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**Conclusion of the 11th Pattern Race & Handicapper Committee meeting:**

**Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 – 18 p.m. at Saint-Cloud racecourse**

Invitation made by: Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté c/o AFAC France

Participants:

- Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté, France, Chairman
- Benoit Legault, Handicapper, France
- Neil Abrahams, Handicapper, U.A.E.
- Pam Cordrey, Handicapper, Scandinavia
- Harald Siemens, Handicapper, Germany
- Geir W Stabell, Handicapper, Qatar
- Graham Walcroft, Handicapper, Great Britain
- Izeta Selimanjin, Director of AFAC, France

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### **A G E N D A**

1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting
2. Review of publication of the Pattern Races on IFAHR's website
3. Publication of the Arabian Pattern Race Rules adopted in the previous meetings
4. Finalisation of an establishment of a chart for alignment of handicap ratings between country members
5. Finalisation of the handicapper's website
6. Examination of applications for new Group PA races or for upgrading Group PA races
7. Review of Group PA races run in every country for the season 2009-2010
8. Evaluation of Group PA races per country in 2009-2010
9. Production of a Pattern Race Calendar for the season 2010-2011 and year 2011
10. Review of the list of Group PA races sent for publishing in the Yearbook 2010
11. Any other business
12. Next meeting

**Documents to provide for the meeting by each country member in at least 10 copies, or to be sent before the meeting to the following addresses [afac-france@orange.fr](mailto:afac-france@orange.fr) and [stallions@wanadoo.fr](mailto:stallions@wanadoo.fr) :**

- List of 2010 handicap ratings
- Evaluation of the level of rating of all Group races in your country

## Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> IFAHR Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting

### 1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting

The minutes of the last Pattern Race & Handicapper Committee are approved by the members.

### 2. Review of publication of the Pattern Races on IFAHR's website

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** mentions that a lot of improvements have been done to IFAHR's website regarding the Pattern Races. Nevertheless, there are still some small mistakes and he asks every member to check their own country details.

### 3. Publication of the Arabian Pattern Race Rules adopted in the previous meetings

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** would like to publish the Arabian Pattern Race Rules on IFAHR's website but before publishing it a new member of the Supervisory Committee has to be named due to the departure of Conrad Allen, representative from Qatar. He is suggesting for replacing him, the new representative from Qatar, Geir Stabell and asks the members if they accept this proposal as well as Geir Stabell if he is willing to become a member.

**Geir Stabell** accepts to become a member of the Supervisory Committee as well as all the members agree on this decision.

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** suggests an amendment of the last article on last page, stating that *"any change to these general rules must be approved unanimously by Committee"*, by changing the word *"Committee"* to the word *"Supervisory Committee"*. Therefore, the last article would become: *"any change to these general rules must be approved unanimously by the Supervisory Committee"*. All members agree to amend it.

He explains that the Committee is composed of 9 founder countries, plus the countries that have Group PA races but were not originally among the founder countries. These other countries are Poland and Morocco and became also full members, what brings the Committee to 11 members. All other countries that have not Group PA races can only be observers.

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** says that this was the last point to go through before publishing our rules in order to apply them. These rules have already been approved by the Executive Committee of IFAHR in May 2010 and by the Supervisory Committee in July 2010.

### 4. Finalisation of an establishment of a chart for alignment of handicap ratings between country members

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** says that the alignment of handicap ratings has been helped this year by more exchanges of horses between countries members such as in the Gr 3 PA race Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan Nagroda Europy in Poland where *Marvin El Samawi* finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the Gr 3 PA race Al Maktoum Preis Von Europa in Cologne where the same horse finished second to *Simmbad* who ran previously in France. There are few more similar cases of horses that ran in several countries what therefore enables us to compare ratings.

**Harald Siemens** notes that *Simmbad* was rated 106 in France and 100 in Germany

**Geir Stabell** asks if the levels of ratings are also very different for the best horses between the major Group 1 PA races in Europe.

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** says that the levels of races are very different in Europe, but that, on the best races which are in France and in England, the levels of ratings for the best horses between France and UK are very similar, within 1 pound difference.

**Geir Stabell** asks if Arabian horses are consistent.

**Neil Abrahams** answers that Arabian horses are more consistent than Thoroughbreds

**Pamela Cordrey** adds that it is also about the trainer.

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** agrees as there are really top professional trainers in most major countries of Arabian Racing such as Alban de Mieulle in Qatar, Gillian Duffield in UK, Erwan Charpy and Eric Lemartinel in UAE etc...

## 5. Finalisation of the handicapper's website

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** informs the Committee that since the last meeting in July in Newbury, he had several meetings in France for our website with the French handicappers who suggested a few points to improve and several new ideas that he wants to share with the Supervisory Committee in order to decide together whether they should be brought to the project.

**Izeta Selimanjin** presents the website to Harald Siemen who hasn't seen it. She also distributes a document with the modifications and additions suggested by French Handicappers.

A few members expressed the wish to add 2 or 3 more columns in case other countries would rate in the future.

**Geir Stabell** would like to add a space to make comments.

**Harald Siemen** suggest that it would be great to harmonize the weight

**Pamela Cordrey** thinks that the handicappers should get a copy of each other ratings.

**Neil Abrahams** suggests that every handicapper should prepare everything for the next meeting, by proceeding with exchanges of information by email and apply the harmonisation for the beginning of the season.

**Harald Siemens** thinks that they will need at least 2-3 months.

## 6. Examination of applications for new Group PA races or for upgrading Group PA races

### Germany has sent 2 applications

- 1) For a Listed race in Berlin, sponsored by UAE. At first, Germany requested a new Group 3 race, but they needed an answer before the Pattern Race Committee meeting. Jean-Pierre de Gasté informed them that the decision could only be taken by the Pattern Race Committee's members. He explained them that if they needed a quick answer, he could only advise them to consider a Listed race that would be easier to approve as long as the prize money corresponds to the requested minimum of 15.000 €.

The members approve unanimously the decision to give to this race the status of Listed race.

- 2) The Group 2 PA run previously in Baden Baden was stopped because of the lack of sponsors. Germany is applying to get back this status in 2011 for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** reads the status: If the race is abandoned 2 consecutive years, it is lost (page 3n article 3, paragraph 2 of the rules).

“An application for upgrading a race which has been abandoned once within the last three years may only be submitted if both of the last two Annual Ratings of the race meet the required parameter.”

**Jean-Pierre de Gasté** says that this race was run previously during a very long time.

**Graham Walcroft** asks what was the rating of the race in 2007 and 2008?

**Harald Siemen** informs the members that the average ratings in 2007 was 110 and 111 in 2008

After consulting all the members, the Committee agrees that Germany keeps this Group 2 PA status.

## **France application to upgrade Prix Nevada II from a Group 3 PA to Group 2 PA status**

According to the ratings, a lot of races in France could be upgraded but France is applying only for the Prix Nevada II which has been rated over 110 in 2010.

The Committee agrees to upgrade the status of this race to a Group 2 PA.

## **7. Review of Group PA races run in every country for the season 2009-2010 &**

### **8. Evaluation of Group PA races per country in 2009-2010**

#### **Qatar**

Geir Stabell gave a review of winners of the important race in Qatar for the season 2009-2010.

#### **Germany**

The rating of Al Maktoum prize was 97,5 in 2008 and 99 in 2009.

The Committee thinks that if Germany wants to keep the Group PA status for this race, a change of distance might be required. Harald Siemen will see the matter with the DRAV to change the distance from 1850m to 2100 or 2200m.

#### **Scandinavia**

El Woodkine Cup 103

Pamela Cordrey thinks that it would be unfair not to keep the Group PA status as the ratings are not yet harmonized. She suggests to relegate it to a Listed status if the average rating of the race is too low in 2011.

#### **Great Britain**

**Graham Walcroft** presented the average ratings for all Group PA races in UK which are matching the criteria.

#### **France**

**Benoit Legault** confirms that the average ratings for all Group PA races in France are matching the criteria

## **9. Production of a Pattern Race Calendar for the season 2010-2011 and year 2011**

Members have agreed to provide a calendar for their Group PA races by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **12. Next meeting**

**Paris December 10<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at France Galop**

Minutes taken by Izeta Selimanjin