

Minutes of the ESC-P Meeting on 21- 22 March 2009 in Pohlheim

Opening Time: 8:45 a.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome Greeting
2. Acknowledgement of Attendance
3. Breeds and Colour Varieties Proposed for Admission for 2009
4. Updating the list of the „Breeds and Colour Varieties”
5. Weighing Results/Outcome
6. Integrations to the Texts of the Standards Recognised by the German Breeding and Admission Committee (BZA)
7. German Definition of Butterscotch Colour in Call Ducks
8. Claws on the Back Toe of Waterfowls
9. Recognition in the Netherlands of the **Isabel** Colour in Silky Bantams
10. New Colour Description for Polish Bantams in the Netherlands
11. Wing abnormalities: Angel Wing, Dropped, Slipped or Aeroplane Wing
12. Modification of the Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows
13. New Standard Definition for the Splash Colour Variety
14. Standard Weight in Rheinland Bantams
15. Ring Size of Silky Bantams
16. Breast Colour of (**Tricolour**) **Speckled** Asil Bantams
17. Unification of Recognition Procedures
18. Difference in Form among the German and the Italian Leghorn (Italiener vs. Livorno)
19. Hans Zürcher's Successor
20. Confirmation of Score Card for Ornamental Birds
21. All Disqualifying Faults To Be Mentioned in the Standard
22. Agenda for the Meeting in Ovivat (13)
23. Update on the Avian Influenza Situation in the Various Member Countries
24. Work Group Ornamental Birds, Standard
25. Preliminary Standard for the Serama
26. Any Other Business

Zu 1. The Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann (CH) greets the members which were all present, and the guests Mr. Klaas v.d.Hoek (NL) and the President of the German Breeding and Admission Committee (BZA) Dr. Werner Lüthgen who is participating on a temporary basis.

Re. 2: The meeting was attended by: Msrs H. Stroblmair (A), W. Littau (DK), P. Žuffa (SK), A. Verelst (B), J.Cl. Périquet (F), Fr. van Oers (NL), R. Möckel (D), H. Zürcher (CH), U. Lochmann, (CH), D. Kleditsch (D) u. Kl. v.d. Hoek (NL), and temporarily Dr. W. Lüthgen (D).

Re. 3: Among the new admissions, the list proposed by Germany is confirmed. In the list proposed by the Netherlands, the White Porcelain Booted Bantams were refused admission into the EE directory. The colour description for Chocolate and Khaki needs to be defined uniformly with a colour description for the whole EE. The **Isabel-Red** colour in the Leghorn of the German selection type (Italiener) is changed into **Lavender Yellow Duckwing**. The list proposed by Belgium is confirmed: the Silver Grey Muscovy is proposed for admission in the EE directory; the Black Patterned Silver-Necked Ardennaise bantams are (called) Birchen. The list proposed by Denmark is accepted.

The Moset proposed for admission by the Czech Republic displays too little difference when compared to other, currently recognized breeds. The proposal of admission is rejected. France has recognised the Cemani and changed denomination for the Silky.

Re. 3: There were in principle no objections to the breeds and colour varieties proposed for admission by Germany. However, certain colour descriptions still need to be defined more precisely. In Switzerland there are problems with the differentiation of the **Silver-Pencilled Lavender** Brahma bantam from the **Isabel-Pencilled**. When considering proposals for admission in other countries, stricter criteria must be adopted. There are no objections to the Danish list. The request for admission of the Brown-Red Dutch Bantams in Austria is withdrawn. The lists from Belgium and France are accepted. For the breeds and colour varieties awaiting evaluation Germany presents a list of the requests submitted up to the 1st February of every year. Again, a discussion ensues as to the country of origin or creation of the various breeds. A bantam variety can have a different country of origin.

Re. 4: The list of breeds is up-to-date, only the English version lags behind in the website.

Re. 5: Within the Italiener (German-selection Leghorn) the cocks are generally only about 20% heavier than the hens. The right weight difference should be 30%. However, some of the colour varieties are too strongly built. Mr. van Oers will consult the special club as to whether the weight of the cocks can be increased by 10%, and a decision will follow. By evaluating specimens of the breeds which were subjected to weighing, one is to make sure to put up the specimens which come near to the ideal weight rather than the heaviest ones.

Re. 6: The preliminary standards for the **gold-wheaten** Marans and the light Rheinland are accepted, as well as those concerning the newly recognized colour varieties in bantam breeds. The official name of the Sicilian Buttercup is object of discussion; Mr. A. Verelst shall consult Mr. F. Focardi (I). In the Ardennaise Bantam, the males have a slightly stretched upward posture, less so in the hens.

Re. 7: Prior to the EE Meeting in May, Mr. A. Verelst intends to investigate which colour description is genetically correct.

Re. 8: Ducks with a not completely formed claw on their back toes may obtain max. 92 points.

Re. 9: The Isabel Silky Bantams are not entered in the EE Directory.

Re. 10: Specimens and plumage of the Polish bantam in the khaki colour variety must be submitted for evaluation.

Re. 11: Specimens with angel wings must be classified with "I" - 0 points.

Re. 12: New regulations for Breed Specific European Shows are being processed.

Re. 13: The ground colour in cocks and hens should be uniform light grey, while the distribution of the spots on the feathers – varying from blue to black – must be harmonious.

Re. 14: The standard weight of the Rheinland Bantam are unvaried since 2006 with 1.1 kg for the cock and 0.9 kg for the hen.

Re. 15: The ring size of Silky Bantams remains unvaried, i.e. 12 mm.

Re. 16: The new preliminary standard by Mr. R. Möckel is accepted; the blue-red speckled must be included herewith.

Re. 17: Among the recognition procedures currently adopted in France, Switzerland and Germany there is not a great difference. The Netherlands are adopting a new procedure re. evaluation as well. Mr. H. Zürcher's opinion is that there should be more trust between the various countries re. recognition.

Re. 18: The difference in conformation between Italiener and Livorno (German and Italian selection Leghorn) are discussed.

Re. 19: Mr. H. Zürcher has already reduced his workload within the Swiss Poultry Association as a judge and intends to do so as Editor also. His wish to create a stronger bond between countries in European context has not been fulfilled. His successor for the Central region (D; CH; L) will be Mr. Michel Bovet (CH). Concerning the election of the section Board, it was stated that the Section's Secretary does not need to be the same person as the ESC-P's.

Re. 20: The proposal for the Score Card for Ornamental Birds is accepted.

Re. 21: Dr. Lüthgen informs how the English version of the disqualifying faults for pigeons is already completed. The evaluation guidelines proposed by Mr. R. Möckel are amended and accepted. With the discussion of point 21 on the Agenda the meeting is concluded at 10 p.m. on 21 March 2009. The session is resumed on 22 March at 9 a.m.

Re. 22: At the EE-Meeting in Ovivat the ESC-P intends to discuss colour definitions such as among others butterscotch and khaki. This subject will also be resumed during the EE-Show in Nitra (SK) and the judges' meeting in Linz (A), with some practical work on available animals. Mr. H. Zürcher needs illustrations for the EE-website and archive.

Re. 23: No problems are to be recorded in Austria. In Denmark it is prohibited to show chickens and waterfowls in the same space. No problems in the Netherlands and Belgium. Problems in France are solved. No problems in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. No problems in Switzerland, the authorities are very open to dialogue. There are still limitations in Germany for risk areas.

Re. 24: After the withdrawal of Mr. W. Baumann (CH), the Work Group Ornamental Birds consist of Mr. L. Osthöver (D), Mr. J. Lachnit (A) and Mr. H. Beerling (NL).

Re. 25: Mr. A. Verelst submitted an exhaustive preliminary standard for the Serama. The breed is already represented in nearly all European countries. Based on the preliminary work by Mr. A. Verelst a conformation standard has been developed, which will be the leading standard for all countries at the presentation of this breed. The recognised colour varieties will be those currently known in the breed.

Re. 26. The guideline for the white Marans is the following: traces of light yellow are allowed, while the goal is pure white. The ring size of 22 mm will remain unvaried for the Czech goose in the Standard for Europe. In CZ and SK 24 mm rings are being used. The requested shank colour of the Phoenix in the Netherlands is blue, while green is allowed. However, only blue is allowed in the standard for Europe. Double spurs in the Bruges and Liege game cocks are not allowed in Belgium, while in the Standard for Europe they are desirable.

The required conformation standards are being prepared for breeds that are proposed for presentation but are not yet admitted in the standard for Europe.

Re 26. The focus in Ovivat will be on waterfowls. The participants suggest to hold the spring assembly on 19th – 21st March 2010 in Pohlheim again. Having exhausted the time available for the meeting, Mr. Urs Lochmann thanks Mr. R. Möckel for the exemplary organisation and closes the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The minute taker Dietmar Kleditsch