

Minutes of the Section Meeting Cavies of May 21st. 2004, 8.00am in Hotel Müller, Niederbronn les Bains, France

Attendance:	According to attached sheet
Apologies for Absence:	Gerrit Grooten, Netherlands
Chair:	Evelyne van Vliet, England
Minutes Secretary:	Gaby Prust, Germany

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Recording Attendance
3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Leipzig of May 30th. 2003
4. Correspondence
5. Organising a Meeting for Judges
6. Welcoming new members to our section
7. European Show Prague, Czech Republic 12th. - 14th. November 2004
8. Stimulating and coordinating entries for the European Show
9. Discussing and Absolving the Regulations for the Standards-Committee
10. Reports of the Standards-Committee Meetings of 22./23. November 2003 (Belgium) and 20. May 2004 (Niederbronn)
11. Website
12. Identification of show cavies – ear tags
13. European Judges' List and address list- an update
14. Reports of Executive Meetings of March 6th. (Prague) as well as May 20th. (Niederbronn) 2004
15. Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of Saturday May 22nd. 2004
16. Any Other Business

1. - 3. Opening - Attendance - Minutes 2003

After having opened the meeting and recording the attendance, the chair Evelyne van Vliet went through the minutes of the previous meeting. They were accepted unanimously.

4. Correspondence

None, see under item 6

5. Organising a Meeting for Judges

The delegates thought that it was too early to organise a meeting like that, but would like to see it postponed to such a date when the European cavy standard has been completed.

6. Welcoming new members to our section

The proposal for affiliation by Hungary was postponed to 2005. Their members, however, can take part at the European Show in November.

It looks like as if we might have lost France for our section. The Scandinavian countries might be reluctant to join until Britain joins. Little interest has been shown so far by Luxembourg and the Czech Republic. Perhaps some contacts can be made and talks be held at the European show.

7.-8. European Show Prague 12th. - 14th. November 2004, stimulating entries

All delegates were urged to push this show amongst their members, so that a good entry can be secured. The Dutch Rabbit Council will pay all transport fees, the Swiss Pigeon and Rabbit Councils will do likewise, although their cavies face a fortnight's quarantine upon return home. There are rumours from Austria that their members will only enter their second rate exhibits as they fear theft. Germany will enter a good team, although Belgium will probably be absent because of the distance and costs.

The husbandry of all exhibits has been guaranteed, there are no veterinary requirements nor border crossing complications and the entry fees have been halved to 6 euros per cavy.

At 9.20am, our president Urs Freiburghaus paid us a visit. He stressed once more that he expected a good cavy entry as he had negotiated great entry fees as well as securing a medal for every exhibitor.

9. Discussing and Absolving the Regulations for the Standards-Committee

Small changes were made to the ESKC regulations before they were unanimously agreed. They will come into force immediately after the amendments have been made and they will be attached to these minutes.

The regulations for the European Standard were completely altered by the delegates. All amendments will be carried out by Evelyne van Vliet for absolving at next year's meeting.

10. Reports of the Standards-Committee Meetings in Belgium and France

The chair reported about the Standard Committee Meetings that were held in Retie / Belgium 22nd. / 23rd. November 2003 as well as Niederbronn / France 20th. / 21st. May 2004 (see minutes).

11. Website Cavies

Within the framework of the EE homepage, the cavies have been given their own space. We desperately need good photos, which Evelyne will supply, as well as other information to come up to scratch with the other sections.

12. Identification of show cavies – ear tags

Austria are not experiencing any difficulties with the Hauptner pincers, as long as a piece of cardboard is used to create some distance.

Slovenia has multiple problems with injured ears after the tags have been torn out. The majority of affiliated countries are still very sceptical.

13. European Judges' List and address list- an update

All amendments for either list are to be sent to Evelyne for later distribution.

14. Reports of Executive Meetings of March 6th. as well as May 20th. 2004

The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Creating a fifth section for singing birds

The creation of an Animal Welfare advisory committee

Bulgaria, Macedonia and Rumania have shown interest in affiliation to the EE.

The cancellation of the European 2003 in the Netherlands has caused great financial stress to the EE treasury. All affiliated countries are urged to pay their dues sooner rather than later.

15. Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of Saturday May 22nd. 2004

This was distributed to all delegates and some items were pre-discussed.

16. Any Other Business

The latest arrival in cavy land, the Cuys were extensively discussed. Evelyne will mention this creation to the Animal Welfare committee for consideration. Problems that were touched upon were amongst others hybridisation, cross breeding with purebred cavies and standardisation.

Rene Karpf reported on a joint show of the two cavy clubs in Switzerland at the beginning of this year. There was an entry of around 130 cavies.

Evelyne van Vliet closed the meeting and thanked all delegates for their support and hard work.

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Evelyne van Vliet (Section President)

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Gaby Prust (Section Secretary)

Attachment: ESKC Regulations

Regulations of the European Standards Committee - Cavy Section

§ 1

Organisation of the European Standards Committee - Cavy Section

- 1.1 The European Standards Committee - Cavy Section, hereafter called **ESKC** , is a permanent committee within the Cavy section, ressorting under the Members' meeting of the Cavy section.
- 1.2 The Committee consists of 5 to 7 members.
- 1.3 Membership of the ESKC requires being an active, proven judge in one's home country.
- 1.4 Nominations for election into the ESKC can be made by the affiliated countries.
- 1.5 Nominations for election by the members' meeting must be in the hands of the section's President by December 31st.
- 1.6 The members of the ESKC are elected by the Members' meeting.
- 1.7 The term of office is three years and re-election is possible. All delegates can be ESKC members as long as they are active judges.
- 1.8 The ESKC constitutes itself.
- 1.9 The ESKC holds meeting when deemed necessary, e.g. in conjunction with the AGM, the International Judges' Meeting etc.
- 1.10 Part of the expenses will be met by the EE-Executive as per their resolution of June 1st. 2000.

§ 2

Responsibilities of the European Standards Committee - Cavy Section

- 2.1 Compiling and updating the European Standard for Cavies.
- 2.2 Compiling the basic decisions of the Cavy Section's Members' meeting as well as of the EE-Executive.
- 2.3 Checking, harmonising and coordinating the national standards of the affiliated countries with respect to the European standard -whilst considering all specific characteristics and requirements of the affiliated countries as well as the countries of origin.
- 2.4 Standardising new breeds and colours, as proposed by affiliated countries, whilst considering all specific characteristics and requirements of the affiliated countries as well as the countries of origin.
- 2.5 Updating the list of standardised breeds and colours within the European standard.
- 2.6 Updating the list of Rare breeds and /or Guidestandard or Unstandardised breeds and colours.
- 2.7 Formulating the system of judging at EE shows.
- 2.8 Paving the way for unification of the judging systems in all affiliated countries.
- 2.9 Establishing the country origin of new breeds and colours.
- 2.10 Supervising all rules and decisions as made by the section.

The regulations of the European Standards Committee - Cavy Section were approved by the Members' meeting in Niederbronn les Bains, France on May 21st. 2004 and came into force with immediate effect.

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