

## Minutes of the International Judges' Seminar in Trencin/SK 20.9.2008

Start: 8.30am

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Attendance
3. Breed and Colour varieties list
4. Colour variety descriptions
5. Incorrect wing carriage
6. Weight Checks
7. Information about Nitra
8. Sebright **grey-laced** creamy white
9. Discussion of various breeds from group „East“
10. Discussion about the Judges' Seminar for the next EE-Show
11. Other items
12. Any Other Business

Zu 1. The President, Frans van Oers (NL) welcomed all judges to the seminar; never before had there been so many participants. He was hoping for some healthy debates and enthusiasm.  
The agenda was accepted in its format.

Zu 2. Apologies for absence had been received from H. Zürcher (CH) and Prof. Dr. J. Schille (D).

The participants had come from far and wide: Hungary, Austria, Denmark, Poland, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

Zu 3. U. Lochmann (CH) explained, that the lists were adapted on an annual basis. The necessary amendments or additions have to reach him by 1. February of every year at the latest. He distributed a list, on behalf of H. Zürcher, from which can be seen how the 3190 entries have been put together.

Zu 4. All member states were requested to study the colour variety descriptions and notify U. Lochmann of any possible mistakes.

Zu 5. F. Foccardi (I) enquired how to judge a bird with incorrect wing carriage. R. Möckel (D) emphasized that „scissor wings“, which are currently seen in various breeds and usually in conjunction with the absence of any axial feathers, are a disqualification  
Fr. van Oers reported that this defect has been spotted and consequently penalised in the Netherlands, e.g. in Japanese and Dutch bantams.  
Denmark reported the same problems in various breeds.

All crossed wings, whether these are crossing over or under, are a disqualification. This disqualification should be mentioned in the introduction to the standard. Italy agreed to this being a disqualification.

The breeds, whose weights have to be checked during 2008/2009 are: Welsumers, Kraienköppen (Twente Fowl), Orpington and Italiener; all members states are requested to partake in this exercise and send their results to U. Lochmann by 1.02.2009.

Zu 7. J. Demeter (SK) informed the meeting about the preparations for the European Show of 20.-22.11.2009 in Nitra. The show will be held according to the new regulations. Names of contact persons and the estimated amount of exhibits should be in the hands of the Slovak Small Livestock Society by 31.03.2009.

All schedules and entry forms will be distributed at the EE- Convention in May 2009. There should be no special veterinary requirements and the definite version will also be available at the EE-Convention.

Zu 8. P. Zuffa (SK) introduced the grey-laced creamy white Sebrights through some pictures.

Zu 9. Typical Slovak breeds, such as the Slovak and Suchaer goose, Oravaer large fowl and bantams were presented to the participants in the exhibition hall of Trencin-Stankovce. The most important points and the breed aims were discussed. There were also Czech breeds, such as the Czech turkey in white-laced wildcolour and white-laced grey wildcolour, Czech geese and Czech crested geese, Sumavanka gold with black markings and Czech gold **sprenkel** fowl.

The Czech judges discussed their original national breeds. Amongst others, the ring size for Czech geese was discussed –this is 22mm in the European standard, but 24mm in the Czech standard. D. Kleditsch (D) pointed out that the ring could be taken off of more than one bird and stated that the smaller ring size was therefore justified.

**Some Polish Grünfüßler, Herrschaftliche Haubenhühner in kennfarbig, rebhuhnfarbig and black, as well as Polish Liliputaner** had been brought along by the Polish judges.

All three countries had further brought along (waterfowl): some Pommer and Celle geese, German turkeys, Streicher and Saxony ducks, American Pekins, Orpington and Indian Runner ducks and in fowl: Orpingtons, Malinois, Wyandottes, New.Hampshires, Welsumers, Amrocks, Italiener, Brahma bantams, Sebrights, Orpington bantams, Indian. Game bantams, Sussex bantams, Wyandotten bantams, Welsumer bantams, Orloff bantams, Hamburger bantams, Faverolle bantams, Silkie bantams, Phoenix bantams.

Zu 10. The method of judging in the Czech Republic and Slovakia is almost identical, but there are differences with respect to the European methods. P. Zuffa does not expect any problems, though, as international judges' seminars had already taken place in Brno 1998 and Prague 2004. At these occasions, the European methods had been fully discussed.

Zu 11. A query from Belgium about a Game show in Cologne, was dismissed by Fr. van Oers, as no application for a BreedSpecific Show had been made and therefore this show was illegal.

The Czechs had brought along some pictures, portraying the markings of Streicher ducks, prompting many questions. These were answered by K. Vogel (D) and D. Kleditsch. Fr. van Oers questioned whether all the colour varieties that are listed in the national poultry standards are still in existence. Those that are no longer around should be deleted.

W. Littau reported that the northern countries, i.e. Denmark, Sweden and Norway have already updated their standards to this effect.

All countries should prepare corresponding lists and send these on to U. Lochmann. The delegates from Poland introduced the following of their national breeds with the aid of pictures: **Herrschaftliche Haubenhühner in different varieties. Polbory silberkennfarbig, bred for meat purposes and polish Liliputaner, which is a clean legged bantam.**

Zu 12. All member states were requested to register their rare breeds by 1.02.2009 at the latest, with the priority on: old, rare, national breeds.

Members are still sought for the Sub-Committee Ornamental Fowl, especially from the francophone countries.

Frans van Oers profusely thanked the organisers for the splendid seminar and closed the meeting at 6pm.

Dietmar Kleditsch, Minutes Secretary

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