

Minutes of the EE Poultry section meeting, Friday, 26.05.2006 in Leusden/NL

Start: 8.15am

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the President, Frans van Oers
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of the last Section meeting in Mondorf les Bains/Lux (May 2005)
4. Report of the Executive meeting in Offenbach - 9th. August 2005, by Fr. van Oers
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6. Report of the Executive meeting Leipzig -11th. February 2006, by Fr.van Oers
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10. Applications for Breed Specific European Show for Poultry:

- Brahma and Cochin plus bantams	24/25.Nov. 2007	Afflichem/B
- Sussex, Orpington and Dorking plus bantams.	Jan. 2008	Zuidlaren/NL
- Australorps and Australorp bantams	Dec. 2008	Enschede/NL
11. Application for organising the Judges' meeting in Luxembourg – 18 - 20. September 2009
12. Agenda for the EE Annual General Meeting of Saturday, 27.05 2006
13. Elections as per § 12: 1. President, 2. Vice President, 3. Secretary.
14. European Show in Leipzig from 8.-10. December 2006
15. Judges's Meeting in Murten / Switzerland from 15.-17. September 2006
16. Reports of the Internet and Ornamental Fowl Sub-Committees
17. Report of the ESK-G
18. Any Other Business

1. Welcome

President Frans van Oers cordially welcomed all delegates to the meeting and especially L. Heinrich, the show manager of the European Show 2006 in Leipzig. The past 12 months had been very troubled through all sorts of reasons. Many meetings were held; good progress was made through positive thinking and solving problems together. „We have to try and understand one another and be communicative, only then results can be achieved“.

2. Attendance

Representatives from the following countries were present: Switzerland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, Germany, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Denmark, France, Belgium, Spain, England, Italy and guests from Poland.

Apologies for absence were received from Sweden, Russia and Peter Zuffa (SK).

3. Minutes of the last Section meeting in Mondorf les Bains/Lux (May 2005)

The minutes were taken as read.

4. Report of the Executive meeting in Offenbach - 9th. August 2005, by Fr. van Oers

President Fr.van Oers reported on this meeting. Problems with pigeon rings in Austria and poultry rings in France were discussed. Some fanciers in France order their rings from various sources. Many clubs buy their rings in Germany as France does not force its members to ring with French rings. The rules and regulations for European Shows were also amended and extended.

5. Minutes of the Judges' meeting and the Standards Committee meeting in Beek/NL (Sept. 2005)

A. Verhelst (B) was of the opinion that under item 4 M.v. Lüttwitz had promised and not recommended to standardise the Narragansett turkey as original breed in the German standard.

D. Kleditsch said that such recommendations were impossible.

No other questions were raised.

6. Report of the Executive meeting Leipzig -11th. Februar 2006, by Fr.van Oers

Fr. Van Oers reported that the Leipzig show will use different identification colours for all sections.

The affiliation of the Cage bird section was also discussed as was the final draft of the European

Show's Rules and Regulations. Sponsors are sought to fund the new EE logo.

7. Report of the Executive meeting in Leusden - 25th. May 2006, by Fr.van Oers

The following items were discussed:

- The EE-Show in Leipzig
- The AGM in Leusden
- The affiliation of the Cage bird section
- Problems with rings in various countries
- Honours
- Prof. Dr. Schille gave a report

8. Address List

Slovenia, Slovak Republic and Poland have to hand in their new contact details to the president.

9. Correspondence and Information

The SV for Australorps and Australorps bantams had applied to host a Breed Specific show in Ostrau (D) from 9.- 11. November 2007. Frans van Oers would like to see more commitment from all delegates.

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The meeting voted in favour of these shows.

Of all Breed Specific shows that should have been held in 2005/2006, only the Dutch Owl Beard show took place in Ede/NL. There was a fantastic entry of 600 birds in all colour varieties and the show was a great success.

H. Zürcher advised the organisers of EE-Shows to use the EE homepage to advertise these shows.

11. Judges' Meeting of 18.- 20. September 2009 in Luxembourg

All in favour.

12. Agenda for the EE Annual General Meeting of Saturday, 27.05 2006

The meeting reacted positively to affiliation of the pigeon association of Rumania and possibly the poultry association of Poland.

13. Elections as per § 12: 1. President, 2. Vice President, 3. Secretary.

All 3 members were standing, although for Fr. Van Oers it will be his last term in office.

He appointed H. Stroblmair to conduct the election. He asked if there were any other candidates for any of the offices. There were none and all 3 candidates were re-elected.

Verhelst (B) suggested to conduct future elections with secret voting cards. The meeting felt this was only necessary if more than one candidate was seeking election for one post.

14. European Show in Leipzig, from 8.- 10. December 2006

Dr. Lothar Heinrich reported on the preparations of this show. Despite the problems with A.I. the show looks like going ahead in its entire format thanks to discussions held with the veterinary authorities of the EU in Brussels. The schedule and entry forms in three languages would be distributed to all delegates during the AGM.

If the A.I. epidemic should intensify again in the autumn, exhibitors would be informed accordingly. Currently only poultry that was vaccinated against Bird Flu and those from infected areas would be banned from the show. All poultry would be penned together, even those from Switzerland. Poultry that has not been vaccinated against Newcastle Disease would have to be quarantined for 21 days upon arrival home. There was a possibility that all poultry would have to be penned up 3 weeks prior to arrival at the show. Veterinary certificates will be uniform throughout the EU and apply to poultry and ornamental fowl. Pigeons can only be exhibited if they have had the required vaccinations.

The buyer of sale stock will pay a certain percentage over and above the price shown in the catalogue. All sale monies will be handed over to the contact persons of each country.

He advised to book hotel accommodation as soon as possible. Compensation for deceased exhibits is

only possible after a positive recommendation of a specially appointed panel. Collections have to be entered as per entry form. The names of non German judges have to be sent directly to: Christoph Günzel, **Am Busch 5**, D-01920 Haselbachtal, OT Reichenbach, Tel.: 035795 / 36416, Fax 035795 / 36418, E-Mail: christoph-guenzel@web.de stating their specialities in certain breeds.

15. Judges's Meeting in Murten / Switzerland from 15.-17. September 2006

The venue lies in a car-free zone; it is a 3 minute walk from the central car park. It only has single rooms; there is a hotel nearby to accommodate couples. Arrival on Friday between 4 and 6pm -7pm welcome. Saturday: 8.30 am meeting and 5.30pm boat trip. A separate program for partners will be organised. The ESK-G will meet on Sunday whilst Martin Wyss will discuss the European standard with the remaining delegates. Costs are €225; this price has been made possible through financial support from the SRTV und SRGV.

16. Reports of the Internet and Ornamental Fowl Sub-Committees

H. Zürcher reported that the rabbit section hardly participated on the website. The new pictures for the European standard will be put on the poultry site. A. Verhelst requested pictures on the site of breeds that are not recognised in Germany.

It was mentioned that a European standard takes a lot of time to be established. Problems would have to be solved in stages; differences must be respected and certain original standards might have to be adapted.

W. Riebinger (D) reported on the creation of the pictures for the standard by amending photos. Fr. Van Oers was of the opinion that common factors should be highlighted rather than the differences.

U. Lochmann reported that the Ornamental Fowl Sub-Committee would meet in September and that a list of ring sizes was being created.

17. Report of the ESK-G

The President, Urs Lochmann reported on the meeting in Pohlheim. Applications for standardisation of (new) breeds and colours must be in the hands of the chairman by 1.2. Switzerland has translated the standard as well as all standards of breeds and colours that are only recognised in Switzerland into French

The Narragansett turkeys recognised in Germany are much lighter and smaller than those shown in the Netherlands and Belgium. It was therefore decided to class this breed as a colour variation of the German turkey and put it in the lighter weight class in Germany. In the event of corresponding quality and presentation, it is possible to have the Narragansett turkey recognised according to the American standard in Germany.

A. Verhelst re-iterated a previously made point; that if the European standard wants to be successful all affiliated countries have to show good will and cooperate –also those countries that have so far been ignored.

Z. Pichlik (SK) criticised Slovak and Czech judges, who according to him did not judge **goldhalsig** and partridge bantams properly.

L. Tarasewicz (PL) introduced himself and told the meeting that Poland wanted to affiliate to the EE poultry section.

U. Lochmann reported that the standard text of the Cemany standard had changed in the Netherlands and Germany. Verhelst wanted to obtain a copy of the new text.

The change to the Sussex standard was dropped.

Cl. Périquet suggested to monitor the weights of the following breeds: Dorking, Sussex, New Hampshire, Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks and Jersey Giants and send the results to Urs Lochmann by 1st. February 2007. The weight of bantam Frizzles was increased to 1.2kg. in males and 1kg in females and the egg weight fixed at 38gr.

The weight of Brugge and Liège Game bantams was increased to 1.7kg. in males and 1.4kg in females. Small visible wattles in Frizzled Poland bantams will in future be allowed.

Objections against the standard changes for Rheinlanders were overruled.

The markings and colour of the tail feathers in female New Hampshires was determined.

Agreement was reached between Germany and the Netherlands with regard to the Kraienköppe standard. Missing toenails on breeds with heavily feathered feet will no longer qualify for 97 or 96 points in Germany.

Spurs on males must be valued in all affiliated countries.

H. Zürcher shared his thoughts about amending the composition of the ESK-G with the meeting. The ESK-G would be composed of area representatives. The BZA would have to do the bulk of the work for the European standard and as such be represented on the committee. Communication would have

to be improved so that decisions could be reached quicker. W. Riebniger stated that the section would have to go with the times.

K. Safundzic (HR) expressed his opinion that only the most competent people should be on the standards committee.

M. Banks (GB) said that Britain was quite happy to be represented by the Netherlands. Sweden and Norway would be represented by Denmark. Slovenia was in favour as well.

A proposal will be put together and distributed to all countries and a vote will be taken in 2007. Distribution by December 2006 and a discussion would be held in Murten, where the documents could be picked up.

18. Any Other Business

H. Zürcher would put these minutes on the website as soon as possible; the French translation would be done by Michel Bovet. A solution would be sought for the English translation.

The available vaccination against Bird Flu in the Netherlands was not free, but extremely expensive and was not used by fanciers.

The President, Frans Van Oers was delighted about the positive meeting and thanked all for their constructive thoughts and work.

He closed the meeting at 15.45pm

Dietmar Kleditsch - Minutes Secretary

English translation – Evelyne van Vliet



Group portrait of all delegates