

Minutes of the online session of the Cavia section meeting on October 20th, 2022

1. Opening, greeting

Lena welcomes the delegates present from the countries (Czech Republic, Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden).

Absence is: Austria, France and Russia

Guests are: Jan Tschopp (Holland, member standard committee), Petr Tejml (Czech Republic, chairman standard committee EE), Veronica Rabbi (Italy) and Vladislav (Ukraine)

2. Correspondence, notifications and reports Presidium meeting

Lena has attended two online meetings of the EE Board. A new president and treasurer are being sought for the 2023 AGM. In February 2023, the board will meet in Sofia and the program for the conference will be decided.

Lena is actively involved in exchanges with Ukraine for admission as a member in 2023. Discussions are also taking place with Norway and Spain for an application for membership. In Croatia at the moment there are still problem with too many clubs.

3. EE judge training and breed-specific European show 2023

Luc de Donder reports on the progress of organizing the breed-specific European Show. The variant of the judges' seminar on the same weekend from 24.-26. November 2023 in Affligem is discussed with pros and cons. There are two alternative dates: 9.-10. December 2023 and a date in March 2023, which would still have to be chosen.

The main topic of the seminar are the Abyssinians.

All delegates should give feedback to Lena in the FB chat within a week whether they have anything to oppose the merging of seminar and show. Petr Tejml calls on delegates to update the judges' activity list for national and international shows after the pandemic period. This needs to be emailed to Petr revised by the end of November 2022. Only in this way can the standard commission make a proposal at the next meeting in Belgium which judges should be invited to the breed-specific show in November.

4. Communications from member countries

Daniel (Poland): Daniel talks about a project of the werewolves from the Skinny race. The results of the project will be emailed to all delegates in March 2023 and published on FB. 35 breeders, 16 passive members, 6 judges and 2 candidate judges are registered in the state club. At the moment there are mainly problems with recruiting new members and buying bedding for the cages in his country.

Annette (Denmark): There are many shows in Denmark and these show high numbers of entries of up to 300 animals. The state club was also able to gain more members, and the hobby is growing.

Zaira (Italy): The board of the Italian club is very happy to be part of the EE and extends a warm welcome to all delegates. The club is very active and growing.

Patrik (Germany): The German club has about 670 members. The federal show will take place next weekend with about the same number of entries.

Jan (Holland): Because of the bird flu, the exhibitions have a lot of restrictions. That's why there are fewer shows and, above all, the club has almost no judge candidates. The Skinny breed was included in the standard in 2022.

Andrea (Czech Republic): The club has 250 members and 46 juniors. Exhibitions and seminars are organized. Andrea would like to receive information about the breed specific EE show in November 2023 as soon as it is available so that she can promote the club.

Luc (Belgium): Unfortunately, there are few judges in the club. Fortunately, young judge candidates are interested in starting the training. There are fewer animals as the cost of keeping them has increased by 50%. Therefore, fewer animals are reported at exhibitions. There are no skinnies and baldwins in Belgium. Eventually the color coffee will fall out of the standard.

Eva (Slovakia): The club has few members, about 30 people, but not all breeders. At the moment there are two exhibitions a year.

Melanie (Switzerland): The Swiss Cavia Association is a small association with about three exhibitions a year. Since the umbrella organization will lose one of the two members at the upcoming GA, considerations are underway as to whether the Cavia Association can remain a member of the EE or not. Financing a delegate is a big challenge for such a small club.

Lena (Sweden): In the south of the country many animals are registered at the exhibitions. There are about the same number of judges active as before the pandemic. In Sweden, two standards can be issued from 2023. The national standard without colors and color distribution and new in the EE standard with colors and color distribution. Unfortunately, the exhibition lasts too long in the evenings and a way is to be found to shorten the process.

The new Ridgeback breed is expected to be included in the Swedish standard in 2023.

Vladislav (Ukraine): Hopefully the admission to the EE will work out in 2023 at the GM.

Unfortunately, the internet connection is very bad. Everyone understands and thanks Vladislav for his participation in the meeting and wishes him well in the difficult times.

5. Miscellaneous

The 2023 conference in Sofia will take place close to the airport. The option for online participation will be discussed.

Unfortunately, the EE board meetings are always held in German. However, Lena does not give up and tries to help shape her part for the Cavia division.

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