

Minutes of the Cavy-Section Meeting of 26th. May 2006, Leusden, the Netherlands

Attendance: According to attached sheet
Absent: Egon Plevnik, Slovenia
Apology: René Karpf, Switzerland
Chair: Evelyne van Vliet, England
Minutes Secretary: Gaby Prust, Germany

Guests: Dr. J. Rey-Bellet of the Animal Health and Welfare Sub-Committee. Dr. Lothar Heinrich and his wife of the European Show Leipzig, 2006.

Agenda:

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Recording Attendance
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4. Correspondence
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10. Election in accordance with Article 12.2 of the Constitution
11. EE Judges' Seminar
12. European Show to be held in Leipzig from 8th. – 10th. December 2006
13. Discussion on organising Breed Specific European Shows for cavies
14. Regulations for the organisation of Breed Specific European Shows
15. Report by the „Website“ Sub-Committee
16. Diseases
17. Suggestions and Requests
18. Any Other Business

1. Opening and Welcome

The chair, Evelyne van Vliet welcomed all delegates cordially to this year's meeting. A special word of welcome was directed at Dr. Rey-Bellet, member of the re-named EE sub- committee for Animal Health and Welfare.

2. Recording Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from René Karpf from Switzerland, but none were received from Egon Plevnik or any other delegate from Slovenia, despite the fact that their affiliation has been paid. Attending the meeting for the first time this year were Lena Tysk from Sweden and Jitka Rudolfova from the Czech Republic.



Helmut Sakac & Gerrit Grooten



Lena Tysk & Jitka Rudolfova

3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Mondorf, L. of 6th. May 2005

They were accepted unanimously and the minutes' secretary thanked for her efforts.

4. Correspondence and Information

Evelyne van Vliet had had extensive contact with the Portuguese cavy club CAPI over the last 6 months. This club is waiting desperately for the European cavy Standard to be available. They are also interested in visiting and entering the European Show in Leipzig and are contemplating affiliation to the EE.

5. Reports of the Executive

The Executive met in Offenbach (D) on 9th. August 2005, in Leipzig (D) on 11th. February 2006 and in Leusden (NL) on 25th. May 2006

Evelyne briefly updated all on these meetings where the main items were: updating the Rules for European Shows, the European Show itself and Avian Influenza.



Dr. Lothar Heinrich and his wife



Dr. J. Rey-Bellet

Visit by Dr. Lothar Heinrich and his wife:

Dr. Heinrich updated the latest information about the European Show. The show will take place, even if only possible with rabbits and cavies. As a result of numerous meetings, discussions etc. with Brussels, it looks as if poultry will be able to participate, unless there is an outbreak within a certain distance from the exhibition centre, or birds have been entered from infected countries.

The cavies will be housed in pens of 50cm x 50cm. Each pen will have plastic lining and their husbandry will be second to none.

6. Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Saturday 27th. May 2006

The agenda for this meeting was submitted to all. There were no questions or comments from the delegates.

7. Report of the Standards-Committee Meeting

Evelyne van Vliet gave an extensive account of the Standards Committee Meeting of 25th. May 2006. The Committee would re-convene after the section meeting and all delegates were invited to attend if interested.

8. European Standard

Work on the European Standard would be finished in the meeting following the section meeting. It will consist of the following parts:

- * General description
- * Breeds and Colours
- * Appendix

9. Affiliation of new members

None this year, but we are very much hoping on the affiliation of CAPI next year. We will also try to make contact with the other Scandinavian countries as well as the Baltic states via our Swedish delegate.

10. Election in accordance with Article 12.2 of the Constitution

The following positions were up for (re)-election:



President Evelyne van Vliet



Vice-President Flor Dickens & Secretary Gaby Prust

All incumbents were up for re-election. Flor Dickens, the Vice-President led the election for the Presidency. There were no other candidates, so Evelyne van Vliet was re-elected for a further period of three years.

There were equally no other candidates for the position of Vice-President, so Flor Dickens was re-elected for a further period of three years.

No one was standing for the position of Secretary, so Gaby Prust was re-elected for a further period of three years.

All three took on their positions with a vote of thanks to the delegates. Dr. Rey-Bellet congratulated all three on their re-election.

11. EE Judges Seminar

In view of the forthcoming European Show in Leipzig, it is imperative to hold a Judges' Seminar. However, from an availability point of view of most judges, it will be impossible to arrange such a meeting before December. We will have to try and organise one as soon as possible.

12. European show to be held in Leipzig from 8th - 10th December 2006

Collections must consist of one breed, one colour and both sexes, with the exception of all longhaired breeds that can be shown in various colours. The entries from the participating countries will determine the judges for the show. A checklist had been handed over to the show organisers, which contains details about the accommodation, husbandry of judging of the cavies at the show.

At this point the EE-President, Urs Freiburghaus visited the meeting and showed his admiration once more for the efficient way in which our young section works. He enquired whether there were any new countries showing an interest in joining the EE. He also wanted to know what problems were encountered in the various countries.

13. Discussion on organising Breed Specific European Shows for cavies

The possibility was discussed of holding Breed Specific European Shows for cavies in 18 months' intervals between two main European shows. The show could entertain one or more breeds, be a one-day show and be hosted by another show. A vote was taken on this issue with 5 delegates in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. One delegate expressed a concern that these Breed Specific shows would undermine the main European shows. The first Breed show for all smooth-coated breeds would in principle be organised by the Netherlands cavy club on the first weekend in June 2008.

14. Regulations for the organisation of Breed Specific European Shows

A draft was handed out by Evelyne for delegates to study. This item will be discussed at next year's meeting.

15. Report by the Internet-Sub-Committee

The pages for the cavy section on the EE website were finally filled in the last 12 months. The German and English versions are now complete, leaving only the French translation to be done.

16. Diseases

The problems around the satins are still being discussed in many affiliated countries, although in others the problems have been ironed out. A vote was taken on whether Cuyes, Skinnies and Baldwins should be banned from exhibition at European Shows. All in favour.

17. Suggestions and Requests

EE-Website: Delegates expressed a wish for more photos on the homepage (breeds and colours) as well as a list of all fully qualified EE-judges. Lena Tysk urged the Executive to find another term for „Ladies' programme“, perhaps partner programme as the existing term is classed as sexually discriminatory. Apart from that many „Ladies“ were delegates themselves and could therefore not partake in the special programme.

18. Any Other Business

Jitka Rudolfova made enquiries about the identification tags for cavies and how fanciers were getting on with them. Austrian fanciers are currently trying out new pins, according to Helmut Sakac. He will keep us posted.

The President, Evelyne van Vliet closed the meeting shortly after 1pm. She thanked all delegates for their attendance, thoughts, ideas and information and wished them all a pleasant stay in Leusden.

Evelyne van Vliet (Section President)

Gaby Prust (Section Secretary)