

IPE 2015 Meeting

13 August 2015

Canada

Meeting Opened at 8:45

Present: Organizer-Jacqui Dennis, New Zealand-Wendy Lansdown & Emma Barker, Australia- Michele Ramage & Judy Rose, USA - Jenna Ritacco & Alyson Hartenburg, Canada - Janette Strom

Previous minutes (2013 Australia) ready by Jacqui Dennis.

N.Z – Emma

Regarding age as outlined in IPE Rules. Is there going to be change to allow up to Age 25 years? Some countries are having trouble fielding a team of under 21.

Jacqui Dennis – Official IPE Rules. Section 2. Rule 16 speaks of scoring for the Scrambled Team event. This rule should be changed to the best 3 scores count, not “two less than the number of riders in each team will be totaled.” With teams of 4 this rule only leaves a score of two. If a team of 3 were to be allowed to attend this would only leave 1 score counting.

Jacqui – Would like to see a Protocols & Guidelines as an attachment provided by the International Committee inserted to assist organizers in planning the event. Things such as timelines in planning, suggested officials to be used, etc

Wendy – The North & South Hemisphere school holiday periods and climate at times of year are a concern with scheduling the IPE. Is there flexibility in the time of IPE Rally. In this instance, the dates coincided with the University students only being back at school a couple of weeks before having to take 3 weeks off. The beginning of July would have been much better. Jacqui stated that although Pan Am Games happening may have made it difficult, she could have worked with moving the dates of Rally if she had known. The suggestion to contact countries in advance (it would likely be two years in advance) to ascertain best times if possible would be a great suggestion in the Protocols & Guidelines or posted on the IPE Website. All countries felt more direct contact between the organizer and the Team Managers earlier on would have been beneficial.

N.Z. Wendy – Need to ask Hong Kong about their intention for future Rallies.

Length of tour needs to be kept at the 10-14 day rule ensuring two weekends. In the last 10 years this has been extended to 17 days. For those travelling across the world it amounts to a full 3 weeks. This is often too much time off work and school for all team members.

Jacqui asked what are peoples’ thoughts on billeting, as there was none this tour. After considerable discussion the committee’s suggestion is that billeting be used only as a last resort. This should be reflected in the rules or in the Protocols.

Allyson enquired about website development. Could there be some sort of set up where all information, including the rules are easily accessible and available to all. This would need to be set up by PCA. As stated in 1987 in their role as the official IPE Liason office.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm.

During the Nations Cup a discussion ensued. Rule (g) states all events, where applicable, to be conducted under current F.E.I Rules with amendments.....

As the FEI Rules don't cover the height currently being offered and the height required to qualify for IPE this rule should be changed to or include" or the Host Country's current National Official Jumping Rules." In Canada this would be Equine Canada Showjumping Rules. This would clearly define what rules should be followed.