

Minutes of the EE Annual General Meeting, 11.05.2013, 8am in Berne (CH)

Attendance: Attending are delegates with 85 votes

Chair: Urs Freiburghaus

Minutes: Gion P. Gross

Agenda:

1. Opening, welcome
2. Recording attendance
3. Minutes of the EE meeting, 12.05.2012 in Altötting (D)
4. President's Report
5. General Secretary's Report
6. Reports by Section Chairmen (Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds and Cavies)
7. Report by the Chairman of the Sub Committee for Animal Health & Welfare
8. Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports
9. Elections
 - a) Election of EE President -new
 - b) Election of EE General Secretary - new
 - c) Election of EE Treasurer
 - d) Election of Auditors for 2013
 - e) Election of Reserve Auditor
10. Honorary memberships
11. Proposals
12. Affiliation of new members
13. Information about future EE meetings
 - a) Bosnia-Herzegovina 29. 05. - 01. 06. 2014
 - b) France 13. – 17. May 2015
14. Report of the European Show, 07. – 09. December 2012 in Leipzig (D)
15. Suggestions and Requests
16. Any Other Business

1 / Welcome

„Every man steers his little boat towards a goal, in a certain direction, on the ocean of life.

There are currents that affect everyone, most of them are without maps and compass, though, the saviours of the sea...

Those that recognise the wrong direction, grab the rudder with strong hands whilst offering the sails to new winds from heaven.

And by his strength and heaven's help he cuts through the dangerous storm, avoiding the cliffs and finds his goal.“

With these words by Jeremias Gotthelf, the President welcomes all delegates.

He extends a special welcome to:

The President of the organising association, Kleintiere-Schweiz, Kurt Lirgg as well as his fellow Executive members plus all other helpers that have prepared this convention with so much joy and enthusiasm.

The EE Honorary Members:

- Micky Tompers/L
- Evelyne van Vliet/GB
- Dr. Werner Lüthgen/D
- Federico Voltolini/I
- Alois Kirchhofer/CH
- Jean-Louis Frindel/F
- Willy Littau/DK
- Hans Zürcher/CH
- Istvan Rohringer/H
- Hermann Stroblmair/A
- Hans Schippe/NL
- Herbert Zens/CZ
- August Heftberger/A
- Dietmar Kleditsch/D
- Jaroslav Kratochvil/CZ
- Jean Claude Perriquet/F
- Urs Lochmann/CH
- Peter Zuffa/SK
- Gion Gross/CH
- Prof. Hans Joachim Schille/D
- Urs Freiburghaus/CH

A special welcome is also extended to those delegates that are attending for the first time.

He thanks both interpreters, Urs Lochmann from Switzerland and Jean Louis Frindel from France for their ever valuable contributions and presents them with a small present. He also thanks Kleintiere Schweiz for the use of their simultaneous translating equipment, that we have been using for years free of charge.

The meeting remembers all the friends that have passed away in the last 12 months with a minute's silence, especially the Honorary President, Edwin Vef [D] as well as the Honorary Member Fritz Marhann [A].

Apologies for absence have been received from the following Honorary Members:

- Adi Rudolf/D

- Jacques Witry/Lux
- Schmid Hans Ueli/CH
- Franz Schuster/A
- Frans van Oers/NL
- André Legrand/B
- Richard Piccinin/CH
- Werner Iseli/CH

Regula Wermuth and Karin Starkemann are presented with a bouquet of flowers and Kurt Lirgg und Peter Iseli with an EE medal as a thank you for all their hard work.

2 / Recording attendance

Votes: 85
Absolute majority: 43
Attendace: 140

Election of vote counters:

***Conclusion:** the following delegates are elected:*

- Günter Wimmer
- Erwin Bär
- Rainer Wolf
- Petr Tejml

3/ Minutes of the EE meeting, 12.05.2012 in Altötting (D)

***Conclusion:** the minutes are taken as read and the General Secretary is thanked .*

4 / President's Report

***Conclusion:** The President's Report is approved unanimously.*

5 / General Secretary's Report

***Conclusion:** The General Secretary's Report is approved unanimously.*

6 / Reports by the Section Chairmen (Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds and Cavies)

The Chairmen of the sections report on their section meetings. We refer to the minutes of all section meetings.

7 / Report by the Chairman of the Sub Committee for Animal Health & Welfare

***Conclusion:** The report by the Chairman of the EE Sub Committee for Animal Health and Welfare is approved unanimously.*

8 / Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports

Treasurer Willy Littau informs all about the accounts:

Total income:	€ 105'354
Total expenditure:	€ 36'410
Balance per 31.12.2012:	€68'943

Peter Zuffa reads out the Auditor's report and certifies that the accounts are kept flawlessly.

Conclusion: *The accounts and the Auditor's report are unanimously approved and the Treasurer and Executive discharged.*

9/ Elections

In accordance with the Constitution, the following elections are due this year:

9.1 The election of a new President

Conclusion: *Gion Gross is elected unanimously as the new EE President.*

9.2 The election of a new General Secretary

Conclusion: *Esther Huwiler is elected unanimously as the new EE General Secretary.*

9.3 Re-election of the EE Treasurer

Conclusion: *Willy Littau is elected for another term of office.*

9.4 Election of Auditors for 2013

Our auditor, Helmut Sakac from Austria has given up his cavy stud and therefore has resigned from all his offices within the EE. He would have stood as Auditor today.

For this reason, the following suggestion is made:

- Peter Zuffa/SK extends his period of office by one year to 2014.
- The current reserve Auditor, Erwin Bär/CH moves up.

Conclusion: *Peter Zuffa and Erwin Bär are elected unanimously.*

9.5 New proposal for a reserve Auditor: Roland Ohlinger / Lux.

Conclusion: *Roland Ohlinger is elected unanimously as the new reserve Auditor.*

10 / Honorary Memberships

As a token of appreciation for their great merits within the fancy, the following delegates are proposed for an honorary membership:

- Robert Boéchat (CH)
- Lothar Heinrich (D)
- Dieter Meister (D)
- Peter Mickmann (D)
- Vladimir Pavin (HR)

Gion Gross proposes Urs Freiburghaus to become an Honorary President of the EE.

Conclusion: *Urs Freiburghaus is bestowed with an Honorary President's title through a standing ovation.*

11/ Proposals

The Netherlands have sent in a proposal to host the European Show 2027.

Conclusion: *The Netherlands have been awarded the European Show for 2027 unanimously.*

12 / Affiliation of New Members

The following three countries/sections have requested EE affiliation and submitted all required documents:

- Denmark, Cavies
- Italy, Cavies
- The Netherlands, Cage Birds

The representatives of Denmark, Italy and the Netherlands introduce their associations briefly.

Conclusion: *The cavy sections of Denmark and Italy as well as the cage bird section of the Netherlands are affiliated to the EE unanimously.*

13 / Next EE Conventions

2014 29. May to 1. June in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina

The President of the Bosnian association, Edin Jabandzic gives some details about the forthcoming convention and hopes for a good turn out.

2015 13. – 17. May in Metz, France

Information will be available in the next year.

2016 4. – 8. May, Austria

The first contacts have been established with the national association RÖK.

2017 24. -28. May in Hungary

2018 9. – 13. May in Denmark

2019 29. May – 2. June in Croatia

2020 20. – 24. May – open

2021 12. – 16. May in Germany

2022 25. – 29. May – open

2023 17. – 21. May – open

2024 08. – 12. May in

2025 28. May – 1. June – open

2026 13. -17. May – open

2027 05. – 09. May in Holland

Proposals for hosting future conventions are invited and can be sent to the EE President.

14 / European Show 7.- 9. December 2012 in Leipzig [D].

We all agree that the 27. European Show will go down in history as the greatest small livestock show ever to be held worldwide. The 95.000 exhibits have obliterated any previously held small livestock show. Around 12.000 entries had to be refused.

Christof Günzel, deputy chairman, reads out a detailed report about the 2012 European Show.

Even though not everything was absolutely perfect, it can be said that 99% of all visitors were immensely impressed by this mammoth show.

15 / Suggestions and Requests

Nobody asks to speak

EE-Website

Urs Freiburghaus recommended to all delegates to visit the EE website regularly and thanks the webmaster, Hans Zürcher, very cordially for looking after the EE website free of charge.

16 / Any Other Business

The President urges delegates to support the scientific Poultry station in Sinsteden (D) as well as the Pigeon Museum in Nürnberg (D).

Urs Freiburghaus presents all his fellow Executive members with a beautiful glass shield as a farewell present.

Nobody else asks to speak.

Urs Freiburghaus closes the meeting with a few lines from Jeremias Gotthelf:

***„He is an entire man,
that walks in the same vein on every surface,
sits tightly in all saddles
and has the same heart in all locations and countries.“***

End of meeting: 11:45am

Berne, 11.09.2013

Gion P. Grosjean

General Secretary