



## Minutes of 76<sup>th</sup> EE General Meeting, 31.05.2014 in Sarajevo

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Chair: Gion Gross  
Minutes: Esther Huwiler  
Attendance: 126 delegates with 85 votes  
Start: 08:34 Uhr  
End: 11:34 Uhr

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## 1. Opening, Welcome

President Gion Gross welcomed all delegates to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Entente Européenne in Sarajevo.

He extended a special welcome to the organising association, to the Honorary Members who were present and to the members of the Executive.

The Agenda had been sent to everybody and had been published on the EE website.

**Conclusion:** *There were no requests for amendments to the Agenda*

The following apologies for absence had been received:

- Honorary President Urs Freiburghaus, Switzerland
- Hans Owe Christiansen, Denmark
- Dieter Meister, Germany
- Guy und Micky Tompers, Luxemburg
- Pol Schmoetten, Luxemburg
- Frans van Oers, Holland
- Alois Kirchhofer, Switzerland
- Hans Zürcher, Switzerland
- Slavibor Petržílka, Czech Republic

With the following words the members who died and the victims of the severe storms in Bosnia-Herzegovina were commemorated.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe:

**What one holds deep in his heart, cannot be lost by death.**

Gion Gross gave a great thank you to both interpreters Jean-Louis Frindel and Urs Lochmann. The simultaneous translation equipment that Kleintiere Schweiz has provided for many years free of charge could not be taken to Sarajevo as nobody drove there by car. As a result EUR 250.00 had to be paid to rent a system locally.

## 2. Recording Attendance

Attendance:	126
Votes:	85
Absolute Majority:	43

### Election of vote counters:

**Conclusion:** *The following members were elected:*

- Jasper Smelt, NL
- Kurt Lirgg, CH

## 3. Minutes of the EE Meeting, 11.05.2013 in Berne / CH

**Conclusion:** *The minutes were approved unanimously and Gion Gross was thanked.*

#### **4. President's Report**

**Conclusion:** *The President's Report was approved unanimously and he was thanked.*

#### **5. General Secretary's Report**

**Conclusion:** *The General Secretary's Report was approved unanimously and she was thanked.*

#### **6. Reports by the Section Chairmen (Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds and Cavies)**

The Chairmen of the sections reported on their section meetings. Please refer to the minutes of the section meetings.

#### **7. Report by the Chairman of the Sub Committee for Animal Health & Welfare**

*The report by the Chairman of the EE Sub Committee for Animal Health and Welfare was noted.*

#### **8. Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports**

Treasurer Willy Littau informed the meeting about the accounts:

Total income:	EUR 85'356.19
Total expenditure:	EUR 33'242.49
Balance per 31.12.2013:	<b>EUR 52'113.70</b>

Peter Zuffa read out the Auditor's Report and certified that the accounts were kept flawlessly.

**Conclusion:** *The accounts and the Auditor's report were unanimously approved and the Treasurer and Executive discharged.*

#### **9. Elections**

##### **9.1 Election of a New Vice President**

The retiring EE-Vice-President Jaroslav Kratochvil said thank you for the cooperation and support.

Istvan Rohringer from Hungary was proposed. His CV had been sent to all delegates and was also published on the website.

**Conclusion:** *Istvan Rohringer was elected unanimously as the new EE Vice President.*

##### **9.2 Re-Election of the EE General Secretary**

**Conclusion:** *Esther Huwiler was elected unanimously.*

##### **9.3 Confirmation of the Elections in the Sections**

**Conclusion:** *Klaus Weber was elected unanimously.*

#### **9.4 Auditors for 2014**

Peter Zuffa stood down in accordance with the constitution.

**Conclusion:** *Erwin Bär and Roland Ohlinger are moving up.*

#### **9.5 Reserve Auditor**

**Conclusion:** *Günther Wimmer from Austria was elected unanimously.*

### **10. Honorary Memberships**

Gion Gross gave cordial thanks and a gift to the retiring EE Vice President and Honorary Member Jaroslav Kratochvil for his great work in the Executive during the last 13 years.

As a token of appreciation for their great merits within the fancy, the following delegates were proposed for honorary membership:

- Karl Häring, Austria
- Derek Medlock, England

### **11. Propositions**

The Propositions of the Executive had been sent to all delegates before the General Meeting and were also published on the website.

#### **1. Postponing all Elections for one year**

It was proposed to postpone all elections for a year, so that they will not be in the year preceding the European Show. To ensure the statutory rhythm would be guaranteed the next elections would be in:

- 2016 Sections
- 2017 President and Treasurer
- 2018 Vice President and General Secretary

**Conclusion:** *The proposition was unanimously accepted.*

#### **2. Award of the European Meeting 2020 to the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic had sent in a proposal to host the European Meeting 2020.

**Conclusion:** *The Czech Republic was awarded the European Meeting 2020 unanimously.*

#### **3. Award of the European Show 2030**

The Czech Republic had sent in a proposal to host the European Show 2020.

**Conclusion:** *The Czech Republic was awarded the European Show 2030 unanimously.*

## 12. Affiliation of New Members

The following countries/sections had requested EE affiliation and had submitted all the required documents:

- France, Cage Birds
- Bulgaria, Poultry
- Romania, Poultry
- Romania, Cage Birds

The representatives briefly introduced their associations.

**Conclusion:** *The cage bird section of France was affiliated to the EE unanimously.*

**Conclusion:** *The poultry section of Bulgaria was affiliated to the EE unanimously.*

**Conclusion:** *The poultry section of Romania was affiliated to the EE unanimously.*

**Conclusion:** *The cage bird section of Romania was affiliated to the EE unanimously.*

## 13. Information about EE Conventions

2015      13 -17 May                      Metz, France

Gaston Harter gave some details about the forthcoming convention and welcomes the EE to Metz.

The following conventions:

2016	4 – 8 May	Austria
2017	24 -28 May	Hungary
2018	9 – 13 May	Denmark
2019	29 May – 2 June	Croatia
2020	20 – 24 May	Czech Republic
2021	12 – 16 May	Germany
2022	25 – 29 May	open
2023	17 – 21 May	open
2024	08 – 12 May	Austria
2025	28 May – 1 June	open
2026	13 – 17 May	open
2027	05 – 09 May	Holland
2028	24 – 28 May	open
2029	09 – 13 May	open
2030	29 May – 02 June	Czech Republic

Proposals for hosting further conventions are invited and can be sent to the EE President.

## 14. Preview of the European Show 2015 in Metz/F

Gaston Harter, President of the organising committee informed the meeting about the European Show 2015 in Metz/F.

## **15. Suggestions and Requests**

None.

## **16. Any Other Business**

Gion Gross presented and explained the Cash Budget up to 2018.

Lena Tysk from Sweden pointed out there are different regulations in the countries about admitting hairless cavies in shows. She asked for a statement from the Executive. According to Prof. Dr. Schille the animals Health and Welfare point of view is very clear: Hairless cavies or other hairless animals are not admitted to European shows.

To keep the members' list accurate we ask you to send all changes to the General Secretary immediately. You can ask for a members list, but it will not be published on the website for data privacy reasons.

Gion Gross asked the delegates to take the information about the EE conventions to their countries and suggested that they orientate their members on their websites and journals.

The delegates were invited to make a donation for the victims of the storm in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The collection would be handed over to Sanel Dedic (member of the organising committee). He would make sure it would be used sensibly.

The delegates were also invited to join the "EE-Members Group" on Facebook. If delegates have photos for the EE website or the Facebook site, they were asked to send them to the General Secretary.

Hermann Strobelmeier had attended the convention for the last time and says farewell to the delegates.

There was no further business and Gion Gross thanked everybody for taking part. Special thanks were given to Edin Jabancic and his team for the excellent organisation of the meeting.

Gion Gross said he was looking forward to welcoming everybody in Metz next year and closed the convention.

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Sarajevo, 02.06.2014

Esther Huwiler  
General Secretary