

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF EFI HELD ON 20th
SEP 2009 AT DEFENCE SERVICES OFFICERS' INSTITUTE, DHAULA
KUAN, NEW DELHI

1. The 48th Annual General Body Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 20th September 2009 at Defence Services Officers Institute, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen SS Kumar, AVSM, VSM, SM, the President EFI.
2. After the Prize distribution ceremony for medal winners of NEC (Dressage and Show Jumping) and JNEC, two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to Inspector Jagdish Singh of Punjab police, a renowned Tent-Pegging Equestrian athlete.

3. **President's Address**

3.1 Lt Gen SS Kumar, AVSM, VSM, SM addressed the AGM and commenced by thanking the equestrian fraternity of India for having given him honor to be the President of EFI. He assured the members the vision of future of EFI shall be fulfilled and appealed to all riders to contribute towards the goal. He urged the members for more accentuated sense of dedication towards achieving the targets set for development of the sport. He stressed the need to ensure impeccable transparency in the functioning of the Federation and called upon all members and office-bearers to rise above partisan stances. He further reiterated that far from being in a 'closeted office', he is in communication with all hues of viewpoints, accords due consideration to all suggestions and is accommodative to creative criticism. At end of his welcome address, he recounted the major achievements of Federation in the preceding year including, *inter alia*, developing the sport amongst schools and clubs which will go a long way in strengthening equestrian culture at grass root level.

3.2 Wg Cdr Indrajit Singh Lamba, VSM (Retd) intervened to make a point but was vehemently opposed by Shri R S Dundlood, Regional Member (West) and Lt Gen Jagdish Chander (Retd), member Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC). Eventually, Wg Cdr Indrajit Singh Lamba, VSM (Retd) left the meeting when suggested by another member that as a terminated member of EFI, he should not have chosen to represent another member club.

4. **Minutes of last AGM** :- The minutes of last AGM were passed after being proposed to be passed by Col G S Puri and seconded by Col Anand Saini.
5. **Secretary General's Report** :- The Secretary General underlined the major achievements of the proceeding year attached at Appendix 'A'.
6. **Accounts** :- The accounts were passed after being proposed and seconded by Lt Col B S Lakra and Ms Roshan Sodhi respectively.
7. **Payment over two lacs** :- Col Satish Dagar (Retd) raised a query about one of the entries and Vice President (Finance) explained the same to the entire satisfaction of the members and the house.
8. Intervening to comment upon the funds expended on training in Australia, Mr Jeetu Virmani highlighted the requirement of detailed appraisal of training facilities at the venues selected for sending teams abroad. The President reiterated that the Federation is committed to inviting foreign coaches to India whereby more riders can be trained on their own horses. The accounts of over Rs. 2 lacs were passed after being proposed by Col S Dagar (Retd) and seconded by Col SS Kashyap.

Amendment to Statues :-

- (a) **Constitution of Executive Board** :- The need of mandatory requirement of certain members of Executive Committee as members of Executive Board was deliberated upon and it was decided that the selection of members from the EC should be sole discretion of the President.
- (b) **Quorum of Executive Board** :- After detailed discussion on the issue of quorum for EB, it was decided that quorum of three members should be accepted to be mandatory to take decisions. However, Lt Gen Jagdish Chander (Retd) intervened that Secretary General should be member of the EB and choice for Vice President should be dictated by the issue under review/consideration. Mr Manoj Jalan opined that it will be duly incorporated in the Statutes.
- (c) **Delegation of Powers to Vice President** :- Responding to a point raised by Col S Dagar (Retd), the house accepted that delegation of powers to Vice President will be duly amended to obviate duplicate entries. (Article 017.2)
- (d) **Bilingual Edition of Statues** :- The President announced that for benefit of a number of members, statutes will be published in English and Hindi.
- (e) **Duties of Vice President (Vet)** :- Responding to a query raised by Col S Dagar (Retd) and after due deliberations, it was agreed that para 021.5 of Statues will be amended and " help conduct" will be inserted in place of 'conduct' in the paragraph on duties of Vice President (Vet).
- (f) The amendments to Statutes were proposed and seconded by Col S Dagar (Retd) and Lt Col R Dahiya and passed.

10. **Logo :-** Mr Prashant, the designer of new logo for the Federation, presented and explained the proposed logo. It was immensely appreciated by the members and passed after being proposed by Mr Jeetu Virmani and seconded by Ms Sunaina. Mr R S Dundlod, however, suggested that the designer may consider incorporating 'curved-in' ears of indigenous Marwari breed in the logo.

11. **Calendar of Events :-**

(a) The house expressed its concern over lack of enthusiasm on the part of organizers, as only two events (Asiad Trials eventing & a Regional Horse Show at Chandigarh) were "Confirmed" and the season was to commence from October.

(b) After deliberations, representative of Uttar Pradesh Equestrian Association were impressed upon not to insist upon naming their bid for Tent Pegging event as 'World Cup' but restrict to the prefix 'International'.

(c) The contents of selection criteria for ASIAD Trials and their *modus operandi* were debated upon with important inputs from Maj J S Ahluwalia (Retd), Brig DVS Bishnoi (Retd), Col S S Ahlawat, Col Sandeep Dewan and Col S Dagar (Retd). It was stressed that the selection criteria had been formulated such as to accommodate all shades of view points about ASIAD games, hence shall remain operative in present form as available on EFI Website. If there were any corrections required, this would be decided by the Selection Committee and put up to the Executive Committee.

Col S S Ahlawat iterated that the provisions of 'Riders based abroad' should be applicable to NRIs only and not to Indian riders based in India who travel abroad, to compete with the intention of making to the Indian squad for ASIAD by hiring horses of higher grade. This circumvents the level playing field policy of the Federation.

(d) The Calendar of events was passed after being proposed by Ms Roshan Sodhi and seconded by Col SS Solanki. However, it was decided that the Executive Committee will review the calendar if any fresh inputs were received.

12. Mr Jeetu Virmani offered to extend sponsorship of kits for riders representing India at various competitions including Asian Games.

13. The house was informed about action being envisaged against Haryana Equestrian Federation and Red Earth Riding School, Puducherry for non-payment of entry-fee and Corpus money.

14. The house did not endorse Col S Dagar(Retd)'s plea that akin to elections for Members of Selection Committee, Vice President (Tech) and Joint Secretary (Tech), too, should be riders with recognized track record.

15. The Secretary General put before house the point of allowing/ not allowing a terminated member to represent another club/individual (by proxy form etc.) The house unanimously endorsed that a terminated member should not be allowed to represent another member of EFI (State Association/Club/Individual). It was decided to be included in the Statutes.

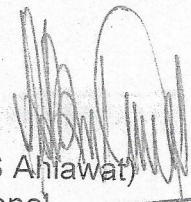
16. **Sub Judice Case of Haryana Equestrian Federation & Haryana Equestrian Association** :- Responding to a request by Sh R Sharma of Haryana Equestrian Association to discuss the legal statutes of Haryana Equestrian Federation Verses Haryana Equestrian Association, the Secretary General concluded that since the case is sub judice, it should not be discussed in the AGM.

17. **Review of Membership** :- The house endorsed the President's proposal to set up a committee to review validity of membership of all association/clubs/units and it was decided that members found wanting on fulfilling laid-down criteria should be removed.
18. Col Tarsem Singh addressed the Vice President (Vet) and requested for provision of more elaborate diagnostic set up at Delhi. The Vice President (Vet) confirmed that state-of-art diagnostic facilities are available at RVC Centre and College, Meerut and open to all riders both from Army and civil.
19. **Vote of Thanks** :- In the end, a vote of thanks for the outgoing EC members was proposed and recommended by Col A Saini and Col S Dagar (Retd). The President made a special mention of contribution of Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) who has been Secretary General for four years.
20. There being no other points, the proceedings of elections for EC members commenced

Case No : 074/EFI/2009

Station : New Delhi

Dated : 30 October 2009


(S S Ahlawat)
Colonel
Secretary General

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Appendix A
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1. During the last calendar year, the Federation conducted most of the events as planned in spite of the outbreak of Equine Influenza. However, NEC Eventing (One Day) could not be organized due to various constraints and shall be held during current season.
2. **Membership** :- The Federation membership is on the increase. It is an encouraging trend as it shows growing interest in the sport :-
 - (a) Individual Members - 430 to 460
 - (b) Life members - 358 to 404
 - (c) Clubs - 260 to 269
 - (d) State Associations - 18
3. **Change of address and E-mail ID** :- Members were requested to intimate any change of address, Email ID, and Mobile phone Numbers to the EFI Secretariat on occurrence.
4. **Membership Subscription** :- Members were requested to remit their annual subscription in time to avoid sending reminders.
5. **EFI Website** :- Members were requested to visit the Federation website www.equestrian-india.org for updates.
6. **Riders' Data base** :- The Federation has placed on the Website a request to all riders to forward their achievements to enable EFI have a data-base of all riders in the country.
7. **Rider's Licence** :- The Federation has introduced a Rider's Licence for technical and administrative monitoring of all equine athletes.
8. **Horse Passports** :- The Federation has introduced horse passport for monitoring all sports horses.

9. **Participation abroad :-**

- (a) Sub Junior riders (10 Riders & 01 Coach) participated in training –cum competition at Sydney (Australia) from 14th July to 04th August 2008.
- (b) Junior riders (10 Riders & 01 Coach) participated in training-cum-competition at Sydney (Australia) from 07th to 28th August 2008.
- (c) Senior Equestrian Team (08 Riders & 01 Coach) participated in training-cum-competition in Asian Pacific Challenge Trophy at Sydney (Australia) from 25th August to 14th September 2008.
- (d) Four Riders & 01 Coach participated in the International Tent Pegging at Muscat (Oman) from 7th to 11th February 2009. The team won one gold and two silver medals. (Team – Gold , Individual – Silver medal)
- (e) Two Riders & 01 Coach participated in Show Jumping competition CSI Category 'B' from 29th July to 31st July 2009 at Mostaganem, Algeria, where Ms Alia Das Gupta stood 7th amongst 48 riders from 08 countries.

10. **FEI Dressage Challenge** :- The following riders excelled in Prelim Dressage in the Group VIII competition :-

- (a) Ajay Appachu
- (b) Nadia Haridas
- (c) Aditya Virwani

- 11. Arun Maribashetty participated in the FEI World Jumping Challenge final at Santiago (Chile) from 12 November 2008 to 16 November 2008. He stood 2nd in the competition.
- 12. Ms Aliya Das Gupta has been selected by FEI to represent our Zone in FEI World Jumping Challenge Final at Santiago (Chile) From 02nd November to 08th November 2009.
- 13. Lt Gen J K Srivastava and Lt Col Sunil Shiv Das attended 2009 Asia & Oceania Regional Technical Forum 2009 from 09th September 2009 to 12th September 2009 at Taiwan.

14. Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) functioned as a member of Election Commission, FEI during the Annual General Body Meeting of FEI at Buenos Aires (Argentina).

15. **FEI Clinics Abroad** :- The following members of this Federation attended clinics abroad for Endurance Judging :-

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| (a) Colonel Sarpartap Singh (Retd) | } | |
| (b) Lt Col CS Sohal | | - Malaysia |
| (c) Lt Col AK Yadav | | - Australia |

The details of various clinics are available on the FEI and EFI Website. Interested members are requested to forward their names for clinics. The Federation disburses Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) to each member desirous of upgrading his judging qualification in any equestrian discipline.

16. **Club Games** :- Case has been taken up with the Indian Olympics Association for inclusion of Equestrian discipline in Club Games at National level. 12

17. **World Equestrian Games: Kentucky** :- The possibilities of inclusion of Tent Pegging demonstration at WEG Kentucky are very strong and discussions are on to formulate the modalities.

18. **Incentive Scheme** :- In order to encourage organizers and riders for their superlative performance, the President has given cash incentive as under mentioned at Dibrugarh and Madhuban :-

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| (a) Organizer | -Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| (b) Gold Medal winner | - Rs. 10,000/ |

19. **Enhancement in cash award money for sports awardees** :- The Government of India has enhanced cash award money in respect of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dhyan Chand Award and Dronacharya Award, The details are posted on EFI website.

20. **Important Meetings :-** The points which emerged during State Association Meeting held on 23 May 2009 are as follows:-

- (a) Provisioning of Horses and Riding Instructors from Army
- (b) Waiver of Corpus Money for first regional horse show .
- (c) Procurement of Ponies.

21. **Important Decisions taken in various Executive Committee Meetings :-**

- (a) The Chartered Accountant and legal advisor should be present during the AGM.
- (b) Frequency of Zonal horse shows to be increased.
- (c) Selection of officials was done by a committee and pasted on website.
- (d) The events allotted in the current calendar will take place without splitting of National championships.
- (e) The requirement of sports Psychologist and Physiotherapist to accompany the team during coaching camps and visits abroad.
- (f) Vice President (Vet) has informed that the civilian riders are welcome at RVC Centre & College for training of their horses.
- (g) Regarding the number of horses a junior rider can ride, it was decided that *status quo* should be maintained.
- (h) **Calendar 2009-2010** All state association should actively contribute to Zonal Championships and the states not responding to this requirement should be disqualified by communicating with State Olympic Associations.

(j) The EC decided that, it should not be mandatory for riders participating in FEI equestrian events to become members of EFI.

(l) The following policies/instructions issued by Govt :-

(i) Permission by Ministry to import Frozen Semen for Artificial Insemination.

(ii) Approval of managers to accompany teams abroad.

(iii) Insurance of riders attending coaching camps from S.A.I.

(iv) Changes in the scheme of National Welfare Fund for sports persons.

(m) A decision has been taken during EC that Memorandum of Understanding as amended, should be signed between National Equestrian Academy, Bhopal and EFI.

(n). **Race Course** :- Letters have been forwarded to all race course associations requesting them to help promote the sport in India by contributing a percentage of their annual proceeds.

(o). **EFI Coffee table book** :- Efforts are afoot to prepare a Coffee table book on EFI.

22. **FEI AGM & AEF AGM** The President and Secretary General attended the following AGMs :-

(a) FEI AGM from 17th Nov to 22nd Nov 2008 at Buenos Aires(Argentina).

(b) AEF AGM held on 07th April 2009 at Abu Dhabi

The following points were raised :-

FEI

(a) **FEI Judges - For Dressage and their qualifications**:- The system of upgrading for FEI Judge in Dressage favors the developed nations. It was requested that separate criteria be formulated for Dressage Judges from developing countries.

(b) Tent Pegging – The Tent Pegging should be included at Zone level competitions.

AEF

(a) Judges - Frequency of Judge's clinics in the Asian region to increase.

(b) Tent Pegging – Forming of Tent Pegging committee and organize Asian Tent Pegging Championships.

(c) Asian Tent Pegging committee formed comprising of Lt Gen SS Kumar, President EFI, Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) and Mr Manoj Jalan.

(d) Lt Gen J K Srivastava was elected Group IV Chairman during AEF AGM at Abu Dhabi.

23. **AGM : FEI** :- The FEI Annual General Body Meeting will be held at Copenhagen, (Denmark) from 15th November to 20th November 2009. The President and Secretary General will be attending the meeting.

24. **Progress On Court Cases** :- The Federation has the following court cases :-

(a) WgCdr Inderjit Lamba, VSM (Retd) Vs Maj Gen RKR Balasubramanian (Retd) case No 46/2003.

(b) Wg Cdr Inderjit Lamba, VSM (Retd) Vs EFI & Others case No 1498/2005.

(c) EFI and Others Vs Wg Cdr Inderjit Lamba, VSM (Retd) case No : 3143-47/2006.

(d) Zoravar Singh Thiara Vs Union of India & Others Civil Writ Petition (Case No 10434 of 2009.)

(e) Wg Cdr Inderjit Lamba, VSM (Retd) Vs Union of India and others (Writ petition No 11784/09)

The amount spent in the court cases during this financial year was Rs 94,500/-.

25. **Railway Concession** :- A case has been taken up with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for concession on movement of horses for equestrian sports. The same has been favorably recommended and forwarded to Railway Ministry for consideration.

26. **16th Asian Games** :- The 16th Asian Games 2010 would be held at Guangzhou, China during Nov 2010. The selection criteria for various disciplines have been placed on the Website for information of all concerned. Members are requested to view the same and prepare accordingly.

27. **Govt Grants** :- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has allotted Rs. 4.5 Crores to the Federation for preparation of Equestrian contingent in Asian Games.

28. **Accounts** :- The Fund position of Federation is as under :-

(i)	Fixed Deposit	-	Rs. 59,61,070/-
(ii)	Cash in hand	-	Rs. 5,961/-
(iii)	Cash in bank	-	Rs. 5,32,421.17

29. **Suggestions** :- The Federation, from time to time, requests its members for suggestions. The response to this is, however far from encouraging. Members should feel free to express their views about the equestrian sport.

Appendix B.

RESULT OF ELECTION HELD ON 20 SEP 2009

LIST OF ELECTED MEMBERS

S No	Appointment	Name
01	Vice President (Technical)	Lt Gen J K Srivastava
02	Secretary General	Col SS Ahlawat, VSM
03	Vice President (Finance)	Col A J Singh
04	Joint Secretary(Technical)	Lt Col Rajesh Pattu, SJRP,VSM
05	Treasurer	Maj R Suhag
06	Member(Medication)	Dr Sohan Singh Rathore
07	Member (Dressage)	Col Subodh Garg
08	Member (Jumping)	Col Sameer Lamba, VSM
09	Member (Media and Publicity)	Mr Raja Raman
10	Regional Member(Eastern)	Mr Anil Mukherjee
11	Regional Member(Northern)	Col S S Solanki
12	Regional Member(Western)	Shri R S Dundlod
13	Regional Member(South)	Shri MM Venkatachalam
14	Selection Committee Members	Brig Balbir Singh
		Col R S Yadav
		Col N S Rajpurohit
		Col D S Rathore