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Doha (Qatar)



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LIST OF ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Hamad Bin Abdul Rahman Al Attiyah

Mr. Kazuya Hirayama

Mr. Guwei Zhong

Mr. Sadyr Mamyтов

Mr. Wijaya Mithuna Noeradi

Maj. Yap Mou Soon

Mr. Yi-Cheng Yeh

Mr. Fuangvich Aniruth Deva

Mr. Mohammed Essa Al Adhab

Mr. Salim Al Malki

Mr. Anuar Malik

Ms. Angela Kong

Mr. Waleed Khallaf Al Jasem

Mr. Sudhir Singh Alhawat

Mr. Atef Al Zaibak

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Gen. Suhail Khoury

AEF MANAGEMENT

Mr. Bader Mohammed Al Darwish

Mr. Abid Salim Khan Tarin

Ms. Tasmeishree Dash

Mr. Shoukath Ali

Special Invitees

FEI

Ms. Catrin Norinder

Dr. Goran Akerstrom

Mr. Tim Headaway

Ms. Aine Power

OCA

Mr. Haider Farman

HAGOC



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NATIONAL FEDERATIONS PRESENT

Afghanistan
Cambodia
China
Chinese Taipei
Hong Kong China
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Japan
Kazakhstan
Korea
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Malaysia
Oman
Pakistan
Philippines
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Thailand
Uzbekistan
Nepal
Sri Lanka

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS ABSENT

Lebanon
Syria



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OPENING OF GA BY THE PRESIDENT

The AEF Vice President extended his warm greeting to all attendees of the AEF GA 2022. He then said that, the original idea was to hold the GA in Oman, however owing to the COVID situation; we were forced to hold it as a webinar once again. He expressed his gratitude to all of the NFs, stakeholders, ladies and gentlemen for attending today's meeting.

He stated that, as said by AEF DSG Mr Abid SK Tarin, the most important item at this time is the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, and that everyone is encouraged to ask any and all related questions. He then expressed his gratitude to everyone for their vital contributions. He then announced the AEF GA to be open.

ATTENDANCE / QUORUM

Total POA Received & Checked: 27

Total NFs Present: 25

Total NFs Absent: 2

AEF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Total Member NFs: 35

Total Active Members: 26

Total Provisional Member: 1 (Afghanistan)

Total Suspended Members: 8

SUSPENDED NFS:

Due to Non Payment of Multiple Years

Bahrain

Brunei

Jordan

Mongolia

Myanmar

Due to Non Payment of AEF Membership Annual Fee for 2022

Palestine

Sri Lanka

Turkmenistan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 (BOARD & ORDINARY), DOHA, QATAR

The minutes of the meeting were approved by all the NFs.

Everyone approved the report by show of hands.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL / SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT 2021

Due to Covid, not many physical activities could be held, hence the Secretary General's report was brief.

- Asian Games 2022, China
 - ITOs proposed by the AEF, reviewed & approved by the FEI & appointed by HAGOC.
- Eurasia Championships Moscow, Russia, were held in 2021.
- In 2021 AEF continued to support Member NF'S under the AEF Solidarity for Sustainability Program.



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- AEF Secretariat Management official visits. (Russia, India).

The Secretary General's Report was approved by all the NFs.

Everyone approved the report by show of hands.

FINANCIAL REPORT, APPROVAL OF 2021 - ACCOUNTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Financial Report was represented by the F&M Chair Mr. Wijaya Mithuna Noiradi:
Highlights:

The audited reports for the Financial year 2021 was shared by AEF based on Article 020.3 the President has provided funds more than the amount mentioned in our Statutes.

AEF Solidarity program has been organized with the permission of the Executive Board for countries like Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, India, Iraq, Indonesia, and Lebanon, all of which are affected by the pandemic.

The Annual Audited Report 2021

The USD Bank Statement Account Jan – Dec 2021 was shared on screen.

The approval was taken on Audited Report 2021

Everyone approved the report by show of hands.

The approval was taken on the appointment of Official Audit Firm BMC Advisors New Delhi India

Everyone approved the report by show of hands.

DISCIPLINE CHAIRS REPORTS:

The AEF DSG Mr. Abid SK Tarin said that, as there was not much physical activity as far as competitions are concerned because of COVID, so most of the Discipline Chairs and the Regional Group Chairs have given recommendations and are developing recommendations for the year 2022 and onwards.

It was declared by the DSG that after the GA, all the reports submitted by the Discipline Committee Chairs of Show Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Endurance, and Tent Pegging along with the regional group chairs' reports will be share with all NFs and BMs.

REGIONAL GROUP CHAIR'S REPORTS:

The AEF DSG Mr Abid SK Tarin said that, In terms of the Asian Region's official development program, we would like to ask all of our Regional Group chairs to consult with all of their member NFs and provide us with three high priority courses that you would want to offer in your group. So, give us priority 1, priority 2, and priority 3, and we'll revert and discuss it with our discipline chairs, then go back to the FEI to see what help we can get, and we'll try to establish courses within all of our regional gropus that will be financially sponsored by the AEF.

It was declared by the DSG that AEF Secretariat will share the Regional Group Chair's Reports with all the NFs & BMs via Email.



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AGENDA POINTS:

The AEF DSG greeted everyone and expressed gratitude to the specially invited visitors who attended the meeting. Mr. Haidar Farman, the Director of the Asian Games for the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), then the FEI Management, PEDEN from HAGOC, and the selected foreign veterinary delegate, Dr. Kristen, have all joined us to discuss and clarify the most significant topics of the year 2022, which is the approaching 19th Asian Games.

Then he handed over the floor to the FEI Official Ms. Catrin Norinder.

Catrin Norinder said that, there have been many changes to the technical handbook and it's mostly relating to the clarifications of the technical aspects included in the first edition. FEI is still going through ongoing discussions with the organizing committee regarding entries and deadlines, which is quite complicated, especially about substitutions.

She then showed a PowerPoint Presentation that covered a variety of topics related to the upcoming Asian Games.

She gave a schedule overview that a couple of things have changed. Because the FEI World Championships for Eventing and Dressage are taking place at the same time, FEI have adjusted the order of the Eventing and Dressage competitions from the original technical manual to allow some trainers and others to attend both events.

Important Points Described by Ms. Catrin Norinder:

There will be a 1 day break before Dressage and a 1 day break before Show Jumping. The rest days are populated with horse inspections and familiarization with the arenas.

So, that gives an update that is a little bit different from the initial timetable.

The competition format for Eventing will be of a CCI2* long format with the B test of the 2* and the distance and the jumping obstacles for the cross-country are in line with the FEI regulations.

Regarding participation, each NOC will have the possibility to have 1 team of 4 athletes and horse combinations or 1 or 2 individuals. No reserved horses are allowed to travel.

In addition, we also agree with the AEF that there will be no restriction. This is to ensure that we get enough competitors.

To participate in the Asian Games Eventing competitions, all combinations must have achieved a minimum eligibility requirement between the 1st of Jan 2021 and the date of the nominated entries (to be confirmed later).

So regarding the restriction of horses and an overall comment, I understand that there has been a survey from the Federations or the NOCs for your entries and I think that we probably will eventually get to the numbers we had for Jakarta at the last Asian Games. So, this is how we are more or less planning the competitions.

Competition formats for Show Jumping and Dressage were described on the PPT.

One reserve horse per team will be allowed to travel and to be on sight at the cost of the NOC or the NF.

Entries – to be confirmed by HAGOC

So now we get to the discussion that we are still having with the organizing committee and the AEF, which is the deadlines.

So, the organizing committee has said that for all sports, the 10th of May is the deadline for pre-registration, which was confirmed last night. It is open to an unlimited number of athletes per nation, which means that your



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NOC can enter as many athletes as you would have, and you would potentially be able to participate in the Asian Games.

I suppose, I don't have the confirmation that this deadline is also the pre-registration for your delegation, but this is information that is not shared with us, so that would probably be shared by your NOC.

Then, the 31st of May is the final entry according to the HAGOC policy which will request that all NOCs and all NFs will only enter the maximum amount of athlete and horse combinations that will be allowed to participate in the Asian Games.

Now, this is our discussion with HAGOC at this stage because we do realize that there must be a substitution procedure to be able to change or at least replace any of the athletes as the Asian Games are only taking place in September.

So this is the current discussion and I think we are making a little bit of progress that they are setting the date for substitutions up to the 15th of August and after that date, there will be no change accepted.

We are also in discussion to try to push the MERs for Eventing to the 1st of August (and I would like to have your opinion on that when we come to the questions).

You would then have substitutions between the 31st of May or the 10th of May and the 15th of August. This is according to the OCA and HAGOC policy and the procedure has not been confirmed yet but as I understand, it is according to medical certification and case to case basis, reviewed by the OCA. So, this is what we are trying to clarify and get more information on.

So, I know that this is a lot of information, and I would suggest, if possible, AEF, we can share this presentation with the participants because then you would have at least some information until we publish, hopefully soon, the final technical handbook.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Question: Gerald Kuh (HK NF)- I am glad to hear that now we have the possibility of substituting till 15th of August but as soon as there is a confirmation, I would like to be notified, and, I would like to ask, you were mentioning that teams of 4 riders and horses or individuals of 1 or 2 and I suppose teams of 3 are also possible, is that correct?

Answer: Catrin Norinder- Of course, yes.

Question: Gerald Kuh (HK NF)- Maybe I should ask one question about the cross-country track, do we know any information about the technical aspects; it would be very helpful if we could know the terrain so that we can select the most suitable horses for the games. Is it going to be on grass or sand?

Answer: Catrin Norinder- Our assistant course designer is there, and he was just cut out of quarantine 1 week ago, so this is all new; he has not been on the site and nobody has seen the site from the FEI officials yet. So, now, it's all in the making, it's landscaping. Eventually, we have to probably review what kind of ground it will be on but the plan was grass sand more or less, and also it is in a closed area and there are not going to be many different terrains, up and down and heights that will be included.

Question: Gerald Kuh- So mostly it's going to be flat right?

Answer: Catrin Norinder- Yes.

Question: Gerald Kuh- One of my questions is that; Nepal is sort of trying to participate for the first time in the Asian Games, we were wondering if it is possible to participate with leased horses. We are trying to send our athletes to the Aquarius Training Center in Beijing, China, in cooperation with Michelle. So we just wanted to know if that's a possibility.

Answer: Catrin Norinder- Leased horses is possible for all FEI events in general. There are no nationality requirements for the Asian Games between the horse and the rider. As far as I am concerned there should not be any problem, but I am not aware if there are any restrictions from the AEF, but at least for us, it is normal procedure to have leased horses.



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Abid SK Tarin (DSG AEF)- The AEF has no restrictions, so if the FEI approves, we have no problem.

Abid SK Tarin (DSG AEF)- Will the HAGOC have any restrictions as they only allow imported horses, or will they allow horses available in China to participate and will they be allowed to quarantine and follow the procedures as per the HAGOC requirements.

Answer by Catrin Norinder (FEI)- I think this question will be raised in the second presentation here regarding quarantine and import and export of horses and the establishment of the equine disease-free zone.

Question: Col. Jaiveer Singh (INA NF)- I have only one question regarding the substitution. The definite entries have to be submitted by the 31st of May to HAGOC and the substitution you said is permissible till the 15th of August which is what you said based on the medical or veterinary certificate on a case-to-case basis. In Eventing, we have a team of 4, in Show Jumping, we have a team of 4 with an extra spare horse and in Dressage. So, this substitution is permitted for all 4 horses or maybe 1 or 2 horses? Is there any limit on that?

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- In my understanding, there shouldn't be a limit because on the first entries you have, normally; you have an unlimited number of people you provide that you can enter. So, it is, providing that your additional riders or substitute riders has been entered on the specific list on the 31st of May. But then as I said I am not quite aware of the substitution procedure that has been accepted by OCA and by HAGOC and I am trying to get a copy of that because this is where I suspect that they would want to have a medical certificate to do the substitutions, to try to limit them but I'm not so sure how this is going to work. Regarding the exchange of accreditations.

Question: Col. Jaiveer Singh (INA NF)- So on 31st when we give the definite entries it can be more than 4 or 5; can it be a long list? You said these people have to be registered and by 31th of May we have to give the definite entries. So, any change here which may take place by the 15th of August so those names should have already been registered with HAGOC by the 10th of May, and the names should be there on the 31st of May when we give the definite entries and when we give the definite entries the list can have 4 or 5 applicable combinations. So, we give a long list and out of that, we can make any changes by substitution method, by the 15th of August. Am I correct ma'am?

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- Yes, this is what we are trying to achieve, but I said it is still under discussion because we do understand the needs for the equestrian sport and the difficulty in determining a team by the 31st of May. So yes, we are working on this, and we hope that we get a confirmation.

Question: Col. Jaiveer Singh (INA NF)- We had raised this issue with the AEF last year itself when we had got the draft copy of the Technical Handbook through our NOC. The last time the games were in August and the last date was 30th of June, the date for definite entries, whereas this time, the games are in September and instead of increasing that they have decreased it to the 31st of May. So we are facing a lot of problems because of this and that is why I thought I should seek clarification on this from you. Thank you very much, ma'am.

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI) - I think the best solution to try to put a little bit of pressure on understanding this is to go to your NOC to go directly clarify from OCA because we do not have any decision-making power on this.

Question: Gerald Kuh (THA NF) - I just want to make sure that I have understood you correctly. You mentioned that you might be pushing the MERs deadline to August 15th but the entries close on May 31st so when they are entered into the system, they wouldn't need to have an MER at that point? Is that correct?

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- Yes exactly.

Question: Gerald Kuh (THA NF)- So they need to have the MERs for sure when they are putting the definite entries right?

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- Yes. The reason why we are trying to be a little flexible on this is that we realize that there are not many nations that have obtained the MERs by now and we just need to leave a little bit more because of the travel restrictions etc.



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Question: Major Yap Mou Soon (MYS NF)- We have received the Technical Handbook from our NOC. The general information we may appeal to the Technical Committee of the OCA in the event because the reason is, in the Asian Games, the medal is at stake so the FEI must come up with a policy and bring it up very clearly – who forms this appeal committee? At the moment there is a grey area we don't know who they are in the OCA Technical Committee to listen to their appeal on the team and from the riders. So I need advice on this.

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- Regarding the Appeal Committee, yes, this group of officials does not exist any longer within the FEI legal system, so actually all the appeals are being dealt with from a technical point of view directly through the officials to the FEI tribunal and the FEI legal department depending on what kind of a case it is. The issue, why we are not able to maintain it in the system is that the technical issues are dealt with by the International Federations and the nontechnical ones are dealt with by the OCA and will still be dealt with by the OCA.

We, the organizing committee on-site, do not deal with those and we need to understand the same lines and the same rules applied throughout all equestrian events because otherwise, we cannot fulfill the FEI regulations in general so there is a conflict. So, from our point of view, there is no grey area.

Question: Maj. Yap Mou Soon (MYS NF) - I don't know but there are a few grey areas in the region where we organize our regional games. The reason-when you, the FEI, have the authority to accept horse entry system; does the OCA give you the authority to do all this? If not, the problem would be, that the OCA will bypass you (whatever line you have set up), then what will you do? So there is a grey area.

We have experienced this in our region because when we come to the Technical Committee of the OCA, they claim that Asian Games is theirs and they make the decisions and only run the rule according to the OCA. So, I would like to suggest if possible, drawing up a very clear detail about what is the responsibility and duty of the FEI, and need more clarity, like they cannot interfere with your entry system for example. This is in our rules; we do not allow the OCA to interfere with our entry system, the reason, is because we know our horses and athletes and not OCA because the OCA will go directly to the NOC, and they put the pressure and there will be a grey area. That is why I suggest this as we have experienced this on the ground.

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI) – I know exactly what you are referring to and we have been trying to clarify this with the OCA, but the Technical Handbook is approved by the OCA so we kind of have to find a middle way. But thank you, I have taken note and we will clarify with the legal department.

Question: Amanda Bond (HK NF)- Catrin, I wonder if you have any indication of when we can expect the Technical Handbook? Do you have a timeline that we are working towards?

Answer: Catrin Norinder (FEI)- I hope this GA has tried to push along a little bit. I hope we can finalize the entries which are the only thing that remains to be finalized. So, I hope we do this by next week.

Comment: Haider Farman (OCA) – I respect all the views and opinions. Just for all the members who are aware and understand that each sport has its authority and own rules and regulations which we fully respect.

The Asian Games are owned by the OCA, but all technical matters are related to the international federation. We as OCA follow the technical rules and regulations, but when it comes to the Asian Games entries and administrations, we will follow the Asian Games rules and regulations and constitution.

The Appeal Committee is most important as you mentioned. The decision about all the technical matters is taken by the FEI but, for all the others we have the court of arbitration which we have with us all the time, from day 1 until the end of the game. We are giving rights to everybody to appeal, to cast if they think they have the right on any technical or nontechnical matters related to the games.

So, therefore, we are not interfering as OCA, deciding who's right and who's wrong; we have an independent body which is the court of arbitration, and we are giving the right to every-individuals, athletes, NOCs to go and appeal for or to cast if they think they are not satisfied with the technical appeals decision or any other matter.

From our side as OCA, our right is to accept or not to accept the entries which means entries that are very limited go to the OCA constitution, nationality, passport, or whatever conditions are related to the participation, but apart from that, we are not interfering. This is for your information so therefore to make it very clear, we with our local organizing committee, HAGOC, are making sure that, overall, for the Asian Games, all the preparations and facilities are adequate and good for all our athletes to participate in the games. One more thing about the entries deadline, for equestrian sports like any other sport, a deadline is a deadline; we are in the discussion because under special circumstances the local organizing committee has the right to set the deadline much earlier than the previous Asian Games but we are trying to extend it by one month; but again,



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we have to respect the rules and regulations of the host country. We hope that we reach a good solution which is satisfactory if we can extend the deadline for entries. If any decision is taken, it will be informed.

Comment: Dr. Goran Akerstrom (FEI) - I am happy to give a short brief on the EDFZ (Equine Disease Free Zone) before PEDEN speaks to you on the more technical matters. The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, Mara has submitted the dossier to the OIE and the European Commission. This dossier has been under review and there has been correspondence with the Chinese ministry. The countries that have been added further to the European Union as departure countries, those that are suggested but not yet confirmed, are New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and UAE and that is what we have received from HAGOC, and our understanding is that this comes from the Chinese Customs Authorities. So currently the OIE and the European commission are very close to the approval of the equine disease-free zone but we have no news on the status of the other countries that were just mentioned. That is the status right now, work is ongoing and for the main group of horses coming from the European Union and returning, it is very close to finalization.

Comment: Dr. Fiona (PEDEN) - So just to follow what Mr. Goran said, EDFZ is in progress now. From a practical perspective, it means that we can look at returning horses home after the games and that is something that we are working hard on with the European Union and the OIE. But obviously, the most important question from most of you here is about the requirements to enter China for the Games.

At the moment, we are still waiting for the first draft to be received from the Chinese authorities and that will be very soon. It is quite difficult for us to speculate as to what those requirements may be in the first draft. We do expect that there will be a period of quarantine and I would also suggest that there would probably be 60 days of residency in various approved countries. We were provided with a list of those 5 origins last week from the Chinese customs authorities to collaborate on those I would be very keen to see that in the proposed health protocol from China. We are pushing hard for this protocol, and we know how pivotal that is for everybody once we have it, we will be reviewing it and providing our comment back to the Chinese side alongside the FEI. This is all I can say about the health requirements, and we shall stay in touch and have one more meeting as soon as we have more information. I know that some federations are hoping to get to Europe to join some of the flights from Europe (which Martin will talk about shortly). If you need anything, please contact us we are available and we are in contact with a few federations already about coming into Europe. There are some new health protocols now which are very helpful which means it is potentially slightly easier to move horses from non-EU approved third world countries via an EU approved third world country, into Europe so that your horses might do a residency in Europe and then travel alongside the majority of the other horses out of Europe and into China.

Comment: Sergey Buikevich (KGZ NF) – I feel in this situation the price will be very expensive, as there is going to be quarantine will be in Aachen which is going to make the price double, taking count the flight tickets & facilities and also during this time in Aachen will be very costly, thus will be difficult for some countries like Kyrgyzstan hard to bear the cost. It is very obvious that PEDEN has one of the best services regarding the matter but we must also approach other companies to see their plan.

My second question is there any facility will be provided for aero craft? If yes, it is going to be convenient and helpful, this question is more for our federation that if can be done this way?

Comment: Dr. Fiona (PEDEN) – Looking into the situation in China, we always know the restrictions are super hard so we will definitely look into options which will be more convenient and cheaper for everyone. As the Chinese authorities will come to physically check the quarantine, we are hopeful that they will consider other places for quarantine as well.

Question: Sadyr Mamyтов (KGZ NF) - Is it possible to hire any other company rather than PEDEN? As a small federation we always want to get the credible company with cost effective rates.

Answer: Dr. Goran Akerstrom (FEI) - We advised the AEF to go for one shipping agent to minimize complications with authorities and NFs. There is no ban on using more than one shipping agents but we always recommend to have OEE because it really gets confused working with several department.

Comment: Catrin Norinder (FEI) – As we have very less time in our hand we needed a company which not only know everything about the job but also know how to deal with the rules and regulation of China, so for that we have decided to choose PEDEN as they have experience in managing such situations.

Comment: Martin Atock (PEDEN) – From the flight perspective we have been advised by the Chinese Authorities that we can only land with aircraft directly in Hangzhou which means it is not possible to fly to Shanghai which is a couple of 100 km down the road, so Hangzhou is the only option. Based on connectivity,



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especially COVID and the situation in Ukraine, aircraft prices and the availability of aircraft are exorbitantly high. It will cost a very significant amount of money to bring your horses to and from China because of the demand for supplies.

I have been asked by several Federations for draft budgets. We are not able to define a draft budget. The price indications that I have received from the airlines are so high so I'm not sharing it and only if China advises us on the next move and then we can progress on to all the costing in China which we do not have now and due to the COVID restrictions, we are unfortunately not able to visit at this moment & these things from our perspective are pending. I'm afraid that document does not exist at this stage because we brought you all the groundwork first and then we draft this document, but we do not have much information available now.

Comment: Dr. Goran Akerstrom (FEI) – Further to the question from Nepal, how natural horses will come here, for example, Beijing into the equine disease-free zone, that has not been submitted to the OIE or the European Union in that dossier, so that would need to be an addition because there needs to be a specific protocol for horses from other parts of China moving into that EDFZ and they would need to qualify a well according to certain protocol and that protocol as far as we are aware does not exist yet.

STATUS FEI ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 & AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS SITUATION

The Thailand NF representative Mr. Gerald Kuh gave a short update on the progress or the organizing process of the upcoming FEI ASIAN Championship 2023.

The Thailand NF submitted the bid application in the November to host the Championship in 5 Disciplines and have been going through round of question answers and series of agreements with FEI.

The FEI, BM is yet deciding the allocation in their next in person meeting in the March 22 and AEF is also concerned to give its preference as well.

On behalf of Thai NF we wish to welcome you all to In person meeting after the travel restriction gets over 2023.

In regards to the African Horse Sickness the Thailand NF is working very closely with our animal health consultant Ms. Suzan who has a profound career in Asia, she has also been working as the expert advisor to the Department of Livestock Development. She is launching a stringent surveillance program to monitor the health standards and diseases across the country.

We are hoping to see horse movement in the early 2023, this should leave us with plenty of time to organize the rest in the end of the year.

Catrin Norinder added to the point that the discussion on the Asian Championship is postponed until the next FEI Board Meeting scheduled to be held in April 2022.

AEF U21 DRESSAGE COMPETITION (NF QUALIFIERS 2022) & AEF YJR SJ CHALLENGE (NF QUALIFIERS 2022) EOI OPEN TO NFS INTERESTED TO HOST THE AEF U21 & YJR SJ FINALS 2023. (COMBINED OR SEPARATE).

The AEF DSG, Mr. Abid SK Tarin said that as we know that due to the Covid restriction it was not possible to organize any physical competitions, so this year we already have sent a request for approval to open qualifiers for both U21 Nationals Dressage Qualifiers and Young Juniors Show Jumping, the NFs can start looking for options. We also have requested our Discipline Chairs to submit the rules and regulations for the competitions for FEI approvals.

For the Finals which will be held at 2023, we have received EOI from 2 NFS, Chinese Taipei and India.

An Official Email regarding this will be sent very soon.

AEF IN PERSON GA 2023 EOI SUBMITTED BY 2 NFs TO Host THE AEF GA 2023. (UZB & QAT).

The AEF DSG, Mr. Abid SK Tarin said that we are very thankful to the Oman NF for being very kind to offer to organize the AEF GA, as there was problem for return regulations that could not be held.

For next year, 2023 EOI has been received from 2 NFs again those are Uzbekistan and Qatar.



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AEF have requested Uzbekistan to send us information and Qatar has already sent us details about to organize the GA along with the CHI 2023. The AEF Secretariat will revert to this in due course of time.

Col. Jaiveer Singh asked one additional question that the Equestrian Culture in India is growing quite rapidly but as India have restriction for Horse Transportation for EDFZ restriction, can AEF and the Qatar Equestrian Federation will help transporting horses via Qatar to Europe. This effort will give boost and a tremendous help to this problem.

The DSG Mr. Abid SK Tarin said, yes we definitely will ask FEI regarding this matter, the Qatar Equestrian Federation has received the request and we are trying to help things around.

Dr. Fiona (PEDEN) added that they are working hard on it, but at the same time and do not have much options left with them. They are looking forward the horizon that may be a solution to this problem.

The DSG said that the QEF has requested to the Ministry but unfortunately has been declined twice we will definitely inform about this matter.

CLOSING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The AEF President thanked all the NFs, OCA, FEI, PEDEN and the HAGOC for their valuable participation and support at all times, he then announced the AEF GA to be officially closed.



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