



Minutes of the 78th General Assembly of May 7th in Vösendorf / Vienna (A)

President: Gion Gross
Minutes: Esther Huwiler
Attendance: 129 delegates with 88 voting cards
Guests: none
Start: 08:35 o' clock
End: 11:50 o' clock

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1. Opening, Welcome

The president, Gion Gross, welcomes all delegates for the 78th General Assembly of the Entente Européenne in Vösendorf / Vienna. A special welcome goes to the honorary president Urs Freiburghaus, the organizer, the attending honorary members and the presidium members.

With 169 participants the expectations are more than fulfilled. He is very happy about this because it shows the interest in our organisation. Gion Gross thanks everyone, especially for the work accomplished in the home countries in favour of small animal breeding.

The agenda was sent to all and was published on the website.

Decision: *There are no requests for any changes to the agenda.*

Excused are:

- Hans Ove Christiansen, Denmark
- Jan Heldal, Norway
- Dieter Meister, Germany
- Peter Mickmann, Germany
- Marie-Louise Rydén, Sweden
- Klaas van der Hoek, Holland

All those who could not attend this meeting because of health reasons we wish a quick recovery. Unfortunately several members who worked for our cause passed away since last year. Representing all of them, our honorary members Karl Häring and Eduard Schmidt are mentioned and all the deceased members are remembered by a minute of silence.

Gion Gross sincerely thanks the translators Jean-Louis Frindel and Urs Lochmann who, once again, took on this challenging task. He also thanked Esther Huwiler because she arranged an affordable simultaneous interpreting system.

2. Recording attendance

Total attendance: 129

Voting cards: 88

Absolute majority: 45

Election of the vote counters:

Decision: *as vote counter are unanimously elected:*

- Urban Hamman, Switzerland
- Elisabeth Wallner, Austria

3. Minutes of the General Assembly of May 16th 2015 in Metz

Decision: *The minutes of last year's General Assembly were unanimously approved off and the author, Esther Huwiler was thanked.*

4. President's report

Decision: *The president's report was unanimously approved off and he was thanked for his enormous job.*

5. General secretary's report

Decision: *The general secretary's report was unanimously approved off and she was thanked for her commitment.*

6. Report of the section chairmen (Poultry, Pigeons, Birds, Rabbits, Cavy)

The chairmen of the sections reported on the activity in their sections. We refer to the minutes of the section meetings.

7. Report of the chairman of the Animal welfare and health committee

The report of Prof. Dr. Joachim Schille, was taken note of and he was thanked for his enormous commitment.

8. Treasurer's and auditor's report

The treasurer, Willy Littau, informs the assembly about the finances:

Total income:	EUR 60'019
Total expenses:	EUR 39'165
Balance on 31.12.2015:	EUR 87'821

Willy Littau presents and explains the liquidity plan until 2020. The number looks much better as expected a few years ago. The reason for this are the efforts to economize, extra income from Metz and less expenses by the presidium.

Roland Olinger reads out the auditor's report which certifies an immaculate job by the treasurer.

Decision: *The financial report and the auditors' report are unanimously approved and the treasurer and the presidium are discharged.*

9. Elections

9.1 Confirmation of the elections of the section's chairmen

In the poultry section Andy Verelst is elected as successor of Wilhelm Riebinger. All the other section chairmen are unanimously re-elected.

9.2 Auditors for 2016

Roland Olinger stands down according to the constitution.

Decision: *Günther Wimmer and Yvon Weissenbacher move up and are unanimously elected.*

9.3 Reserve auditor

Decision: *Igor Cegovnik from Slovenia is unanimously elected.*

10. Honours

With applause and as a token for their great achievements, Rainer Wolf and Wilhelm Riebniger from Germany were awarded a well-deserved honorary membership.

11. Proposals

The Bund Deutscher Rassegeflügelzüchter (BDRG) has submitted a proposal before the deadlines which was explained personally by Christoph Günzel :

The actual membership fee of the individual countries would remain as they are. Added would be an amount of 0,01 €/member of each member country. From the total of this amount the percentage of votes on the general meeting would be calculated. This would ensure a democratic justice and provide financial security for the Entente in the future.

Position of the presidiums: the presidium understands the proposal, that's why it submitted a proposal to the General assembly a few years ago that also made the voting rights depending on the membership fee. The general assembly however rejected this proposal.

The presidium recommended not to accept the BDRG proposal for the following reasons : to get hold of the exact number of members has proved to be very difficult. Rarely do we get the announcement of the real number of members. There are concerns that this proposal would lead to the announcement of lower membership numbers than reality, only to reduce the costs. The proposal would also mean that the number of votes should be recalculated every year because of fluctuating numbers of members in the individual countries. This would lead to confusions. Also the European idea that every country has the same voting rights, regardless of the number of members, would be thrown overboard.

Decision: *The proposal was rejected by a great majority.*

Germany has withdrawn its application to organise the EE Show in 2021 because of lack of staff. The RÖK, which applied for the organisation in 2024, spontaneously offered to take over the 2021 event.

12. Acceptance of new members

Application of Finland, rabbit section

The president, Arto Salo, shortly presented his federation.

Decision: *Finland's rabbit section was unanimously accepted.*

Application of Lithuania, poultry section

The president, Arturas Kundrotas, shortly presented his federation.

Decision: Lithuania's poultry section was unanimously accepted.

13. Information on EE-meetings

2017 24-28 May Eger, Hungary; <http://hotelegerpark.hu>
Antal Uhrner and Andrea Klaus shortly present the next meeting and welcome everyone to Hungary.

The next General assemblies:

2018	09 – 13 May	Denmark (EE Show)
2019	29 Mai – 02 June	Croatia
2020	20 – 24 May	Czech Republic
2021	12 – 16 May	Austria (EE Show)
2022	25 – 29 May	Bosnia and Herzegovina
2024	08 – 12 May	open (EE Show)
2027	05 – 09 May	Holland (EE Show)
2030	29 Mai – 02 June	Czech Republic (EE Show)

14. Looking back on the Europe Show 2015 in Metz/F

According to Jean-Claude Périquet, naked-neck ducks were only to be seen at the entrance and not in the show and that in France it is still accepted to remove combs and wattles in gamefowl. According to a judge there were also some of these birds on the show. Prof. Dr. Schille explained that on the EE-Show, the EE-rules apply. Especially animals which are topic of discussion and are not accepted by the EE, shouldn't be on display at the entrance where they can be seen by everyone.

Gion Gross basically said that we can be happy that the show effectively took place. The terrorist attacks in Paris didn't only shock France but all of us !

The show director, Gaston Harter, looks back on the show. In 2009 the former SCAF president decided to apply for the Europe Show 2015. On the General Assembly in May 2015 they tried to show what France is able to organise. Some people in the direction committee of the show unfortunately didn't do their job. The main organisation had to be done by 10 instead of 100 people.

Gaston Harter acknowledged the General the Assembly that there were mistakes on the show which, partially, also for them were unexpected.

After the terror attacks in Paris, Gaston Harter had several meetings with the responsible politicians and could achieve that the show could remain open.

He apologises profoundly by everyone that participated and was disappointed. The blame for this only lies with the organisation and not with the presidium. Gaston Harter thanks Urs Freiburghaus for his willingness to support the organisation. He especially thanks the ZDRK (rabbits), Andy Verelst (poultry) and the pigeon section for their help.

The secretary from the Bosnian federation thanks the SCAF because they took on 50% of the damage that occurred while the animals could not pass the border and had to return home.

Andy Verelst asks when the stolen animals would be compensated and how this would happen.

Gaston Harter replies that the treasurer, Christoph Gaillard, is at the moment not well but he promises that until June 15th 2016 all questions will be answered and the animals will be paid.

15. Suggestions and requests

None.

16. Miscellaneous

Willy Littau, informs us about the Europe Show from 09.11.2018 – 11.11.2018 in Herning / DK. Info can already be found on : www.europaschau2018.eu. Besides this there is also a Facebook group.

Esther Huwiler presents the new homepage of the EE, www.entente-ee.com, which is online since this meeting.

Gion Gross asks everyone to support the general secretary by filling out the electronic membership administration and to keep it up to date. From next year on, the invitations for the general meeting will only be sent to the members that were entered in this administration platform.

He asks that all would transfer all the information they got here to their own organisations and to inform about this meeting within their structures.

He asks if there are people who participate for the last time but is not the case which is of course gratifying.

Nobody wishes to express himself anymore.

Gion Gross expresses his thanks for all the many invitations to happenings that he accepts whenever possible and also for the many federation magazines that he receives.

A big thank you goes to everyone for the active participation but also for the discipline that allowed us to finish our business in due time. He also thanks the presidium members for the good collaboration and also the translators Jean-Louis Frindel und Urs Lochmann.

Special thanks go to Günther Wimmer and his team for the impeccable organisation of this meeting.

There were no objections against the way the meeting was presided or the way the votes were organised.

Gion Gross looks forward to the new EE-year, to many good encounters and lot of challenges that we will overcome together.

He hopes to see everyone again next year in Hungary and closes the general assembly 2016.

Closure of the meeting : 11:50 o'clock

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General secretary