

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA
HELD ON 22ND JAN 2016 AT DSOI, DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI

1. The Executive Committee Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 22nd Jan 2016, at 1700 hrs at Committee Room, DSOI, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi-10 under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen R V Kanitkar, SM, VSM President EFI & QMG.

2. Following members attended the meeting:-

(a)	Lt Gen RP Rai, VSM, ADC	- Vice President (Adm)
(b)	Lt Gen Jagvinder Singh, VSM	- Vice President (Vet)
(c)	Maj Gen AJ Singh, VSM	- Special Invitee
(d)	Brig GS Puri	- Vice President (Tech)
(e)	Brig S S Kashyap	- Vice President (Sports Devp)
(f)	Mr Jitendra Virwani	- Vice President (Fin)
(g)	Brig M A Kelkar	- Member Medication Control
(h)	Col R K Swain	- Secretary General
(j)	Col AK Yadav	- Joint Secretary (Tech)
(k)	Col Sanjay Malik	- Joint Secretary (Adm)
(l)	Col BVS Shiva Rao	- Treasurer
(m)	Col SS Ahlawat, VSM	- Member Dressage
(n)	Col B S Lakra	- Member Endurance
(o)	Col Deep Ahlawat, VSM	- Member Eventing
(p)	Col NS Sandhu	- Member Northern Region
(q)	Dr Sanjay Gupta	- Member Central Region
(r)	Col Rajesh Pattu, SJRP, VSM	- Member Western Region
(s)	Mr Ahmed Afsar	- Special Invitee
(t)	Mr Siddhartha Sharma	- Member North East Region
(u)	Comdt Naresh Tehlan	- Member Jumping
(v)	Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd)	- Member Tent Pegging
(w)	Maj Karan Deep Malik	- Member Southern Region

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(a)	Col RS Yadav	- Member Eastern Region
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3. **Condolence on demise of Gen O P Malhotra, PVSM:-** The EC meeting commenced with observation of 2 minutes of silence to offer condolence to the departed soul of Gen O P Malhotra, PVSM (Retd) who was expired on 29 Dec 2015. The General Officer was a founding member and former president of the Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF) and former President of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) for nine years.

4. **Opening Address by the President:-** The President welcomed all the members and expressed his satisfaction at the progress of sport in the right direction. He further emphasized the need of having a long term plan for the development of sport and welcomed any suggestions for improvement of sport from all EC Members. He then handed over to Secy Gen to start the proceedings.

AGENDA-I

5. Secretary General's Briefing.

Points	Decision	Action to be taken by	Remarks
5.1 <u>Website development project:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that based on the FEI IT Platform, the NF website need to be developed with proper database of riders, horses, grading list, registration, members profile, officials etc. Further, it is required to develop the website as it is the major way of information about the sport in this country. A proposal from HKG Rox Software, Delhi has been received by this NF based on the requirement of FEI IT Platform. Various aspects of their proposal are given at Appx 'A' att.	Decisions of EC:- On suggestions of VP (Fin), it was decided that he will delegate his IT professionals to analyze the project and will forward the recommendations/ alternative suggestions (if any) for necessary action at the earliest.	VP (Fin) Secy Gen	
5.2 <u>FEI AGM Puerto Rico (USA) wef 10-13 Nov 2015:-</u> FEI AGM 2015 was held at Puerto Rico (USA) wef 10-13 Nov 2015. VP (Sports Devp) & Secy Gen from this NF attended the meeting. Points discussed during the AGM are as per Appx 'B' att.	Decisions of EC:- The house perused the details.		
5.3 <u>A proposal from 'Excel in Sports' for development of equestrian sports in India:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that a proposal from an NGO 'Excel in Sports' has been received by the NF for promotion of Equestrian sports in the country. Detailed proposal is att at Appx 'C'	Decisions of EC: The house after detailed discussions on financial aspects, decided to seek further clarification on the subject from the proposer.	VP (Fin) Secy Gen	
5.4 <u>Results of events after last EC:-</u> The Secretary General presented the results of all events held wef 22 Oct 2015 to till date. Details of all events and results are attached at Appx 'D' .	Decisions of EC: The house perused the results of all events.		
5.5 <u>National Dressage Clinic wef 29 Oct to 31 Oct 2015:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that a Dressage Clinic for upgradation of enlisted national dressage judges and empanelment of new judges at national level held at AEC, Delhi wef 29-31 Oct 15 under Ms Natallia Rubashko (FEI 3/4* Judge). Details of participants alongwith their grading is att at Appx 'E'	Decisions of EC: The house perused the results of all participants and approved them to be enlisted to the respective cat of national judges list.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	

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5.6 FEI WJC Final:- The Secy Gen informed the house that FEI World Jumping Challenge final to be held at Rabat, Morocco wef 22 to 24 Apr 2016. Mr Rushil Patel of this NF has quailed to the event based on the result of FEI WJC Cat 'A' result.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house praised the rider and directed to extend all help from the NF for his participation. It was also confirmed that Mr Nitin Gupta be detailed as coach of the rider and to accompany him during the event. President directed that photographs of all outstanding riders be flashed alongwith achievements.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	
5.7 Coaching camp for Indian Tent Pegging Team:- The Secy Gen informed the house that a coaching camp for Indian tent pegging team for world cup qualifier was conducted at APRC, Delhi under the aegis of Sports Authority of India wef 01 Dec to 08 Dec 2015 prior to departure for participation in world tent pegging qualifier. The team was as under:- (a) Nb/Ris Ajay Sawant (61 CAV) (b) HC Suresh Kumar (Haryana Police) (c) HC Pradeep (Haryana Police) (d) L/NK W Lammatty (Assam Rifles) (e) ASI Jaswinder Singh (BSF) (f) Official &: Mr Ahmad Afsar Coach Col A K Yadav An advance amount of Rs 1,00,000.00 (Rupees one lac only) was received from SAI for conduct of subject coaching camp which had been expended and paid for hotel accn, tpt, stabling & for purchase of horse feed etc.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house perused the details and praised the results of the tent pegging team.	VP (Sports Devp) Secy Gen	
5.8 Indian Tent Pegging Team in World Cup Qualifier:- The Secy Gen informed the house that the team as mentioned in Para 4.7 participated in a grueling contest among 05 countries namely UAE, India, Australia, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in world Cup Qualifiers. A total of 03 countries were to qualify for participating in world cup tent pegging to be held in Egypt later in April 2016. India emerged on top by winning 05 gold and 02 silver medals.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house congratulated the team for their excellent performance and also praised the official & coach Mr Ahmed Afsar. It was also directed to keep the qualifying team unchanged for participation in the world cup alongwith the coach.	VP (Tech) & Secy Gen	

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He also informed that after a long gap of one and half year the Sports Authority of India (SAI) approved for participation of Indian equestrian team in abroad on full cost to the government. However, the team participated in the event on sponsorship offered by simsimbaba.com. The Secy Gen also informed that a coaching camp will again be organized for the Tent Pegging Team before their participation in the World Cup during Mar 2016. Case for the same has been taken up with SAI.			
5.9 <u>National Dressage Clinic wef 17 Jan to 20 Jan 2016</u> :- The Secy Gen informed the house that a Dressage Clinic for upgradation of enlisted national dressage judges and empanelment of new judges at national level held at AEC, Delhi wef 17-20 Jan 2016 under Col Fuangvich Aniruth Deva (FEI 3* Judge). Details of participants alongwith their grading is att at Appx 'F'	<u>Decisions of EC</u> : The house perused the results of all participants and approved them to be enlisted to the respective cat of national judges list.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	
5.10 <u>Telecast & broadcasting of equestrian events</u> :- The Secretary General informed the house that a proposal has been received from Mr Sanjeev Ranjan, rep of Doordarshan & owner of 'Pith Sports & Entertainment' company New Delhi to provide TV production, marketing & telecast of equestrian sports through Doordarshan. Detaied proposal is att at Appx 'G'	<u>Decisions of EC</u> : Based on the suggestion of Col N S Sandhu (Member North Region), the house directed him to analyze the proposal of "Pith Sports & Entertainment" and forward his recommendation by 30th Jan 2016 . However, a contract for one year be made on trial basis.	Secy Gen & Member (North Region)	
5.11 <u>FEI Sports Forum</u> :- The Secy Gen informed the house about the FEI Sports Forum (for development of equestrian sports) which is scheduled to be held at lausanne (Switzerland) from 04 - 05 Apr 2016.	<u>Decisions of EC</u> : It was decided by the house that Secy Gen & VP (Tech) will attend the forum on behalf of the NF. President directed that the rep will go with a definite purpose and fruitful results be obtained during the meet.	VP (Tech) & Secy Gen	

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5.12 <u>AEF AGM 2016:-</u> The Secy Gen informed house that AEF General Assembly 2016 is scheduled to be held at Pattaya (Thailand) from 14 - 15 Apr 2016. Tentative agenda are as under:- (a) 2015 GA & EOGA Review (b) 2016 Financial Plan (c) Election (Regional Chairperson, Dressage & Tent Pegging Committee Chairperson) (d) Statutes Amendment (e) AEF Competition (f) Asian Championship (Thailand federation, tentatively wef 05 to 18 Dec 2016 at Pattaya)	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> It was decided by the house that the NF will apply for at least two positions in the EC of AEF. President directed that VP (Adm) and Secy Gen shall attend the AGM.	Secy Gen	
5.13 <u>Meeting with IOA Secy Gen:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that Vice President (Sports Devp) & Secy Gen had a meeting with IOA Secy Gen and discussed the matter of non release of balance funds against 17th asian games final claim of Rs 1,13,99,260.00. He also informed that in this regard, an email / letter has been written to all executive members of IOA on 20 Dec 2015 to discuss the issue during IOA's AGM held on 23rd Dec 2015 at Guwahati. Outcome of the decision is still awaited.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> President directed VP (Fin) to liaise with the IOA President for early release of the funds.	VP (Fin) Secy Gen	
5.14. <u>Difficulties faced by riders regarding quarantine protocol while importing equestrian sports horse:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that during AGM 2015 held on 27 Sep 2015 in which a point was raised by riders regarding difficulties faced pertaining to quarantine protocol while importing/exporting equestrian sports horses. A case was taken up with concerned auth by the NF. Govt of India, Min of Agriculture states that there are no complaints from any of the importers of sports horses on these aspects	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> After detailed discussion on the subject it was directed by the President that VP (Sports Devp), Member Eventing and Member Western Region to organize a meeting with Agriculture Minister for creation of permanent quarantine center meeting international standards. Fortnightly progress report of the same be forwarded to Secy Gen EFI for perusal of the President.	VP (Sports Devp) Member Eventing Member Western Region Secy Gen	

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5.15. <u>Coaching of coaches:-</u> The Secy Gen proposed to conduct a course for coaching of 16 coaches under aegis of International show jumping trainer Mr Chris Ruysen (Belgium) wef 21 to 25 Mar 2016 prior to Delhi Horse Show. Brief guidelines of the coaching camp is att at Appx 'H' .	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> After detailed discussion on the subject it was agreed by the house to conduct the course for development of the sports. Further, the house directed Col Rajesh Pattu, SJRP, VSM (Member Western Region) to forward more names of highly qualified coaches so that their names can be considered in future.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	
5.16 <u>State of Fund & Fixed Deposits:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house about the state of Fund and Fixed Deposits. Details are as under:- (a) Cash in hand -Rs 26,487.00 (b) Cash in bank -Rs7,47,570.76 (c) FD's -Rs 2,60,14,428.00 (Rupees one crore ten lac has been invested during Dec 15 / Jan 16)	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house perused the details.	VP (Fin) Secy Gen	
5.17 <u>Outstanding subscription:-</u> It was informed by the Secy Gen that outstanding subscription as given in Appx 'J' is still pending to this NF from various members. Reminders for remittance of subscription are being issued regularly. After last EC meeting held on 21 Oct 2015, this NF has received a sum of Rs 10,32,000.00 from different clubs/ units/ associations/ individual members towards annual subscription fee	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> It was decided by the house that the membership of defaulters on account of payment for 4 years & above be terminated after giving a termination notice and deadline by Apr 2016.	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA – II</u>			
6. <u>Regional Equestrian League (REL):-</u> The Secretary General proposed Regional Equestrian League (REL) to be conducted at various regions of the country which will be a qualifier for participation in the NEC events from the Calendar year 2016-17. Brief details alongwith a Map is given at Appx 'K'	<u>Decisions of EC:-</u> The house accepted the proposal and decided to conduct the events. Guidelines for the REL to be prepared by VP (Tech), Joint Secy (Tech) & Secy Gen. President directed that all regional members to put in all efforts for conduct of the event.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen Joint Secy (Tech) All Regional Members	

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<u>AGENDA – III</u>			
7. <u>Important letters/mails from ministry/members</u>			
7.1 <u>Letter from Assam Equestrian Federation regarding conduct of South Asian Equestrian Games in Jan 2017 at Dibrugarh (Assam)</u>	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house accepted the proposal and ensured that necessary help will be provided to the State Association and NF for conduct of the event.	Secy Gen Member North East	
7.2 <u>Email from Mr Ajai Appachu regarding opening of EIRS Branch in the UK & achievements there of by Indian rider Mr Hriday Chedda & Isaack Koshy</u>	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house praised the efforts of EIRS and acknowledged the achievements of both the riders. VP (Fin) told that feasibility can be explored for sending the riders selected for 18 th Asian Games for coaching at the riding school.	VP (Sports Devp) Secy Gen	
7.3 <u>Email from Mr Sanjay Bagai for proposing his name to the FEI for show jumping in the Olympics</u>	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The House directed that needful be done after confirming his qualification to the Olympics	Secy Gen	
7.4 <u>Email from Col Sarpartap Singh (Retd) regarding training Indian Tent Pegging Team selected for world cup in Egypt during Apr 2016</u>	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The Secy Gen informed that a coaching camp is being organized at Delhi wef 15 Mar 2016 to till departure for the tent pegging team before their participation in the World Cup (Tent Pegging). He also informed that case has been taken up with SAI for Govt approval.	Secy Gen	
7.5 <u>Gen O P Malhotra Cup:-</u> TSEA has proposed to start a Gen O P Malhotra Cup from this NEC (Show Jumping) onwards. For this year they have proposed to give this cup to winner of Adv grade show jumping (The Association also confirmed that this may be a rolling cup and can be awarded to riders as per the decision of EFI)	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house applauded the same and was accepted.	Secy Gen	

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7.6 Letter from Yashodhara Raje Scindia, Min of Sports & Welfare, Commerce (Madhya Pradesh) for participation of Tent Pegging teams of ASC, PBG, RVC & 61 CAV in the Madhya Bharat Horse Show to be conducted by MP State Equestrian Academy.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> President directed Secy Gen that necessary direction be issued through Army channel to ASC, RVC, PBG & 61 CAV to send their tent pegging team to participate in the event.	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA – IV</u>			
8. <u>Amendments to Tech Guidelines 2013</u> :- The Secy Gen informed the house that on 06 Jan 2016, a meeting for review of EFI Tech Guidelines was held at EFI Office in which all members discipline alongwith VP (Tech) disused necessary amendments to the Tech Guidelines which were flashed before the EC. Copy of amendments att at Appx 'L'	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house ratified the amendments to Tech Guidelines. President directed that amendments be uploaded on EFI website & mailed to members for seeking suggestions by 02 Feb 2016. VP (Tech) & Members discipline will incorporate necessary amendments if the suggestions are found suitable.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA – V</u>			
9. <u>Review of Calendar 2015-16:-</u> The Secretary General informed the house about the updation in the EFI event Calendar 2015-16. Copy of Calendar is att at Appx 'M' .	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
<u>AGENDA – VI</u>			
10. <u>New Memberships:-</u> The Secy Gen flashed the names of all new applicants (Individual/clubs) for EFI Membership before the house. List of new members is att at Appx 'N' .	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> The house perused each name and membership was approved.	VP (Tech) Secy Gen	

11. **Agenda VII: Any Other Points from Members:-**

10.1 Col B S Lakra, Member Endurance, requested for conduct of more endurance events. President directed Secy Gen to explore feasibility of conduct of endurance alongwith NEC Eventing to be held at Meerut in the month of Feb-Mar 2016

12. There being no more points from the members, the President proceeded with the closing address and directed the following:-

(a) He thanked all members for fruitful discussion and emphasized the need for more publicity of sport and sincere efforts to be put in by all to ensure correct selection, training and conduct of more regional shows for improvement of sport.

(b) He once again emphasized the need for complete transparency in the Federation and all EC members to pitch in with consistent effort for improvement of the sport.

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Dated : 27Jan 2016

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(R K Swain)
Colonel
Secretary General