

## Minutes of the meeting of the EE-Section Pigeons (EESP) May 15, 2015 in Metz / France

### Point 1) Welcome

EESP-president Mr. August Heftberger welcomes all delegates and guests.

Preceding to the EESP-meeting EE-President, Mr. Gion Gross and EE-secretary, Mrs. Esther Huwiler, attend to the newly launched website and the new member management system of contact persons in the EE-affiliated nations.

A special welcome to the honorary members of the EESP, Jean Louis Frindel (Chairman of the EE-Standard Committee for Pigeons (ESCP), István Rohringer (Vice. Pres. EE.), to Prof. Schille, representing the EE-Presidium and the EE-Advisory Board for Animal Welfare, the representative of the host country France, Christian Binois, as well as the President of the French Association for Pigeon breeders (SNC), Mr. Anthime Leroy. EESP-honorary members Hans Schipper, Slavibor Petrozilka (CZ) and Karl Häring (A) apologize. Their best regards to all delegates.

Thanks to EESP-secretary Hans Schipper and Jean Louis Frindel for the redaction of minutes and other annual EESP- documents and publication of these on the internet site. Due to the absence of Hans Schipper, the delegate from Austria Karl - Michael Wallner is agreed by the delegates for the recording of the minutes of this meeting. After review the minutes will be published on the EE- (EESP-) website. Thanks also to the previous webmaster Hans Zurich for his tireless work.

The agenda has been mailed to all delegates in time (as far as the e-mail addresses are actual and/or correct).

Due to the very early creation of the agenda, changes or extensions could be possible.

Before following of the agenda, the SNC-president has the opportunity for submission of welcome and for a short presentation of the Association.

As a gift all delegates receive a pigeon book and a pigeon magazine.

### Point 2) Determination of the presence:

According to the attendance list, 46 persons participate in the meeting.

Particularly pleasing is the large number of participants from 20 Nations, including 3 representatives from Lithuania and Serbia as guests. The Lithuanian and Ukrainian associations are interested in membership of the EESP.

Present: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the Homing Pigeon Association.

The delegate from Ukraine, Denmark, Norway and Sweden sent their apologies. According to a letter from Sweden, the Swedish and Norwegian Association have apologized. These small associations cannot afford presence at this meeting because of financial reasons. No apologies from Ireland, Macedonia and Russia.

Russia, however, has a very interesting and comprehensive website.

[http:// golubi-na-zakaz.narod.ru/sale\\_pignon.htm](http://golubi-na-zakaz.narod.ru/sale_pignon.htm)

At the moment 25 national pigeon breeder associations are member of the EESP.

### **Point 3) minutes of the EESP meeting 2014 at Sarajevo**

The minutes of the EESP-meeting in Sarajevo were published on the EE-internet site. The delegates had the opportunity to reading and announcement into their association. Up to now no remarks or change requests have been expressed.

The minutes are approved by the EESP-delegates unanimously.

The EESP-minutes should be paid more attention in national associations, on the national websites or in association newspapers special for breeders without Internet.

### **Point 4) Information from the 2 meetings of the EE-board.**

#### **Meeting at February 7, 2015 in Metz / France.**

Meeting with officials of the Europe Show in November. Last details are negotiated; exhibition hall has been visited. The fairground is located conveniently near the highway; it has decent halls. If these halls would not be sufficient, the volume, extension is possible by stable, heated tents with solid floors. All EE-member nations are enabled to exhibit. Those which have a backlog in contribution, however as guest only and no EE prices.

Competing for breed championship 20 animals of a breed are required, from 40 animals of a breed the champion's will be awarded 1 to 0,1 and 1 to 1.0.

For European championship a minimum 20 animals in collections of 4 are required, all of the same color and both sexes.

Vaccination for Paramyxovirus is obligation; health certificate is needed by the local veterinarian only. Cost per animal €12,00.

The European Championship is open:

Friday, from 11.00 to 22.00, Saturday from 08.00 18.00, Sunday from 08.00 to 13.00.

Catalogue €12,00.

Unfortunately, there will be parking place on payment for only 5,000 vehicles.

A new website for the EE will be set up. Current webmaster Hans Zürcher will be relieved. A database for the EE will be established.

Problems with the Serbian associations are addressed again. Up to now no clear solution. EE-membership will be suspended until agreement for one, i.e. an umbrella organization. When realized, the Serbian and also the Latvian (poultry) association can be fully integrated into the EE. Both may participate in the EE-meeting without vote qualification.

Several Nations have provided requests for EE-membership.

Birds: Denmark, Belgium + Lithuania

Poultry: Finland

Cavies: San Marino

Pigeons: Lithuania and Ukraine

The request by Ukraine has been declined due to war and missing of documents.

Judges of all sections shall emphasize extremities on the scorecards with real remarks.

The legislation for transport of animals to exhibitions (directive 209 / 158 European Union) does not apply to markets and to selling exhibitions for little (domesticated) animals.

The officially designated Salmonella Cleanliness does not apply to pet animals.

Several organizations of Breed Related European Show (**BRES**) have not transferred the contribution of €0.50 par animal to the EE yet.

In future, an invoice for BRES is issued by the president of the respective EE-section and sent to the BRES executive. The money has to be on the EE-account prior to the exhibition, otherwise no f EE medals will be sent.

Until payment has been realized a BRES for the respective breeds will not be authorized.

The missing amount of money of the 27 European Show (Leipzig) has been transferred.

New website will be set up; offer from France.

Futural data base can be managed independently by each nation.

Liquidity plan is presented.

### **Meeting at May 14 at Metz / France**

The agenda comprised 14 points.

Payment of the contribution for the number of animals by a BRES in CZ, has not been transferred. This will be cleared with CZ-delegate, Mr. Alexander Vesely.

The database of the EE will be simplified severely. Means reduction of paper forms.

However, the new member administration is only as good as it is filled with data correctly by the national associations. From the EE-secretary each delegate receives the entrance code for his nation and section.

The EE-President requests all delegates to provide the new member registration conscientiously. This is the only way for corresponding public presentation of the EE.

*EE meeting 2015 in Metz.* 25 Nations will be represented by 158 delegates or participants.

*Applications of new member countries:*

Application for the EESP from Lithuania

The application for the EESP by Ukraine has been turned down. Admission while absence is not possible

Completion of the *Regulations for BRES, point 17: financial obligation to EE-account.*

New text :

Per entered animal, the exhibition management has to pay 0,5 euro to the EE account.

The money has to be transferred immediately after the deadline for announcement, to the account of the EE:

Union Bank, D-24937 Flensburg  
BIC UNBNDE21 IBAN DE14 2152 0100 0000 2353 93  
Account holder: Entente Européen EE Willy Littau

At the same time the account document has to be filled up and to email to the chairman of the section and the EE-treasurer. Immediately after EE-medals can be delivered.

Delivery takes place to the person indicated in the form.

Immediately after the exhibition, the exhibition management will send a catalogue of the show (paper, not digital!!).to the secretary of section as well as to the EE-treasurer.

In case of ignorance of these obligations, no further BRES for the affected breed(s) will be authorized.

This change of the Regulation has been adopted unanimously by the EE-board at May 15, 2015 in Metz. Changed Regulations will be published at the EE-internet site.

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A proposal by István Rohringer for changes in the judgment guidelines has been turned down by majority of the delegates.

The Homing Pigeon Association will present itself in Metz with a promotional stand for their hobby.

In Metz all Nations that did not transfer their submission for the EE yet are allowed to exhibit pigeons. Those pigeons will be accepted and judged as "guests"; they do not participate in the Championship and no awards.

Nominated for financial auditor is Mr. Yvon Weissenbacher (F).

Proposal for appointment to honorary EE-member for Mr. Rudi Möckel from Germany.

EE Conference 2016 at May 04-08 in Austria (Vösendorf)

EE Conference 2017 at May 24-28 in Hungary

EE Conference 2018 at May 9-13 in Denmark

EE Conference 2019 at June 29.-01 in Croatia

EE Conference 2020 at May 20-24 in Czech Republic

EE Conference 2021 at May 12-16 in Germany

EE Conference 2022 at May 22-26 in Bosnia-Herzegovina

*Information from of the EESP.*

Mr. Gion Gross designed an order form for band manufacturing company Stengel (Germany). Nations are requested to order bands with this form only. Company Stengel promises improvements of readability.

At shows pigeons wearing bands without EE-mark are not to be judged.

The *International judges Conference (I.J.C.)* at September 26,2014 in Treviso Italy  
Sincerely thanks to the Italian breeder friends, headed by Mr. Ticiano Trinci, for the exemplary organization of this event, to Mr. Federico Voltolini for smooth translation and gratitude too to the nations for the strong participation in this I.J.C..

Present judges were enabled to get a good impression of various Italian pigeon breeds, of which 100 were showed by Italian breeder friends

The theoretical lessons of the I.J.C. could be executed practically.

These I.J.C are the only possibility for international unification of breeds and rating guidelines for them.

The I.J.C. in 2016 will take place at September 18 – 20 at Saint Avold / France near Metz.

The registration is done by the organizer, not by Jean Louis Frindel!.

Thanks to Jean Louis Frindel for the creation of the program and the agenda of that I J.C.

The estimated costs will be € 210,00.

The program of this I.J.C is presented by the ESCP-chairman Frindel; documents are distributed to the delegates.

Most important issues at this I.J.C will be the EE rating system and correct allocation of prices and awards. This event will be held with poultry judges together.

The I.J.C. 2016 is in Switzerland, Sursee. Estimated costs (in advance) Sfr. 285,00.

The request for hosting this I.J.C. by the Netherlands has been postponed until 2017.

I.J.C. 2018 will be held meeting in Denmark.

EE finance:

Increase of member contribution from 2016 in advance if no other if no other solution is found.

Proposal: if no sponsors are found, every EE-band manufacturer that want to produce protected EE-bands shall contribute 1 eurocent per band to the EE-account.

Not by the breeder. With this solution a protected EE-band is financially possible. only.

Second possibility: instead of band manufacturers, for the contribution sponsors are found.

All nations are requested for support.

**Point 5) Program of the EE general meeting at May 16, 2015**

All presents receive this program.

## **Point 6) Approval of Breed related European shows (BRES)**

### 2016

<i>Gdansk Highflier</i>	November 25-27, 2016 in Gdansk (PL)	approved 2014
<i>Hungarian, Maltese and Florentine</i>	December 03 04, 2016 in Ried (A)	approved 2014
<i>Vienna - and Budapest Tumblers</i>	December 10-11, 2016 in Dabas (H)	
<i>English Pouter and Pigmy Pouter</i>	December 10-11, 2016 in Feldbach (A)	
<i>National Balkans breeds</i>	January 25-28, 2016 in Sofia (BG)	

### 2017

<i>Damascene</i>	January 07-08, 2017 in Bramsche (D)	
<i>Mondain</i>	January 19-22, 2017 in Mára Ferenc (H)	
<i>Europ. and South,-Europ. Tumblers</i>	January 20-22, 2017 in Virivitica (HR)	

All not yet approved RBES are approved by the EESP-delegates.

## **Point 7) Look back to the BRES, season 2014/15**

A very low percentage of the obliged catalogues and reports were received by the EESP president. Data are extracted from catalogues mainly.

Slow payment of the applicable fee to the EE account is criticized by the EE-Treasurer.

- Homer breeds at January 10.-12, 2014 in Lysá nad Labem (CZ) From this BRES no fee has been received yet. Will be clarified with SZ-delegate, Mr Alex Vesely.

- Iberian breeds at November 15.-16, 2014 Gaggenau (D) 298 - 4 - , 4  
(pigeons - judges -nationalities).

- English Modena	November 14.-16, 2014 in Illkirch (F)	<b>no message</b>
- Starwitz Pouter	November 20.-21, 2014 in Wittenberg (D)	590 - 8 - 3.
- Engl. Pouter/ Pigmy Pouter	November 22.-23, 2014 in Nitra (SK)	700 / 171 - 10 -6.
- Hungarian Giant Pigeons	December 13-14, 2014 at Dabas (H)	
- German Modena	December 20-21, 2014 in Wels (A)	588 - 8 - 3.
- Triganino Modena	same show,	250 - 2 - 2.
- Vienna and Budapest Tumblers	same show,	342 - 4 - 3.
- Cauchois	November 29-30, 2014 at Freiburg (D)	726 -10 - 5.
- Kiskunfelegyhazaer Tümmmler	January 09-11, 2015 in Eckartsberg (D)	247 - 3 - 2
- Russian pigeon breeds	2014/2015 in Lovec (BG)	cancelled, due to bird flu.

## **Point 8) 28 European Show at November 13-15, 2015 in Metz (F)**

In Metz the contract has been negotiated with the competent officials.

Maximum capacity of the thall for of 35,000 exhibits.

Bookings only via the national contact persons possible.

Paid parking range for 5000 cars.

For the pigeons the EESP-president expresses confidence for a successful show, due to the direct involvement of the specialist Jean Louis Frindel and Christian Binoir.

At the time 54 judges have been reported by 15 Nations.

14 Nations reported 4160 pigeons, no entry from Germany and France yet.

More nations announced only judges, no pigeons.

Example: for 150 pigeons not 9 judges shall be announced.

International jury for pigeons at the 28 EE-show in Metz

August Heftberger: Chairman EESP

Jean Louis Frindel: Chairman ESCP

Anthime Leroy: Chairman of SNS (FR. Association)

This proposal has been agreed with Jean Louis Frindel in advance

In this function Jean Louis Frindel does not act as Frenchman.

Vote: approved by the delegates unanimously.

### **Point 9) Elections**

Elections have for the EESP board been postponed to 2016, according to the decision at Sarajevo in 2014. EE-shows take place every third year. Elections for section officials could take place in the same year. For newly elected officials this could mean a relatively short time for the induction to the European Championship. Therefore elections in 2016. From then every 3 years.

### **Point 10) Report of the ESCP-meeting at Mai 14 at Metz by J. L. Frindel**

*See minutes of the ESCP-meeting at Metz at the EE-internetsite Pigeons*

Request for recording of the Macedonian race Dunek in the ELFP will be suspended until payment of the outstanding EE contribution.

### **Point 11) EE- list for pigeons breed (ELFP) 2015 edition**

Hans Schipper and Jean Louis Frindel shall update the ELFP in October, after approval of the minutes of the ESCP-meeting in Metz by the ESCP in September in Saint Avold / France.

### **Point 12) Presentation of the EESP on the Internet**

Hans Schipper Jean Louis Frindel and Christian Binois provided numerous documents in three languages on the EE- website Pigeons.

To the relief of the EE webmaster Hans Zurich, more support would be needed.

For the new Web site this is in progress.

As before this publication platform shows very little use of special clubs and organizers of BRES for advertising. A lower cost advertising is hardly possible.

The organizer of RBES are requested to provide promotional material for the Web page.

### **Point 13) Address list of the delegates**

### **Point 14) Address list of the national standard committees**

### **Point 15) Address list of the chairmen of national judge.**

### **Point 16) National-show calendar 2014/15**

The annual reports with the data of national association officials arrived moderately.

Since the data sheets were sent to all delegates via mail 14 days before the congress, changes would be possible. Few could be made.

The application form for 2015 has been extended. Delegates, Standard Committee and Chairman of the judges association can be reported. Last addresses are important.

When in a nation a judge has been suspended, the chairman of that nation is able to inform other nations about.

In the future the newly designed website and the newly installed EE database will make this superfluous. In time we will experience how it works.

Due to lacking of data of some Nations relating to national exhibitions, it is not possible to create a complete calendar of national pigeon shows.

### **Point 17) Applications and reports of countries**

No request received

The representative from Lithuania introduces his Association. This Federation accounts about 200 pigeon fanciers with ca. 15 pigeon breeds.

In the weekends up to 100 breeders do visit meeting or for social breeders contacts.

Judging is supported by Polish judges.

The required documents and presence of a representative of the Lithuanian Association fulfill the criteria for acceptance. Delegates in the EESP-meeting agree.

N.B. the request for membership of the EESP by the Lithuanian Association is agreed by the General meeting at Mai 15.

**Point 18) EE judges badge**

Despite several discussions about the mode to the awarding of the EE-PR-badge, a satisfying solution has been found.

At the I. C. M. in Treviso / Italy, the first badges and identity cards could be issued to judges. 32 Badges could be awarded to judges from 13 Nations already.

**Point 19) Miscellaneous**

No wishes, suggestions, changes or complaints.

Chairman August Heftberger closes the EESP-meeting 2015

Minutes by K. M. Wallner / Austria