



AJA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

August 28 2021

Roeser-Luxembourg



24th General Assembly of the AJA Saturday 28th of August 2021 18h, in Roeser

Agenda:

1. Welcome from the President and call to order
2. Election of the vote counters
3. Approval of the minutes of the 23rd General Assembly of 2019
4. Board report
5. Technical Commission Annual Report
6. Disciplinary Commission Annual Report
7. Financial report / Approval of the Accounts
8. Tournament Calendar
9. Members Proposals
10. Election of the Committee
11. Miscellaneous

1. Welcome words

Dear members, dear guests

I declare open our 24th general assembly. This should have been held in Mannheim in 2020, and due to sanitary conditions, it is therefore postponed until today..

1. Appeal

41 members have entered their names in the attendance list and therefore there are 41 members with voting rights attending. The simplified majority is 21, the 2/3rds majority is 28 votes.

2. Election of the vote counters

I propose that the meeting will elect

Bernward Engelke
Margarete Häusler

as vote counters.

We will vote by show of hands. If you are in agreement with the proposed person, then raise your hand please.

Votes against? None

Abstentions? None

Bernward Engelke and Margarete Häusler
are elected.

3. Protocol

The protocol of the 23rd annual general assembly of 17th October 2019 in Barcelona has been published on the Internet.

Does anyone have any remarks?

If not, can we move on to vote on the protocol from the annual general assembly of October 17th 2019

The vote will be executed by show of hands.

Who agrees with the protocol? All

Who does not agree? None

Who wishes to abstain? None

I hereby confirm that the General Assembly protocol of 2019 is approved without votes against or abstentions.

4. Report of the Board

Presented by the President Véronique Sion

The last General Assembly was held in Barcelona in October 2019.

Since that date, we have tried to create attractive competition calendars and unfortunately the health crisis has turned everything upside down.

In 2020, only the organizers of Peelbergen-Kronenberg and Fontainebleau were able to maintain their competitions, we thank them. For many of us Peelbergen was a discovery, and we appreciated the organization, the infrastructure and the hospitality. Fontainebleau, with a perfect AJA organization, was unfortunately the last competition under these conditions, however, we were approached by usual Fontainebleau organizers, and we could renew this competition in 2022.

Then the 2020 season ended ...

We were all impatient to start 2021, hoping the Covid was a bad memory, but it has been different.

We had to cancel Manerbio in Italy, then Deauville, France, Riesenbeck Germany, to finally start our AJA tour in Darmstadt.

The pleasure of meeting all together, was immense, the weather magnificent, and the terrain exceptional. Thanks to our German friends for taking up the challenge. We also had to prepare for the European Championship at Le Mans at the end of July.

Opglabbeek was the perfect place for these preparations, focus and selections for the Chef d'Equipe.

The site of Le Mans had not been chosen by the AJA, but the organizer had already done AJA competitions in the past, and he agreed to include in his program, the AJA Championship, as well as a CSI- V AJA..

A change in the rules of the AJA Championship (Small Tour), we had decided to reopen the individual participation, to all AJA members, registered in the Challenge Cup, and having participated in at least two Challenge Cups without being eliminated, on the last 5 AJA Shows, amended in 1 participation due to the sanitary conditions.

The rules remain unchanged for the AJA Team Championship.
For the FEI Championship (Large Tour), the FEI rule is applied.

Unfortunately, this 2021 Championship was not the celebration we were all expecting, once again the rules imposed by the health crisis have spoiled the time a bit.

We must also ask ourselves the question, as some of us have already mentioned, should the FEI Veteran Championship remain an AJA event? Should we break away from this annual Championship?

Or on the contrary should we try to find an agreement with the FEI so that the AJA Championship, in its AJA regulations, can be recognized and obtain the same value?

These questions will have to be discussed by the new Committee which will be elected today.

For now, we are happy to participate in this new AJA competition organized in Roeser, Luxembourg by our friend François Thiry. The season will continue in Peelbergen, where we are happy to come back this year, then we will end in Cagnes sur Mer, where we should have a magnificent competition on the Riviera, with an extremely motivated organizer to make this first edition an unforgettable event.

Another change to mention, which had been made in 2019, for the team events: we had decided to award points for the annual classification, to any National team, regardless of the number of Nations represented. This in order to motivate and reward the Nations which push the riders to make teams.

We hope that these changes will go in the direction of greater motivation of riders to participate in as many events of our AJA tour as possible.

Until then, I wish you an excellent competition in Roeser, and a good end of the season which I hope can go as planned!

5. Annual Report of the Technical Committee over the year 2020

This report of the Technical Committee over the year 2020 is very short.

Covid-19 with all its restrictions and lock-downs lead to the cancellation of our tournaments in Cagnes sur Mer, Mannheim, Opglabbeek and Ornago.

We were very pleased that 2 tournaments could finally take place: Peelbergen in the Netherlands and Fontainebleau in France.

The tournament in the Peelbergen was a new location for AJA, a very nice infrastructure with large arena's in white sand and also an arena with grass.

The tournament in Fontainebleau took place on the new arena in sand, le Petit Parquet.

Because we only had these 2 tournaments, no Finals were held in 2020 and also the European Championship for veterans was cancelled.

The FEI checks the draft schedules for every international tournament and regularly makes changes before they are finally approved.

In the past this has several times lead to discrepancies between these schedules and our Rules.

Therefor the Technical Committee has adapted our Rules by making them more general and by referring to the descriptions in the schedules.

Since these changes there have been no more discrepancies nor discussions with the Presidents of the Jury at our tournaments.

I would also like to say thank you to all organizers, officials, volunteers and all other persons who have made our tournaments possible in 2020.

This is the report of the Technical Committe over the year 2020.

Ludo Dekkers
Technical Director AJA

Members of the Technical Committee:
Lynda Birke
Christophe Legué
Gianni Racca

6. Annual report from the Disciplinary Commission

There were no violations of the Rules during 2019, and the Disciplinary Committee therefore had no cause to intervene

7. Financial Report / Approval of the accounts

The 2020 from membership fees from January, 1st - December, 31st, 2020 are EUR 27'500.--

We calculate with no more income this year.

The different countries have paid the following contributions:

Germany: 14'000.--

France: 7'100.--

Switzerland: 3'750.--

Italy: 400.--

Great Britain: 600.--

Belgium: 600.--

Netherlands: 450.--

Poland: 400.--

Ireland: 200.--

Spain: 0.--

As you can see from these figures, the membership numbers are reversed.

The entire expenses are thus EUR 11'342.44. The current bank balance is EUR 67'800.--

Would someone like to speak?

Audit report

We have audited the financial statements of AJA for the year ended 31st of December 2020.

Hanspeter Rub and Albert Konrad.

The financial statements have been audited on the basis of random sampling and analysis.

The balance sheet and income statement are for the period 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020.

The balance sheet total of the audited financial statements amounts to EUR 67'800.68

and the profit amounts to EUR 16'158.56.

We propose that the present financial statements for 2020 be approved by the General

Meeting of the Association, subject to above reservations.

For the auditors:

Hittnau, 13.08.2021

Hans Peter Rub

Albert Konrad

Who agrees with the report? 35 members

Who does not agree? 1 member

Who wishes to abstain? 5 members

8. 2022 Calendar

The 2022 competition calendar is unfortunately still in preparation at this day and it is impossible for us to communicate it to you in its final version before the end of 2021/beginning of 2022.



Ambassador Class International AJA-Tour 2022

| CSI B V | Date | Challenge Cup | Europa Cup | Ambassador Cup | Friendship Cup |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mannheim (GER) | 29 April to 1 May | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| | May | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| | May | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Fontainebleau (FRA) | June | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Riesenbeck (GER) | July 29 to 31 | | | 5 | 5 |
| | August | | | 6 | 6 |
| | September | | | 7 | 7 |
| Cagnes sur Mer (FRA) | October | | | Team Finale | Team Finale |

Challenge Cup Year 2021:
European Cup Year 2021:
Ambassador Cup Year 2021:
Friendship Cup Year 2021:

From Barcelona 2019 to
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9. Members Proposals

None.

10. Elections of the board

The elections were announced on 07/05/2021 and candidatures have been requested.

Committee members Ludo Dekkers and Lynda Birke wished to withdraw from the Committee.

The nominations are as follows:

As President : Christophe Legué

As Vice-President : Gert Söhnle

As members of the Board :

Cashier : Annemarie Hächler

Secretary : Véronique Sion

Technical Director : Pascal Rochat

Active members of the board : Martin Steiger

Udo Klötzel

Gianni Racca

I ask Christophe Legué to declare his candidacy for the Presidency of AJA:

Dear friends

I wanted to run for the presidency of AJA. I would like to thank my predecessors, Véronique, Erwin and Hans-Peter for all the work done at AJA. And I want to continue their work and work in the same spirit with all the members of the Committee. To accomplish this task, I ask for your vote and your confidence.

Does anyone wish to speak about Christophe's candidacy?

Nobody speaks

Does anyone want a secret ballot? No one is demanding a secret ballot.

Who is in favor of a show of hands? All are in favor of a show of hands.

Who is for Christophe Legué to be my successor and represent AJA for at least 4 years.

Christophe Legué is elected president without a vote against and without abstentions to the applause.

We come to the election of the vice-president.

Gert, I'm asking you to make your statement.

I would like to announce my candidacy as Vice President of the AJA.

Since joining the AJA I have been overwhelmed by the spirit of us ambassadors of show jumping. This has also motivated me to actively support the work of the Board. I have enjoyed my job as Secretary General and would like to continue to take responsibility within the Board.

The challenge for all of us at the AJA is enormous. Therefore I will do my best to fulfill the tasks this new function requires, together with all other members of the Board.

To accomplish this I ask you for your vote and your confidence.

Does anyone wish to speak on Gert's candidacy?

No one wishes to speak.

Does anyone want a secret ballot? No one is demanding a secret ballot.

Who is in favor of a show of hands? All are in favor of a show of hands.

Who is for Gert Söhnle to be Christophe's successor as vice-president and to exercise these functions for at least 4 years?

Gert Söhnle is elected vice-president without a vote against and without abstentions to applause.

The previous members of the steering committee are standing for re-election:

Annemarie Hächler

Martin Steiger

Udo Kötzler

Gianni Racca

Véronique Sion

Does anyone want to speak on one or more candidates?

No one wants to intervene.

I propose that the members present collectively elect by show of hands the 7 experienced members of the steering committee plus Pascal Rochat as Technical Director.

Who agrees ? All agree.

Who wants an individual election? No one wants an individual election.

The new board was elected without a vote against and without abstentions to applause.

Congratulations to the newly elected Steering Committee team.

11. Miscellaneous

The newly elected president requests the floor.

Dear friends

I would like to thank you very much for choosing me for the presidency of AJA and it is a very great honor for me.

With the Committee, we will continue to work to develop our association while respecting our values: friendship, respect for the horse, and sporting standards.

The Covid 19 epidemic has greatly disrupted our sport, and to a lesser degree, Brexit, and despite this, AJA competitions have been organized in 2020 and 2021. I hope that in 2022 the epidemic will not be more than a bad memory and that we will be able to benefit from a competition schedule as rich as before.

For the years to come, we must maintain the attractiveness of our AJA competitions and I think that this involves several areas of work:

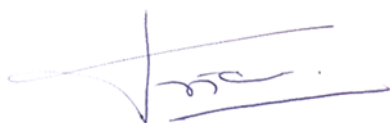
- Ensure the AJA spirit of our competitions by developing links with each organizer, so that the program, schedules and general organization meet our expectations,
- Continue to preserve the small tour (110cm), making sure with the course managers that this height is respected,
- Strengthen links with the FEI so that the AJA is, at a minimum, associated with the designation of the organizer of the European Championships. It's a chance to benefit from a European Championship, but it should not be separated from our circuit. It is important that this championship can fit into the planning of the AJA competitions and that we can ensure that the AJA spirit is also respected.

You, all my AJA member friends, I want to remind you that our circuit only exists thanks to your participation in the AJA competitions. It's an exceptional circuit and I count on your active participation to ensure the development of AJA. AJA is a big family despite our cultural differences, our specific characters and I am proud to be a part. I am counting on all of you so that together we can continue this wonderful experience that is AJA.

Thank you.

The completeness and accuracy of this protocol is confirmed.

Roeser 28th of August 2021



Véronique Sion
President



Gert Söhnle
Secretary