

Date 19th Feb 2014, via skype **Present:** Mike Adams (MA), Kirsty Carson (KC), Andrew Nickalls (AN), Anne Savage (AS), Gundula Sharman (GS)

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 Actions from last meeting (a) contact Tim about sportsgroup email list which currently does not seem to function (b) MA reported on the decisions from the DA in Reykjavík The minutes of the DA will be published on the FEIF website very shortly. Note to remind riders at the BC that V3 has changed for this season (a) Extra payment to FEIF for WM indees: this has been paid for by 	GS
(c) Extra payment to FEIF for WM judges: this has been paid for by IHSGB. Mike contact riders for the payment; suggestion that the contribution for the young rider will come out of the IHSGB youth fund.	MA
 2. FEIF Conference Report (a) New Sport Judges Guidelines available at <u>http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/sj_guidelines2014.pdf</u> Suggestion: Fi has offered to speak to all interested in an open sport meeting about the new sport judges guidelines. MA to liaise on dates (b) results of the hoof study, <u>http://www.feiffengur.com/documents/summary_hoofstudy2014.pdf</u> Comment: GS has spoken to Jemima about publishing a news item about the study. This is very technical, and it would be helpful if the findings can be brought to the membership in a slightly different form. 	MA
 3 BC/Festival 3.1 Communication – aim to get the invitation and other information into the next edition of Sleipnir, (April). Registration electronically, but invitation still on paper. Next year, aim to have both invitation and registration electronically. Fees could be paid by electronic transfer. Not clear if IHSGB has a paypal account. 	MA
 3.2 Tests to be included: Anne and Kirsty will look at the uptake / popularity of specific test in previous BCs 3.3 Judges: Fi committed, Kristinn Bjarni Thorvaldsson, Marina still to confirm if she will act as tournament leader, Arielle (if Marina comes). This 	AS / KC MA



might mean we can run BC as a WR event this year. 3.4 Festival attractions: alternative classes to become more inclusive, contact Helena Levett offer a trec class? Offer a trail class, countryside ride, in-hand dressage (see non-oval track classes in FIPO), ask Julie Lennox if she is interested in helping to organize this. Tolt in Harmony is also a possibility Action to ALL: circulate ideas for additional classes to Mike before 28 th February	ALL
3.5 Helpers. Looking for volunteers to register entries. Ask for helpers for specific roles on the application form e.g. first aid, looking after judges, helping with admin tasks Mike to circulate a draft invitation	MA
4 Widen the terms of reference for the Sport group to include other horse sport activities. There is no need to organize anything specific but achievements of Icelandic horse rider in other fields should be celebrated and given some status. This can be done in form of a news item, in form of rosettes or certificates (during the year) and / or named and rewarded at the BC festival. Issue – how to get the information; social media? Ask for nominations from fellow members?	
GS to compose a brief proposal for the next Trustee meeting	GS
 5 BEF application Might be better to come from sport group, rather than IHSGB. Application deadline October. Benefits: membership of BEF might mean recognition and acceptance of gaited (Icelandic) riding as a horse discipline, enable us to attract sponsors, draw attention to the sport. Andrew to pass some info to Kirsty. Important to show achievable targets. Andrew and Kirsty to investigate further, and decide if it is worth the effort at this stage. Will need the support of the trustees. Deadline to produce a draft – May 2014 	KC/ AN
 6 Sport squad – suggestion to form a sport quad in order to better co-ordinate the development and selection of the GB team. How do we identify riders? Those who have talent as well as willingness and ability to make a commitment. Mike to contact riders of last 4 World Championships for comments on how to take the next steps. Mike will also invite Karen to give some feedback and recommendations on her experience as team leader, and coach between World Championships. Karen is indicated her willingness to act as team leader in Herning 2015. 	MA
7. The sport group sends best wishes to Charlotte who is competing at the World Tölt in Odense this month.	
Date of next meeting: Wed 17 th March 2014 8pm via skype	
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GMS 19th Feb 2014 POST MEETING NOTE Marina has confirmed that she will be tournament leader. Arielle will judge. Ann Winter will also judge