

Minutes of the Poultry section

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Minutes

1. Opening and welcome

Chairman Andy Verelst warmly welcomes all those present in Konjic.



EE-Tagung Konjic



Spartensitzung Geflügel

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After 1 year digital and one shorter meeting in September 2021 in Denmark, finally a 'normal' meeting again just like before the pandemic. It is a pleasure to see each other directly in face again and not on a small screen.

Almost without exception, everyone present understands English and so it is decided to hold the meeting in exclusively English. Where necessary, neighbours help each other by translating parts in German or French when something wasn't understood.

The chairman starts with commemorating our dear friend Kresimir Safundcic from Croatia, former member of the ESC-P, who passed away earlier this year at the young age of only 51. We pay our respect by standing up and keeping a minute of silence.

2. Recording attendance

There are 22 delegates present from 17 countries. Including 3 guest countries. AT, BE, BG, BiH, CH, CZ, DK, FR, HR, LU, NL, RO, SK, SRB and the guest from: MK, LT, EST

During the meeting Gion Gross and Jeanine Jehl, president and secretary of the EE paid us a visit to greet us and wish a good meeting. After lunch break, Erik Apperlo, the chairman of the animal welfare committee joined us for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of the minutes of the section meeting of September 18th, 2021, in Billund

Is available on the website in 3 languages.

No remarks.

4. Report of the presidium meetings in 2022

Two meetings were online, February 4th and February 8th and one was held the day before in Konjic.

- There were 3 requests for membership of our section: North Macedonia, Estonia, and Kosovo. The applications from all three were complete and accepted by the presidium. However, for acceptance at the general meeting, it is essential that a representative of the applying organisation is present. For Kosovo this was not the case so there will be no acceptance this year.
- Preparations for the meeting in Konjic were made.
- A lot of time was used for discussing everything related to the EU regulation 2020/688 which threatens our hobby.
- Over the next three years, the EE presidium will change extensively so plans were made to make this transition as smooth as possible.
- The Europe Show in Kielce had to be cancelled because of multiple reasons such as avian influenza, COVID and the war in Ukraine. A polish delegation explains this decision more in detail later on during the meeting.
- A lot of time was invested in thinking about the future of the EE and the Europe Show.

5. Report of animal welfare committee

Dr. Hristo Lukanov gave a short overview of the activity of the newly composed committee. It has been very active with several online meetings already since it was composed at the end of 2021. Andy Verelst explained the emails he sent for the public consultation of regulation 429 by the EC. Purpose was to try and stop the mandatory registration of almost every poultry keeper in the EU and all the administration (and costs?) that would be linked to this. The result was that only 1920 people reacted, mainly from Belgium and Holland. He regrets that especially the bigger countries hardly reacted at all but thanks everyone who did and congratulated the smaller countries that succeeded in mobilising their breeders.

6. European breed championships

Under the new law it would be difficult to organize this shows. Last season there were some shows. In Limoges (F) for Cochin (405 animals) and Sussex (198 animals) and their bantams, in Tessengerlo (B) for Brahma and their Bantams (664), in Mittelherwigsdorf (D) for Italiener bantams and large rosecombed Italiener (592). All with a few international breeders.

Already accepted for 2023: Bussy Lettree (F): Houdan, German Faverolles, French Faverolles, Mantes and their bantams, Schwäbisch Gmund Bettringen (D): Rhineland.

7. European poultry standards

Goal was to have a printed partial version in German and possibly also French ready at the Europe Show in Kielce. Therefore, our members were urged in Billund to provide us with good pictures of their national breeds. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, maybe because of the short showing season due to Avian Influenza last year. But we need those pictures. When there is no picture available of a breed, there will not be a European standard for it. So again, the chairman urged everyone to start taking pictures as soon as the season begins and to send them as soon as possible.

8. Election: president of the section

The vice-president Urs Lochmann takes over for this topic. No candidates presented themselves. Urs explains that Andy works day and night for our section and proposes to re-elect him with a big applause and so it happened. Andy thanks the meeting for the trust he received, explaining he is grateful for the opportunity to travel to many places, visit wonderful shows and meeting interesting people.

9. ESC-P chairman's report

Urs prepared a PowerPoint about the activity of the ESC-P since last meeting. There were online Meetings on March 17th and April 21st, 2022, and one physical meeting the day before in Konjic. The list of accepted breeds and colours was updated and will be put online. If countries fail to send in their newly accepted colours, they will not be on the list and cannot be judged on (breed specific) Europea Show.

German turkeys: after a few years of waiting there seems to be an agreement in Germany for a new classification turkeys in breeds and not anymore as colours. These colours will be put into two different breeds in the future, the German Turkey (heavier) and the German Backyard Turkey (lighter). This still needs to be published in Germany before it will come effective.

Urs warns us about new colours in Brahma that keep appearing on the internet and that very often don't even look like Brahma in the first place but secondly also do not meet the requirements of the colour they are claimed to be. He shows some examples of so-called porcelain birds. He appeals to our members not to accept such novelties which are only commercially driven fantasies.

The ESC-P was asked about large-combed Japanese bantams (Chabo). The ESC-P upholds its decision from long time ago that they cannot be accepted on shows as we do not want to promote 'hypertyping' of breeds.

The 2022 ESC-P Newsletter is in preparation and will be published later this year.

10. Judges meeting 2022 in Trenčín (SK)

Peter Zuffa presents the International Poultry judges Seminar from September 23rd – 25th in Trenčín Slovakia. The programme includes theoretical and practical parts. Soon the programme and registration forms will be on the EE website.

11. Future judges' meetings

The section approves of the application from Serbia to organise the 2023 meeting together with the pigeon section. The date and exact location are still unknown. It will be most likely close to Belgrade and during the 3rd weekend of September. There are no applications yet for the coming years. To keep prices affordable, it should take place in easily accessible locations (near touristic airports).

12. Agenda for the 2022 EE general meeting

No special themes for our section.

13. Ornamental birds in the EE and on Europe shows

Not in all the countries this birds are in the same section. On Europe shows they are exclusively in the poultry section. In the individual countries they can remain where they are. They will be judged on Europe shows by judges who are licensed in their own country to judge them, regardless in which section. Countries will have to. A working group composed of specialist is working on a list of accepted species and colour mutations.

14. Vaccinations in poultry

Dr. vet. Erik Apperlo, chairman of the animal welfare committee presents a very interesting overview of vaccination possibilities in hobby poultry. First of all, there are some general considerations and practical aspects. Afterwards the different diseases against which we could vaccinate are presented with their vaccination possibilities. At the end it is stressed that only vaccination is never the answer for all problems. Healthy animals are obtained by good housing, good hygiene, good nutrition and the selection of healthy breeding stock. Erik was thanked for his contribution with a big applause.

15. Suggestions and requests

None

16. Any other business

The members are invited to present the board suggestions for next year's meeting.

The secretary:

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