

# **Minutes of the Section Meeting Small Rodents of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2000, 8.00am in Hotel Kramerwirt in Mayrhofen, Austria**

<b>Attendance:</b>	According to attached sheet
<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>	None
<b>Chair:</b>	Evelyne van Vliet, England
<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>	Trudi Binz, Switzerland

## **Agenda:**

1. Opening
2. Recording Attendance
3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Budapest of May 14<sup>th</sup>. 1999
4. Reports
5. Elections
6. Standards-Committee Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup>. March 2000 in Ammannsegg
7. System of Judging at European Show in Wels 2000
8. European Cavy Standard
9. European Show in Wels, December 2000
10. Standards-Committee's Expenses
11. Affiliation Fees
12. New Members
13. Judges' List
14. Executive Meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2000
15. Annual General Meeting of Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2000
16. Animal Welfare
17. Ideas and Suggestions
18. Any Other Business

## **1. Opening**

The chair welcomes all delegates to the meeting. A very special welcome is addressed at the Belgian delegate, Flor Dickens as well as our guest, Mrs. Therese Tompers from Luxemburg. The chair then proceeded to amend the agenda for the meeting, as these were drawn up in a hurry and consequently a few important items were left off.

A short report was given about the new association in Hungary of dwarf rabbits and cavies. The Hungarian fanciers have bought some stock in England, but nothing has been heard from Mr. Istvan Siklosi for months now.

## **2. Attendance**

Six delegates from 6 countries were present, see attached sheet with Evelyne van Vliet in the chair and one guest (see attached sheet)

## **3. Minutes of the last section meeting of May 14<sup>th</sup>. 1999 in Budapest**

The minutes were approved as read by the meeting. The Dutch delegate had not received these minutes and neither had he received an invitation to this year's meeting. All documentation will be handed out to him.

## **4. Reports**

During the preceding year correspondence was received from the Czech Republic, Rumania and Bulgaria. EVV also has a good contact to all Scandinavian countries and handed out a poster of an international show to be held in Sweden in September 2000. Despite the fact that

Sweden is not affiliated to the EE yet, it is possible for EE-affiliated countries to enter this show.

EVV also handed out a new address-list from all delegates and Standards-Committee members, but a few alterations already had to be made.

## **5. Elections**

Elections are held once every three years to determine the Chair and the Secretary of the section. This year we also elected a Vice-Chairman. EVV was elected for another period of three years and Trudi Binz was re-elected as Secretary. For the position of Vice-Chairman, Flor Dickens from Belgium was nominated and duly elected. The Chair thanked the meeting on behalf of the other elected officers.

## **6. Standards-Committee Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup>. March 2000 in Ammannsegg**

The minutes of this meeting were handed out. EVV gave a brief account of the meeting. Discussion points included: allocation of duties, breeds and colours, the European Cavy Standard and the forthcoming European Show in Wels. These minutes will be presented for approval at the next Standard-Committee Meeting. EVV then proposed to alter the number of Standard-Committee members from 6 to either 5 or 7, thus ensuring a majority vote is achievable. After a lengthy discussion, the meeting decided to leave things as they are. It was decided at the Executive Meeting that 3 out of 4 sections will hold a Standards-Committee Meeting on the Thursday afternoon before the annual section meetings on the Friday. The Executive Meeting will commence at 9am and finish by 1pm, leaving the afternoon free to hold the Standards-Committee meetings. EVV proposed for the Cavy section to follow this procedure in order to save costs. This was carried.

## **7. System of Judging at European Show in Wels 2000**

The judging-system for the covies at the next European Show will be the same as two years ago in Brunn. All exhibits will be judged according to the Dutch standard. Those breeds that are not included in the Dutch standard, will be judged according to the standard of the country of entry. This was also decided at the Standards-Committee Meeting. Judging will again be done on points. It is essential that the judge(s) are assisted by competent book stewards.

## **8. European Cavy Standard**

The question was raised whether there should be colour photos in the standards-book, but as the Committee had only just started work, this decision was delayed. The format of the standard is also still debatable as there are two different judging systems in Europe. The aim is to achieve a universal judging system throughout Europe. EVV furthermore hoped to achieve that all European affiliated and non-affiliated countries will adopt the European standard as their national standard. Flor Dickens asked whether there were any great differences between the existing national standards. EVV answered that the main differences were between the English and Dutch standards, although the English standard was adopted in 1954 when the Dutch cavy club was formed. This standard had been changed on numerous occasions in the last 50 years. The most notable differences are in the accepted colours in the rough breeds, "faults" and "disqualifications" and there are far more breeds and colours in the English standard.

## **9. European Show in Wels, December 2000**

EVV appealed to all delegates to ensure an entry from their country. Personally she would prefer a smaller entry from each country than a large entry from only two or three countries. Bearing this in mind and in view of the rather high entry fees, she suggested that the national associations would sponsor a part of the entry fees and pay for all transport costs from their

funds. Fritz Marhann, the show manager, was then invited to report on the progress of the organisation of the show. He handed out the show regulations and the entry forms and said that there were more at the reception desk. The cavies will be housed in a separate hall of 390 m<sup>2</sup>. FM is counting on around 300 cavy exhibits. The pens will preferably be single-tiered. He then showed the souvenir medal to be given to every exhibitor who enters 4 or more animals as well as the certificates for prize winners. EVV then asked whether there was a possibility to erect an information stand in the hall; this was agreed. The meeting was informed that the only document needed to cross the Austrian border with the animals was a health certificate. The feeding and cleaning of the exhibits will be done by an appointed person. Food will consist of cereals and greens. EVV once more appealed to all nations to secure an entry for this show in order to achieve a good representation of cavies.

## **10. Standards-Committee's Expenses**

The Executive Meeting in Offenbach in February 2000 had decided to allocate DM 1.500 to every section towards the costs of holding the meeting. This was unknown to EVV as she had not attended this meeting due to illness. At this point EVV welcomes the President, Edwin Vef and the General Secretary, Gion Gross to the meeting. A long discussion took place as to how to distribute these expenses and it was decided that the money would be divided equally between the participating countries, so that each country was entitled to DM 250, but they could choose to take less or nothing at all.

## **11. Affiliation Fees**

As most countries paid their dues via the bank or a Eurocheque, the EE kitty had lost out on transfer fees. The new Rules stipulate that the fees have to be paid via the bank by March 1<sup>st</sup> of every year or in cash before the Friday of the meeting. EVV strongly suggested that all countries in the cavy section would pay the Treasurer in cash prior to the annual meeting. All in favour.

## **12. New Members**

There is interest in joining the EE in the following countries: Hungary, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. The reason that they have not joined so far is a lack of funds. T. Tompers was asked whether Luxemburg was interested in joining and she replied that the Luxemburg club is presently no more than a specialist club, but as they are extremely interested in joining it has to be solved first who is responsible for the payment of the fees.

## **13. Judges' List**

EVV will write to all delegates for an updated list and compile a new one and send it to all nations towards the end of the year.

## **14. Executive Meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2000**

The following items were discussed and agreed:

- the Executive Meeting will commence on Thursday at 9am and finish around 1pm;
- the letter from the Italian association wishing to affiliate to the EE again -as there was no representative from ANCI, this subject was postponed;
- the proposal by the Rabbit section -the Executive would advise the AGM to vote against this proposal;
- the proposed affiliation of Latvia - the Executive would advise the AGM to vote in favour of this proposal;
- the nomination of Germany to host the 28<sup>th</sup>. European Show in Leipzig, organised by the Federal Associations of Saxony and Thuringia - the Executive would advise the AGM to vote in favour of this proposal;

- AGM 2001 will take place in Switzerland; AGM 2002 will take place in Sweden; AGM 2003 will possibly take place in the Netherlands; AGM 2004 will possibly take place in France; AGM 2005 will possibly take place in Luxemburg; AGM 2006 will possibly take place in Germany.

## **15. Annual General Meeting of Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2000**

The agenda was sent to all delegates

## **16. Animal Welfare**

Germany is currently the only country that is having problems with people trying to disrupt cavy shows. All other countries reported that there were no problems at all. The hope was expressed that this situation will remain so. FM therefore suggested to drop this item from next year's agenda as a delegate could report on problems under Any Other Business. Agreed.

## **17. Ideas and Suggestions**

None. It was unanimously agreed that this item would also be scrapped from next year's agenda. If necessary, ideas and suggestions could be discussed under Any Other Business.

## **18. Any Other Business**

Last year's meeting decided that the section would produce an information booklet on the feeding and management of cavies. TB had produced such a booklet in Switzerland in cooperation with Rosli Karpf and showed part of it to all delegates. The aim is to extend this booklet for approval of next year's meeting.

Gerd Lang offers the section the use of his newly purchased digital offset printer. This printer could print the information booklet when it is finished. EVV thanks GL for his offer and TB for her work on the booklet.

FD reports that the Belgian standard will be changed as follows: the name "Teddy" will be changed into "Rex" and that the Tort & White Teddy will be standardised temporarily next year. It is not clear as yet whether this will be for a period of three years or longer -the decision on this will taken in 2001.

The section is still interested in producing a site on the Internet. TB has a friend who produces sites -they will have a go and TB will report to the next meeting.

EVV thanks all delegates for their hard work and wishes them all a continued pleasant stay in Mayrhofen.

The meeting closed: 12.55pm.

The President

The Minutes Secretary

Evelyne van Vliet

Trudi Binz