



MINUTES OF THE CAVY SECTION MEETING

in Metz / France

15. May 2015



1. Welcome and Opening

Evelyne welcomed all delegates, especially Eddy Mayeur who was attending as official representative of the Executive of the forthcoming European Show in Metz.

2. Recording attendance

Germany, Portugal, Italy and Russia had apologised for their absence. Delegates from England, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Holland, Czech Republic, Denmark, France and Belgium were present.



3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Sarajevo / Bosnia Hercegovina on 30. May 2014

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Correspondence

The Executive will send out bills per email for the affiliation fees, so that they can be paid at the beginning of each year. The fee remains at €110.

Evelyne had lots of correspondence with Eddy and Samuel regarding the Judges' seminar in Lille. Otherwise the last year had been pretty quiet.

5. Reports of the Executive meetings of 7. February and 14. May 2015

Evelyne had been unable to attend the meeting in February due to illness, but related the important issues from that meeting to all delegates through the minutes. New Vice President is Istvan Rohringer from Hungary, who had initiated some ideas on how to generate more money for the EE. Gion Gross will present further ideas.

The EE is looking for a new webmaster. Hans Zürcher is getting older and always has two months holiday at the beginning of each year. Denis Pasques from France had been approached and agreed to become the new webmaster. The new website would be unveiled at the AGM the following day. Evelyne will have admission to the new website, so that she can upload documents. Jan and Melanie as secretaries will be issued with passwords so that they can upload minutes, agendas etc. Evelyne can carry out personal mutations of affiliated associations immediately. Important is that all affiliated associations always inform the EE of new Treasurers, so that the bills are always sent to the correct person.

Executive meeting of May:

Serbia will be affiliated again at tomorrow's AGM as a new umbrella association. Two Breedspecific European show, held in Holland, had not paid their contribution to the EE. If the money is not paid as soon as possible, the country will be banned from hosting any further Breedspecific European shows. Three years after the European Show in Leipzig an outstanding debt to the EE had finally been paid, although the EE is still €400 short. The EE will purchase a computer programme to administrate the European and Breedspecific European shows. This will be available for the show in Denmark in 2018.



6. Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of 16. May 2015

It will be a smooth AGM, as there are very few new things and proposals. Elections will be held in 2016.

7. Report of the ESKC (Standards Committee) meeting

Petr Tejml is interim President until the 2016 elections, as it is very important to have an ESKC President for the European show in Metz and it will give Petr 12 months to contemplate a candidacy.

Two Slovak judges are in training in the Czech Republic. In Switzerland three judges have passed their final exams. Italy has requested help in training up judges.

Christian Plaikner has been nominated by his association to the ESKC; Germany will also send in a nomination. Elections will take place in 2016 and Christian respects that.



8. Newly standardised breeds or colours in affiliated countries

Two new breeds have been added to the European standard: the Blue and California. An update will be sent to all.



9. European Standard

The ESKC has commenced with a complete overhaul of the English version of the European Standard which will be ready for the European show in Metz. The new standard will be more uniform and will give full details in every breed for the positions 3 – 6.

Items 7 to 9 will be headed under one agenda item as from next year.

10. Report EE Judges' Seminar in Lille (F) from 14./15. March 2015

Evelyne compiled a report of this seminar and had it put on the EE website inclusive of photos. Numbers of attendees were down this year, partly because of the absence of all German judges. 31 judges were present from 10 countries. Self colours from the Black/Chocolate line were discussed. Many thanks to Sandra, Jan, Anneke, Aly and Evelyne for their excellent presentations.

The practical part was very effective and much better for the animals in question. The colours were discussed very indepth and comparison were made much better. A heartfelt „thank you“ to the organisers from France for an excellent weekend.

Evelyne suggested to put together a checklist for future organisers of Judges' seminars. Petr and Jan will make their checklists available for discussion and perusal by email to all delegates.

Future EE Judges' seminars:

Landskrona / Sweden from 11.-13. March 2016

Breeds: Lunkarya, Dutch, Magpie and Smooth Tortoise & Whites

2017 in Switzerland from 17. – 19. March 2017

2018 in Denmark from 9.-11. March 2018

Lena gave some information on the seminar to be held in Sweden next year. It will take place in south Sweden quite near Copenhagen. Landskrona is easily reached by train. Accommodation will be in cabins with 4 beds and the price will be under €200. Invitations and enrolment forms will be available towards the end of this year.

They are working on the idea to operate in groups again, as there will be numerous judges from Sweden and Denmark. Perhaps 4 groups plus one group for German speakers.

Christian requested contact details of all attending judges with regard to what breeds and colours are kept so that cavies can be purchased in Sweden.

Evelyne asked Lena about a possibility of booking an extra night's accommodation from Sunday to Monday. Lena will look into this.

11. EE Judges' Training

Italy has requested help from the ESKC re training some of their people to become judges. Petr will contact them.

Item 11 will be renamed „EE-Judges' seminar“.

12. Proposals

All delegates were requested to read through the Rules and Regulations for Breedspecific European Shows at home and propose amendments. This will also be done via email, as these Rules must be available for next year.

Evelyne will translate the Rules, that will be adopted tomorrow, into English and mail them to Christina for all proposals with regard to the English version.

Each country that has Judges' contracts are requested to send a sample to Evelyne.

13. Affiliation of New Members

San Marino had requested affiliation to the EE. Unfortunately, they could not attend the meeting, as their representative were currently working in Nepal for the Red Cross.

Evelyne proposed to invite San Marino as a guest to the European show in Metz.

Finland – poultry section will introduce their association with a view to affiliation.

Denmark – cage bird section will introduce their association with a view to affiliation.

Latvia – cage birds, rabbits and pigeon section will introduce their associations with a view to affiliation.

Belgium – cage bird section will introduce their association with a view to affiliation.

Ukraine – pigeon section are unfortunately not present and can therefore not be affiliated

14. Information about the 28. European Show in Metz / F from 13. – 15. November



Eddy gives all some information about the show in Metz.

The pens will be single tier and measure 50 x 50 cm. There will be plenty of shavings in each pen and extra shavings will be available. The plastic inserts are stored in Switzerland and will be transported to France by Gion Gross. Eve Maren Blessing from Switzerland will feed all exhibits and be present from Tuesday to Sunday. Delegates feel that Eve Maren Blessing should not be the only person responsible and that a team from the section should be formed that will help the French organisers run the cavy section. Hay, pellets and carrots will be fed in Metz. Bowls are available for water, but Eddy will enquire whether bottles can be organised.

The show halls will be visited tomorrow during the AGM. We will give tips as to how the pens should be staged.

The section will put together a team in September that will be present throughout the week.

Every country can nominate a contact person. From 200 exhibits upwards in each section, a contact person will receive transport costs and B&B expenses. At 100 exhibits only 50% of the above will be paid.



Lunchtime interval

Unfortunately, Eddy can not attend the afternoon session, as his presence is required at the European Show meeting.

Evelyne finally received the cloth badges for approved EE judges. According to the rules: „that a minimum of 3 Judges' seminars have to have been attended and either having judged 1 European show or 2 Breedspecific European shows“, she managed to issue a badge to 7 approved judges.

Judges allocated for Metz are in descending order (according to amount of exhibits):

Evelyne - head judge

1. Jan Schop
2. Volker Hermanns
3. Andrea Krovtova
4. Eddy Mayeur

Each breed will be judged by a team of two judges in even and uneven sequences as per last time.

Eddy needs to verify that all cavies are checked by a vet prior to entry into the show hall. We also need to know the conditions for importing cavies into France. Further information will, no doubt, appear on the Metz website.

Further information for the show will available at the AGM tomorrow.

Evelyne has ordered a country stand for the cavy section that is half the size of the ones we have used so far. Every affiliated country is encouraged to bring folders and brochures to introduce their association and ,if needed, items that can be offered for sale. The stand needs to be fully equipped by Friday morning.

15. Discussion of the 28. European Show in Metz, November 2015

The Blues and Californians at the European Show will be done as follows::

All exhibits will be judged according to the European standard and if they are not inserted yet, they will be judged according to the standard of the country of origin. The show organisers have to make sure, in conjunction with the ESKC President that an adequate description is available at the European show of such breeds in one of the 3 official EE languages.

16. Discussion of the Breedspecific European show for 2016 and 2017.

Slovakia have withdrawn their offer to host a Breedspecific European show as they do not have the manpower to cope with the organisation.

Christina proposes Denmark for the next Breedspecific European show to be held in 2016 instead of 2017. Possible venues: either near Copenhagen or in Juttland north of Hamburg, although near Copenhagen would be better for organising purposes. All delegates favour a location near Copenhagen.

Only exhibits that have been vetted by professional veterinarians will be allowed access to the show hall. All exhibitors should be made aware of this. Receipt of all entries will be conformed in writing and will include the above information. Christina will announce the exact date of the show as soon as possible by email to all delegates after she has consulted her Executive. The show will most probably take place in November 2016. Petr will enquire at home if the Czech Cavy Club would host the 2017 Breedspecific European show and Sandra will make enquiries in Belgium.

17. Discussion of the Regulations for Breedspecific European shows.

Gion Gross presented a budget example for all sections.

All sections will in future bill the organisers of Breed-specific European shows directly and send a copy of this to Willy Littau.

Decision: The Rules for Breed-specific European show will be amended as follows: If a Breed-specific European show fails to pay the EE contribution, no further shows will be allocated to this country.

This amendment will be presented to the AGM 2015 and ratified.

18. Information by the 'Internet' Sub Committee

All delegates are requested to study the current website and send all their ideas and amendments to Evelyne by email.

19. Ailments

On behalf of Rita Ribeiro, Jan Schop brings up the issue of CH Teddies having lumps and swellings on their sides. Such exhibits will not be disqualified.

Chlamydia has been sighted in Holland at a certain rate. Rumours have been going round since last year, but this year it has been diagnosed. Fanciers are losing pregnant sows and youngsters. Jan will try to get more information and keep all delegates informed.

Lena knows an effective disinfectant for pens etc.: Anistel. It's very effective against ringworm and in Sweden judging tables and quarantine rooms are disinfected with it.

Christina asked what to do with exhibits that were showing symptoms of ringworm. These will have to be removed from the show hall and quarantined.

20. Questions, Suggestions and Requests

None.

21. Any Other Business

None.

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Secretary