

Minutes of the Cavy-Section Meeting of 18th. May 2007, 8am in Hotel Balnea Esplanade Palace, Piestany, Slovakia

Attendance: Flor Dickens (B), Gerrit Grooten (NL), Helmut Sakac (A), Lena Wilhelmsson (S), Jitka Rudolfova (CZ)
Guests: Priska Küng (CH) and Verena Fuchs (P)
Absent: Slovenia
Apology: None
Chair: Evelyne van Vliet (GB)
Minutes Secretary: Gaby Prust, (D)

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1. Opening and Welcome

The chair, Evelyne van Vliet welcomed all delegates cordially to this year's meeting and opened the meeting.

2. Recording Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Slovenia, despite the fact that their affiliation had been paid again.

Attending the meeting for the first time this year were Verena Fuchs from Portugal and Priska Küng from Switzerland.



The delegates of this year's Cavy Section meeting

3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Leusden, NL of 26th. May 2006

Lena Wilhelmsson had not received a copy of the minutes. The other delegates accepted the

minutes' unanimously and the secretary was thanked for her efforts.

4. Correspondence and Information

Evelyne van Vliet had received emails from Poland after the meeting in Leusden, showing an interest in affiliating to the EE. All paperwork had been sent to them, but inadequate finances were holding them back from joining at the moment. Cavy shows are being held in Poland, Petr Tejml (CZ) had judged there and Dr. Christian Koch (D) had been invited to judge there in June 2007. A lot of coorespondence had been dealt with concerning the European Show in Leipzig. There are 5 serious cavy breeders in Slovenia, who would welcome a close cooperation with the EE.

An email from France had been received recently from a newly formed cavy club there, wanting to affiliate to the EE. As there are more than one cavy club in France, all clubs must get together and agree to affiliate.

Priska K ng reported on the international show in Switzerland on 2. / 3. June; it is judged by an American judge and there are approximately 190 exhibits.

Jitka Rudolfova invited everyone to the international show in Brno on 22. / 24. June.

Evelyne van Vliet suggested to compile an international show calendar to be put on the EE website and urged everyone to send in their dates as soon as possible.

Helmut Sakac (A) reported on the new ear tags in Austria. American ear tags are used by some fanciers in Switzerland. Portugal is opposed to having cavies ear tagged.

5. Reports of the Executive Meetings of 31. October 2006, 17th. February 2007 and 17th. May. 2007

The Executive met in Leipzig (D) on 31st. October 2006. The main items on the agenda concerned the forthcoming European Show. It was also decided that from 2008 onwards all closed rings for poultry, pigeons etc. should have a uniform EE marking engraved. Sponsors in Switzerland had committed themselves for around € 30.000 for the next few years. The ultimate aim is to get around € 20.000 to € 25.000 sponsorships per annum. All printing for the EE had been done free of charge, but was no longer possible from 2007. It was therefore decided to email all minutes to delegates rather than send them by post. The minutes will also be put on the EE website as they are produced. Minutes from previous years will be available in an archive on the website as well.

The meeting held on 17th. February 2007 in Amsterdam mainly dealt with the aftermath of the European Show. A beginning was made with revising the Constitution and the Rules for European Shows. The next European Show, which will be held in Nitra (SK) in 2009 was briefly discussed. Urs Freiburghaus had seen the exhibition centre and was convinced that the show would be successful. As there are no cavy fanciers in Slovakia, it might be wise for the cavy section to take on the full organisation of the cavy show. This item will be put on the agenda for Pula. It was hoped that the 2012 European Show could be held in N rnberg with the aim to reach an entry of 100.000.

The meeting held in Piestany on 17th. May 2007 dealt once more with the closed rings that will carry the EE engraving. All rings to be ordered from one firm by all affiliated countries. Non affiliated societies cannot order the official rings. Birds rung with other rings than the EE rings will henceforth be disqualified at all shows in Europe.

The revision of the Constitution and the Rules for European shows was completed and would be put in front of the AGM the following day for ratification.

A brief discussion was held about allowing more than one association in each country to affiliate to the EE.

From 2007 onwards all standard committees will receive expenses again; the amount was raised to €1.000 per year.

6. Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Saturday 27th. May 2006

The agenda for this meeting was submitted to all. There were no questions or comments from the delegates.

7. Report of the Standards-Committee Meeting

Evelyne van Vliet gave an extensive account of the Standards Committee Meeting of 17th. May 2007.

The Committee would re-convene after the section meeting and all delegates were invited to attend if interested.

8. European Standard

Evelyne van Vliet had received one or two quotes for printing the European standard; e.g. €5.000 for 100 copies and €7.000 for 500 copies. As we only want a small number of copies, another source needs to be found for printing, as the sale price of the standard may not surpass €25 - Evelyne to put her feelers out for cheaper quotes.

The standard will be in a ring binder format, containing many coloured photos, and should be available towards the end of this year.

9. Affiliation of new members

The affiliation of CAPI from Portugal would be confirmed by the AGM the following day.

Evelyne had been invited to judge a show in Lissabon in April and had been very impressed by the quality of the exhibits, the organisation and the atmosphere at the show.

10. EE Judges' Seminar

The plan is to hold the judges' seminar, if possible, in conjunction with a major cavy show as the theoretical side can be linked up with the practical.

The first seminar was planned for 6th. June 2008 in Twello/NL preceding the first Breed Specific European show.

A request was made that the cavy section would take the training in hand of new judges in those countries that have no judges as yet and perhaps even organise examinations.

11. European Show that was held in Leipzig from 8th. – 10th. December 2006

An analysis of the show was made in which problems and critical remarks were aired, but also hints and suggestions for improvement were voiced. The main issue was that there were not enough people to whom one could turn when problems arose.

It was discussed to take on perhaps an even greater part of the organisation of the cavy entry ourselves. This item will be discussed in depth at the 2008 cavy section meeting.

12. Discussion of Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows for Cavies

The regulations were circulated to all delegates prior to the meeting. Some minor points were amended and eventually they were passed.

13. European Show for Smooth Coated cavies in Apeldoorn/NL on 7./8. June 2008

Verena had coloured posters printed in Portugal at Evelyne's request, 10 were handed out to each delegate and they were asked to take them to their national shows to start advertising this first ever event.

A meeting had taken place in February between Evelyne and the Dutch organisation team.

Exhibits can be penned either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Entry fees are €3.50 per exhibit up to three exhibits and €3 from four exhibits upwards. €2 for administration costs and the obligatory catalogue is €3.50.

Judging will be open to all exhibitors and the public. There will be a social evening on Saturday night at which all prizes and specials will be presented.

The following judges have been booked: Jo Qualm (NL) – head judge; Helmut Sakac (A) – Sells; Flor Dickens (B) - Agouties and Argentes and Gerrit Grooten (NL) – all Marked varieties. There will be two reserve judges; these are Anita Cramer (NL) and Andreas Reinert (D)?

There will be a special „for sale“ section at the show into which cavies have to be entered.

The next meeting between Evelyne and show organisation will take place on 19th. August 2007.

The schedule and entry forms will be sent out to all affiliated countries by November; the package will include lists with various accommodation, directions to the show venue etc.

Exhibits can be lifted on Saturday evening, but alternatively can be left in the pens overnight and lifted at lunchtime on Sunday.

Plans are underway to organise a seminar on the Sunday morning for all members and exhibitors or a special section of rare, guide and unstandardised breeds will be judged.

Exhibitors attending the Breed Specific show in Apeldoorn with smooth coated exhibits may also enter other breeds in the host show.

14. Report by the Internet-Sub-Committee

Evelyne had tried to send all sorts of suitable items for the EE cavy pages, but all of them had been returned to sender.

A report will have to be written about the convention in Piestany accompanied by as many photos as possible. Furthermore an International List of national shows will be compiled by Evelyne –all delegates were asked to send her details of their national shows as soon as possible. Reports with photos of these shows will appear on the website as well.

15. Diseases

There were no problems in any of the affiliated countries with regard to diseases.

16. Animal Welfare Issues

No news on any fronts.

In Switzerland guidelines have been issued for correct husbandery of small livestock. Fanciers can be trained, tested and certified.

The MFD in Germany has had a scheme like that for many years on a voluntary basis.

17. Suggestions and Requests

None.

18. Any Other Business

Evelyne urged all delegates to send her the dates and venues of national shows by 15th. June 2007.

Gerrit Grooten should have put his resignation in writing; he will therefore remain in function for at least one more year.

The President, Evelyne van Vliet closed the meeting shortly before 1pm. She thanked all delegates for their attendance, thoughts, ideas and information and wished them all a continued pleasant stay in Piestany/Slovakia..

Evelyne van Vliet (Section President)

Gaby Prust (Section Secretary)

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