

Minutes of the European Standard Commission Meeting Altötting/Germany, June 17 2012D am 17.05.2012

Item 1 Address of welcome and Presence

The Chairman of the European Standard Commission for Pigeons(ESCP) Jean Louis Frindel welcomes the member present of the ESCP August Heftberger/Austria (AH), Reiner Wolf/Germany (RW), Istvan Rohringer/Hungary and Hans Schipper/Netherlands (HS) as secretary.

Absent: Dr Werner Lüthgen.

Item 2. Minutes

- 2a. Minutes of meeting at Bálatonalmádi 2011, motion seconded and carried.
- 2b. Minutes of meeting at Hradec-Králové 2011, motion seconded and carried.

Item 3 ESCP Bulletin 2010

- 3. ESCP-Bulletin 2012: no further remark, motion seconded and carried.

Item 4 Aspiring Breeds for European Standards (+ELPB)

4a) Situation and breeds from GB + Owls, Frills & Turbits

JLF speaks about the relations with the British NPA. He mentions the sympathetic correspondence with the new member of the board of the NPA, Mark Rudd. The NPA does not have a commission for standards. Even though there is an NPA standard, standard matters are taken care of by the individual breed clubs. JLF was commissioned by the NPA to produce the standard pictures.

The transformation of GB standards to match the EE-model standard for pigeons is very tedious. The ESCP has received a couple of modified standards from Mark Rudd. Some of these standard text show differences to the actual phenotype of some breeds.

In some breeds, crucial breed characteristics or description of faults are lacking.

English Modena: According to coordinator J. Grauss there is still discrepancy in 2 breed characteristics: Eyes: in brown-based bird lighter iris instead of pearl-coloured (no tumbler eye); Legs: visible thighs.

The JLF sketch of the breed has been approved by the British Modena Club (BMC).

Turbit: the head *is* long; GB-Standard: Head *not* long.

Homer Breeds: Crucial points compared. Three breeds won't cause any problems. With Show Homers the GB-standard does not give any details for the head under the heading of serious faults.

The NPA (Mark Rudd) has requested an explanation of why the EMC has been designated the SDE in some British breeds in the ELPB.

Leading British fanciers are member of this European Club and also these fanciers show pigeons which do not correspond to the GB-standard for the respective breeds. JLF and HS will speak with the GB delegate for pigeons (EESP), Graham Giddings. (See minutes of this meeting on page 3 of this document). If the NPA resp. the British clubs and the European Club resp. the ESCP agree on the standards of British breeds, then the SDE will be changed from EMC in the ELPB into GB/EMC. If no compromise is to be found with the EMC, then GB will be printed in bold print in the European Standards.

There is no need to change the internal British layout. British and continental standards have to match in the essential parts.

4b) Bosnian Breeds

Bihac Roller: in ELPB, # 1008, ring size 7 mm

Bijeljina Roller: in ELPB, # 1009, ring size 7mm

Zenica Roller: Very similar to the Lugo Roller. To be scrutinized at Leipzig.

4c) Czech Breeds

Prague medium faced Tumbler: under scrutiny to be compared with the Old Austrian Tumbler and the Budapest Kiebitz. To be presented at Leipzig with at least 4 specimens, 2 specimens per colour.

Silesian Colour Head: to be included with the form pigeon group, ELPB-# 0064

Bohemian Swallow (Wing Pigeon): the muffed Tiger Swallow to remain an independent breed in the ELPB as Bohemian Tiger Swallow.

The other varieties have to be shown at Leipzig for direct comparison with the other Swallow breeds at the European Show at Leipzig. Breed history will not count as relevant.

The *EECP-Regulations for European Standard* states under §2, *Differences to other breeds*:

2.1. For recognition with the EE there have to be at least two crucial differences in the main breed characteristics to set the breed apart from *any other already recognised breed* in the EE List of Pigeon Breeds (EELP).

In order to support the taking of a decision, it is advisable to clearly state the differences to other, similar-looking breeds in a separate document.

2.2. In case the ESCP is of the opinion that the projected breeds is too close in appearance to another already existing and recognised breed in the ELPB, the motion will be declined for the time being.

Breeds not listed in the ELPB can still be shown.

4d) Serbian Breeds; turned down due to false information

4e) Spanish Breeds

Gorguero Pouter: clarification required to set the breed apart from the Jiennense Pouter.

JLF was not able to pinpoint crucial differences between the two breeds at a Spanish show, nor could the Spanish.

Catalonian Tumbler: deferred due to questions pertaining to the standard.

The adjoined image of the breed shows too much similarity to the Figurita. The ELPB shows a Catalonian Tumbler listed.

Magaña Homer: too close to a normal Racing Pigeons; turned down.

4f) EE-List of Pigeon Breeds (ELPB).

Ring sizes PL: have been corrected in some Polish breeds. HS has sent letter of apologies.

Ring sizes GB: in some GB breeds, the GB standard calls for a size 1 mm bigger than listed in the ELPB. To be discussed with Graham Gidding (see below)

4g) European Standards and European Pictures

If countries follow the EESP model for standards in their layout (Breed characteristics – Serious Faults Order of judging importance with an European Pictures) then this standard can be used as an European Standard for the respective breed..

JLF will compile a list with the EE-approved pictures of breeds.

This list will be subsequently further on populated.

Club-internal standard pictures made by club artists are not automatically European pictures. The European picture has to be approved by the SDE to turn into an European picture.

4h) Polish Breeds

Polish Beauty Homer: listed in ELPB, # 0065, Ring size 9 mm.

4i) Romanian Breeds

JLF shows images of the Romanian Beauty Homer of which there is also a standard. Before including this breed in the ELPB, they have to be shown at Leipzig to compare them with the Polish Beauty Homer.

Item 5 Miscellaneous

5a) AOC-class.

The EESP rules *Special Classes for fancy pigeons (AOC-class) the word „Scheckungsmuster/piebald markings“* will be removed in the b-part.

In the sentence „To be added....possibilities“ the words „piebald markings and structures“ are removed . Reason: Pigeons with grave faults are being shown that do not correspond with a defined breeding goal within the genetic knowledge and possibilities (Quote from the rulebook)

5b) Judges Formation 2012: at Haus Düsse/Germany: compare minutes of the sectional meeting.

5c) Additional elections ESCP: compare minutes of the sectional meeting.

5d) Judges Formation 2013: compare minutes of the sectional meeting.

Chairman of the ESCP Jean Louis Frindel closes the meeting of the ESCP.

Talk of JLF and HS with the EESP-delegate Graham Graham Giddings on May 18.2012

The conversation was friendly, positive and full of mutual understanding. .

There are several breeds of pigeons, including British breeds, which enjoy popularity all over the world, in such breeds it is normal to see European clubs in which also renowned British breeders are active as members.

The members of these clubs gentlemen breed towards the same phenotype and show their birds on the occasion of European Shows.

There are questions and remarks among other things about the SDE in British breeds since there are GB-standards for these breeds.

If an agreement between SDE and the resp. European Club can be reached, the lettering will be modified to „SDE: GB/resp. European Club).

Examples: Owls, Frills & Turbits in GB: GB/European Club for Owls, Frills & Turbits.

Further examples: English Modena, (EEMC), Turbit (EKMC), Show Homer (Item 4a), English Pouter, and English Nuns (standard pictures).

The NPA is asked for its understanding and to work towards an European Standard in spite of possible frictions with the individual breeds clubs in GB.

Graham Giddings shows understanding and states that there have been modifications on the board of the NPA. The NPA is open for comments, suggestions and questions. h

Requests will be forwarded to the GB – clubs and the clubs will be asked to communicate with the ESCP.

JLF thanks Graham Giddings for his understanding.

Graham Gidding has received for cross checking a comparison between the current standard pictures of the English Pouter and the Pigmy Pouter used in Germany and GB from HS.

Wierden/Netherland, May 2012

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