

**ASIAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**  
**AEF – ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2023)**  
**(In - Person)**



**Minutes of the Meeting**  
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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  
Gen. Suhail Khoury  
Mr. Salim Al Malki  
Mr. Wijaya Mithuna Noeradi  
Mr. Yi-Cheng Yeh  
Mr. Anuar Malik  
Mr. Waleed Khallaf Al Jasem  
Mr. Sudhir Singh Alhawat

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Sadyr Mamyтов  
Mr. Atef Al Zaibak  
Mr. Mohammed Essa Al Adhab  
Ms. Angela Kong (Online)  
Mr. Fuangvich Aniruth Deva (Online)  
Maj. Yap Mou Soon (Online)

**AEF MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Bader Mohammed Al Darwish  
Mr. Abid Salim Khan Tarin  
Ms. Tasmeishree Dash  
Mr. Shoukath Ali

**SPECIAL INVITEES**

**FEI**

Ingmar De Vos  
Sabrina Ibanez  
Jack Huang  
Sami Alduhami  
Frederique Rafet Plantier  
Ralph Straus

**HAGOC**

Delegates +7

**Tonglu**

Delegates + 7



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**NATIONAL FEDERATIONS PRESENT**

Afghanistan  
China  
Chinese Taipei  
Hong Kong China  
India  
Iran  
Iraq  
Japan  
Kazakhstan  
Korea  
Kuwait  
Kyrgyzstan  
Nepal  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Singapore  
Thailand  
Uzbekistan  
Turkmenistan (Proxy to Qatar)  
Cambodia (Proxy to Thailand)

**NATIONAL FEDERATIONS ABSENT**

Indonesia (Online)  
Malaysia (Online)



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### OPENING OF GA BY THE PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Asian Equestrian Federation Mr. Hamad Abdulrahman Al Attiyah, who began by extending a warm welcome to all attendees, including Board Members and guests. The President then expressed his condolences on behalf of the Asian Equestrian Community and the Global Equestrian Community for the recent demise of FEI Director SJ, Mr. Marco Fuste, a dedicated and extraordinary equestrian personality.

The President went on to highlight the significance of the year 2023, which marks the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China, and multiple Olympic qualifiers for the 2024 Olympic Games to be held in Paris.

The President expressed his gratitude to all attendees, both In-person and online, including the special invitee who had come to Doha, Qatar, to attend the Asian Equestrian Federation's General Assembly 2023. The presence of the special invitee and all attendees was greatly appreciated, and their participation was acknowledged as being valuable to the success of the meeting.

He then announced the AEF GA to be open.

The President of the Asian Equestrian Federation then passed the stage to the FEI President, Mr. Ingmar De Vos.

Mr. Ingmar De Vos, the President of FEI, thanked the President of the Asian Equestrian Federation for his kind words and expressed his condolences on the recent passing of Mr. Marco Fuste. He described Mr. Fuste as an extraordinary person who was dedicated and hardworking towards the equestrian field. Mr. Fuste worked with the Spanish Equestrian Federation for a long time as the Chef d'Equipe and Sports Director, and was a respected member of the equestrian community. After two years, he joined the FEI as the Jumping Director, and it was a dream come true for him. Mr. Fuste will be missed dearly, but it is time to move forward towards the betterment of the sport.

Mr. De Vos mentioned that there is currently a Jumping Director working under the supervision of Mrs. Sabrina Ibanez. He also announced that recruitment for the Director position for various disciplines had been open for the past two or three days. All attendees were requested to suggest suitable candidates for the open positions.

Mr. De Vos also highlighted that this is a Pre-Olympic year, and the Asian Equestrian community is eagerly looking forward to the Olympic Qualification in the region. He expressed his excitement about the teams that will qualify from this region for the Olympic Games in Paris later this year. He further added that the Asian Equestrian Community is also eagerly anticipating the upcoming Asian Games, which will be held in Hangzhou, China. The event, which was postponed previously, is now at the top of the agenda, and everyone is looking forward to it.

Mr. De Vos expressed his joy at being a part of this General Assembly and being present in the city to witness important events and be with special people. He appreciated the efforts made by the Asian Equestrian Federation in organizing the event and thanked them for the warm welcome. He further added that he was looking forward to meeting and interacting with everyone at the event.

Mr. De Vos expressed his gratitude to everyone for his final re-election last year and for giving him a chance to serve as the FEI President. He promised to continue working for the betterment of the Equestrian Community, and emphasized that the position of the equestrian sport in the Olympics is crucial for the success of the industry. He stated that the community needs to deliver high-quality games in Paris, while also looking at cost control and the universality of the sport. Mr. De Vos also expressed his happiness at seeing sports persons from the region gaining fame and a place in the Olympics, which signifies the strengthening of the sport in the Asian Region.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary General of AEF, Mr. Bader Al Darwish. After opening remarks and introductions, the Secretary General proceeded with the Roll Call and approval of NFs on various documents. The attendees were asked to confirm their presence and participation in the meeting, and the Secretary General then presented various documents for approval, including (list documents here). After a brief discussion and review, the attendees unanimously approved the documents.



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### ATTENDANCE / QUORUM

Total Member NFs: 33 NFs

Total Suspended Members: 06 NFs

Total Associate Member: 01 NF

Attending In Person: 23 NFs

Attending Online: 03 NFs

### AEF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Total Member NFs: 33 NFs

Total Active Members: 26 NFs

Total Provisional Member: 01 NF(Afghanistan)

Total Suspended Members: 06 NFs

The session was declared as valid, as per Art No. 012. of the AEF Statues.

### 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

Sri Lanka

The Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Abid SK Tarin, informed the attendees that the documents regarding last year's online General Assembly and the financial audit reports had already been shared with them. He explained that the purpose of this meeting was to seek approval for these reports. Mr. Tarin emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in financial matters and expressed his gratitude to the attendees for their cooperation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022 (BOARD & ORDINARY), DOHA, QATAR

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

**Everyone approved the report by display of approved signs.**

### APPROVAL OF ANNUAL / SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT 2022

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

**Everyone approved the report by display of approved signs.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT, APPROVAL OF 2022 - ACCOUNTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

**The approval was taken on Audited Report 2022**

**Everyone approved the report by display of approved signs.**

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

**Everyone approved the report by display of approved signs.**



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### AGENDA POINTS:

The Deputy Secretary General Mr. Abid SK Tarin then continued to explain the agenda points for the General Assembly. He stated that they had requested members to submit any agenda points they wanted to discuss, but did not receive any from any National Federations. He then went on to discuss the upcoming election for the AEF office bearers and board members. As per Article 027.1 of the statutes, the election must be held after the Asian Games. However, as the Asian Games was postponed from September 2022 until September 2023, they consulted with the FEI Governance Department, and it was suggested that they hold the elections soon after the Asian Games, at the end of October 2023. The positions will be open to everyone in due course of time.

Mr. Abid SK Tarin also drew attention to the fact that, according to the AEF Board's rules, the National Federation organizing the following Asian Games is entitled to nominate their candidate as the second vice president of the AEF Board. After the current Second Vice President from China steps down in October of this year, as Japan will be organizing the upcoming Asian Games in 2026, a candidate from Japan will be nominated to take over as the new Second Vice President of the AEF Board.

During agenda point number 2, the Deputy Secretary General requested that all members review the documents sent regarding the events and courses organized by the AEF in 2022. The focus has been to conduct several courses in the Region, and the AEF has organized numerous courses in all of the Regional Groups from 1 to 5, with some currently in process and scheduled for next month or the following month. Additionally, the AEF had an important meeting with the FEI Education Department and the European Equestrian Federation during the FEI General Assembly in Cape Town. The AEF will share all relevant information with their NFs. In terms of RODP, the AEF Secretariat has provided financial support to multiple NFs, for Sport Development.

The Deputy Secretary General then handed over the floor to the Deputy Mayor of the Tonglu Government to discuss the fourth point of the agenda, which is about the status of the Asian Games 2023. The discussion centered around the development status of the Asian Games, Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ), temporary horse import, and veterinary protocols.

The Deputy Mayor of Hangzhou City expressed his pleasure at being part of the Asian Equestrian Federation's General Assembly and thanked the AEF President for providing a platform to discuss the states of the Asian Games and the best arrangements for it. He informed the attendees that the Asian Games would be held from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October in China and that the country was doing its best to deliver a successful event. To ensure this, the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (HAGOC) has set up the Equestrian Operation Center, in collaboration with the Chinese Equestrian Federation, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Hangzhou Customs, Bureau of Agriculture, and Bureau of Affairs. The goal is to improve all facilities and venues, and to focus on the welfare of the horses. The Equestrian Venue for the Asian Games is ready, with the approval of the FEI & AEF and Technical Delegates. HAGOC has also started the accreditation process for all teams and issued the 2.0 version of the technical handbook. The EDFZ in Tonglu has been set up, with high-quality quarantine facilities and a veterinary team. HAGOC is also working on reception plans for the arrival and departure of athletes, media, and spectators, and requests that participants provide their information to make arrangements. Finally, the Deputy Mayor expressed his hope that everyone would meet in Tonglu and Hangzhou, including delegates, professional riders, media, spectators, and the technical team. A video was also shown to showcase the preparation of the Asian Games Equestrian venue.

The delegate from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Miss Amanda Bond, expressed her pleasure at seeing all the national federation members present. On behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, she stated that they were acting as an advisor to the Hangzhou China Asian Games Organizing Committee, using their experience gained as a delivery partner in the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Hong Kong hosted Olympic Games, as well as the Guangzhou Olympics 2010. They aimed to share their expertise and support Tonglu Government management in delivering the best possible games to the equestrian community. They were advising on several key areas, specifically in the venue and logistics, with a focus on footing matters in the arenas and the cross-country courses. Their expertise in particular was in turf maintenance on the track, which would be used to build the cross-country courses. They were also supporting the building of an equine disease-free zone and providing bio-security advice, drawing on their experience of running other question facilities in China.

They are supporting the areas of stable management, ensuring that there will be sufficient English-Speaking stable management staff to support the national federations with all their needs on veterinary matters.



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Dr. Chris Reeds of HKJC is advising the Organizing Committee on the design of hospitals and the acquisition of necessary equipment and medications required. The multinational team of the best veterinary and farriers are responsible for caring for the horses when traveling to Tonglu. They are also supporting international stakeholder engagement, working closely with the Organizing Committee as partners of the Equestrian Federations and the Chinese Equestrian Association. The Technical Handbook was currently being updated, and they were working hard with FEI and AEF on this matter. As of yesterday, they had the final review of the update to the Technical Handbook, and AEF would be circulating it soon. The areas that were updated included the timetable, which was subject to change, and the entry timeline and substitution policy, which they aimed to make as user-friendly as possible. They particularly checked the table for athlete mix and the sport's equivalence, both human and equine, and they could share the updated entry timeline within the new Technical Handbook.

During the meeting, Ms. Amanda Bond presented a Power Point Presentation on the entry timeline for the upcoming Asian Games in Tonglu. The presentation was shown to all the National Federation members present at the meeting. The entry timeline was explained in detail, and emphasis was placed on making the process as user-friendly as possible. The updated version of the Technical Handbook was also discussed, which included information on the entry timelines and substitution policies. The timelines were subject to change, and the national federation members were urged to keep a close eye on the updates as they were circulated by the Asian Equestrian Federation. Overall, the presentation was informative and well-received by the attendees.

During the meeting, representatives from Peden Bloodstock, were introduced to discuss their role in the organization of the Asian Games. They began by expressing gratitude towards the Mayor of Tonglu, the management of the customs, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club for their unwavering support throughout the process. The establishment of an equine disease-free zone was deemed a significant accomplishment, along with the ongoing support for logistics to ensure the smooth transportation of the horses into and out of Hangzhou.

As Ms. Amanda had already mentioned, Peden Bloodstock will be responsible for the health, transport and logistics of the horses for the Asian Games. To elaborate on this, Peden presented a detailed Power Point Presentation that included various aspects of the process that many people will be interested in. They described the provisional timelines dictated by Chinese authorities in different places (PEQs) such as Germany, Japan, Korea, the UAE, and New Zealand, all of which must be approved by local authorities.

Peden went on to explain the 60-day requirement for exporting horses, where specific records must be maintained during the 60-day period before export. This includes details on where the horses will reside and other pertinent information related to equine influenza and parasite treatment. They also discussed the vaccination requirements and the internal and external parasite treatment procedures.

Another significant aspect they highlighted was the simplified arrival process and how the process would take place. The team explained how bookings would be made, by whom, in what format, and what invoice information would be needed to book transportation for the horses. The cost of transportation was also discussed, along with other related expenses.

The next slide in their presentation covered the equestrian freight manual, which included detailed information on the requirements for transporting horses, such as the number of horses per pallet, the required space per horse, and the maximum weight per horse. They also discussed the various modes of transportation available, including air, land, and sea transport.

In conclusion, Peden reiterated their commitment to ensuring the safe and efficient transportation of the horses for the Asian Games. They urged all National Federation members to comply with the regulations and requirements outlined in the equestrian freight manual to avoid any inconvenience or delays in transportation.

### **QUESTION & ANSWER**

**Question:** Mr. Sami Alduhami, FEI Group VII Chairman, asked if there are any special requirements for horses that are going back to Germany or Dubai after the competition.

**Answer:** Answering to which Peden said that The organizing committee has developed an Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) to ensure that there are no external requirements for horses being transported back to European countries at this time. However, I am not sure about the requirements for horses going back to the UAE. We will look into this and provide more information as soon as possible.



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**Question:** Mr. Ramin Shafiee thanked the team for their hard work and asked about the timeline for establishing a new EDFZ. He also asked why other countries cannot establish their own EDFZ to enter the Games and if there could be more countries participating in the Asian Games.

**Answer:** Peden answered that it has taken us almost 8 months to establish the EDFZ in China. It will take around two more months to visit a country and approve its EDFZ, and then it will take around 4 months for new entries to be approved to participate in the competition. As for other countries establishing their own EDFZ, I would like to sit down with you and discuss other possibilities that we can explore for this matter. We are always looking for ways to expand the participation in the Asian Games, and we will continue to work towards this goal.

**Question:** Mr. Wijaya Mithuna Noiradi raised concerns about the equipment and feed for the horses, citing an issue that occurred during a flight to Jakarta. He asked if proper equipment and arrangements for the horses will be provided, and also inquired about the daily routine for the horses.

**Answer:** Peden answered that we are responsible for providing the equipment and horse feed, and we have not found any opportunity to visit China as of now due to travel restrictions. However, we have a plan in place for May to comprehensively understand the Chinese Customs Department's requirements to ensure a smooth and seamless transportation of the horses to the venue. We cannot make any assumptions about any negative or positive outcomes, but based on our experience in China, we are confident that we will deliver the same quality of service during the Asian Games. We understand the concerns you have, and we will find the answers to your questions and provide them to you as soon as possible.

It was discussed that efforts are being made to ensure that NFs have access to the necessary medications and supplements for their horses during flights. This includes providing equipment and supplies on the flights with the horses. However, it was noted that this is still being worked out with the Chinese customs and the Jockey Club to find the best solutions. It was also mentioned that hospitals will be fully equipped with medications, but the organizers want to ensure that individuals have everything they need for their travels.

**Question:** Mr. Abid SK Tarin asked a question regarding the arrival of athletes and whether their visas or accreditations will be accepted in other airports.

**Answer:** Responding the Mr. Abid Sk Tarin, Peden answered was that athletes will only be arriving and departing from Hangzhou airport. Therefore, visas and accreditations will only be accepted at this airport.

**Question:** Mr. Sami Alduhami asked that whether there will be separate forms for horses and athletes or if they will be combined.

**Answer:** Ms. Amanda Bond clarified that a horse and rider combination can be entered on the same form, with the same rider listed for each horse entered. For example, the first entry could be the rider's name followed by the name of their first horse, with subsequent entries being the same rider followed by the names of their additional horses.

**Question:** Mr. Ramin Shafiee, the Technical Delegate raised concerns about the readiness for the Asian Games, which were originally scheduled for September of the previous year. They pointed out that materials for the games should have been ready by June or July of that year, but things were moving slowly according to the Chinese representative. The delegate urged for faster procedures and emphasized the need for equipment and timing systems approved by FEI. They stressed the importance of the upcoming test events, which would be used to test the necessary arrangements and ensure that the level of organization would match that of the Asian Games.

The delegate expressed concern that preparing the handbook was taking too long and that it had not been sent out to participants yet, with only five months left before the main event. They emphasized the need to expedite the process and send the handbook as soon as possible. Amanda clarified that the Asian Games were postponed in April 2022, which may have contributed to the delays.

**Answer:** In response to the concerns raised by the Technical Delegate, Ms. Amanda Bond from the Organizing Committee acknowledged the need to push forward on these issues and coordinate with other delegates. They agreed that the Organizing Committee for the test event should be the same as the original event, as suggested by the delegate. They also clarified that while there was a Technical Handbook available on the website, it was not updated, and an updated version would be published soon for everyone through AEF & OCA.

**Question:** Mr. Sami Duhami raised a question, as per the discussion, it was brought up that the shipping cost



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seems to be a little expensive when it comes to Guangzhou. Additionally, there were inquiries made if there were any other shipping companies that could be used instead.

**Answer:** During the meeting, the representative from Peden pointed out that the air freight cost has increased by 7.5% in the last 13 years. He mentioned that if another airline could be identified which can offer cheaper shipping to Hangzhou, then they can certainly consider it.

However, despite their efforts, they have not been able to identify any airlines that can depart and arrive at the same location. Mr. Sami Duhami expressed his concern about the high cost of this airline compared to other airlines. The representative from Peden explained that if an airline flies directly from a place like Germany or UAE to Hangzhou and returns to its origin with no cargo, then the prices will naturally be expensive as it will be a round trip price about the cost of transporting horses from Shanghai to Europe. The speaker mentioned that the cost of flying a horse is comparatively very high when compared to a human being, and also stated that due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, a different path has to be followed, which means that all flights have to be taken as a round trip. The speaker further informed that when the horse is returning, all the crafts have to be empty and then come back to their origin.

A question was raised regarding the capacity of the aircraft, to which the answer was given that it depends upon the aircraft, but the optimum capacity for horses is 24. However, they can carry up to 25 horses, but the best practice is to take 24 horses at a time, so that one can be empty for emergency use.

**Question:** Mr. Ravi Rajkarnikar from Nepal expressed his concern that due to the high cost of transporting horses, it is difficult for small countries in Asia, like Nepal, to participate in equestrian events such as the Asian Games. He requests that measures be taken to make the sport more global and accessible to all countries, such as organizing the horses in the location of a championship so that athletes can train and participate.

**Answer:** In response, FEI President Mr. Ingmar De Vos acknowledges the transportation issues faced by countries like Nepal and mentioned the efforts being made by the FEI to establish permanent protocols with the World Organization for Animal Health. However, he told that the key to solving these issues lies with local governments and the FEI is working to create awareness through National Federations and official countries to implement protocols worldwide.

Mr. De Vos suggested using borrowed horses as a tool to enhance the sport in regions where importing and transporting horses is difficult, and proposed developing competitions with borrowed horses in these regions. He mentioned the successful Youth Equestrian Games held with borrowed horses as an example.

Overall, the conversation revolves around making equestrian sports more accessible to all countries, and exploring different solutions to overcome the challenges of transportation and cost.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

During the discussion regarding the Nepal Equestrian Federation's concerns, Mr. Ramin Shafiee stated that this issue had already been discussed in the previous AEF General Assembly. He mentioned that the AEF had previously established the Asian Championships in Thailand, which included both own horse competitions and borrowed horse competitions. With the wonderful support of the FEI, three different shows were held in Korea and Hong Kong. Mr. Shafiee believes that the main issue is that National Federations in Asia are not taking enough action. While some countries like Korea and Thailand have organized competitions, other countries have not organized any kind of competition on borrowed horses. Mr. Shafiee suggested that if Asian countries want to improve their situation, they need to work together and organize borrowed horse competitions or friendly competitions between two countries. This will give the riders a good experience, build their confidence, and help them become international riders. Mr. Shafiee emphasized that if the Asian countries work together, they can develop the region and improve their situation.

During the meeting, the issue of whether Belarus and Russia should be allowed to participate in the upcoming Asian games was raised. Mr. Abid Sk Tarin shared that they had learned from a recent publication by the OCA that these countries were being considered to participate without the middle ranking.

He stated that they understood that regional games were being considered as qualifications, but they were unsure if this was the case for the Asian Games. The FEI President acknowledged that this was a complicated question, and there had been proposals from the Asian Olympic committees to allow Russian athletes to qualify through the Asian Games for the Olympic Games in Paris. However, he clarified that this was not applicable to all kinds of sports, and the Asian games were not the qualifying rounds for the Olympics. He also mentioned that the biggest issue they were facing at the moment was the timing, as the Asian Games wouldn't fit in the qualification system before other championships.



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Furthermore, he discussed the dilemma of whether to allow Belarus and Russia to participate in international competitions due to the sanctions and protective measures imposed on them. He explained that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was in consultation with the National Federations, Olympic Committees, and IOC members to find a solution to this issue. However, the political community did not see the protective measures as necessary, and most of the world did not want to lift the sanctions. The President stated that the FEI had decided to support and monitor the situation and would work closely with the IOC and National Sports Federations. He concluded that there was currently no consensus on this issue.

During a discussion between Mr. Prabal Pratap Singh, the assistant TD in the upcoming Asian Games, and the President of the FEI, they talked about the possibility of upgrading Asia's Eventing level from 2 to 3 stars. Mr. Singh mentioned that there are a number of countries in the region ready to make this upgrade, which would have numerous benefits such as using the Asian games as a qualification for the Olympics and hosting competitions at a lower cost in the region. In addition, this upgrade would promote the officials and their duties within the region, making Asia more self-dependent and self-reliant.

The President of the FEI agreed with Mr. Singh's points, stating that they hope to have more Olympic qualifications from Asia in the future. However, he acknowledged that in the Eventing discipline, many top athletes are currently competing outside the region due to the lack of sufficient competitions. In order to achieve the upgrade, he emphasized the need for international competitions in the region to establish sufficient levels of competition and opportunities. While there is work to be done, they both agreed that upgrading Asia's Eventing level would have many positive effects on the region's equestrian community.

During the meeting, the AEF President acknowledged the ITPF's request to include tent pegging as a demonstration sport in the upcoming 19th Asian Games in China. He informed the attendees that they had already requested the OCA to consider the inclusion and were awaiting a decision in the next 6 months. The President assured that the AFE was exploring possibilities to make this happen.

AEF Deputy Secretary General Mr. Abid SK Tarin informed the attendees that the AFE has received a lot of support letters from Asian and other active federations, further emphasizing the need to promote and improve the sport.

Mr. Gerald Kuh raised an important point about the development of the sport in Asia, particularly for junior riders. He inquired about the Asian Junior Championship and whether it will remain the same or change, and if any countries are willing to host it. He emphasized the need for more competitions for junior riders to help them get points from the government funding from the sports institute.

The Secretary General of AEF Mr. Bader Al Darwish responded by stating that they are looking into the matter and having meetings with other NFs to bring different types of events and championships for Junior Riders from the next year, with the use of borrowed horses. They hope that most countries will be willing to participate in such events. Two events with borrowed horses have already been planned - one in June in Korea and the other in China, with the invitation for Korea already extended to all the NFs. This is part of their efforts to promote youth development and improve the skills of officials.

### **CLOSING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

The AEF President thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting. He officially closed the AEF General Assembly.



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