

Minutes of the Section Meeting Small Rodents of May 25th. 2001, 8.00am in Hotel Freienhof in Thun, Switzerland

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| Attendance: | According to attached sheet |
| Apologies for Absence: | Samuel Boucher and Therese Tompers |
| Chair: | Evelyne van Vliet, England |
| Minutes Secretary: | Trudi Binz, Switzerland |

Agenda:

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2. Recording Attendance
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7. European Show in Zuidlaren, Holland from 10. to 16. November 2003
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13. Reports of Executive Meetings of February 24th. and May 24th. 2001
14. Annual General Meeting of Saturday May 26th. 2001
15. Any Other Business

1. Opening

The chair welcomes all delegates to the meeting. A very special welcome is addressed to our guest, Mr. Erwin Plevnik -President of the cavy section in Slovenia. Mr. Plevnik introduces himself briefly by saying that the cavy section is still small in Slovenia and in desperate need of good breeding stock. Other guests include Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf from Germany -they represent the German Association of Cavies and Small Rodents as well as Mr. Albert Wijnholds -representing the coming European Show in Zuidlaren in 2003.

2. Recording Attendance

The following countries were represented by their delegates: Germany, Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands and Switzerland. Evelyne van Vliet from England in the chair and 4 guests. (see attendance sheet)

3. Minutes of the last section meeting in Mayrhofen of June 2nd. 2000

The minutes were sent out with the invitation to the meeting and were taken as read with one slight correction under Any Other Business - Us-Teddy tort and white will get a guide standard for the next 3 years from the year 2001. Thanks were extended to the secretary.

4. Reports

Apologies for absence were received from Therese Tompers from Luxembourg as well as Samuel Boucher from France.

5. European Show in Wels, December 2000

EVV reports on the show -it was a beautifully laid out show and the cavies were housed and cared for very well. Unfortunately the entry from the affiliated countries was very disappointing. EVV relayed the views of the EE-Executive that the European Show 2003 needs to show a huge increase in entries from the affiliated countries. If this fails, the Executive is wondering whether the cavy section should be abolished within the EE. At this point Edwin Vef as well as Gion Gross joined the meeting and re-iterated these views and appealed to all delegates to make sure that their country will enter a good amount of cavies at the next European Show.

6. System of Judging at European Show in Wels 2000

EVV as well as an Austrian judge judged in Wels to the Dutch and the Austrian standards -this caused some friction as it was minuted that the Dutch standard was to be used in the absence of a European standard. Once more it was laid down that in Zuidlaren the Dutch standard will be used. Those breeds not allocated for in the Dutch standard will be judged according to the standard of the country of entry.

7. European Show in Zuidlaren, Holland from 10-16. November 2003

Albert Wijnholds gave some information on the forthcoming European Show. Penning will take place on Tuesday, 11th. November and lifting on Sunday afternoon, 16th.November. They are expecting around 30.000 exhibits. More information would be given at the AGM on Saturday.

8. Standards Committee Meeting European Cavy Standard

The second standards committee meeting took place on May 24th. 2001 and was attended by Gaby Prust (Germany), Fritz Marhann (Austria), Trudi Binz (Switzerland) and EVV. A resignation was received from Joyce den Otter (Holland) and an apology for absence from Samuel Boucher (France). A lot of work was done in a few hours' time. The first item to be dealt with in an effort to make a European standard for cavies, was the general chapter on type, shape, coat qualities etc. Having finished that, the meeting then proceeded to define and describe all varieties of Agouti cavies. The entire meeting was characterised by a healthy discussion and listening to each other's views. The next meeting will take place in Sweden prior to the EE meeting. EVV asked all members to study the Self varieties beforehand, so that we can again work efficiently

9. European Cavy Standard

All members in the general meeting as well as the standards committee are unanimous that the European standard must be completed for the European Show 2006 in Leipzig.

10. Identification of Cavies, i.e. ear tags?

Ear tags are being used in Austria to identify exhibits. EVV had noticed a few exhibits in Wels with torn ears as a result of ripped out tags. Germany is still waiting for the white marker pen and in Belgium 2 systems of ear tagging are currently being tested. There are discussions in Holland to try out ear tags, although the Netherlands Cavy Club (NCC) is very much against tagging.

11. Judges' Lists and Address lists

Holland is putting together a new judges' list and will forward this one to EVV. Germany

informs the meeting that one judge has resigned.

12. European Show calendar for the season 2001 - 2002

EVV will compile a list of all European major shows from info received from the delegates and send this list to all affiliated countries.

13. Reports of Executive Meetings of February 24th. and May 24th. 2001

- The Executive requested from EVV that the cavy section would get an improved entry from all affiliated countries to the next European show in 2003 (as mentioned above).
- The president of the poultry section resigned in October last year. A nominee was being looked for and a new president would be elected in the section meeting today.
- Applications for affiliation had been received from Bosnia Herzegovina as well as Latvia (poultry section) which will be dealt with at the AGM.
- Affiliation fees will have to be paid in Euros as from 2002 -the new fees will be Euro 110 or Euro 220.
- The president, Edwin Vef will not stand for another term of office. The only nominee for the office is Urs Freiburghaus, the vice-president which in turn means that a nomination for the vacancy of vice-president is also required. The Czech association has proposed Jaroslav Kratochvil. Both candidates will have to be confirmed at the AGM.
- The secretary, Gion Gross knows someone who can set up and maintain a website for the EE at reasonable cost. Discussions took place on what to include in such a site.

14. Annual General Meeting of Saturday May 26th. 2001

- There will be Executive elections as well as the bestowing of honorary membership.
- Affiliation of new membership states: Bosnia Herzegovina, Latvia (poultry) and Italy (rabbit association ANCI -held over from last year).
- Information about EE-meeting in Sweden from 9th. - 12th. May 2002
- Information about EE-meeting in Holland from 29th.May - 1st. June 2003
- Information about European Show in Zuidlaren, Holland in 2003

15. Any Other Business

- Germany: Gerd Lang informs the meeting about a new small livestock magazine recently published in Germany.
- Austria: nothing to report
- Belgium: Flor Dickens hands EVV a letter from the Belgian Association stating that in the event of a vacancy in the Standards Committee, Belgium would like to nominate a Belgian candidate.
- Holland: Rene Hut informs the meeting of his change of address and he also hands out various cavy related publications.
- Switzerland: Trudi Binz reminds EVV that there is a slight change to the standards committee. The EE-Executive had instructed EVV to get rid of TB as a member of the standards committee as she is not a judge. However, EVV reminded the EE-Executive as well as the cavy section that there was no-one else to take over TB's secretarial duties. It was solved in the end by TB remaining on the committee as secretary but without discussion power and a vote.
- Slovenia: Erwin Plevnik reminds the section once more that his association is desperate to import good breeding material. EVV suggests that TB sends him posters showing all

different breeds and varieties. His members can pick what they want and EVV will be contact person and deal with the purchase and eventual transport of these cavies.

- A discussion arose about the absence of Samuel Boucher in the standards committee meeting -so far he had failed to attend all of them. EVV will send him another invitation for next year's meeting in Sweden -if he should not be able to attend again, we will have to talk to him and perhaps suggest that he resigns from that particular committee in order to get someone who has more time to devote to the job and whose command of German is better.

Finally EVV thanked all delegates for participating in this meeting and wished them all a nice time in Thun.

End of meeting: 12.45hrs.

The President

The Minutes Secretary

Evelyne van Vliet

Trudi Binz