

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
OF INDIA HELD ON 03RD NOV 2016 AT CENTRAL ASC OFFR'S MESS,
7TH POLO ROAD, DELHI CANTTT**

1. The Executive Committee Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 03rd Nov 2016, at 1700 hrs at Central ASC Offr's Mess, 7th Polo Road, Delhi Cantt under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen R V Kanitkar, AVSM, SM, VSM President EFI & QMG.

2. Following members attended the meeting:-

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| (a) | Lt Gen Balbir Singh Sandhu, VSM | - Vice President (Adm) |
| (b) | Lt Gen A J Singh, VSM | - Vice President (Vet) |
| (c) | Brig GS Puri | - Vice President (Tech) |
| (d) | Brig S S Kashyap | - Vice President (Sports Devp) |
| (e) | Brig A A Mahmood, VSM | - Member Selection Committee |
| (f) | Col R K Swain | - Secretary General |
| (g) | Col AK Yadav | - Joint Secretary (Tech) |
| (h) | Col Sanjay Malik | - Joint Secretary (Adm) |
| (j) | Col SS Ahlawat, VSM | - Member Dressage |
| (k) | Col Tarsem Singh Warraich | - Member Tent pegging |
| (l) | Dr Sanjay Gupta | - Member Central Region |
| (m) | Col Rajesh Pattu, SJRP, VSM | - Member Western Region |
| (n) | Col NS Sandhu | - Member Northern Region |
| (o) | Col PP Singh (Retd) | - Member East Region |
| (p) | Col HR Sunil | - Member Selection committee |
| (q) | Mr Siddharatha Sharma | - Member North East Region |

Special invite

- (a) Brig Rajeeva Kumar, YSM , SM

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| (a) | Brig M A Kelkar | - Member Medication Control |
| (b) | Mr Jitendra Virwani | - Vice President (Fin) |
| (c) | Col Deep Ahlawat, VSM | - Member Eventing |
| (d) | Col BVS Shiva Rao | - Treasurer |
| (e) | Col CS Sohal (Retd) | - Member Endurance |

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| (f) | Maj Karandeep Malik | - Member South Region |
| (g) | Mr Naresh Tehlan, Comdt | - Member Jumping |
| (h) | Col RK Dahiya | - Member Selection Committee |
| (k) | Col Sameer Lanba, VSM | - Selection Committee |
| (m) | Ms Anisha Sodhi Bhandari | - Selection Committee |

3. **Opening Address by the President:-** The president welcomed all the members for fruitful discussions and appreciated the efforts put in by all in taking the equestrian sport in right direction. He appreciated the way funds were utilized by EFI for development of sport and stressed the need to explore ways and means for further improvement of the sport. He further added there was a need to review the system of corpus money being charged from organizers and explore the possibility of conducting coaching classes in different regions of the country. He then handed over to Secretary General to start the proceedings.

AGENDA-I

Points	Decision	Action to be taken by	Remarks
4. <u>Presentation by the Project Manager : NF IT Platform:-</u> Mr Harish Kumar Gambhir, the Project Manager of NF IT Platform presented a detailed brief on the present progress of the new website project before the house.	The effort put in by the EFI Secretariat was appreciated by all the members and President appreciated the work done by the project manager in upgradation of EFI Website.	Secy Gen	

AGENDA-II

5. <u>Presentation by rep of Attwood Equestrian Surfaces on imported Footing:-</u> Mr Abhinav Srivastava, representative of Attwood Equestrian Surfaces gave a presentation on the use of Imported Footing for equestrian events.	The house was of the view that the provision of imported footing be explored by Army Institutions and the SAG fund be utilized rather than EFI funding the project. The house suggested that the EFI fund be utilized for Training purposes.	Secy Gen	
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AGENDA-IV

6. <u>Review of 18th Asian Games Selection Criteria:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that after the ratification of selection criteria for 18 th Asian Games, certain representations from various quarters have been received by the National Federation. Accordingly a meeting consisting of Vice Presidents (Adm)/(Vet)/(Tech), Member Disciplines, Secretary General & Joint Secretaries was called by the President EFI on 01 Sep 2016 and discussed the Selection Criteria alongwith the representations in detail.	The house was of the view that certain amendments be made in selection criteria. President directed that a meeting of all the Selection Committee members be re-convened. Selection Committee (SC) members to take necessary inputs and formulate new selection criteria with sole aim to select athletes capable of winning medals and not only for the sake of participation in Asian Games. The same be ratified in coming Annual General Body Meeting after approval by EC Members.	Secy Gen SC	
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<u>AGENDA-V</u>			
7. <u>SECRETARY GENERAL'S BRIEFING.</u>			
7.1 <u>Results of EFI Calendar Events.</u> The Secretary General presented the results of all events. Details of all events and results are attached at Appx 'A'	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
7.2 <u>Regional Equestrian League (REL).</u> The Secretary General informed the house about the newly inducted Regional Equestrian League (REL) being conducted all across the country, as qualifier for participation in the NEC Show Jumping 2017. The qualification chart is attached at Appx 'B' .	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house appreciated the efforts on the success of REL and perused the REL qualification chart.	Secy Gen	
7.3 <u>ENTRY IN WRONG GRADE IN REL:-</u> The Secretary General informed the house that few riders have given entries in wrong grade during REL. The list of riders who entered in wrong grade are as per Appx 'C' .	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house suggested that the riders be strictly warned to refrain from such serious lapse in the future.	Secy Gen VP (Tech)	
7.4 <u>Participation of Horse/Rider Combination in Higher Grade:-</u> The Secretary General informed the house that as per para 5 of article 206 of EFI Tech Guidelines, a rider can participate upto two or more grades in a single horse show, if the combination meets the MER as laid down in Article 207 . But as per the new concept of Regional Equestrian League (REL), a horse/rider combination has to achieve certain MER in REL for qualifying to take part in the NEC in same grade. <u>Team Entry</u> :- In NEC there will be team competition in various grades. However, the clubs may not be able to field teams as the required number of riders may not have qualified through REL.	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house suggested that if the combination meets the MER of a particular grade during NEC, the combination may be permitted to take part in the next higher grade even if the combination has not participated in the REL of the higher grade. <u>Team Entry:-</u> For the team competitions, anyone with appropriately graded horse be allowed to participate even if the combination has not acquired qualification through the REL.	Secy Gen VP (Tech)	

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7.5 <u>Dressage Coaching Camp.</u> The Secretary General informed the house about the National Dressage Coaching Camp being held at Army Equestrian Centre, Delhi wef 20 Oct 16 to 05 Nov 2016 for training of Indian Riders as well as Horses under <u>Mrs Jennie Loriston Clarke</u>, Level 3 International Trainer & four times Olympian from Great Britain. The Govt sanction from Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been received. The Secretary General also informed the house that the Govt has also started to give sanction for Horse Feed during coaching camps as a result of continuous persuasion by the NF. The list of selected riders & officials are attached at <u>Appx 'D'</u>.	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house applauded the efforts taken by the NF for betterment of the sport in the country.	Secy Gen	
7.6 <u>Dressage Clinic.</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 is being held at Army Equestrian Centre, Delhi wef 02-05 Nov 2016 under FEI 4* Judge <u>Mr Peter Helmut Engel</u> from Germany alongwith FEI World Dressage Challenge 2016. The list of participants is att at <u>Appx 'E'</u>.	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
7.7 <u>CSIJ-B AEF Junior Championship Hongcheon 2016:-</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that an invitation was recd from Korean Equestrian Federation for participation of Indian Junior Team in CSIJ-B AEF Junior Championship Hongcheon 2016 wef 25 to 28 Oct 2016 at Hongcheon. Sports Authority of India (SAI) had given approval under "at cost to the Govt". Based on the results of JNEC 2015, <u>Mr Rushil Patel</u> was selected by the Selection Committee. Mr Nitin Gupta was the Chef-d-equipe.	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The Secretary General informed the house that Mr Rushil Patel was placed 07th in the championship on borrowed horse. The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	

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7.8 CDI-Y Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) 06 – 08 Nov 2016. The Secretary General informed the house that an invitation has been recd from Chinese Taipei Equestrian Federation for one young rider (15-21 yrs) and one Chef-D-Equipe for participation in CDI-Y Taipei 2016 wef 06-08 Nov 2016 at Hannover Equestrian Club, Taipei (Taiwan). Sports Authority of India (SAI) had given approval under “at cost to the Govt”. Based on the past performance, Mr Balaji Vijayshankar has been selected by the Selection Committee. Lt Col Rohit Dagar selected as Chef-D-Equipe.	Decision of EC:- The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
7.9 FEI Solidarity Support. The Secy Gen informed the house that the NF had projected a case for training of national athletes / coaches for Show Jumping & Eventing under FEI Solidarity support / programme. The proposed budget was as under :- (a) Eventing - Rs 22 Lac (CHF 30500.00 for 4 Quarter) (Airfare, Accn & Remuneration) (a) Show Jumping - Rs 22 Lac (CHF 30500.00 for 4 Quarter) (Airfare, Accn & Remuneration) Now the proposal has been approved by the FEI Solidarity for both athletes training projects i.e. Show jumping & Eventing. Mr Jean Philippe Camboulives will visit India by Jan 2017 to evaluate the situation and help this NF to develop an identification, qualification and preparation of programme for the two athletes training projects in Jumping & Eventing. The allocation of funds will be based on the conclusion of the FEI Development Officer’s evaluation of the situation.	Decision of EC:- The house applauded the efforts put in by the Secretary General, EFI. President directed that the projects approved by FEI should be managed in such a manner that it should be able to create a strong frame work of athletes and coaches in the country.	Secy Gen	

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7.10 <u>National Eventing Course For National Judges, TDs & CDs at Meerut wef 15-17 Feb 2017.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that the FEI has approved the request for conduct of National Eventing Course for National Judges, TDs & CDs alongwith CIC*/CIC** Eventing at Meerut. (a) Course Director - Mrs Anne-Mette Binder, $\frac{3}{4}$* FEI Judge from Denmark (Detailed by FEI) (b) Max Participation - 15 pers (Min 10 pers)	The house perused the same.	Secy Gen	
7.11 <u>NEC Dressage 2017.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that based on the request received from Central Coordinating Committee, All India Police Meet, the dates for 35th All India Police Equestrian Championship has initially been earmarked from 02 to 10 Jan 2017 in EFI Calendar 2016-17 as ratified in AGM 2016. Now, as per the EFI Calendar, there is a clash of dates of 35th All India Police Equestrian Championship (i.e. 02 – 10 Jan 2017) and NEC Dressage 2017 (i.e. 10 – 15 Jan 2017). DGAR Eqtn Team who will be participating in 35th All India Police Equestrian Championship, requesting this NF to alter the dates of NEC Dressage 2017 in order to enable their athletes to take part in the NEC too. <u>Suggested dates</u> :- 15 – 18 Jan 2017.	<u>Decisions of EC</u> :- The house agreed to the proposed amended dates.	Secy Gen	

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7.12. <u>NOC.</u> The Secretary General informed the house that with a view to encourage young Indian athletes / riders below 18 years of age, it is proposed to exempt NOC fee for their participation in training / competition abroad. It is also proposed to exempt NOC fee of riders those who are willing to take selection trials abroad in connection with 18th Asian Games for a period from 01 Jan 2017 to 31 May 2018.	<u>Decisions of EC :-</u> The house perused the same and approved.	Secy Gen	
7.13 <u>Corpus Money & Entry FEE.</u> The Secretary General informed the house that the system of corpus money deposit requires to be reconsidered. There should be refundable corpus money for Junior National / National. Amount to be decided by the EC. On successful completion of the event, all entry fee to be deposited to National Federation and thereafter the Corpus Money be released to the respective org. In case the org fails to conduct the event, the refundable corpus money be forfeited.	<u>Decisions of EC:-</u> The house perused the suggestion and recommended to get the same ratified in the coming AGM and to implement from next calendar year onwards. The recommended corpus money for various events decided by EC are as under :- (a) NEC of all discipline – Rs 1 lac (b) JNEC – Rs 2 lac	Secy Gen	
7.14 <u>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARMY UNITS FOR ORGANISING EVENTS.</u> The Secretary General informed the house that due to restriction in acceptance of sponsorship by Army units, they are finding it difficult to organise various events forced on them by EFI. Particularly when eventing competitions are held, huge expenditures are incurred by these units. It is proposed that necessary financial assistance be given to Army units for organising NEC of various disciplines. Proposed assistance are as under :- (a) NEC Show Jumping - Rs 1,00,000/- (b) NEC Eventing/CIC/CCI - Rs 1,50,000/- (c) NEC Endurance - Rs 50,000/- (d) NEC Tent pegging - Rs 50,000/- (e) NEC Dressage - Rs 50,000/- (f) JNEC - Rs 1,50,000/-	<u>Decisions of EC:-</u> The house perused the suggestion and recommended the proposal to be implemented with immediate effect.	Secy Gen	

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7.15 <u>Allotment of EFI Permanent Rider/Horse ID.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that the upgradation of EFI Website to integrate with FEI is under progress. In this connection, the following are proposed by this NF for implementation :- (a) To provide a life time ID for riders / athletes. (b) To do away with Horse Regn No & Passport No and issue only one permanent ID for horses. (c) To provide a permanent ID for EFI officials	<u>Decisions of EC</u> :- The house perused the same and approved.	Secy Gen	
7.16 <u>Conversion of EFI Membership Indl To Life Membership.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that during 55th Annual General Body Meeting, a point was raised by Lt Col Vivek Mishra (Life Member) regarding conversion of Individual Membership to Life Membership of Army Riders (JCOs/Ors) after deducting the amount that they have already paid towards Individual Membership fee and yearly subscriptions. The house directed to discuss the matter in the next EC Meeting and take appropriate decision.	<u>Decisions of EC</u> :- The house perused the same and did not agree.	Secy Gen	

7.17 Reinstatement of EFI Membership. The Secy Gen informed the house that during 55th Annual General Body Meeting, Membership of certain individual/club/unit /association was terminated due to nonpayment of Annual Subscription for more than three years of time. Now, out of which some members are willing to clear all the outstanding dues and to continue their membership with EFI. As per para 6 of article 007 of EFI Statute, General Assembly can decide by a two third majority of voter members present to reinstate a member after hearing his appeal against the termination. Accordingly, the member can be reinstated after paying all the dues and the normal subscription. The following members have remitted their outstanding dues :- (a) Assam Police Sports Control Board - Rs 19,500/- Guwahati (CM-224) (b) Lt Col Rakesh Sharma (IM-444) - Rs 2,600/- (Cheque Returned)	Decisions of EC: - The house perused the same and recommended for its ratification by the next AGM.	Secy Gen	
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7.18 <u>Promotion : Eventing Officials.</u> The Secy Gen informed the house that the following National Eventing officials have participated in FEI Eventing Course at Miki (Japan) wef 20 – 23 Oct 2016 and promoted to FEI level 1&2 Star:- (a) Col Jagat Singh –FEI 1*/2* Judge (b) Col PP Singh (Retd) – FEI 1*/2* Tech Delegate	<u>Decision of EC:-</u> The house perused the same and appreciated the efforts of the officials.	Secy Gen	
7.19 <u>ITPF Referees Course.</u> The Secretary General informed the house that the Col AK Yadav (Retd), National Tent Pegging official has participated in training course for referees at Cairo (Egypt) wef 12 – 15 Apr 2016 and promoted to International Judge Second Grade (Silver).	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> - The house perused the same and appreciated the efforts of the official.	Secy Gen	
7.20 <u>Life Members Affiliated:-</u> The Secretary General informed the house that the NF is having 15 Life Members Affiliated (LMA) and there is no provision of such membership as per Statute upto 2005 and added in Statue of 2008 as additional clause 1.5 of article 004. Statute of 2009 edition onwards do not have the clause of 1.5 in Article 004. Hence, he proposed that either these members be granted LM with voting rights or be given Honorary/Ex-Officio membership without voting rights as per clause 1.4 of Article 004.	<u>Decisions of EC:</u> - The house agreed that Honorary/Ex-Officio memberships be given to the existing members without voting rights.	Secy Gen	

7.21 EFI Calendar : 2016-17 Progress & BID Recd: - The Secretary General informed the house about the progress and bid received for EFI Calendar events.	Decisions of EC: - President directed APRC be asked to fwd firm dates of conduct of JNEC at the earliest.	Secy Gen	
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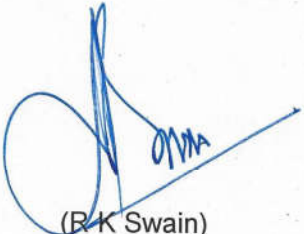
8. Due to paucity of time Agenda No VI to IX could not be discussed during the EC Meeting. The same will be taken up during the next EC Meeting.

9. At last, the President thanked all members for fruitful discussion and directed all EC members to pitch in with consistent effort for improvement of the sport.



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(R.K Swain)
Colonel
Secretary General