

Minutes of the EE- Poultry Section Meeting, Piestany/SK on 18.05.2007

1. Welcome and opening by the President Frans van Oers
2. Recording Attendance
3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Leusden NL.-2006
4. Report of the Executive Meeting in Leipzig of 31-10 2006 by Frans van Oers
5. Minutes of the Judges' and Standards-Committee Meeting in Murten/CH (Sept 2006).
6. Report of the Executive Meeting in Amsterdam of 17th February 2007 by Frans van Oers
7. Report of the Executive Meeting in Piestany/SK of 17th May . 2007 by Frans van Oers.
8. Address List 2007.
9. Correspondence and Information
10. Offers for Breed Specific European poultry shows:
 - Kraienkoppe and Kraienkoppe bantams, 17th. – 18th. Nov. 2007, Welver / B
 - Breed Club for Silkies and Polish bantams, 17th. – 18th. Nov. 2007 D.
 - Brahma and Cochin and their bantams, 24th. – 25th. 2007, Affligem / B
11. Offer to host Judges' Seminar from Luxembourg 18th- 20th Sept. 2009.
12. Agenda of the General Meeting of Saturday 19th. May 2007
13. Report of the European Show Leipzig from 8th. –10th. December 2006
14. Judges' Seminar in Denmark 14th. – 16th. September 2007
15. Report by the Sub Committee 'Internet' and 'Ornamental Fowl'.
16. Report of the Standards Committee meetings.
17. Revision of the Regulations of the ESK-G (new composition)
18. Any Other Business.

1. Welcome and opening by the President Frans van Oers

The President, Frans van Oers welcomed all delegates very cordially. There were no amendments to the agenda. I. Fazekas and G. Szenasi from Hungary, who were attending for the first time, introduced themselves. Interpreting in French was A. Verelst (B) and in English K. van der Hoek (NL).

2. Recording Attendance

The following countries were represented: France, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Croatia, Slovakia, Germany, Switzerland, Slovenia, Serbia, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Luxembourg, Denmark and the Czech Republic.

3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Leusden NL.-2006

A. Verelst (B) criticised the minutes from Leusden, in that the minutes from Beek had been confirmed only with the amendment regarding Narragansett trukeys being a breed and not a colour variant.

4. Report of the Executive Meeting in Leipzig of 31-10 2006 by Frans van Oers

Frans van Oers reported on the Executive meeting in Leipzig on 31st. October 2006. The main item on the agenda was the European Show. All minutes from section meetings as well as the AGM will no longer be sent out to delegates by post after 2006. They will be published on the EE website. From 2008 onwards there will be a uniform EE closed ring for all affiliated countries.

5. Minutes of the Judges' and Standards-Committee Meeting in Murten/CH (Sept 2006).

The minutes were accepted as read.

6. Report of the Executive Meeting in Amsterdam of 17th. February 2007 by Frans van Oers

The main item on the agenda at the Executive meeting in Amsterdam was the evaluation of the European Show in Leipzig. The positive aspects of this show far outweighed the negative.

The next European Show will be held in Nitra, Slovakia on 20th. -22nd. November 2009.

The EE conventions in the next few years will be held in:

2008 Pula,	Croatia	1st. - 4th. May
2009 Namur,	Belgium	21st. - 24th. May
2010 Toledo,	Spain	13th. - 16th. May

7. Report of the Executive Meeting in Piestany/SK of 17th. May . 2007 by Frans van Oers.

The main item on the agenda at the Executive meeting in Piestany was the revision of the EE Constitution and the Rules and Regulations for European Shows. The formation of the Sub Committee for Animal Health and Welfare was confirmed. The Polish Poultry Association will be fully affiliated to the EE from 2007.

8. Address List 2007.

Frans van Oers will personally see to completion of this list.

9. Correspondence and Information

The illustrations of the European Standard can be shown on the internet, but will have to be encoded in such a way that they cannot be used by other people.

10. Offers for Breed Specific European poultry shows

The following Breed Specific shows were proposed and accepted:

- Kraienkoppe and Kraienkoppe bantams, 17th. – 18th. Nov. 2007, Welper / D
- Breed Club for Silkies and Polish bantams, 17th. – 18th. Nov. 2007 Sebnitz / D.
- Brahma and Cochin and their bantams, 24th. – 25th. 2007, Affligem / B
- Hamburg Bantams 2008
- Australorps and their bantams 2007 in Ostrau/D and 2008

The Rules and Regulations for Breed Specific shows will have to be revised in line with the Rules and Regulations for European shows.

11. Offer to host Judges' Seminar from Luxembourg 18th- 20th Sept. 2009.

The following offers to host Judges' Seminars were accepted:

- 14th. - 16th. September 2007 in Sandbjerg, Denmark
- 19th. - 21st. September 2008 in Slovakia
- 18th. - 20th. September 2009 in Luxembourg

12. Agenda of the General Meeting of Saturday 19th. May 2007

There were no questions or amendments for the EE-AGM.

13. Report of the European Show Leipzig from 8th. –10th. December 2006

T. Tompers (L) thought the show was gigantic and we should be proud of it, although there could have been more supervision at the end when exhibits were lifted. The catalogue should remain on the website until next show season. W. Littau (DK) also thought the show was unique and was more than happy about the financial injection it had provided for the EE. W. Riebinger (D) proposed that Dr. L. Heinrich und Prof. J. Schille should be consulted in the future about veterinary questions and problems and discussions on those topics with the EU. The show organiser of the European Show, Dr. L. Heinrich, thanked all delegates for their participation in Leipzig and their understanding for problems that arose during the show. He clarified the coherence of the veterinary regulations. A lot of things could be improved at future European Shows. The Rules for the Juvenile European show (who pay 50% of the entry fee) should be simplified. It was estimated that 65.000 people visited the show –this excludes children under 14 as they had free entry. 80.000 overnight hotel accommodations had been booked. Exhibits were sold for €434.117 of which €222.353 was for poultry and pigeons.

Plans are under way to organise the World Congress of Poultry Fanciers in Leipzig in 2016.

14. Judges' Seminar in Denmark 14th. – 16th. September 2007

The Judges' Seminar will take place in Sandbjerg, Denmark on the third weekend in September 2007.

W. Littau introduced the venue and discussed the agenda. The following items were suggested:

- Columbian colour and markings
- Red Saddled – Black Red
- Braekel – lemon / white barred
- Czech turkeys
- Scandinavian breeds, geese, ducks, large fowl and bantams
- Special colours in Scandinavia in turkeys, large fowl and bantams.

A partner's programme can be organised. Enrolment by 2nd. August to W. Littau. Information was handed out to all delegates.

15. Report by the Sub Committee 'Internet' and 'Ornamental Fowl'.

H. Zürcher (CH) reported on the development of the internet site und asked for more support in the shape of breed specific photos and articles for publication.

The ESK-G proposed to adopt the OGBZ guidelines of the BDRG for the judging of all ornamental fowl at European shows. A. Verelst (B) commented that this item was not on the agenda and therefore a decision had to be postponed till the next meeting.

16. Report of the Standards Committee meetings.

U. Lochmann (CH) reported on the meeting in Pohlheim on 17./18. March 2007 where the European Show was analysed. All newly standardised breeds and amendments to standards that were submitted by Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, France and Italy were confirmed. For standardisation of new breeds or colours, the markings have to be described better or alternatively be accompanied by photos.

The following decisions were made: the Barbu d'Uccle (the name Uccle was slightly changed). The colour of Rosecombs will in future (with the consent from France) be called partridge. The undercolour of columbian Sussex

was confirmed as silver grey to white; in Buff columbian as pale grey to buff and in Red columbian as grey to red. The anticipated weighing of Dorking, Sussex, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Wyandottes and Jersey Giants that has been done by Germany, Switzerland and Austria had been postponed as none of the other countries had done this. It is anticipated that it will be done by 1. February 2008. Rhode Island Reds should also be included. Quite a few standards were amended.

On the 17. May 2007 in Trencianske-Stankovce, the Czech turkeys were presented and discussed. A decision will be taken about inclusion in the European list in September 2007. The proposal to change the ring size for male Silkies from 18mm back to 16mm was not adopted. The Daruma (with large combs) and Taikan Japanese will not be accepted by the ESK-G. The Bielefeld Kennhuhn bantams with rosecomb should not be allowed to be presented, although the ultimate decision lies with the BZA.

The dead lines for proposals and correspondence for the ESK-G are 1. February and 1. August. Spain still needs to hand in breed descriptions which should be sent to U. Lochmann.

17. Revision of the Regulations of the ESK-G (new composition)

The revised Rules for the Standards Committee (ESK-G) had been completed after long discussions. The ESK-G consists of 11 members, 9 of which have voting rights, and is made up as follows:

- a. the President, who is also Vice President of the section;
- b. the Secretary;
- c. the President of the section;
- d. one representative of the following European regions: South West (Spain, France and Italy); West (Holland, Belgium and Great Britain); Central (Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg); North (Sweden, Norway and Denmark); East (Czech and Slovak Republics, Russia and Poland); South East (Austria, Rumania, Hungary and Slovenia).

Each region stipulates its own representative that has to be confirmed at the section meeting. The representative should be a judge and ideally be on the standards committee in his homeland. The BZA of the BURG is represented by one member all the time, as is a member of the sub committee 'Ornamental Fowl'; neither have voting rights. All representatives are elected for a period of three years; re-election is possible.

It was decided at the section meeting in Leusden 2006 that the revised rules would be adopted at the meeting of 2007. In the days leading up to the 2007 meeting, it appeared that there were problems and differences of opinion about the candidate in the region West. A huge debate followed. As the rules clearly state that the regions select their own candidate, M. Wyss (CH) proposed to end the debate; a vote was taken and this was accepted with four votes against. Consequently the revised rules and all nominees for a standards committee position (bar the region West) were voted on and adopted with one vote against. The representative of the sub committee 'Ornamental Fowl' will be the person who gives the reports of the sub committee.

W. Riebniger reminded the meeting that all associations have to be given clear instructions and time limits in an effort to avoid confusion.

18. Any Other Business.

A. Verelst (B) reported on the job description of the Animal Health and Welfare Sub Committee. This committee will advise all sections on animal welfare or health issues. He asked for the section to make certain propositions.

The President, Frans van Oers, closed the meeting at 4pm and thanked all delegates for their cooperation on the day.

Dietmar Kleditsch, Minutes Secretary