KUWAIT NF PRESIDENT (HOST NF) – MASOUD JAWHAR HAYAT
3. FEI SEC. GENERAL – SABRINA TERESA IBANEZ
4. FEI SHOW JUMPING DIRECTOR – TODD HINDE

## AEF BOARD MEMBERS

|     |   |                        |
|-----|---|------------------------|
| 1.  | 1 <sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT          | SOUHAIL KHOURY         |
| 2.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT          | SHIGERU HASHIMOTO      |
| 3.  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - ABSENT | SUYUNG PARK            |
| 4.  | 4 <sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT          | BAKHROMJON GAZIEV      |
| 5.  | HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT                 | KAZUYA HIRAYAMA        |
| 6.  | CHAIR SHOW JUMPING                      | WALDO YEH              |
| 7.  | CHAIR DRESSAGE                          | SERGEY BUIKEVICH       |
| 8.  | CHAIR EVENTING                          | NARA KETUSINGHA        |
| 9.  | CHAIR ENDURANCE                         | ANAS HASSAN            |
| 10. | CHAIR TENT PEGGING                      | SULTAN M ALI           |
| 11. | CHAIR FINANCE & MARKETING               | ADINDA YUANITA         |
| 12. | CHAIR REGIONAL GROUP 1                  | MOSTAFA DEHDASHTI      |
| 13. | CHAIR REGIONAL GROUP 3                  | COLONEL JAIVEER SINGH  |
| 14. | CHAIR REGIONAL GROUP 4                  | WALEED KHALAF AL JASEM |
| 15. | CHAIR REGIONAL GROUP 5                  | DIANA AL SHAER         |

## AEF NF MEMBERS: IN PERSON – 25

|    |  |            |
|----|--|------------|
| 1  | GAMIL ALI BESHR                                  | YEMEN      |
| 2  | HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD BIN ABDULLAH ALSAUD | KSA        |
|    | AL MUHAL HIL ALANAZI                             | KSA        |
|    | SAAD NASSER AL SHELAYYEL                         | KSA        |
|    | FUAD BIN FAHAD IBRAHIM                           | KSA        |
| 3  | MAMYTOV SADYR                                    | KYRGYZSTAN |
| 4  | MOHAMMED ABU GHARBIEH                            | PALESTINE  |
|    | AYMAN AL HAJ                                     | PALESTINE  |
| 5  | MASAMI TODA                                      | HONG KONG  |
| 6  | DAVID HOU  | CHINA      |
| 7  | LEONID ZIMAREV                                   | KAZAKHSTAN |
| 8  | MUHAMMED ASAD HAYAT                              | PAKISTAN   |
|    | MIAN GHAZANFAR IQBAL                             | PAKISTAN   |
|    | SULTAN MUHAMMED BAHADAR AZIZ                     | PAKISTAN   |
| 9  | SE WOONG (RYAN), HAN                             | KOREA      |
| 10 | MOHAMMED KAZEMIAN                                | IRAN       |
| 11 | AHMAD HAMAD KHLIF                                | SYRIA      |



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| 12 | AHMED ABDULRAHMAN AMEEN A. AL SHURAFA | UAE            |
| 13 | ARYO SETIAKI                          | INDONESIA      |
|    | MUHAMMAD MAULANA                      | INDONESIA      |
|    | PRAMODA DEI SUDAEMO                   | INDONESIA      |
|    | ACHMAD ZULFIQAR                       | INDONESIA      |
| 14 | PYONE MAUNG MAUNG                     | MYANMAR        |
| 15 | GEORGES ABOUD                         | LEBANON        |
| 16 | HIROYUKI MATSUO                       | JAPAN          |
| 17 | SHEIKH AHMAD BIN NOOH AL-THANI        | QATAR          |
| 18 | LINDA CHEN                            | CHINESE TAIPEI |
| 19 | AKBARJON KURBANOV                     | UZB            |
|    | OYBEK DUSMATOV                        | UZB            |
|    | GUZAL IRMATOVA                        | UZB            |
| 20 | NAI YUE. HO                           | SINGAPORE      |
| 21 | RABI RAJKARNIKAR                      | NEPAL          |
| 22 | KOSALA WICKRAMANAYAKE                 | SRI LANKA      |
| 23 | MUNDHIR BIN SAIF BIN HAMAD AL BUSAIDI | OMAN           |
|    | HAMOUD ALI AL-NASRI                   | OMAN           |
| 24 | CHALERMCHARN YOTVIRIYAPANIT           | THAILAND       |
| 25 | GHAZI FAISAL                          | KUWAIT         |
|    | RAGHAD AL DABBOUS                     | KUWAIT         |

**SPECIAL INVITEES:**

|   |   |            |
|---|---|------------|
| 1 | H.E HUSAIN MUSALLAM                     | OCA        |
| 2 | SULTAN MOHAMMED KHALIFA HAMAD ALYAHYEAE | FEI        |
| 3 | MOHAMED ISSA HAIDER AI-FAIRUZ           | ITPF       |
| 4 | HAITHAM MOHAMED JAWAD HASSAN            | ITPF       |
| 5 | MARIO MINORU KUAMOTO                    | AGOC       |
| 6 | BERARD MAXENCE EMILE HONORE             | EQUI RIDER |
| 7 | BRIJESHWAR DAYAL MATHUR                 | BMC        |
| 8 | AHMAD AFSAR SULAIMAN                    | BMC        |
| 9 | SHARIF ZAMIR                            | BMC        |

**AEF MANAGEMENT:**

|   |                           |                                     |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | BADER MOHAMMED AI DARWISH | <b>AEF SECRETARY GENERAL</b>        |
| 2 | ABID SALIM KHAN TARIN     | <b>AEF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL</b> |
| 3 | SHOUKATH MOIDU            | <b>AEF SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR</b>  |
| 4 | NIKINA P JOSEPH           | <b>AEF SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR</b>  |

**AEF NF MEMBERS: ONLINE - 2**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| 1 | INDIA   |
| 2 | BAHRAIN |



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### **EOGA OPENING**

The AEF President **Mr. Hamad Bin AbdulRahman Al Attiyah**, officially opened the Extra Ordinary General Assembly, welcoming all the distinguished guests. He thanked everyone for attending and emphasized the importance of their participation in the meeting. The President expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work together and highlighted the significance of collaboration among all members of the AEF.

**Mr. Abid** took the stage and started moving on to the EOGA agenda points.

#### **❖ 3 FULL TERMS FOR THE AEF PRESIDENT & BOARD MEMBERS & SECRETARY GENERAL**

Mr. Abid requested the approval for the point.

Approved by 24NF's

Mr. Abid said this point is now officially approved

#### **❖ TERM OF HONORARY VP'S - 1 TERM**

Mr. Abid requested the approval for the point.

Approved by 24NF's

Mr. Abid said this point is now officially approved

#### **❖ ESTABLISHING PARA DRESSAGE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Abid moved on to the third agenda point of the EOGA. He informed the assembly that an email had been received from some National Federations (NFs) suggesting the establishment of a Para Dressage Committee as part of the disciplines within the AEF, which would include a main board member seat starting from 2026. For the time being, after the General Assembly, a temporary committee would be formed to start working on Para Dressage within the Asian Region. Mr. Abid clarified that once the committee's progress was evaluated and if satisfactory, approval would be sought again before the 2026 elections, where a Para Dressage Board Member would be elected. He then asked for the assembly's kind approval for this proposal.

Approved by 24NF's

Mr. Abid said this point is now officially approved

#### **❖ RAISE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FROM \$ 800 TO \$ 1000**

Mr. Abid moved on to the next agenda item, 3.4, which was initially recommended. However, he noted that during the Executive Board meeting held the previous day, it was decided not to increase the annual fee for AEF membership. Therefore, this point was removed.

#### **❖ FORMATION OF THE AEF SOLIDRITY COMMITTEE**

Next, they proceeded to agenda point 3.5, regarding the formation of the AEF Solidarity Committee. Mr. Abid explained that the committee would work closely with the AEF President and Secretary General. It was proposed that from each regional group suggest a name for the committee, and if the individual accepted, they would become a member. The committee's main responsibilities would include approving the budget and assisting the AEF Secretariat in securing sponsorships and funding to further promote equestrian events.

Mr. Abid then requested the assembly's approval for this proposal

Approved by 24 NF's



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He concluded that the point was officially approved.

### ❖ NATIONAL FEDERATIONS PROPOSED POINTS

Mr. Abid mentioned that no proposed points had been received from any National Federations.

### ❖ ADD CAMBODIA IN THE LIST OF NF'S & CONFIRM REGIONAL GROUP

Mr. Abid addressed the issue regarding Cambodia's membership in the AEF, stating that Cambodia has been a member of the AEF family since 2019 at the General Assembly held in Doha, Qatar. However, due to an oversight, Cambodia's name was not officially included as part of the AEF Statutes. He requested the approval of the assembly to add Cambodia as a member of Regional Group 3.

The request was approved by all National Federations.

### ❖ REMOVE AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND FROM THE LIST

Mr. Abid then addressed the matter of Australia and New Zealand's status within the AEF. He explained that since the formation of the Oceania region in the FEI, both countries are no longer part of the AEF family, although their names are still listed in the AEF statutes. He requested approval to remove the names of Australia and New Zealand from the AEF statutes.

The request was approved by all National Federations.

### ❖ ADD YEMEN IN THE LIST OF NF'S & CONFIRM REGIONAL GROUP

Mr. Abid then moved on to the addition of Yemen Federation. He stated that Yemen had been approved as a member of the AEF family during the 2024 General Assembly held in Uzbekistan. He requested the approval of the General Assembly to officially add Yemen Federation to the AEF Statutes in Regional Group 4.

The request was approved by all National Federations.

### ❖ INCLUDE AEF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE USD \$ 800

Mr. Abid then raised the issue of the AEF membership annual fee. He explained that the current statutes did not mention the exact amount for the membership fee, which could cause confusion for existing and future National Federations (NFs). He requested the approval of the General Assembly to specify the membership fee amount as \$800 to provide clarity in the AEF Statutes.

The request was approved by all National Federations.

### ❖ BRUNEI TO BE REMOVED

Mr. Abid then mentioned that, as per the decision taken by the FEI, Brunei had been removed from the FEI membership and was no longer a member. Therefore, he requested approval to exclude Brunei from the AEF family members list in the AEF statutes.

Mr. Abid clarified that the decision to exclude Brunei was in accordance with the AEF statutes, which state that any National Federation that is not a member of the FEI cannot be a member of the AEF. Since Brunei had been removed from the FEI three years ago, it was necessary to exclude them from the AEF membership list as well.



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This request was approved by 23 National Federations, with one abstention from the Indonesian NF.

**Mr. Abid** concluded the discussion by stating that all the proposed points for the EOGA had been presented and approved. These points will now be officially included in the AEF statutes with immediate effect.

**Mr. Abid** invited any National Federation (NF) representatives to raise any questions or points they would like to discuss regarding the General Assembly (GA) agenda. He specified that the discussion was open for any matters not directly related to the statutes or constitution.

No Points were raised!

**Mr. Bader** proposed adding Yemen to Regional Group 4, as it was previously agreed that Yemen would become a member of the AEF. This proposal was unanimously approved by all National Federations (NFs).

### **VIDEO PRESENTATION- CSIYB Competition held in Bangalore, India 2024**

During the General Assembly, a video presentation was shown showcasing the CSIYB competition held in India. The presentation highlighted the key moments and successes of the event, giving a visual overview of the

### **VIDEO PRESENTATION - AEF CUP CSIJ-B, Jeju Island, South Korea 2024**

It was acknowledged that a significant event had been organized by the Korean Equestrian Federation. The assembly extended their gratitude to the Korean Equestrian Federation for their excellent work in hosting the event, which saw participation from 22 National Federations (NFs) across Asia, with a total of 23 athletes. A video was played to showcase highlights from the event, giving attendees a glimpse of the competition and its success. The video presentation served as a recognition of the effort and collaboration that went into organizing the event.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Abid expressed his sincere gratitude to the Indian Federation and Korean Federation for organizing these wonderful events. He highlighted their efforts and the positive impact the events had on the equestrian community. He also mentioned that in 2025, more information would be shared as part of the General Assembly agenda points.

Mr. Abid then passed the microphone to the Secretary General of AEF to continue with the meeting proceedings.

**Mr. Bader Al Darwish** addressed the meeting, bringing up a point regarding the Bahrain Federation. He explained that Bahrain had been a member of AEF for a long time, but since 2016 had not paid the Annual fees. However, they recently reached out via email, expressing their desire to rejoin the AEF and their willingness to settle all outstanding fees, which amount to approximately \$8,000. Mr. Bader informed the assembly that the payment has already been transferred to the AEF account. He requested the approval of all national federations to officially reinstate Bahrain as a member of the AEF.

The request was approved by all National Federations.



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**Mr. Bader Al Darwish** asked if there were any additional points to be discussed before closing the EOGA (Extraordinary General Assembly) session. After confirming there were no further points, he announced the closing of the session of the EOGA.

Closing of EOGA Session and Coffee Break

### **COFFEE BREAK**



## THE FIRST SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### OPENING

#### **MR. HAMAD BIN ABDULRAHMAN AL ATTIYAH – AEF PRESIDENT**

The meeting began with a welcome speech on behalf of the AEF President, officially opened the General Assembly. The President thanked all attendees, including delegates from National Federations, the Olympic Council of Asia, and FEI representatives. The speech emphasized the importance of the assembly and thanked the hosts in Kuwait for their hospitality.

#### **MR. BADER MOHAMMED AI DARWISH – AEF SECRETARY GENERAL**

Mr. Bader Al Darwish thanked the President for the warm welcome and graciously handed over the floor to the Host NF Vice President of Kuwait.

#### **SHK. YOUSEF MISHAAL AL SABAHI – VICE PRESIDENT OF KUWAIT NF**

The Host NF Vice president greeted and welcomed everyone to the hospitable land of Kuwait, expressing great pleasure and gratitude for the opportunity to host the AEF Annual General Assembly on behalf of the Kuwait Federation.

**Mr. Bader Al Darwish** expressed his gratitude to the Vice President of Kuwait and handed over the speech to H.E Husain Musallam from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

#### **H.E HUSAIN MUSALLAM**

H.E Husain Musallam DC of Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) welcomed all delegates to Kuwait. He congratulated the Asian Equestrian Federation and its leadership for the success of equestrian sports in Asia. H.E Husain Musallam expressed his happiness at seeing all member federations present, united as one team for the betterment of the sport.

H.E Husain Musallam requested permission to show a brief 3-minute video about the history of the Asian Games, covering key moments from its inception in 1913 to the most recent Asian Games held in China.

#### **Video Presentation on the History of the Asian Games**

After the video presentation, **H.E Husain Musallam** shared exciting news about the upcoming Asian Youth Games to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He expressed his happiness in announcing that equestrian sports will be included in the program. He emphasized the importance of support from all attendees to ensure the success of the games, scheduled for next October 2025.

He also mentioned that Bahrain has requested endurance to be one of the competitive disciplines, and, in cooperation with the AEF President, it was officially confirmed that endurance will be included in the program.

In conclusion, H.E Husain Musallam expressed his hope that the General Assembly would be a success, and he thanked everyone for their continued support.

**Mr. Bader Mohammed Al Darwish** thanked H.E Husain Musallam for his remarks. He then announced that the meeting would now proceed with the agenda, starting with Point Number 3 and continued to announce the attendance and quorum of the Annual General Assembly as follows.



## AEF MEMBERS SUMMARY

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Total Member NFs         | <b>33</b> |
| Total Active Members:    | <b>28</b> |
| Total Associate members: | <b>2</b>  |
| Total Suspended Members  | <b>3</b>  |
| NFs – Voting Rights      | <b>28</b> |
| NFs Present – In Person  | <b>24</b> |
| NFs Present – Online     | <b>2</b>  |
| NFs Proxy                | <b>4</b>  |

### NF Proxy

- CAMBODIA - THAILAND
- TURKMENISTAN - PAKISTAN
- PHILIPPINES - S. KOREA
- MALAYSIA - INDONESIA

**Mr. Bader Al Darwish** inquired if there were any questions regarding the proxy before moving on with the agenda. As there were no responses, he thanked everyone and proceeded.

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** then took the floor, expressing gratitude to the delegates, he proceeded to announce that Chinese Taipei has been confirmed as the host country for the AEF General Assembly 2026. He clarified that this decision had already been approved, and this announcement was simply for confirmation.

The assembly discussed the topic of new memberships. It was noted that there were no formal requests for new membership; however, the Asian Equestrian Federation did receive an email from Macao expressing interest in joining.

Upon review, it was clarified that Macao cannot be granted membership as it is not an FEI member and is a Special Administrative Region of China. As such, Macao cannot have an independent equestrian body. The request from Macao was therefore declined.

Regarding Bahrain, with the assistance of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), Bahrain's membership has been reinstated, as was previously approved in earlier sessions.

### **Suspended National Federations (NFs)**

The assembly reviewed the status of suspended National Federations Due to Nonpayment of Annual Fee for Multiple Years.

The following countries remain suspended from the Asian Equestrian Federation

### **SUSPENDED NFS:**

Iraq

Mongolia

Syria



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### REPORTS FROM JANUARY 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** introduced Point Number 5 of the agenda, which covered the reports for the period of January 2024 to December 2024. He mentioned that all relevant reports had been sent to the National Federations (NFs) for review. However, it was noted that no inquiries or responses had been received regarding these reports.

### APPROVALS

Mr. Abid then said he would seek approval for each report individually.

- Minutes of the Meeting 2024

Approved by 26 NF's

Minutes of the meeting was approved.

- Secretary General's Report 2024

Approved by 23 NF's

Secretary General's Report was approved.

### DESCIPLINE CHAIR REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2024

- Show Jumping Chair Report
- Dressage Chair Report
- Eventing Chair report
- Endurance Chair Report – No Activity
- Tent Pegging Chair Report – No Activity

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** mentioned that there were no activities for Endurance and Tent Pegging in 2024. However, there are plans for both Disciplines in 2025.

#### ❖ Show Jumping Committee Report 2024

Prepared by the Chair of the Show Jumping Committee:

**Yeh, Yi-Cheng (Waldo)**

Mr. Abid requested everyone's approval.

Approved by 24 NF's

The Show Jumping Committee Chair's Report 2024 was approved.

#### ❖ Dressage Committee Report 2024

Prepared by the Chair of the Dressage Committee:

**Sergey Buikevich**



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Mr. Abid requested everyone's approval.

Approved by 25 NF's

The Dressage Committee Chair's Report 2024 was approved

### ❖ Eventing Committee Report 2024

Prepared by the Chair of the Eventing Committee:

**Nara Ketusingha**

Mr. Abid requested everyone's approval.

Approved by 26 NF's

The Eventing Committee Chair's Report 2024 was approved

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Adinda Yuanitak**

**Mrs. Adinda** mentioned that the General Assembly General Assembly is typically scheduled for March each year, providing adequate time to analyze the auditing and financial reports. However, due to the earlier timing of this year's General Assembly, adjustments were necessary in the timeline. As a result, the audit and financial reports were expected to be completed and distributed to each National Federation (NF) as soon as possible.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AUDITORS**

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** moved on to the approval of the auditors for the year 2024. He mentioned that BMC Advisors from New Delhi, India have served as the external auditors for the past few years, and it is proposed to retain their services for the upcoming year.

**Mr. Abid** requested the approval of the assembly to hire BMC Advisors as the auditors for the year 2025.

Approved by 25 NF's

To hire BMC Advisors for the year 2025 was approved.

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** confirmed that all the reports had been duly approved. However, the financial report, as confirmed by the Chair of the Finance and Marketing Committee, would be shared with all National Federations (NFs) as soon as possible, once the external audit is complete.



## PRESENTATIONS

Moving on to the next point of the agenda. Mr. Abid introduced the first presentation, which was about the 20th Asian Games in Aichi Nagoya. The Organizing Committee was invited to give their presentation.

### ➤ 20TH ASIAN GAMES AICHI-NAGOYA, JAPAN - Presentation By OC

#### **Mr. Mario Minoru Kuamoto**

Elaborated on the following points in the presentation.

- Competition Venue
- Transportation
- Dates
- Competition Schedule
- Information About Technical Official Appointment

For any further information, delegates were advised to contact the Organizing Committee at [ainagoc-kyougi@aichi-nagoya2026.org](mailto:ainagoc-kyougi@aichi-nagoya2026.org)

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** raised a question to Mr. Minoru for clarification. He asked whether there is a gap of 4-5 days between the Disciplines.

**Mr. Mario Minoru** responded, stating that the Organizing Committee is working to reduce the gap between the events as much as possible in order to avoid any extra costs for the participating teams. He mentioned that a clearer idea will be available soon. As this is a very important aspect, the Organizing Committee is collaborating with Peden to finalize the decision.

**Mr. Kazuya Hirayama** asked Minoru if he could provide more information regarding the quarantine procedures.

**Mr. Mario Minoru** replied that the Organizing Committee (OC) has asked him to explain that the OC members are working with Peden to finalize the quarantine protocols. He mentioned that the best way to receive official information regarding transportation and protocols would be to send an email to the previously mentioned contact email, where they would receive the official details from both the OC and Peden.

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** mentioned that they had received an email from Peden confirming that they are already in contact with the Ministry in Japan. Although they do not have a firm report at the moment, Peden assured that they will soon be sending an email to all Asian NFs with detailed protocols and information regarding horse movements.

**H.E HUSAIN MUSALLAM** stated that, as mentioned in his earlier speech, one of the key priorities for the Asian Games is to ensure the development and continuation of equestrian sports. He explained that discussions are ongoing with the AEF and FEI to explore ways to maximize the number of participating countries and athletes in Nagoya. Once proposals are developed, they will be sent to the Organizing Committee (OC), and from there, the proposals will be distributed to all National Federations (NFs) and National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

**Mr. Abid** thanked H.E Husain Musallam for his comments and then asked if there were any other



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points or questions regarding the 20th Asian Games in Aichi Nagoya.

Kuwait Secretary General, **Mr. Ghazi Faisal**, expressed confidence that Japan would be a great place to host the Asian Games. He raised a concern about the number of athletes and the competition level, especially following discussions at the previous General Assembly in Uzbekistan. He noted the raise in competition levels and said that raising the bar should be a last resort. He emphasized that the focus should be on horse development in the continent, and warned that increasing the level could prevent many countries from participating, particularly with the MER (Minimum Eligibility Requirements). He urged everyone to reconsider and ensure maximum participation in Japan.

**Mr. Abid SK Tarin** responded, explaining that at the March 2024 AEF General Assembly in Uzbekistan, the level had been approved unanimously by all National Federations (NFs). He clarified that MER is a requirement set by the FEI, not the OCA or AEF, and is crucial for horse welfare and maintaining the sport's integrity and image. Mr. Abid emphasized that MER is mandatory to avoid damaging the sport's reputation, especially at an event with high media attention like the Asian Games. He also mentioned that the level had already been confirmed in both the General Assembly and Executive Board meeting and doesn't need further discussion. FEI would provide feedback on the MER if needed.

**Mr. Abid** then asked Mrs. Sabrina Ibanez if there were any other points to be added.

**Mrs. Sabrina** highlighted two key points, first, the importance of flag representation and sustainability of equestrian sports in the Asian Games, and second, the need for National Federations (NFs) to participate in the Olympic Games. She also pointed out that increasing the obstacle height could affect participation. She asked H.E. Musallam if he was in discussions with the AEF to create a new proposal, which may differ from what was previously presented.

**H.E. Musallam** replied that they are not looking to change or amend the decision made by the General Assembly, but they will provide assistance to ensure that the maximum number of NFs and athletes can participate in the Asian Games. He emphasized the need for growth in equestrian sports in preparation for future events, like Doha 2030 and Riyadh 2034, but assured that no changes to the decision would be made.

**Mrs. Sabrina** thanked him for the clarification and confirmed that if the decision remains to keep the obstacle height as approved by the General Assembly, then the MER (Minimum Eligibility Requirements) set by the FEI must still be followed. These are necessary to ensure that the competing riders meet the required level, and to maintain the sport's reputation and image.

**The Kuwait Equestrian Federation** expressed their concern regarding the decision made in the previous General Assembly to raise the obstacle height by 10 cm for the 2026 Asian Games. They stated that while the image of Asian sports and horse welfare are important, increasing the height by 10 cm within a 2-year span seems extreme and could have significant consequences. Since they were unable to present this concern in the previous meeting, they requested the option to re-discuss the matter and re-vote, given that all members are present today.

President of AEF, **Mr. Hamad Bin Abdulrahman Al Attiyah**, responded by stating that the decision regarding the raising of the obstacles was discussed several years ago and was finalized during the 2024 General Assembly. He mentioned that, from the AEF's side, the voting on this issue will not be reopened. However, he assured that, in collaboration with the OCA, a solution will be found. He



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thanked the Kuwait Equestrian Federation for their concern.

**Mr. Abid** thanked the President and asked if there were any other questions.

**Mr. Rabi Rajkarnikar** from Nepal Equestrian Federation responded by thanking everyone and then inquired if it would be possible to create two categories for the Asian Games one for higher-level athletes and another for lower-level athletes. This would help accommodate all athletes for the Asian Games.

**Mr. Abid** responded, as explained by H.E Husain Musallam and the President of AEF, that the AEF and OCA are working on a solution. They will come up with a formula and update everyone accordingly. And also assured that efforts are being made to find a solution that will help all National Federations (NFs) to participate.

### ➤ 20th ASIAN GAMES HORSE MOVEMENT AND VETERINARY PROTOCOLS

**Mr. Abid** then moved on to the next point, 7.2, which focused on the 20th Asian Games, horse movement, and veterinary protocols. As mentioned earlier, Pedan is still in communication with the Organising Committee in Japan. Once they have the necessary information, they will send the reports to all National Federations (NFs)

### ➤ FEI ASIAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP PATTAYA, 2025

**Mr. Abid** invited the Thailand Equestrian Federation to provide a presentation on the event. The Federation will now provide further details regarding the event's organization and its preparation for the championship.

### **MR. CHALERMCHARN YOTVIRIYAPANIT- Deputy Secretary General, Thailand NF**

The presentation focused on the upcoming Asian Championship, highlighting key details regarding the event logistics and competition schedules. The main topics discussed were as follows:

- Venue
- Event period
- Competition date
- Jumping schedule
- Dressage schedule
- Para dressage schedule
- Endurance schedule
- Eventing schedule
- Level of competition
- Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) for Para-dressage, Eventing, Endurance
- Entries
- Cost of transportation of horse

**Mr. Chalermcharn** highlighted that the Asian Championship is one of the key development competitions and emphasized the importance of participation from all National Federations (NFs)

within the Asian region. He encouraged full engagement from all NFs to support the growth and development of equestrian sports across the continent. Following the presentation, he invited questions from the assembly, offering to provide further clarification on any points raised.



**Mr. Abid** expressed his gratitude to the Thai Federation for their presentation and raised a question regarding the transportation arrangements. He inquired for clarification on the two chartered flights mentioned, asking if both were from Liege to Thailand or is there any other option

**Mr. Chalermcharn** confirmed that its only Liege.

**Mr. Ramin**, speaking on behalf of the Qatar Equestrian Federation, raised a point of clarification regarding the decision-making process behind the height of competition jumps for the upcoming Asian Game. He questioned whether the height adjustments were based on a review of past competitions, particularly the previous Asian Games and the Asian Championship. Mr. Ramin explained that, as the technical delegate for the last Asian Games, he supported the height increase, citing that all jumps were set to full height during team competitions, with over four teams completing clear rounds.

He emphasized that, when setting competition heights, it is crucial to assess the abilities of both the riders and the horses, as well as the technical aspects of the courses. He noted that, while the Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) is vital for ensuring the safety and competency of riders jumping at higher levels (e.g., 155 cm), this should not be removed from the higher-class competitions. Regarding the height of the jumps in the Asian Games, Mr. Ramin pointed out that the proposed increase of 10 cm (from 140 cm to 150 cm) was in line with earlier discussions, although it would still remain lower than the individual competition height.

Mr. Ramin suggested reviewing the results of previous Asian Games to ensure that future competitions are aligned with realistic goals and expectations for the region. He expressed concern about the disparity between the heights of jumps at different competitions, especially with the Asian Games approaching shortly after the Asian Championship.

In response, **Mr. Bader** thanked Ramin for his input and confirmed that the height decision had already been made, with no further changes expected.

**Mr. Abid** then inquired if there were any additional questions regarding the FEI Continental Championship Pattaya 2025.

No further comments were made.

Closing of GA Session 1 and Lunch Break

**LUNCH BREAK – 1 Hour**



## THE SECOND SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### ➤ TENT PEGGING WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS 2025 / WORLD CUP 2026

#### **HAITHAM MOHAMED JAWAD HASSAN- ITPF SECRETARY GENERAL**

Mr. Haitham Mohamed, spoke on behalf of the International Tent-Pegging Federation (ITPF), addressed the General Assembly of the Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF). He began by extending warm greetings to the President of AEF, Mr. Hamad Bin Abdulrahman Al Attiyah, and all distinguished guests. Mr. Haitham proudly highlighted the ITPF's significant growth over the past decade, with 46 members worldwide, including 27 from Asia, 20 of whom were active.

He shared the federation's goal of welcoming new members and reactivating inactive ones, with the aim of showcasing the unique heritage of tent-pegging. Mr. Haitham also announced the ITPF's formal request to the Qatar Olympic Committee and the 2030 Asian Games Organizing Committee to include tent-pegging as a main sport in the event. Drawing from past successes in the 1982 Asian Games and the 2010 Asian Beach Games, Mr. Haitham emphasized the potential of tent-pegging to bring new medal opportunities and promote greater participation in the Asian Games.

Looking ahead, Mr. Haitham presented the exciting news of the 5th ITPF World Cup scheduled for 2026, with the qualification process beginning in 2025. He concluded by urging the support of all members, particularly the Qatar Equestrian Federation, to help bring this vision to life. Mr. Haitham reaffirmed the ITPF's commitment to the global growth of tent-pegging and expressed gratitude for the continued support and collaboration of AEF members.

Moving on to point number 9, a few announcements were made regarding competition applications. The AEF has received applications from eight countries interested in hosting various competitions, including CSICH-B, CSIJ-B, and CSIY-B. The AEF Jumping Committee will review these applications. Additionally, the Chair of the Dressage Committee has sent Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to different NFs for organizing Dressage competitions.

### ➤ CEO of Equirider - Mr. BERARD MAXENCE EMILE HONORE

Mr. Abid stated that the AEF had recently been approached by and had been in touch with the organization Equirider. The CEO of Equirider **Mr. BERARD MAXENCE EMILE HONORE** was present to give a brief presentation to all members, outlining their offerings and the way forward for AEF member NFs. The AEF had also signed an MOU with Equirider to provide those facilities for Asian countries. The floor was then handed over to Mr. Berard for the presentation.

The CEO of EquiRider introduced himself as a French equestrian club manager and rider. In 2020, he created EquiRider, a company that enables remote competition between equestrian clubs globally. Before presenting the project, he showed a video presentation of the tournament.

## **PRESENTATION ON AEF CUP by MR. BERARD MAXENCE - EQUIRIDER CEO**

- The CEO of Equirider presented the concept of the AEF Cup, a remote competition for equestrian clubs in AEF countries, featuring jumping and dressage events.
- The competition will take place over four stages and allows clubs to set up their own courses, submit results, and validate them through video submissions.
- It is designed to cater to beginner and amateur riders, offering an international competition platform without the need for travel.



- The tournament focuses on cost-effectiveness, education, and fostering a sense of community. It also provides environmental benefits by reducing travel-related carbon emissions.
- A custom platform for the AEF will be available to clubs to manage profiles, entries, results, and rankings.

**Mrs. Sabrina** raised several questions regarding the AEF Cup, specifically focusing on ensuring a level playing field in remote competitions. She asked about the process for horse inspections, appointment of officials, and anti-doping testing. She inquired whether FEI or national officials would be involved. She also questioned the involvement of national federations in selecting riders and the broader international scope of the competition, as it would involve multiple countries. Sabina highlighted the complexities of treating it as an international competition and requested clarification on these points.

**Mr. Berard** responded to Mrs. Sabrina's questions, explaining that the competition format is more of an inclusive "challenge" or "e-challenge" rather than a formal competition. He clarified that many equestrian clubs already organize private, in-house competitions without federation authorization, and this concept aims to provide similar opportunities to clubs in regions with limited access to competitions. He acknowledged that adding official procedures like anti-doping testing would make it difficult to manage on a large scale, especially given budget and logistics constraints. The goal is to offer an accessible and affordable way for riders, particularly those in remote areas, to participate in equestrian activities. The speaker also emphasized that this project is still a draft and flexible, with the possibility to adjust specifications if needed.

**Mr. Waldo Yeh** - AEF Jumping Chair, acknowledged the potential of the innovative technology presented but emphasized that the proposed remote competition should be viewed more as an educational or training event rather than a formal competition. As a judge, the speaker raised concerns about the limitations of filming from a single angle, which might miss important aspects of

The performance, such as the horse's tongue or other details. The speaker also noted that conditions like footing could differ significantly. The speaker suggested that the event should not be called the "AEF Cup" as it could cause confusion, and recommended rebranding the initiative, possibly calling it an "E-Challenge," to avoid mixing it with formal competitions.



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**PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS**

- Mr. Abid requested the AEF President to kindly present a shield to the President of the host country, Kuwait, in recognition of their hospitality and support.



- Mr. Abid requested to the FEI Secretary General, Sabrina, to come forward and accept the shield from the AEF President.





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- Mr. Abid requested to the OCA Director General, H E Husain Musallam, to come forward and accept the shield from the AEF President.



- ❖ **BAKHROMJON GAZIEV FROM UZBEKISTAN FEDERATION PRESENTED GIFT TO HOST NF PRESIDENT**





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- ❖ SHIGERU HASHIMOTO FROM JAPANESE FEDERATION PRESENTED GIFT TO THE AEF PRESIDENT AND KUWAIT NF PRESIDENT



- ❖ COLONEL JAIVEER SINGH FROM EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA PRESENTED GIFT TO THE KUWAIT NF PRESIDENT



## **CLOSING**

The AEF President officially closed the General Assembly by once again thanking the host NF and all the delegates present for the AEF Annual General Assembly 2025 Kuwait. The meeting was officially closed at 2:30 pm Kuwait Time.



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