

## Minutes of the International Judges Assembly 2009

Assembly of the EE judges, Poultry Section held on 19 and 20 September 2009 in Linz (Austria), hosted at the Educational Centre St. Magdalena. Attendees: 46 people from 15 countries have attended the meeting. The following countries were represented: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic.

Saturday, 19 Sept 2009

Agenda:

1. „Current Issues and Updates" by the President of the Standard Commission, Mr Urs Lochmann.
2. „Evaluation of Pure-Bred Poultry Specimen with Discussion", by Mr. Rudi Möckel (German Standard Commission)
3. Discussion of specimens by the Standard Commission and illustration of the score card

Sunday, 20 Sept 2009

Open session of the Standard Commission with dialogue by the guests  
(the minutes of the Standard Commission meeting will be provided separately by Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch)

Agenda Point 1

The President of the Standard Commission for the poultry breeds Mr. Urs Lochmann (CH) greets the attendees on behalf of Mr. Frans van Oers, President of the Poultry Section, who was unable to attend for personal reasons, and is in charge of the meeting. Mr. Lochmann thanks the Austrian colleague breeders for hosting the meeting and providing a favourable environment to it.

His report on the activities and work carried out by the Standard Commission covers two areas:

1. Individual Issues
2. Technical Issues

Re. 1: - in the Workgroup Ornamental Birds Mr. W. Baumann is no more active, replaced by Mr. Harry Beerling (NL).

- Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch (D) has ceased his activity as Section Secretary, but shall continue in his capacity of Secretary of the Standard Commission.
- The new Section Secretary is Mr. Wilhelm Riebniger (D).
- Mr. Hans Zürcher (CHI) has ceased his activity of delegate of the countries grouped as Central Area, and is replaced by Mr. Michel Bovet (CH).

Re. 2: General Issues

- The Moset was not recognised
- Ducks with a not completely formed claw on their back toes may obtain max. 92 points.
- The proposal for the Score Card for Ornamental Birds is accepted.
- The colour „Khaki" in Bantam Dutch Crested has been changed into „Light Gray"
- Mr. Urs Lochmann points out how every new breed or colour variety is being bred at the disadvantage of the existing breeds or colour varieties. These are often just trends,

as with fashion, after which some breeds and colour varieties disappear again as fast as they appeared. Any new breed or variety to be entered in the EE list must be submitted to Mr Lochmann by 1 February of every year

The same procedure for the recognition of new breeds or colour varieties does not apply to all EE member countries. The Federations are invited to communicate any evaluation or presentation of new creations. Any extreme form of breeding is banned from recognition. Applications must be accompanied by related illustration material.

- The Commission has dealt several times with the subject of „Seramas“. In the USA three sizes are recognised. The EE however will only accept one. The cock should weigh about 500 g., the hen up to 425 g. below such limits the breed shall suffer from vitality problems, whereas specimens above such weights are likely to have been crossed with Chabos. The evaluation of the Serama in the US is based on criteria that differs from those in Europe; For instance, the temperament (i.e., very tame) is particularly a point.

- Mr. Urs Lochmann praises again the impressive presentation of Belgian breeds held by the organisers during the EE-meeting in Ovifalt (B).

- Mr. Peter Zuffa (SK) as a representative of the show organisation provides information about the European Show in Nitra. The number of entries is above 20,000, to the general satisfaction.

- The next judges assembly of the Poultry Section will take place on 20 Sept 2010 in Luxembourg, separately from the Pigeon Section.

#### Agenda Point 2

With his extensive report about the evaluation of pure-bred poultry breeds Mr. Rudi Möckel aimed at a possible application of the evaluation system, and organised his speech according to the following points:

- General considerations on the activity of the judge
- Tasks of the pure-bred poultry judge
- Responsibilities of the judge in the evaluation of specimens
- Technical implications of a judging appointment – Recognition of the essential points
- Quality note and points
- Score card and structure of the critique
- Weighing of the breed's characteristics
- Example of score card

The afternoon's agenda contained the evaluation of some specimens by experts from the animals' countries of origin First were the Austrian breeds Sulmtaler and Altsteirer and their bantam varieties in several colour varieties. The Sulmtaler in gold-wheaten and white and the Altsteirer in partridge and white. The Altsteirer bantams in the same colour varieties, and the Sulmtaler bantams in their ordinary colour gold-wheaten plus the blue-gold-wheaten (not yet recognised). In addition to these, there were black Naked Neck from Hungary, silver-spangled Appenzeller Spitzhauben, white and buff Wyandotte bantams.

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The technical issues discussed during the open session of the standard commission are illustrated in the separate minutes provided by Mr. D. Kleditsch.

Mr Hans Zürcher took leave from the attendance at the judges assembly with appropriate wording, after an intense cooperation which lasted 18 years. Mr. Zürcher illustrated certain positive aspects, but at the same time expressed his disappointment

about the fact that the European standard has not yet become effective. Mr. Zürcher thanked the attendees on his own and his wife's behalf, who accompanied him regularly, for the many pleasant acquaintances. Mr. Urs Lochmann handed Mr. Zürcher a gift by the Section. He will however still attend the EE meetings.

During a spontaneous discussion it was pointed out how one of the problems preventing the introduction of one common standard is the fact that not every expression employed by the original standard issued by a country of origin can be supported with an adequate concept in other languages. Moreover, judges obviously have their 'own' standard in mind, the one they were trained in. It is necessary to resume the efforts aimed at the introduction of common of regulations.

Finally, some observations were made concerning the event planning:

- The specific European show for Orpingtons and respective bantams will be postponed by 1 year, and will take place in January 2012 in Zuidlaren (NL) instead of 2011 as originally planned.

- In Austria, a week prior to Christmas 2011 there will be a special show dedicated to the Stiria and respective Bantams

- The problem of WPA- rings for ornamental birds in Austria has been solved by recognising all rings that are closed, including the WPA-ring

- Pictures are still needed for several foreign breeds being presented, such as the Danish country chicken (ref. Mr. Littau), the Ardennaise and the Barbue d'Everberg (ref. Mr. van Elst).

Mr. Urs Lochmann thanked the organiser Mr. Stroblmair, wished everyone a safe trip back home and all the best till the next meeting at the European show in Nitra and closed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Wilhelm Riebinger  
Minute Taker