

**Minutes of the Meeting held by the European Standard Committee, Poultry Section (ESC-P) on March 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 in Pohlheim, Germany**

Opening Time: 9 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Greetings
2. Acknowledgement of Attendance
3. Review of the European Show
4. Award of the European Champion Title
5. Proposals Concerning the Admission of New Breeds and Colour Varieties for 2010
6. Updating the List of the „Breeds and Colour Varieties”
7. The Sicilian Buttercup
8. Unauthorised Breed-Specific European Shows
9. Integrations to the Standards Recognised by the German Breeding and Admission Committee
10. Agenda of the Meeting in Toledo, Spain
11. Update on the Avian Influenza Situation in the Various Member Countries
12. Tasks of the Work Group Ornamental Birds
13. Campbell Duck, English and German Selection
14. Better Description in German for Khaki (Light Grey with Blond Pattern)
15. Additional Colours of the Serama
16. Missing Spanish Breeds
17. Rouen, Saxon and Abacot Ranger or Streicher (P. Zuffa)
18. Any Other Business

Re. 1: The Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann warmly welcomes all attendees.

On the occasion of Mr. Möckel's 70<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Kleditsch 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mr Lochmann gives them both a present.

Re. 2: The meeting was attended by: Messr. Michel Bovet (CH), Jean Claude Periquet (F), Dr. Andy Vereist (B), Peter Zuffa (SK), Willy Littau (D), Urs Lochmann (CH), Klaas van der Hoek (NL), Rudi Möckel (D), Frans van Oers (NL), Dietmar Kleditsch (D).

Mr. Hermann Stroblmair (A) had apologised.

Re. 3: Mr. Stroblmair had communicated in writing his acceptance of the supervising function. Some of the judges appear to be still not accustomed to the evaluation system with a critique, some more training is needed. The highest mark corresponding to 97 points was hardly ever awarded. Mr. Zuffa has done a good job as a contact person for the poultry section. Mr. Van der Hoek and Mr. Van Oers were happy with the evaluations. Mr. J.C. Periquet was unable to attend the European show, but the transport of the French animals was managed successfully. According to Mr. Verelst, the Belgian entries had been judged properly, and the rare breeds' list should be updated. According to Mr. Littau, from the point of view of the Danes everything went well. Mr. Kleditsch asks how come the Sebright specimens which were awarded 97 points with cage no. 2590 and 2671 did not receive any recognition while the Champion titles were allocated to specimens with 96 points. Other than that, Mr. Kleditsch had come across hardly any mistakes in the catalogue. Mr. Lochmann praised the way judges had been looked after during the judgements, which was very time-consuming. The European show in Nitra was at the same time the Czech and Slovak Republics' National show.

Mr. Zuffa thanked warmly for the support he received during the European show. Mr. Littau encouraged to have some dedicated judges especially for the Youth Show department, in order to ensure that all awards stay in this department.

Re. 5: the English Association is not happy about the renewed recognition of the in Germany previously existing rose comb Orpingtons.

Re. 5: According to Mr. Verelst, the German Bantams are Isabel-Perl gray Columbia, which opinion is accepted.

The Barbues de Grubbe in the Netherlands are Isabel-Perl gray quail.

The weight of the Bantam Mechelner was fixed at 1.7 kg for the cock and 1.4 kg for the hen. The countries of origin are Germany and Belgium.

In France there are only Call Ducks, no Dwarf Ducks.

The Perl-gray silver laced Brahma bantams which had so far not been recognised in Switzerland because of too much similarity to the Isabel-laced colour, were recognised in France, as well as the 17 standard colours in the Serama.

The Naked-Neck submitted for recognition by Hungary are not a national breed.

Some characteristics of the Hungarian chickens must be better defined (colour of shanks, head type). Mr. Verelst will prepare a standard for the Zipo breed, while Mr Moeckel shall take care of the Hungarian poultry. Both projects will be submitted to the Hungarian federation. The Netherlands object to the cuckoo Barneveld Bantam after these were submitted for inspection by Germany.

Re. 6: Mr. Bovet shall take care of the list of the „European Breeds and Colour Varieties”, while Mr Zuercher will remain the EE’s webmaster. Hungary is to submit a complete list of the existing breeds.

Re. 7: Images/Photographs of the Black red Sicilian Buttercup are needed, since all existing material concerns the colours brown to red partridge, which is a standard colour fixed in Italy in the course of decennia. Mr. Lochmann shall inform the fanciers community about the standardisation.

Re. 8: According to Dr. Luethgen, uniformity in regulations should be reached for all Sections. In the poultry section of the EE the deadline for submission is December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Mr. R. Möckel will inform Mr. W. Kaiser and the show manager of the Colougne federal show of the Rhine region, Mr. G. Ziegler, about the prohibition to use the definition of European Show without approval by the EE’s Poultry Section. An approved European show for Appenzeller Spitzhauben shall take place in Wapenveld, the Netherlands, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Re. 9: The Czech Federation is not happy with the name Bohemian Goose, but this goose breed was included with such name in the German poultry standard since 1943. Except for some minor changes, the texts proposed by the German Standard Committee were accepted.

Re. 10: Hungarian breeds, weight and spurs in the Dorking and Spanish breeds must be set on the agenda.

Re. 11: In Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Slovakia and the Czech Republic there are currently no problems. Denmark does not allow showing poultry and water fowls in the same hall. Germany is currently quiet but the housing of livestock is still compulsory in some areas. After the Youth E-Show in Nitra, there were cases of infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) in Switzerland, as well as in many poultry strains in Denmark. Marek disease will become a big problem.

Re. 12: Within the Birds section, work must be done concerning the assistance to ornamental pigeons and quails. New suggestions for the housing and assembling of cages at shows should be proposed.

Re. 13: The proposal to consider the German selection of Campbell ducks as a separate breed is accepted. The colour is defined as brown-dark partridge. Meeting ended on 7 p.m., to start again at 8.45 on 21<sup>st</sup> March

Re. 14: After the inspection of the provided animals, Mr. Van Oers will work on a standard’s first draft and shall submit this to Mr. Moeckel.

Re. 15: There are already seventeen official colour varieties in the Serama standard, and seven more will be discussed in Luxembourg. Belgium reckons on a large number of new members and will therefore recognise the entire set of colour varieties.

Re. 16: Spain is to provide standards for the breeds which have not been included in the organised standard for Europe.

Re. 17: Mr. Kleditsch answers Mr. Zuffa’s questions, submitted with the aid of dia-slides, concerning the evaluation of Rouen, Saxon and Abacot Ranger ducks.

Re. 18: Mr. Lochmann reports about the situation of the poultry breeds in the various countries; he had acquired information concerning Switzerland by means of a survey among breeders. Mr. Moeckel is also encouraging the member countries to send on their information about the status of the breeding. There is more work needed on the adjustment of the colour varieties descriptions in use in the various countries in order to achieve more uniformity.

Mr. Littau suggests that some educational material is prepared in order to achive more uniformity among the countries in the training of judges.

The next ESC-P spring meeting will take place once again in Pohlheim on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011. While warmly thanking the organiser Mr. Moeckel, the Commission President Mr. Lochmann closes the meeting. The attendees thank Mr Lochmann for the exemplary guidance of the meeting. Meeting ended on 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch, Minute Taker