

Minutes of the EE Poultry Section Meeting on Friday May 22nd 2009 in Ovifat (Belgium)

Opening Time: 8:15 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Greetings by the Chairman Frans van Oers (NL)
2. Acknowledgement of attendance
3. Approval of the minutes of the Section Meeting on 2 May 2008 in Pula (HR)
4. Approval of the minutes of the Judges Meeting on 2 Sept 2008 in Trenčín (SK)
5. Report by the EE Board meeting in Nitra (SK) on 14 Feb 2009 by Mr. F. Van Oers
6. Report by the EE Board meeting in Ovifat (13) on 21 May 2009 by Mr. F. Van Oers
7. Address directory (updated 2009)
8. Correspondence and communications
9. Retrospective look at the Breed-Specific European shows of 2008-2009
 - 24-26 Oct 2008 Silkies and Silky bantams in Bruges (B)
 - 01-02 Nov 2008 Hamburg and Hamburg bantams in Hoya (D)
 - 21-23 Nov 2008 Rheinlands in Cologne (D)
 - 21-23 Nov 2008 Phoenix, Phoenix bantams and Onagadori in Cologne (D)
 - 21-23 Nov 2008 Rheinlands in Cologne (D)
 - 21-23 Nov 2008 Yamato Gunkei in Cologne (D)
 - 12-14 Dec 2008 Australorp and Australorp bantams in Enschede (NL)
10. Received applications for Breed-Specific European poultry shows:
 - November 2010 domestic ducks and geese in Tours (F)
 - 19-21 Nov 2010 German Bantams in Cologne (D)
 - 10-12 Dec 2010 Twente and Twente bantams in Enschede (NL)
 - 6-8 Jan 2011 Sussex, Orpington, Dorking and respective bantams in Zuidlaren (NL)
 - 6-8 Jan 2011 Brabants, Breda, Dutch Beard-Owls and respective bantams in Zuidlaren (NL)
 - Jan 2012 Minorca and Minorca bantams in Zuidlaren (NL)
11. Amendments to the Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows
12. Agenda of the EE General Assembly on 23 May 2009
13. Judges Meeting on 18 – 20 Sept 2009 in Austria (Agenda)
14. Elections pursuant to Art. 12:
 - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Section's Secretary
 - the Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers is eligible for another term
 - Vice-Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann is eligible for another term
 - the Section Secretary Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch is not eligible
15. Report by the Internet and the Ornamental Birds Work Groups
16. Report by the Standard Commission of the Poultry Section
17. Any Other Business

Re. 1: The Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers greets the numerous attendants, in particular Dr. Hermans (NL) as the Representative of the Animal Protection Advisory Board of the EE. Mr. Van Oers asserts how several elements within the Section are evolving; many things proceed slowly but steadily forward. A minute of silence is dedicated to the former Chairman of the Rabbit Section of the EE, Mr. Jo Vanhommerig (NL), suddenly deceased in January

Re. 2: Attending are the representatives of Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Croatia, UK, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia. Absent are: Russia, Serbia, Norway and Sweden.

Re. 3: Mr. A. Verelst (B) requests to have the last sentence under Point 15 removed from the Minutes of the Meeting in Pula, which is granted; with this modification the minutes are approved.

Re. 4: The minutes of the Judges Meeting in Trenčín are approved.

Re. 5: Concerning the EE Board meeting in Nitra, Mr. Van Oers reported how the agenda contained several points; object of discussion were the Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows. More work must be invested in the acquisition of sponsors. The Board members visited the

- exhibition halls for the EE Show 2009. The next EE yearly meetings are scheduled to take place in Spain (2010), in Hungary (2011) and in Germany (2012).
- Re. 6: The EE Board meeting in Ovifat dealt with the following subjects: A new federation for waterfowl has been founded in England; uniformity for the rings being used within the EE; the EE -Show 2012 is to take place in Leipzig (D) and in 2015 in Metz (F); the Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows; advertising of the European Show 2009 in Nitra must take place in all Sections.
- Re. 7: The addresses of the Federations of Poland, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina must be updated with the latest details.
- Re. 8: The Chairman of the Swiss Federation of Pure-Bred Poultry Breeders Mr. Martin Wyss informs the attendants that Mr. H. Zürcher is retiring as a representative of the Central Region within the ESC and Switzerland suggests Mr. Michel Bovet as a successor; this change does not meet with objections.
- Re. 9: The Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers evaluates the recent Breed Specific European Shows:
- The EE Show for Silkies and respective bantams could have been better organised
 - Exhibitors from five countries took part in the EE Show for Hamburg and Hamburg bantams, exhaustive information was provided and the show was very successful;
 - The EE Rheinland show was a very good one as well;
 - The Phoenix, Phoenix bantams and Onagadori had only two countries and a limited amount of animals;
 - The Ko Shamo EE Show had an interesting level of participation
 - Only 31 Yamato Gunkeis from two countries
 - The Australorp and Australorp bantams show had exhibitors from 3 countries.
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- Re. 10: To the applications already listed in the agenda the following must be added:
- Bielefeld and Bielefeld bantams: 14-16 Jan 2011 in Luxembourg
 - All Game bantams: 14-16 Jan 2011 in Luxembourg
 - Brahma and Brahma bantams: 2012 in NL
 - Mr. W. Littau (DK) encourages the organisers of breed specific European shows to promote more actively their events and to involve all the EE countries well on time.
 - All applications are accepted
- Re. 11: Concerning the amendments to the Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows recommended by the EE Board, Mr. W. Riebninger (D) says one should not aim at reducing the frequency of these shows; According to Mr. W. Littau, these shows are meant to bring people together; Mr. H. Zürcher (CH) wishes these shows to be (made) more interesting. Breed Specific European shows are not to take place in the same country twice in a row within the two years interceding between one EE All-Breed European Show and the next
- Re. 12: Applications by the EE Board concerning the admission of two Federations from the same country, which involves new regulations re. the right of vote of member countries, and the qualifying courses for judges were discussed: there are doubts as to the restrictions that are being suggested for the courses for judges.
- Re. 13: The core theme of the judges meeting of 18-20 Sept 2009 in Linz (A) will be the evaluation of pure—bred poultry. This is in order to ensure that all judges engaged in the EE Show in Nitra (SK) will apply correctly the evaluation system in place for European shows. Mr. H. Stroblmair (A) asks that animals from France, Switzerland but especially from Slovakia and the Czech Rep are brought to the meeting. After that, the next judges meeting will take place in 2010 in Luxembourg; An organiser for 2012 is still needed, possibly in cooperation with the Pigeon Section
- Re. 14: The Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers (NL) and the Vice-Chairman Mr. Urs Lochmann are available for a second term. Both are elected unanimously. The current Secretary Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch (D) is not eligible; The candidate to succeed him is Mr. Wilhelm Riebninger (D). As it appears from an inquiry by the election officers, no other candidates are available. Mr. Riebninger is elected unanimously. The Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers thanks the Secretary hitherto in charge Mr. Dietmar Kleditsch for his 12 year's commitment in this office.

- Re. 15: Mr. H. Zürcher (CH) relates about the Internet Work Group which after his retirement consists of Mr. KL. v. d. Hoek (NL) and W. Littau (DK). A successor to Mr. H. Zürcher must be still found. The list of recognised breeds and colours is uploaded on the web site and enriched by many illustrations. The Ornamental Birds Section must be activated, there are hardly any results. Mr. U. Lochmann encourages the Ornamental Birds Work Group to intensify its work. The breed specific European shows should be announced and presented on the Internet.
- Re. 16: The Chairman of the ESC-P reports on the work carried out by the Standard Commission during their meetings in Trenčín (SK), Pohlheim (D) and Ovifat (B). These meetings saw the completion of the list of recognised breeds and colour varieties and the updating of the colour descriptions. Deadline for the submittal of new entries by the various countries is February 1st. The weighing of specimens of the following breeds was carried out: Twente, Orpington, Welsum and Leghorn (German selection). As a consequence, it is recommended to refer more consistently to the standard weight by the evaluation of specimens of these breeds. The standard for the Sicilian Buttercup was defined in agreement with the breed's country of origin Italy. Mr. A. Verelst worked on a proposal for the Serama standard; the ESC-Poultry decided to concentrate on the existing main colour varieties. Splash as a colour definition remains valid and will be provided with an exact description. In case of missing nails on the back toes of ducks the evaluation shall not exceed 92 points. The Butterscotch colour variety for Call Ducks shall remain valid, as new illustrations have been acquired which point in the direction of light blue-fawn in the female. Ardennaise bantams are present in Belgium in three colour varieties for Silver. The Polish bantams in the hitherto khaki colour variety are called light grey; The sex-linked parts of the plumage departing from this colour will be illustrated in detail in the colour description.
- The standard of the Hooked-Bill Duck was updated as requested by the Special Club. The German Breeding and Admission Committee (BZA) suggested allowing for the time being multiple spurs in the cockerels of the Liège and Bruges Game, which was granted.
- Re. 17: Mr. Stefano Bergamo is available to carry out translations into English. Mr. Nermin Saracevic presents the Bosnian Federation, which counts 1,700 members in 25 associations, of which ca. 1,000 are pigeon breeders, 300 pure-bred poultry breeders, 110 rabbit breeders and 150 are active in the breeding of birds. The national breed is the Bosnian Crower.
- Ing. Jozef Demeter (SK) reports about the upcoming EE Show, for which halls totalling 40,000 m² are available. Poultry breeding has a great tradition at national shows in Slovakia: Mr. Demeter warmly invites all EE countries to be in Nitra. The EE Chairman Mr. Urs Freiburghaus (CH) conveys the greetings of the EE Board and expresses his satisfaction for the numerous attendance to the meeting in Ovifat. Likewise, it will be necessary to join forces in order to achieve a high number of entries for the EE Show in Nitra. This gives us the opportunity to unite even more closely the East and the West.
- No country will be at any disadvantage as a result of the requests submitted by the EE Board; however, in countries with two Federations such as for example Italy, Spain and Serbia, the second federation could be acquired as a EE member.
- Mr. Leon Tarasewicz from Poland illustrates the situation within the fancy breeders organisation of his country. The Gallus Association exists since 1999 and organises exhibitions with up to 900 specimens, that are evaluated according to the Standard for Europe. The expectation is to enter in Nitra 130 poultry specimens.

As no further point needs to be discussed the Chairman Mr. Frans van Oers thanks the attendees for the active and fruitful cooperation and closes the meeting at 12:45.

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