



2020 IFahr ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM*

Sunday December 17th, 2020

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Attendees

- 1) Faisal Al Rahmani – Chairman
- 2) Mats Genberg – Vice Chairman
- 3) Nelly Philippot – Belgium
- 4) Dr. Mohammed Al Nujaifi – Iraq
- 5) Sami Al Boenain - Qatar
- 6) Jean-Pierre Deroubaix – France
- 7) Mohamed Al Hashmi - Oman
- 8) Neil Abrahams – Secretary General
- 9) Miguel Acuna - Chile
- 10) Sue Meyer USA
- 11) Kathy Smoke - USA
- 12) Tomasz Chalimoniuk - Poland
- 13) Dr. Ahmad Adine Ashaab - Libya
- 14) Aybegum Canbolat - Turkey
- 15) Henri Pouret - France Galop
- 16) Andrea Brigola - Canada
- 17) Barbara de Mieulle - Spain
- 18) Almir Riberio - Brazil
- 19) Joao Costa – Portugal
- 20) Genny Haynes - GB
- 21) William McFarland - GB
- 22) Ahmed Al Samarrarie - Germany
- 23) Stephen van de Meent - NL
- 24) Suhail Zubibi - Syria
- 25) Salem Bin Mahfooz KSA
- 26) Mattia Cadroobi– Italy
- 27) Melanie Vanlemborghe- AFAC
- 28) Axelle Negre de Watrigant - France
- 29) David McGillivray - Qatar
- 30) Shahrzad Amiaslani– Iran

Apologizes:

- Dr. Hicham Debbagh - Morocco
Olga Birtukova – Russia
Renata Schibler – Switzerland
Maureen Milburn - Australia



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1) Opening of Meeting:

Chairman: Welcomed all IFahr members 'during a difficult time'.

2) Participants and Apologizes

Introduction by Mats Genberg (MG) mentions 30 participants and just how many have learned to use Zoom to communicate during the pandemic and officially opens the meeting.

3) Conclusions of the 2019 AGM – acceptance by the assembly:

Previous AGM meeting minutes were distributed after the last meeting. Genny Haynes (GH) asks about the previous application from RSA, NA replies that he will chase up their status as racing may not have taken place in 2020 due to Covid-19. MG takes a vote on the conclusions from last year's AGM via "raise of hands". Passed unanimously.

4) Chairman's Report:

Chairman H.E. Faisal Al Rahmani welcomes Mattia Carroobi (Italy) and Salem Bin Mahfooz (KSA) as two new representatives. Compliments are paid to both Italy and KSA for their great expansion and improvements for the Arabian racing program in their respective countries. Mentions that an IFahr Executive Meeting was held previously on Zoom, successfully the previous week.

The Chairman thanked everyone who promoted racing worldwide during a difficult time. Commented on the continued drive to keep racing going throughout the summer and autumn months. The Chairman offered condolences for Margreet De Ruiter who passed-away in 2020 as she was a driving force for racing in NL and he hopes racing continues in NL in 2021.

MG also comments on the contribution the De Ruiters made over a decade.

5) Treasurer's Report: the report was distributed to the AGM before the meeting. Stephen van de Meent (SM) commented on the tragic loss of both Margreet and Wieger de Ruiter.

"Not many transactions because of the lack of activity". Still chasing annual fees by NA & MG who SM thanks. Still working on closing the German account. Small profit in 2020 due to quieter schedule, small rise in membership fees and a decline in costs. 5 countries still outstanding, some for more than one year. 24,000 euro currently outstanding. Sue Meyer asks about a policy in this regard, SM replies there is none currently. "Perhaps Executive Committee should investigate and should established a policy". MG mentions the need for countries to always update contact details to assist in billing and communication. JP confirms difficulties in transferring funds from some member countries and reiterates need for updated details.

6) Auditors Report: was read out in full by SM in his capacity as Accountant. There were no irregularities from the report.



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7) Profit-Loss Statement: MG calls for approval after fielding questions. Nelly Philippot (NP) asks to have an independent auditor in future. SM responds by advising that the auditor is in fact independent and quite strict. SM was previously the auditor. AGM votes to unanimously approve the statement.

8) Freedom of Liability: MG asks the AGM for vote to approve. Motion passes, USA abstains from vote.

9) New Membership Applications:

From Uruguay: NA advises on application and details held within. An application was distributed previously to the AGM for consideration. MG is preparing a new document under adoption that updates the current application form. The form will be firstly considered by the Executive Committee before being presented to the 2021 IFAHR AGM. The new application form offers alternative membership levels and demands greater detail and conformation of status within the applicant's country. Some countries would start as Associate Members without a vote but can be upgraded after on year. A question: Tomasz Chalimoniuk (TC) "is of one year is sufficient for an associate member"? MG confirms the Executive can recommend full membership but is not obligated to do so. The Chairman comments that inspection of racing will be done by MG and one other who will visit the applying country. Possibility that assistance can be offered through IT, sponsorship etc. Evaluation will provide more detail to the application allowing IFAHR to have a better picture of all new countries applying.

MG advises that the IFAHR Executive Committee recommends associated membership of Uruguay, brings matter to a vote based on current criteria. Executive Committee will send out the newly approved membership application.

JP confirm that IFAHR should follow the new recommendations by visiting and encouraging racing in South America.

AGM approves Uruguay application unanimously. NA will send out letter to Uruguay with confirmation and details.

10) Pattern Committee Report:

NA mentions recent meetings and annual review of races and ratings to confirm status of top 30 horses in European and North Africa. A full report will be realized shortly after the final meeting at years end. Races dates and conditions were amended as necessary, some races were cancelled. For 2020 there will be no warning letters due to unfavorable conditions and additional difficulties in transportation. Mentions that the Supervisory Committee was working to upright the pyramid structure and commented on success of the introduction of more Listed races. New handicappers will be added in 2021 hopefully from Italy and Morocco. Handicappers from Russia and Poland to be invited to attend as observers. Mentioned need for IFAHR Trophy in all member countries to assist in establishing Listed races in smaller or new members, all countries are eligible. Also request Members to forward 2021 Pattern race calendar to allow the Committee to assemble the entire calendar for all members.



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11) Working Committees - Data:

Dr. Hicham Debbagh was unable to attend but the need for data from all countries is urgently required. Chairman comments that some countries have good websites, but some countries do need assistance and IFahr will offer technical assistance through the Evaluation Committee.

12) Changing Face of Racing:

Chairman commented and complimented on countries that fought to keep racing alive through the pandemic and that they should be thanked for their hard work. "Hopefully in 2021 we can introduce new sponsors and opportunities for many smaller countries".

13) Website Development:

Aziz Haroun unable to connect, will forward report.

14) Other Business:

Sami Al Boenain proposes that 'Country Reports' be re-established as they were approximately 6 years ago, mentions it is important to understand what developments are taking place in member countries. Each Member can report on the activity in their country, any problems, any successes. MG suggests we adopt a report form so all Members report their details. Member countries will be requested to provide reports for the 2021 AGM. Chairman and NP support the re-establishment of country reports, but NP suggest those that bring something substantial to the meeting, not just reading statistics. Mohammed Al Nujaiifi commented that the information is important to keep us aware of the industry developments. In Iraq horses are being imported from Turkey and UAE. This matter is adopted and will be acted upon. Mohammed Al Nujaiifi offers to develop form for Country reports to be distributed by NA. Suhail Zbibi supports the country report system as Syria has a growing number of races, horses, and breeders.

NA suggest scheduling AGM on non-race day to allow more time for AGM. Sami Al Boenain agrees as its better to have sufficient time to discuss matters without the pressure of racing.

NP discusses content of website and need for more assistance as it is too big for one person. NP interviewed a company regarding increasing the statistics data available. Would like IFahr to discuss the possibilities the contact. Chairman mentions a previous Zoom meeting where the owner was requesting 65,000 Euro per month, so this is not feasible in this case. NP suggests marketing on the website and Chairman agrees to investigate possibilities to develop fee generated aspects.

Jean-Pierre speaks of IFahr Trophies, Axelle (AFAC) will organize a new IFahr race in France and is looking for a sponsor.



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15. Next meeting:

After discussions it was decided by show of hands that the next AGM will be on the Tuesday after the ARC weekend. 13 voted for the Tuesday after the Arc, 5 votes for the previous Wednesday and 1 for no preference.

The Prix de la Arc de Triomphe date is Sunday October 3rd 2021 at Longchamp racecourse.
The 2021 IFahr AGM will be on Tuesday October 5th 2021.

Committee meeting dates and timings to be confirm by end of January.

16. Meeting Ends