

Minutes of the Meeting held by the European Standard Committee, Poultry Section (ESC-P) on March 18th, 2007 in Pohlheim, Germany

Opening Time: 9 a.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome Greeting
2. Acknowledgement of Attendance
3. Leipzig European Show
 - a, Organisation/Preparation
 - b, Evaluation
 - c, Missing European Winners and Champions
 - d, Improvements
4. Proposals concerning the Admission of new Breeds and Colour Varieties for 2007
5. European Standard
 - a, State/Situation
 - b, List of Member Countries
 - c, Sussex: Characteristics of the Down in the Light (White Columbia) Variety
 - d, Weights: Dorking, Sussex, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, Jersey Giant
 - e, Request from Denmark: Altering of the Ring Size for Silkies from 18 mm to 16 mm
 - f, Pile
 - g, Changes: Twents Hoen, Brabançonne, Booted Bantam, Silky Silky Bantam, Pekin Bantam, Quail Colour
6. Agenda for the Meeting in Piestany, Slovakia
7. Update on the Avian Influenza Situation in the Various Member Countries
8. Work Group Ornamental Birds, Standard
9. ESC-P Regulation; Members of the Standard Committee
10. Any Other Business

Concerning item 1; The Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann (CH) welcomes all attendees. The Chairman expresses particular appreciation for Mr. Rudi Möckel's efforts in organising the meeting

Concerning item 2; The meeting was attended by: Mr.Hermann Stroblmair (A); Mr.Willy Littau (DK); Mr.Jean-Claude Périquet (F); Mr.Urs Lochmann (CH), Mr.Hans Zürcher (CH); Mr.Frans van Oers (NL); Mr.Dietmar Kleditsch (D); Mr.Rudi Möckel (D); and partially Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D).

Concerning 3a; Mr. Lochmann's opinion is that too many tasks were entrusted to an insufficient number of people. In case of difficulties, finding the right person to address oneself to was often difficult, even within the EE-Board. Mr. J.C. Périquet suggested that sign posts and indications (for instance in case of birds for sale) should be in the three official languages of the EE.

Mr. v. Oers would have appreciated the official event opening welcome being translated in the three official languages of the EE.

Concerning 3b, Mr. W. Littau lamented the international judging committee was hardly available until the closing Sunday.

Mr. Stroblmair points out that a series of barely informative critical remarks were pronounced concerning the judging of Chabos. One should reconsider the judges' effort. In other respects, everything added up beautifully.

In Mr. R. Möckel's opinion, Champion titles should be given by the Coordinators.

Concerning 3c, Dr. W. Lüthgen states the Schilling family, as opposed to the Baiers who took care of the rabbits' catalogue, lacked experience, thus causing several mistakes to be made in breed denominations, European titles and Breed Winners.

The missing European Titles were issued by Mr. Kleditsch for the Poultry Section and, once controlled and integrated, were confirmed by the President of the international Jury Mr Van Oers. The relative Certificates were sent by the AL to the eligible parties.

Concerning 3d, Mr. Van Oers only has some minor observations.

Mr. H. Zürcher had a wonderful time in Leipzig, a show with an exceptional attendance.

Dr. W. Lüthgen observed that it was the Coordinators' duty to check the judges' crits for consistency and request corrections when needed.

In Mr. Kleditsch's opinion, foreign judges – and in particular those appointed for poultry – had visibly made an effort in order to apply correctly the evaluation system adopted by the EE and the relatively complicated award scheme.

Concerning item 4; The following countries reported the admission of new breeds or modifications of their standard: Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, France and Italy. In case of admission of new breeds or colour varieties, the characteristics of pattern or marking must be illustrated more effectively.

The Braekel from Belgium in the colour variety White-Barred Lemon (?) should be altered into Lemon-Barred White (?). To this purpose, Mr. Lochmann will consult Mr A. Verelst (B) and act accordingly. Belgium would like to alter the denomination Ukkelse Bartzwerge (Barbue d'Uccle) in the Standard for Europe into Ukkeler Bartzwerge according to the German usage. This modification towards a German name is not considered a sensible one.

Mr. W. Mr. Littau inquires as to what exactly is the difference in Germany between presentation and examination. Mr. R. Möckel explains the difference between the two proceedings. The examination phase takes place only with breeds and colour varieties that are not yet recognised in any EE member country. The specimens are not given any marking. In case the specimens' quality meets the requirements, the breed or colour variety is admitted to the presentation phase, and may be recognized during the following show season in case the quality rating meets the requirements. In order for the examination to be carried out, 2,2 young specimens are required; the presentation phase however requires 1,1 old specimens and 3,3 young ones to be exhibited. Similar admission procedures are applicable also in Switzerland, France and Denmark; such procedures normally take 3 to 4 years, while 1 year is customary in the Netherlands.

All newly recognised breeds and colour varieties as well as changes were integrated in the Breed and Colour Varieties List.

Mr. R. Möckel reported that concerning „D" above additional applications were received for the presentation of the breeds Scottish Grey and Barred Silky.

Concerning 5a; The Standard for Europe is up-to-date and reflects the current situation.

Concerning 5b; Mr H. Zürcher presents the countries' lists.

Concerning 5c; The following is observed: Based on the response from England, one may conclude there is no definite rule concerning the down colour in the Light (White Columbia) colour varieties, so that some latent form of double-mating should be applied in order to reach the objectives set by the standard. Therefore, the following was integrated in the Standard for Europe:

For the Light, silver grey to white;

For the Buff Columbia, light grey to buff;

For the Red Columbia, grey to red.

Concerning 5d; The weighing of specimens as planned in Germany, Switzerland and Austria was evaluated. However, the fact that France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium and Italy still had taken no action caused any final decision to be postponed.

Concerning 5e; Denmark's request to alter the ring size for Silkies into 18 mm for 1,0 and 16 mm for 0,1 was granted.

Concerning 5f, i.e. the adoption of a uniform description for the Pile colour variety; All member countries are invited to see into the issue and report during the judges' assembly to be held in September. This should allow for a decision to be made in Denmark.

Concerning 5g); The minimum weight of hatching eggs for the Brabançonne was reduced from 70 g to 60 g.

The Standard descriptions of Silkies and Silky bantam in the colour varieties Partridge and Silver Grey were amended based on the Asiatic variant types. In the future, Pekin Bantams will be recognized in all recognized colour varieties, including the frizzled ones. Javanese Bantam: Ring sizes are increased from 14 and 12 to 15 and 13 mm. Mr Möckel explains that Belgium had recognised 2 quail colours, i.e. a light and a dark one: 0,1 Laced Dark Chestnut for the dark variety, Laced Buff for the light one. The lacing does not cover the brim of the whole feather but is pronounced on its sides.

The issue regarding a small, thin light-coloured lacing in the feathers of the Silver Twents Hoen 0,1 was discussed anew. The following change was approved: In the male's description, the following addition applies: „Plumage on the flanks black, with limited, silvery inserts allowed.“ In the description of the female, the text concerning the hackles is no longer valid, and replaced by the following: „Hackles ash grey with a fine, predominantly black dripping and thin, silvery lacing from the neck hackles to the tail.“

Correspondingly, these formulations are also valid for the gold and other neck hackle-based colour

varieties.

Concerning item 6; the discussion in Piestany shall include: List of Rare Breeds, Results and Tasks for the month of March.

At the judges' Assembly in Denmark, all Columbia colour varieties and patterns will be discussed. Mr. H. Zürcher shall prepare some illustrative material on the aforementioned subjects.

Any other issues and wishes by the various countries. The meeting in Denmark will take place once again in Sandberg.

Concerning item 7; The situation in the Netherlands has been easing up, with the hobby breeders being no longer compelled to keep their animals indoors. Hardly any problems in Austria. In Denmark, poultry breeders with over 100 specimens must have blood samples collected four times a year. No obligations are currently enforced in France. Some risk areas are still to be found in Switzerland.

Concerning item 8; The Ornamental Birds Work Group suggests that the OGBZ should function as a guideline for the evaluation of ornamental birds within the EE. Flying chicken breeds should be included in the OGBZ. The suggestions were approved unanimously.

Concerning item 9; The ESC-P is composed as follows:

A Chairman (President), who is also the Section's Vice-Chairman (Vice-President); A minute taker (Secretary); The Chairman of the Poultry Section; A number of six representatives of the various regions; Two members with advisory tasks, one of which belonging to the German Standard Committee and the other to the Ornamental Birds Work Group. Mr. Zürcher shall prepare the updated version and submit it to Mr. Van Oers.

Concerning item 10; Integrations to the Standard for Europe need to be submitted to Mr. Möckel as soon as any issues are clarified. The following is still in use:

„orangehalsig" for Italiener in Germany, whilst „orangefarbig" in Switzerland;

Italiener Bantam: In Germany as „orangehalsig", in Switzerland as "orangefarbig"

Rhode Islands in Germany Rhodeländer, whereas in Switzerland Rhode Islandsclub

The next European Show shall take place on 20.- 22.11.2009 in Nitra, Slovakia.

Mr. Lochmann suggests that news and reports concerning our meetings should reach a wider audience. Mr. Zürcher makes suitable pictures available.

The Chairman Mr Urs Lochmann thanks the attendees for their constructive cooperation to the advantage of the entire pure-bred poultry breeding in Europe and closes the meeting.

Meeting ended on March 18th, 2007, at 11.15 a.m.

Dietmar Kleditsch, Minute Taker