

Minutes of the Section Meeting Cavies of May 6th. 2005 in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg

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

Agenda:

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Recording Attendance
3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Niederbronn May 21st. 2004
4. Correspondence
5. Reports of Executive Meetings of November 13th. 2004 as well as January 29th. and May 5th. 2005
6. Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of Saturday May 7th. 2005
7. Report of the Standards-Committee Meeting
8. European Standard
9. Affiliation of new Members
10. Information about the European Show in Prague/CZ 2004
11. EE Judges Training
12. European Show to be held in Leipzig from 8th. – 10th. December 2006
13. Confirmation of Regulations for the European Standard
14. Formation of Sub-Committee „Internet“
15. Discussion on Breed Specific European Shows for Cavies
16. Diseases
17. Suggestions and Requests
18. Any Other Business

1. Opening

After having opened the meeting, the chair Evelyne van Vliet welcomed Prof. Dr. Schille, chairman of the EE sub committee for Animal Welfare. This sub-committee concentrates on: uniformity of legislation for husbandry, combatting diseases, support in all animal welfare issues etc.

Problems with cavies that were discussed:

- Osteodystrophy in Satins (questions have been raised in England about this as well)
- New impractical Animal Welfare legislation in Austria.

2. Recording Attendance

Apologies for absence were not received from Egon Plevnik, so we hope to be able to welcome him again next year.

3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Niederbronn of May 21st. 2004

They were accepted unanimously

4. Correspondence

All delegates were baffled that last year's minutes' book only contained the cavy minutes in the French language, but not German and English.

The Portuguese Cavy Club CAPI is showing interest in the EE. They are currently recruiting more members not least to improve their finances.

5. Reports of the Executive Meetings of 13th. Nov. 2004/29th. January 2005 / 4th. May 2005

Evelyne briefly updated all on the first and latter meeting; she was unfortunately unable to attend the January meeting.

6. Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Saturday 7th. May 2005

The agenda for this meeting was submitted to all. There will be elections and honorary memberships will be bestowed on those that deserve it. There are no propositions.

At this point the President, Urs Freiburghaus visited the meeting and showed his admiration for the progress that our young section is making.

7. Report of the Standards-Committee Meeting

The Standards Committee Meeting was started half an hour earlier on the previous day, but unfortunately there was still insufficient time to cover all items on the agenda. It will be necessary to convene another meeting in the autumn or winter. After that the European Standard should in theory be ready for use at the next European Show.

8. European Standard

* A discussion took place about financing this project (Committee, Sponsorship)

* Flor Dickens had updated the breeds list. This showed that Switzerland was now basing itself on the English standard and that Germany had re-standardised all breeds that had previously been dropped from their standards book.

9. Affiliation of new members

The section celebrated the fact that two Cavy Associations had sent in a proposal for affiliation to the EE:

* the SMF –the Swedish Cavy Association, represented by their President, Lena Wilhelmsson

* the Czech Cavy Association, represented at the AGM by their general President, Jaroslav Kratochvil.

We were looking forward to the AGM accepting both proposals for affiliation.

10. Information about the European show in Prague/CZ 2004

As the Czech Association had bridged a gap and taken the organisation of this show upon them at very short notice, small mistakes and hiccups could surely be forgiven. Positive points at this show were: the accommodation and care of the exhibits, the decoration of the halls, the stands in which all national associations could present themselves, the sale offices etc. On a negative point: it would have been better to house the cavies away from the exotic birds as their screeching upset the cavies greatly. Also the queues in front of the sale offices reached tremendous lengths –landing up alongside the cavy pens. Gaby noted that the European medal had not been awarded in the cavy section at this European show.

11. EE Judges Training

A meeting of prospective judges, officiating at the next European Show is imperative to discuss breeds, the points' system and awards. Date proposals and ideas to be sent to Evelyne.

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

The organisers had requested a checklist for the cavies with regard to accommodation (pen size, litter, food) as well as comment cards, stewards for the judges etc. A list was put together and forwarded to the Leipzig team.

13. Confirmation of Regulations for the European Standard

A few amendments and additions were made. Evelyne will add these and produce the latest version which will be up for confirmation at the next section meeting.

14. Formation of Sub-Committee „Internet“

Helmut Sakac offered his assistance to Evelyne in order to get the cavy pages up and running.

15. Discussion on Breed Specific European Shows for Cavies

At this stage, time was running out –therefore this item had to be postponed to the next meeting.

16. Diseases

Similarly, this item was deferred for the same reason.

17. Suggestions and Requests

None

18. Any Other Business

Flor Dickens presented each delegate with the newly published cavy poster from Belgium. The front shows beautiful photos of the breeds, whereas the back gives short descriptions of the standardised breeds in Belgium in four languages.

Evelyne urges all delegates to fill in the data forms in the next few days and return them either to her or Gion Gross directly. An extra Standards Committee Meeting will have to be planned and a date found for the organisation of a judges' training session. Evelyne van Vliet closed the meeting and thanked all delegates for their support and hard work, whilst wishing them a safe journey home.

Evelyne van Vliet Section President

Gaby Prust Section Secretary