

Protocol of the meeting of the Advisory board for animal health and protection,

Thursday, May 29th 2014, 14.00 Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina

Present: Prof. Hans-Joachim Schille DE, chairmanship, Dr. Vet. Janny Hermans NL, MD

Joseph Rey-Bellet CH, Christoph Günzel DE.

1. Opening: The President cordially welcomes the three attendees and is happy that everyone is in good health.
2. Recording attendance: Dr. Vet. Peter Supuka is absent because of work. Christoph Günzel, Chairman of BDRG, is present as a guest.
3. Dr. Vet. Janny Hermans is determined as a keeper of the minutes this year.
4. Minutes of the last meeting: The last protocol from Bern is confirmed and the author (and also translator in French) Dr. Rey-Bellet, is thanked.
5. Reports: Prof. Dr. Schille is pleased that the contacts with the officials in Brussels are very well again. There was a question from Dr. Pittmann concerning an international Bird Exhibition in Turkey. Conclusion: it is an issue for Turkey. Breeders from other countries are also invited, but it is important they will look for information about the H5N1-situation in this country.
The EE Animal Transport Regulation has to be ratified by the European Parliament yet. Until now it is only valid for commercial animal transports.
There are not many questions from the Sektions to the Advisory Board. Most of the questions are from breeders, exhibition organisers and veterinarians. In Switzerland the discussion about overtyping is still growing. This discussion will grow stronger in whole Europe, because the officials and animal protectors are copying each other actions.
6. Correspondence: the communication within the Advisory Board is getting better. A question from Dr. Hermans considering the selling of wild and exotic animals, is directly submitted in Brussels by Dr. Schille. In Europe it is permitted to sell CITES animal species if an official CITES document is present.
Dr. Rey-Bellet participated in a livestock symposium. People living with a companion animal, visit a doctor less, they overcome stress and negative experiences faster, they are more stable in emotional matters and their health conditions are more stable in general.
Dr. Rey-Bellet: it is very important that exhibition cages in Switzerland are authorized by the officials.
Dr. Schille: The Oriental Roller Pigeons are worldwide present and one of the most cheerful flight pigeons. There are no occasions known in which the pigeons drop dead on the ground after a roller flight in the air. That's why the appellation as Death Roller is complete nonsense.
7. Looking back at the EE show in Leipzig: a part of the contribution of the EE show (1 euro per animal) is still not in possession of the EE treasurer.
8. Breed-specific European shows: Dr. Schille visited the European Show for Danziger Hochflieger in Magdenburg. Not many advantages were mentioned by the judge on the evaluation cards. The Advisory Board will try to attend more to breed-specific European shows.

9. Situation of animal health and animal protection in the EE countries: Germany has a new Animal Protection Law and a new Animal Transport Legislation. The contents are: prescriptions for animal housing, a certificate of competence for animal owners and specific prohibitions, e.g. the ban of donating an animal. The Animal Health Law is about prevention, monitoring and vaccination conditions.
No major animal disease outbreaks were seen in Europe.
Dr. Rey-Bellet: a new rabbit vaccin against Enterocolitis caused by Clostridia Bacteria is registered. Enterocolitis is an inflammation of the digestion tract, but the exact cause is not determined. It is mentioned a multifactorial enteropathy. In Switzerland it is nowadays possible to import vaccins and to vaccinate against VHD or myxomatosis when the veterinary regulations in Metz are determined.
10. Internet: the Entente Europeenne is looking for a new webmaster. The website will be renewed in approximately 2 years. Only one member of a section or the board will be assigned to deliver text or photo material towards Hans Zürcher. Dr. Schille will be trusted with this task again.
11. The report of the chairman in the General Meeting was approved.
12. The participation in tomorrow's section meetings was determined. Dr. Schille: Pigeons and conclusion of the contract in Metz. Dr. Rey-Bellet and Dr. Hermans: Rabbits. Normally Dr. Hermans attends the Poultry Section but this year the representative for the rabbits in Holland is absent.
13. Suggestions and requests. Dr. Hermans: the Advisory Board for Animal Health is still looking for a representative in the Bird Section. The Dutch Bird Association has nominated someone. Dr. Schille: he is welcome when the Dutch Bird Association will pay for his costs and the Executive Board of the European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Bird, Rabbit and Cavia Breeder will approve of his proposal.
The constellation of the Advisory Board for Animal Health in the future is discussed. Prof. Dr. Schille will be chairman until 2018 at last.
14. Any other business. Christoph Günzel leaves the meeting. The annual financial support of the EE towards the Advisory Board of Animal Health (regarding 1000 Euro) is managed by Prof. Dr. Schille. When somebody has costs (e.g. when attending a breed-specific European Show or going to Brussels) he can claim a part of this amount.

The chairman closes the meeting at 5.40 p.m. and thanks for the active cooperation.