

# Minutes of the ESKC meeting at Altötting, Germany on 17. May 2012

Present: Evelyne van Vliet (President), Petr Tejml, Helmut Sakac, Christian Koch  
Lena Tysk later on  
Minutes: Priska Küng

Start of meeting: 14.30 hrs.

## 1) Welcome

Evelyne welcomed all present. She apologised for Lena's absence; she will arrive a bit later as she was not met at Munich airport.

She is happy that we get together more than once a year through the Judges' seminars and hopes that we can absolve the revision of the standard today.

## 2) Minutes of the meeting in Balatonalmadi, H on 2. June 2011

There are no amendments or comments on the minutes.

Priska is asked to carry on doing the minutes, even though as a non-judge, she is technically not allowed to partake in the ESKC meetings.

Christian and Helmut are of the opinion that members with an advising role are welcome to the meeting, just like in other committees too and that Priska is allowed to engage in the discussions, but has no voting rights.

Helmut will not be able to amend the standard and write up the minutes at the same time and is substantially handicapped when the meeting is conducted in English.

Proposal: Priska is elected to be minutes' secretary without a vote.

Evelyne would like to retire from the presidency of the ESKC, as she has enough to do in her capacity as president of the section and all the English translations for the rest of the EE. She proposes Christian as her successor.

## 3) Correspondence

Evelyne has not received any correspondence.

Lena has sent Helmut the list of newly standardised breeds in Sweden:

Swiss Teddies are fully standardised.

Ridgeback and Cuy have gained guidestandard status.

All countries to write to Helmut every year by 1. April at the latest to inform him about all newly standardised breeds.

Helmut requested to have the Breeds' List that Flor Dickens had put together. Priska has that list on her computer and will forward it.

Evelyne also has a Breedlist which she has continually updated.

We will send both lists to Helmut, who will then compare them.

We also need to get our hands on the documents of all standards (including the illegal translations, e.g. in Croatian) and find a financial settlement.

The Executive is not enthralled that we have made a profit on the sale of our EE standard.

If the amendments of the Constitution get passed tomorrow, the standard committees will receive money from not only the European shows, but also the Breedspecific European shows. Then it will no longer be necessary to keep money in the section's kitty.

Will we let the countries print their own copies of the standard and charge them for an update? Or should the standard be on our website for downloading?

The meeting is in favour of the standard being published in full on the internet, that way it will reach far more fanciers.

We will have to sort out the copyright for the text and photos.

Helmut sometimes receives photos for certain breeds on which is printed who was the photographer and/or the owner of the cavy. We will need a uniform format for our standard and do not want to advertise certain studs.

#### **4) What new Breeds / Colours have been fully standardised since 2011 in all countries?**

Magpie is fully standardised in Germany, Holland and Sweden.

Lena and Christian will send Evelyne the breed descriptions for the Magpie.

(In Germany, the breed description for the Japanese is different from that of the Magpie (Magpie is easier....))

#### **5) Appendix - Liste of unstandardised and Guidestandard breeds**

This list has not been updated for a long time. We need to have information about all breeds and colours that are aiming to become fully standardised (and can be shown at the European show) from all countries by 1. June. All information to be sent to Helmut.

A discussion started on how breeds gain full standardisation in the various countries.

#### **6) Revision of the EE-Standard Smooth hair Marked**

**Japanese / Harlequin / Magpie** under one title:

Japanese: black-red

Harlequin: black-cream, chocolate - cream, black-buff and chocolate-buff

Magpie: black-white, chocolate-white

Even distribution of square-cut patches of preferably equal size in both colours as well as mixed.

Ideally, there should be an imaginary line running from the nose to the hindquarters on the back and the belly, separating two opposing coloured patches.

Eyes: to match surrounding coat colour

Ears and Pads: to match surrounding coat colour

Nails: to match the surrounding coat colour

**Faults:**

Slightly uneven colour distribution and lines.  
Slightly big and/or small patches  
Banding (only in smooth coated cavies)  
A few odd coloured hairs  
Slightly indistinct patches  
Slightly pale colours  
Slightly pale eyes, ears, pads and nails

**Disqualifications:**

Very uneven colour distribution and lines.  
Very big and/or small patches  
Less than 3 coloured patches per side (including the head)  
Less than 20% of one colour  
Too many odd coloured hairs  
Too many indistinct patches  
One of the three colours completely missing on one side (including the head)

**Bicolour:****Faults:**

Delete (only in smooth coated): this change is controversial, but the majority is in favour of aiming for the correct colour distribution in long coated and rough coated breeds as well.

Proposal for the next revision: all faults and disqualifications in all positions will be printed for each individual breeds.

Amendments and translations have to be ready in time for the European show.

**7) Training of new Judges in the affiliated countries.**

Portugal has requested the EE for years to train up some of their people to become judges in their own country. This is obviously rather difficult and expensive.

Rita Ribeira has attended the Judges' seminars. Evelyne has been thinking that we could offer Rita a practical exam in all the breeds that have been discussed so far at the seminars. (the exam to be conducted by 2 ESKC members).

Perhaps the exam could include all breeds, so that she can judge all breeds in her own country.

This rule should only be applied to those countries that have no standard committee or judges (Portugal, Slovakia and possibly Poland).

We need to draw up some rules about how to conduct the exams.

Lena suggested that exams could be held at the Judges' seminars, but this would prove difficult time-wise and not enough cavies present.

There will be opportunities, though, to do the exams at big shows in the affiliated countries, if a minimum of 2 ESKC members are present. Or, countries organise a show and invite ESKC members as judges, so that trainee judges can do their exams.

Will be discussed again tomorrow.

Priska asked whether the judges will receive financial support for attending the Judges' seminar in the future. Evelyne will be able to pay out another €2000 for another 2 years max. If the revised Constitution is passed tomorrow, it will be possible to pay this amount on an annual basis. The €200 is not intended to be for the judges personally, but they have to pass the money on to their association.

Evelyne suggested that the minutes of the ESKC meetings should also be published on the EE website from now on.

Priska enquired whether a small sum of money could be paid to those who make the French translations of our minutes. The meeting decided against this on the basis that no money is paid out for other translations either.

The meeting was closed

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