

Minutes of the ESC-P Meeting on 21 May 2009 in Ovifat (Belgium)

Opening Time: 2:00 P.M. Agenda:

1. Greetings
2. Acknowledgement of Attendance
3. Missing Point of Discussion on Friday's Agenda
4. Sicilian Butter Cup; Reply from Italy
5. Ardennaise Bantam, Black Patterned Silver-necked or Birchen
6. Decision on Butterscotch Call Ducks
7. Colour Description of Khaki Polish Bantams
8. Modification of Standard Weight for the Leghorn (German selection) in the Netherlands?
9. State of the Breed Description for Seramas
10. Presentation of the silver grey Muscovy
11. Agenda of the International Meeting for Judges in Linz (A)
12. Updating of the Waterfowl List for Belgium
13. Modification of Regulations for Breed-Specific European Shows
14. Hans Zürcher's Successor
15. Illustration Archive for the Poultry Section
16. Any Other Business

Re. 1: The Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann greets the attending members and the guests Mr. Kl.v.d. Hoek (NL) and Mr. M. Wyss (CH). Apologies for absence by Mr. R. Möckel (D). Mr. H. Zürcher provides an explanation regarding the future additions to the members of the ESC-P, which is integrated by Mr. D. Kleditsch. The ensuing discussion brings forth the following point of view: the current composition of the Commission needs to remain unchanged also in order to cover all poultry species.

Re. 2: The meeting was attended by: M. Bovet (CH), J.Cl. Périquet (F), W. Littau DK, H. Stroblmair (A), P. Zuffa (CZ), A. Verelst (B), Fr.van Oers (NL), H. Zürcher (CH), U. Lochmann (CH), D. Kleditsch (D). Guests are Mrs. M. Wyss (CH) and Kl.v.d. Hoek (NL).

Re. 3: In the agenda of the section meeting held on 20 May 2009 the confirmation of Mr. M. Bovet as the representative of the Central Region is missing. This is included retrospectively.

Re. 4: Italy agrees to the proposed standard with exception of the colour of the shanks, which should be simply green.

Re. 5: The definition of the colour pattern is to take place after the presentation.

Re. 6: Butterscotch in call ducks is not yet a recognized colour in England either, because the colour and pattern have not been defined to date. As new illustration will demonstrate, the current description is to remain unchanged for the time being. The head pattern is agreed on, and there is no disagreement of opinions on the colour partition either. However, the colour fluctuates from dark brown-red to pea-yellow.

Re. 7: The colour currently described as khaki in the Polish bantam is to be called light grey from now on. The sex-linked parts of the plumage departing from this colour in both sexes, and at the shoulder in cockerels, are illustrated in the colour description.

Re. 8. The Dutch breeders of Leghorns do not wish to be indicated as breeder of the Italiener (i.e. the German-bred Leghorn) but wish to adopt the name Livorno within the EE for their birds. A proposal to increase the weight in cocks did not meet the majority of votes.

Re. 9: Mr. A. Verelst is working on the Serama breed standard, with the main colour descriptions as a priority. Other colours will be included after the presentation.

Re. 10: During the discussion of the birds on 23 May 2009, Mr. A. Verelst presented a 5 years old specimen of the silver grey Muscovy. This colour differs clearly from lavender.

Re. 11: Mr. D. Kleditsch suggested that the breeds from the Czech Republic and Slovakia should be presented. The meeting program as proposed by the Austrian organisation is accepted.

Re. 12: Mr. A. Verelst has checked the list of waterfowl breeds and colours for errors, and presented a list with the encountered discrepancies.

Re. 13: Applications to host breed-specific European shows must be sent in by 31 January of the year in which the show is planned. The limit of one show per breed during the two years between the one all-breed European show and the following should be modified to the following effect: Breed-specific EE Shows can take place twice within the in-between years provided they are hosted by two different countries.

Re. 14: Mr. H. Zürcher shall continue to maintain the EE web site. The Internet Work Group shall be currently formed by Mrs. Kl.v.d. Hoek and W. Littau as Mr. H. Zürcher shall cease to work directly in the ESC-P.

Re. 15: Mr. H. Zürcher has created a collection of illustration materials and appeals to the attendees to contribute to such collection with breed illustrations of good quality. Also, Mr. Zürcher is willing to pass the archive on to his successor.

Re. 16: The text submitted by the German Duck Breeders Special Club, which applied for a modification of the standard of the Hook Bill duck was accepted: Weights are fixed to 2.0 kg for the drake and 1.75 kg for the duck. Ring size is 14 mm, as in the Netherlands.

The German proposal for a modification in the issue "Double spurs allowed for the time being" was accepted.

Among the specimens showed on 23.5.09 Belgium presented a pair (1,1) of Liège Game Bantams. A young cockerel slightly lacking some shoulder width resulted to weigh 1.7 kg. The same weight was reached by a typical older hen. Another older hen with remarkable breed characteristics weighed again 1.7 kg.

The Bruges variety weighed 1.6 kg. There was no problem with the rings; an increase of the ring size for males was not approved. Instead, it is recommended to select more consistently on the right weight.

The points on the agenda having been exhausted, and there being no further questions, the Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann closes the meeting at 6 p.m. by sincerely thanking the attendees for the constructive cooperation.

Dietmar Kleditsch, Minute Taker

Re. 10: After the presentation of the silver grey Muscovy I had some doubts as to whether silver is the right colour definition. This because brown x lavender does not give silver, while the specimen displayed a light grey with a brownish hue. This should require further discussion.
Dietmar

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