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Minutes of EE General assembly on Mai 28th, 2022 in Konijk

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Guests:	
Beginning:	08:30 am

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Introduction

Pandemic, bird flu, cancelled national shows and also the European show in Kielce will not be held, - hardly half a year has passed since we last saw each other in Billund and looked confidently to the future. Unfortunately, our hopes were not fulfilled.

It is all the more joyful that we can meet again here, work on the future of our Entente Européenne, exchange experiences and cultivate comradeship.

Even if the future prospects for our international exhibitions do not look very rosy at the moment, we will not let ourselves be defeated and will continue to fight for our causes. Even the most stringent regulations and laws cannot take away our confidence and joy in our animals. Let's carry this outwards every day, we have every reason to be proud, because without us a large part of the small animal biodiversity would already be irretrievably lost.

It is with pride and pleasure that President Gion Gross welcomes all those present to the 38th General Assembly of the Entente Européenne!

The agenda for today's General Assembly was sent to everyone or could be downloaded from the website.

There are no comments or amendments.

1. Opening, welcome

The President, Gion Gross, is particularly pleased to welcome our Honorary President, Urs Freiburghaus. The latter has said that this is his last General Assembly, but we don't believe him, as he said more than a decade ago that this or that show would be the last one, he would organise. And who is organising the jubilee pigeon show in Switzerland this year? The soon to be 85-year-old Urs Freiburghaus!

Gion Gross warmly welcomes the present honorary members, delegates, and friends of the Entente Européenne.

And he thanked the Bosnian Federation for organising this meeting. So far, everything has been very well organised.

Unfortunately, also this year some comrades cannot attend our General Assembly due to health reasons. We wish them a good recovery and look forward to welcoming them back in good health at the next meeting.

Deaths in the past year have also left gaps in our ranks. Members who have worked for our cause for years, even decades, are no longer with us.

We remember all our deceased members with gratitude and rise briefly from our seats.

And there are always traces of your lives, thoughts, images and moments. They will remind us of you, make us happy and sad and never let us forget you.

Many thanks to our translator Urs Lochmann. Jean-Louis Frindel, who has done the translation in French for many years, cannot be with us today for health reasons. We all wish him a good recovery."

2. Recording of attendance

Voting cards have been distributed at the entrance.

There is one voting card per division of a country.

The President asks whether all voting delegates have received their voting cards.

Proxies may only be cast for the divisions of one's own country.

Voting cards distributed: 73

Absolute majority: 37

Total votes: 73

Total present: 104

At the same time the EE medals were handed in at the entrance.

Up to 5000 members per division = 1 medal

Over 5000 members per division = 2 medals

If anyone has not yet received these medals, please do so immediately after the meeting.

Election of tellers:

Peter Kalugin: unanimously elected

Bernd Graf: unanimously elected

3. Minutes of EE-General Assembly from 18.09.2021 in Billund

The minutes were still prepared by Esther Huwiler and published on the website.

There were no questions or comments

Decision: *The minutes were unanimously approved.*

Many thanks to Esther Huwiler, who has now become the happy mother of a daughter.

4. Report of the president

There are no questions or comments

Word to the Vice-President

Vice-President Istvan Rohringer thanked the President for his excellent work during the year and asked if the members approved the report.

Decision: *The minutes were approved unanimously*

5. General secretary's report

There are no questions or comments

Decision: *The report was unanimously approved.*

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

Poultry: Andy Verelst - Pigeons: Gustl Heftberger - Birds: Klaas Snijder - Rabbits: Wolfgang Vogt - Cavias: Lena Tysk

The chairmen of the divisions report on the results of the division meetings. We refer to the minutes of the divisions.

Gion Gross thanks the Division Chairmen, their secretaries, and the members of the Standard Commissions for their great and important work.

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

Eric Apperlo' report is noted and will be published on the website.

Gion Gross expresses his sincere thanks to Eric and his team who have done and are still doing a lot of work.

But they cannot move forward and fight for our hobby without the help of the leaders of all the federations.

8. Treasurer's and auditor's report

The Honorary President Urs Freiburghaus wishes to speak before the Treasurer's report begins.

He has been involved in the search for sponsors for years. It is not an easy job, there are long journeys to the sponsors, so he would like to pass on this office now. He asks all present to look for volunteers who would like to take it on.

It is also becoming more and more difficult to find sponsors, as we have not had an EE European Show in recent years.

Willy Littau: "The EE's finances are still good. But since no EE European shows as well as breed-related European shows could be held because of Corona, we have less income, and thus also some sponsors who no longer support us."

Treasurer Willy Littau gives an overview of the cash:

Cash balance as of 01.01.2021:	EUR 145'519,80
Total income:	EUR 23'432,50
Total expenditure:	EUR 25'286,74
Cash balance as at 31.12.2021:	EUR 143'655,56

The auditors Jean-Maurice Tièche and Klaas van der Hoek had the task of auditing the cash. They found a small, but not relevant error, which was corrected immediately.

Jean-Maurice Tièche read out the auditors' report, which certified that the treasurer had done an impeccable job and recommended that the accounts be accepted.

Decision: *The accounts and the auditors' report 2021 are approved without dissenting votes and the Treasurer and the Presidium are discharged.*

Gion Gross thanked Willy Littau and the auditors for their work.

The President, Gion Gross, shows us the liquidity plan for the next few years.

We can only have a solid cash flow if EE European shows can be held again.

Bird flu, hall prices, animal transport regulations, etc., are reasons for cancellations of EE European shows. It has to be discussed to find solutions.

One possibility would be to hold European shows two years after the EE European show, and breed-related European shows in the years in between. The discussions about this start in the Presidium.

There are no questions or comments.

9. Elections:

9.1 Accepting the vote of section chairpersons

Yesterday, the general chairpersons were elected in their respective sections. According to the statutes, they have to be confirmed by the general assembly.

The president proposes to confirm the division chairpersons in Globo:

Poultry:	Andy Verelst
Pigeons:	Gustl Heftberger
Birds:	Klaas Snjider
Rabbits:	Wolfgang Vogt
Cavies:	Lena Tysk

Decision: *the election of the division chairmen was approved unanimously*

9.2 Substitute auditor

Jean-Maurice-Tièche resigns as 1st auditor.

1st auditor becomes Klaas van der Hoek

2nd auditor becomes Tom Laming

Georg Sattlecker from Austria has made himself available as a substitute auditor.

There is not any other candidacy.

Decision: *The election of the alternate auditor was approved unanimously*

Many thanks and congratulations to Georg

10. Regulations for General European shows

At the last General Assembly, the General Assembly voted on the regulations for General European Shows. At the request of Peter Iseli (Switzerland), the Executive Committee was commissioned to write an additional item on "animal protection" and to submit it to the General Assembly.

We therefore propose the following additional point 12:

12 Animal health and welfare

- 12.1. In principle, the animal welfare regulations of the host country apply.
- 12.2. Sick and vermin-infested animals must be removed from the show and treated.
- 12.3. Overtyped animals shall be downgraded in the evaluation.
Severely overtyped animals are to be excluded from judging and removed from the show after consultation with a jury member and the

Chairman of the Advisory Board for Animal Health and Welfare or a deputy appointed by him.

Nobody wishes to say a word about it.

Decision: *The amendment of the regulations for general European shows was approved unanimously*

11. Honours

This is always the best part of our General Assembly.

Actually, you should all be honoured, because with your presence you show your solidarity and your interest in our federation. And you are all here because you are the pillars of your organisations in your countries.

But there are also some members who have rendered very special services to the EE. We would like to honour such a member today.

Laudation in Michel Bovet

The person we are proposing to you today for EE honorary membership is a man. We actually wanted to have him honoured at the last General Assembly. However, since he could not be there, we postponed this proposal to today's General Assembly.

It is not a man with big words, but a man of great deeds for small animal breeding and thus also for our association.

He is a rabbit breeder, but he is also a pedigree poultry breeder and probably had and still has other types of animals. Whenever you need him, he is there, be it as an official in his association, in his region or in the executive committee of his national association.

He is also known as an accomplished trade journalist, particularly on poultry.

He has also been a poultry judge for many years. And he is also known as a member of the standards and technical committees, where he has worked intensively for years.

Yes, and whenever it was necessary to translate something from German into French or vice versa, be it in his national association - or in the EE - it was he who took over this without objection AND without compensation.

When our long-time French translator, Jean-Louis Frindel, had to be excused for today and was asked if he would like to take over, the answer came, not an hour away, "yes, I will do it!"

Dear Michel Bovet, we wish there were more people like you who put their energy into the cause and our hobby and not into big words. My list of your merits is incomplete precisely because you never said what you did and are doing, you just did it and still do it - and for that I thank you very much on behalf of all of us.

We would therefore like to award you the honorary membership of the Entente Européenne not only as a thank you, but also as a great recognition for everything you have done and still do for small animal breeding.

Decision: *With a big applause Michel Bovet is appointed honorary member of the EE.*

12. Proposal

No motions have been received from the countries. The Presidium did not make a motion either.

13. Acceptance of new members

Our General Secretary, Jeannine Jehl, has the floor for this pleasant agenda item.

Estonia:

The Presidium proposes to accept the application of Estonia, branch Poultry, from the association «Estonian Poultry breeders». Peeter Vatramäe is present and introduces the association.

Decision: *Adoption of Estonia Poultry Division was approved unanimously*

North Macedonia:

The Presidium proposes to accept the application of North Macedonia Poultry Division from the Poultry Union of North Macedonia. Vancho Ilievski is present and introduces the association.

Decision: *The acceptance of North Macedonia Division Poultry was approved unanimously*

Ukraine

The public association of Ukrainian Pigeons, Birds and Species National Association has applied to EE for membership.

They wrote us an email that, in the current situation, they unfortunately cannot send anyone responsible to Bosnia.

The bureau is very positive about their inclusion in the EE. We will accept them if they are better, and a representative of their association is present.

Decision: *Admission from Ukraine is postponed.*

Kosovo

The Association of Kosovo has applied to the EE to become a member under the name «National associations of small animal breeders»

Nobody has registered for the main conference, so the membership application will be postponed.

Decision: *Admission from Ukraine is postponed.*

Croatia

In Croatia, a large part of the members broke away from the previous association and founded a new association. This new association is very active, organises exhibitions and judge training courses, while the previous EE member association is quite passive and has hardly any activities to show.

Now that the new association has applied for membership in the EE, but the EE statutes only provide for one association per country, the situation within Croatia should first be clarified. The EE Presidium therefore proposes to the General Assembly that Croatia's membership be suspended so that the two associations can enter into joint discussions, possibly found an umbrella association or clarify the situation in some other way. As soon as the two federations have reached an agreement, the suspension of membership will be lifted.

Both federations do not comment on the proposal of the Presidium at this point of the meeting.

Decision: *Croatia is suspended until an agreement has been reached.*

14. Information EE - Meetings information

2023	18. – 21.	Mai/mai/May	Bulgarien/Bulgarie/ Bulgaria
2024	09. – 12.	Mai/mai/May	Tschechien/Rép. Tchèque/Czech Rep.
2025	29.05.–01.06.	Juni/juin/June	Rumänien/Roumanie/Romania

In 2026, if no candidates from Western Europe come forward, Serbia is ready to host the EE meeting.

Information about the European Meeting 2023 in Bulgaria. The Bulgarian Small Animal Breeders' Association presents its country and warmly welcomes us to Bulgaria.

The European meetings from 2026 onwards are still available. We are looking forward to receiving applications.

However, we will make the organisers aware from 2023 onwards that the venue should be close to an airport and that a budget will be sent to us in advance.

15. Revision of the Association Articles

The Presidium had planned to table a first draft of the new statutes at today's General Assembly. But it preferred to discuss the fundamental question "Quo vadis, EE".

However, we would still like to get the approval of the General Assembly to revise the statutes and adapt them to the new circumstances. We would then submit a draft for consultation so that we can vote on it next year.

No questions on this matter.

Decision: *The revision of the statutes was approved unanimously.*

16. Suggestions and requests

This is actually the most important business of this General Assembly, namely your item of business.

Delegates from Romania reported on ring suppliers from different countries. Which are the right ones, and which are the wrong ones? And what can EE do about it?

The answer from Gion Gross: there are 2 official providers Stengel and Smisdom. The EE doesn't have copyright on it because it's too expensive. However, there is the possibility of putting a special acronym on the ring every year.

17. Miscelaneous

No comments under Other Business.

The President has a few more wishes before the end of the General Assembly.

Again and again, we find that not all the information you have received here is actually passed on. It does not help if you just spend a few pleasant days here. Take the information you have received here back to your associations, write a report in your association's journal, and refer to your association meetings.

Be sure to support our advisory board in their efforts to create small animal friendly laws and regulations and answer their questions.

Visit www.entente-ee.com regularly for the most important information.

Yes, our website is as up to date as the information we receive from the sections. You have to invest time if you want to keep it up to date.

A recurring point is our membership administration, which can only be updated if you make the changes. When sending e-mails, dozens are always returned to us because the address is wrong, the person is no longer in office or has even passed away. No one can complain if they did not receive a notification because the address was wrong. Our General Secretary will be happy to provide you with information on how to log in, how to change the password if it is out of date, etc.

If there are any delegates who are attending a meeting for the last time this year because they are leaving office, I ask them to stand up now so that we can bid them a dignified farewell.

Once again, the President thanked for the many invitations to events organised by the associations. The earlier these invitations arrive, the more likely it is that a member of the Executive Committee will accept them. We are happy to come to you whenever we have the opportunity.

And, of course, he would also like to thank you warmly for the delivery of the association's magazines. He can read them all - he can only understand some of them. But just seeing the pictures of the animals bred in different countries is always a treat.

He also sincerely thanked the Bosnian Association for organising and running the congress.

Finally, he asked the meeting if there were any objections to the conduct of the meeting or the voting process.

Decision: There are no objections to the conduct of the meeting or the voting.

We are happy that exhibitions can be held again this year and wish them great success.

Gion Gross wishes you all good luck, success in the henhouse, aviary, pigeon house, hutch and guinea pig enclosure and above all good health to all.

Honorary president Urs Freiburghaus takes the floor.

"This is the last time I will be with you in a main EE meeting. At 85 years of age, my health no longer allows me to travel for such a long time or to attend longer meetings.

It has been a great pleasure to work with you all and I think I could find a breeder friend in every little corner of Europe. I will miss you all good wind for the continued existence of EE. »

The assembly rose for a standing ovation to the Honorary President of the EE, Urs Freiburghaus.

The General Assembly 2022 is closed.

End of the General Assembly: 11.40 H