

Minutes of the ESCP-session in Haus Düsse / D on September 1st 2012

Item 1 Words of Welcome and Roll call

ESCP-chairman Jean Louis Frindel welcomes the members present of the ESCP August Heftberger-A (AH), Reiner Wolf-D (RW), Istvan Rohringer (H), Claude Schneider (CH) and Hans Schipper-NL (HS), Secretary. A special welcome goes to Dr. Claude Schneider as new member of the ESCP.

The minutes of the meeting at Altötting are valid until the next meeting.

The order of items further on does not correspond to the actual order during the session.

Item 2 Pending breeds / open questions to the European Standard (+ ELPB).

2a) Situation of breed standards GB:

The contact person for GB-standards is Mark Rudd (MR). The contact is very positive.

MR has transcribed several standards in the EE-format and forwarded them to JLF and HS.

The texts are worded a bit more complicated than the continental standards, their essence is the same however.

Suggestion: „ESCP Standard“ corresponding to the essence the standard of the SBE even if there are various interpretations of the text. Carried.

Differences in „breed characteristics, serious faults and judging order“ have to be discussed. Passages like „as big as possible“ in the GB-standards are not acceptable (i.e. wattles in Carriers and crop in Norwich Croppers)

E-Mail from John Surridge (28-08): Assistance in softening continental regulations resp. Animal protection is futile.

Show Homer: Serious Faults in Head characteristics are dealt with. New standard version from Mark Rudd.

Turbit and Oriental Frill: Head characteristics to be discussed still. .

English Modena: Still no answer from GB re question eye colour in browns and visible legs. The letter of Dennis Thornton (current secretary of the UK Modena Club) to Mark Rudd and from MR to JLF has gobsmacked the latter.

JLF explains the situation: Dennis Thornton has been informed about the proceedings of the European Standard from the very beginning. His letter is of completely opposite contents.

Magpie: still open

Syrian / Beyrouth Dewlap: 1 or 2 standards? SBE = GB (ELPB) still open.

British Nun: GB-Standard: Eyes exactly vertical over the legs, the GB-standard picture still fails to illustrate this.

Show Racer (UK): GB has its own show type Racing Homer as standardized breed, still not listed in the ELPB.

On the continent, Show Racer is generally meant for the *American Show Racer*. Therefore, the UK-breed should be named „British Show Racer“ to avoid confusion.

GB Ring Sizes. See adjoined chart. Several GB-standards give a bigger size in various breeds than the ring size recorded in the ELPB, normally 1 mm bigger. GB = SDE. ELPB to be corrected? See Item 2d.

Chart of different ring sizes GB – ELRT = D-Standard

	GB	EE	BDRG
Show Antwerp	11	11	10
Exhibition Homer	11	10	10
Genuine Homer	10	9	9
Damascene	9	8	8
Egyptian Swift	9	8	8
Syrian Swift	9	8	8
Martham	9	8	-
Carrier	10	9	9
Barb	10	9	-
Dragoon	10	9	9
Norwich Cropper	9	8	8
English Pouter	11	10	10
Horseman Pouter	8	9	-
Lacene	9	8	-
Ptarmigan	10	7	-
English Owl	10	9	9
Domino Owl	10	8	8
Turbiteen	10	9	10
Cumulet	9	8	-
English Longfaced CL Tumbler	9	8	8
Exhibition Flying Tippler	8	7	-

- 2b) Spanish Breeds: Gorguero Croppers and Catalanian Tumblers will be discussed in the public session. Magaña Homer: to be presented at Leipzig.
- 2c) AOC-Class. Rules state: "Every national standard commission is entitled to have its own restrictive definition of an AOC class within the European framework." Therefore, HS is of the opinion that such restrictions should not be included in an European and as such „neutral“ set of rules.
The condition that breeding programmes need to be sanctioned by the ESCP or the individual national standard commission is a restriction that may not be shared by other countries. There, breed clubs or individual persons can sanction a breeding programme.
- Quote:
"The showing of animals in the AOC class is not to be seen as a replacement of a national homologation process. Such a development and quality has to be taken into consideration however. If a country wants to pre-check this, it is a task of the country.
HS hands in a „simplified“ concept.
- 2d) Ring sizes: Various nations tolerate a ring one size bigger than defined by the breed standard. (SDE = ELPB). If the ring can be removed from the leg, the animal will be disqualified. (See list of European Disqualifications) This will be checked during the EE-Show at Leipzig as to its implementation.

Item 3. Miscellaneous

3a) Slovenia Submitted 2 new breeds to be included in the ELPB, to be presented at Leipzig.

3b) Norway (Letter Jan Heldal) Question about the eye colour in Chinese Owls. Situation solved.

3c) HS: State European Breed Clubs.

The rules as to European standard states in § 4.3:

"If several countries jointly and unanimously agree on ruling over the standard of a breed or a group of breeds together, a European Club for the breed/breeds should be started. The country of origin has to be represented in this club and has to approve of the club."

The idea behind this is that the country of origin as SDE or its respective standard commission cedes the authority over the breed standard completely to this aforementioned European Club and no longer is responsible for the standard. The aforementioned European Club becomes the new SDE.

The country of origin has to be involved in this process and has to approve of it. The question remains: how and by whom? Who represents the country of origin? Can this role be played by an individual breeder or can this be done also by persons representing the original breed club, the member federation or the standard commission?

If the country of origin is involved in the standard, then consequently this has to be done by people authorized by the breed club and/or the country of origin respectively its standard commission. Written confirmation required.

Who confirms that the country of origin approves of the European Standard? Member Federation, Standard Commission?

To come to an end with country of origin (current SDE) it is decided that the aforementioned sentence is worded as follows:

The country of origin has to be represented in this entity and be involved in the standard. **This needs to be confirmed and approved by the member federation and its standard commission.** (Motion carried and approved) .

Item 4. Open Discussion

See minutes of the public meeting of the ESCP of 2-9-2012

Wierden / Netherlands, September 2012
Hans Schipper,
Secretary ESCP

Minutes of the public meeting of the ESCP at Haus Düsse/Germany on 02.09.2012

1 Words of Welcome and Roll Call

ESCP Chairman Jean Louis Frindel welcomes 40 delegates from 13 countries: A, B, BIH, CH, CZ, D, F, H, HR, NL, PL, SK and SLO.

2 Report about the ESCP-meeting on September 1st

JLF reports about the closed meeting on September 1st. See minutes of this meeting. b

Catalonian Tumbler: JLF explains the differences in the standard text submitted. He has compared the Spanish standard with the German, French and Dutch standard. Obviously there are different „breed names“ with different characteristics under the same name. Colours have to be stated individually.

It is not yet clear on which original the German standard text is based. The German standard only describes the Friar's Caps (Cap de Frare), just like the Dutch standard. This is but one of the varieties of the breed. To be discussed with the Spanish delegate.

Gorguero Pouter: More time is needed. On the occasion of a show in Spain JLF could not find major differences to the Jiennense Pouter. Obviously there are many in-between types. In Spain there are different regional opinions about these two breeds. The Gorguero is said to be a bit stronger in body than the Jiennense and is to show a feather collar on the neck when courting and cooing. The Dutch standard gives a more detailed description of the wattles – where did this information come from to be included in the Dutch standard?

Syrian/ Beirut Dewlap: SDE: F or GB? Solution to be found with GB, D and F .

GB-Breeds: The standards are worded differently than the continental standards. Differences also exist in the specification of the breed characteristics, the list of serious faults and the order of judging. This has to be checked and harmonized.

Example: Eye colour in browns is genetically not a true pearl eye. Best solution would be „false pearl eye“ as found in some US standard (Levi).

Correspondence with GB has to be carried out diplomatically. The organisational relations between the NPA and the breed clubs pose a problem.

For the future: European standard with two texts:: GB-Standard and ESCP- (continental) standard.

Slovenia submits documentation to include 2 new breeds in the ELPB (2010), a Pouter and a Frill breed.

These two breeds have to be presented before approval.. Requirements: Standard and pigeons corresponding to it to make sure there are enough differenced with already existing breed. No further limitations.

3. Miscellaneous

Harald Köhnemann (D) asks about ring sizes in F, NL and A.

1 mm bigger is tolerated if the ring cannot be removed from the leg. This also corresponds to the opinion of the delegates assembled.

GB ring sizes to be included in the ELPB.

Arnold Tuidier (A) requests for the future a less noisy and more tranquil environment for the breed discussions and a layout that makes following the discussion easier to better focus on important details.

Philippe Hudry (F) requests for the future fewer breeds in the discussion and instead more time for the individual breeds.

Josef Demeter (SK): Slovakia has accepted the Bratislava Highflier as new breed. To be presented at Leipzig. The Slovakian Pouter is recognised in both SK and D. Will the German standard become EE standard? SK will be SDE in the ELPB, just like CZ is for the Brunner Cropper.

Philippe Hudry: in the case of Italian standards, can the French version become EE standard?

Harald Köhnemann. In case of standard modifications? Announced annually in the ESCP bulletin.

Jean Louis Frindel: thanks Prof. Schille for his speech on animal protection. Thanks also for the translation.

Meeting closed at 10.00 o'clock by ESCP chairman Jean Louis Frindel.

Sectional Chairman August Heftberger thanks Harald Köhnemann for his concise speech on judging and distribution of awards and prizes during the European Show. See minutes of the technical meeting.

Hans Schipper will inform Mark Rudd via email about the GB affairs.

Wierden/Netherlands, September 2012

Hans Schipper,
Secretary ESCP