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Minutes of the Rabbit Section

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Berne / Switzerland



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1. Opening / Welcome

Erwin Leowsky, President of the section Rabbits welcomes all delegates very cordially to today's section meeting at the EE convention in Berne.

Erwin Leowsky thanks his Swiss colleagues for the organisation of this convention.

2. Recording Attendance

32 delegates from 13 countries are present.

3. Minutes of the EE Convention of 18. May 2012 in Altötting / D

The minutes are taken as read.

4. Attendance Sheet

See attachment (PDF)

5. Correspondence and Information

Most of the correspondence could be dealt with via email.

An important issue includes the correspondence with the Latvian association. It cannot be tolerated that two associations from one country are in the EE. It is important that associations in each country work together very actively. A sensible cooperation has to be built up in Latvia

Erwin Leowsky invited Mirdza Silina to submit all activities of her association in writing to EE. Furthermore, the second association in Latvia should apply for affiliation to the EE in writing. This will enable the Executive to discuss this situation thoroughly.

6. Reports of the Executive meetings

Erwin Leowsky said that it was a great meeting and informs the delegates about the Executive meeting from Thursday, 9. May 2013. The main problems include more than one association in several countries. The EE's financial situation is currently very healthy, thanks to the European show in Leipzig.

7. Agenda of the EE- Annual General Meeting of 11. May 2013

The agenda is discussed and Erwin Leowsky clarifies some points.

8. Affiliation of new members

Erwin Leowsky informs that Finland has sent in a proposal for affiliation; this is currently being processed. However, Finland has not been in touch with the EE for some months now.

9. 10th. Judges' seminar in Zollikofen Berne / Switzerland

82 judges took part in the 10th. Judges' seminar in Zollikofen. Erwin Leowsky thanks for the phenomenal organisation of the seminar. Apart from the technical parts, the camaraderie was also cultivated and enjoyed. The cooperation and the connection within the section Rabbits is very gratifying.

11th. EE-Judges' seminar 2014

- **14.–16. March 2014** in Holland @ Congress Centre De Aker, Putten
 - Dwarf Lops, Deilenaar, Polish, Blue Beveren, Netherland Dwarfs in White and Coloured

Future seminars:

- 27.–29. March 2015 France
- 2016 in Luxembourg

10. Reports of the Standards Committee

Roland Olinger, vice President informs the meeting about the Standards Committee. Very important was the election of Standards Committee members, which must be ratified by the delegates of the rabbit section. This was passed unanimously:

- President – Rainer Retschitzegger, Austria
- Vice President – Roland Olinger, Luxembourg
- Secretary – Markus Vogel, Switzerland
- Members;
 - Erwin Leowsky, Germany
 - Wolfgang Vogt, Germany
 - Herbert Zens, Czech Republic
 - Yvon Weissenbacher, France

11. European standard

The European standard is an ongoing and developing process, containing 170 breeds and was used for the first time in Leipzig. Small mistakes have been spotted in the last few months (weights / ear lengths etc.). There are some new breeds to be

included.

Any mistakes found, please inform Markus Vogel immediately, who will update all members of the Standards Committee on a regular basis.

Markus Vogel is also putting a list together of missing photographs in the standard. Translations into other languages can be done from the 2012 version of the standard.

Next meeting of the Standards Committee; 20.–22. September 2013 in Hörblach.

Main item on the agenda; revision EE-Standard 2012.

12. European show of 07.–09. December 2012 in Leipzig (D)

A gigantic show with around 96'000 exhibits. A great show on the surface with most exhibitors quite happy.

Within the organisation many things went wrong, especially the treatment of the countless helpers. Some sections are complaining that they have still not received the monies owed to them. The show organisers also still owe the European Association a substantial amount of money. With regard to the judging some negative feedback has been received, which is partly justified. Some exhibits were wrongly disqualified, which was very aggravating. The fact that exhibitors are allowed to show purchased rabbits is being discussed; not all Standards Committee members are happy about that. Another point is the size of the European show, which is discussed in depth; pros and cons are exchanged.

13. Breedspecific European shows

08.–11. Januar 2014 in NL-9471 AS, Zuidlaren, Hanekamp 3, Prins Bernhardhoeve. Breeds: Polish, Netherland Dwarfs (Whites and Coloureds). Possible participation from: Holland, Germany, Belgium, England, Denmark, Sweden and Czech Republic. Between 1'500 to 2'000 exhibits are expected.

14. Which of your national breeds have not been included in the European standard yet – EE Breeds Register 2013

- Holland; Meissner Lop, Butterfly blue (already in EE-Standard)
- Holland; Mini Rex, RE White (already in EE-Standard)

15. Information of future EE conventions

- 2014 – Bosnia/Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 28. May – 1. June 2014
- 2015 – France, 13.–17. May 2015 (European show)
- 2016 – Austria, 04.–08. May 2016

- 2017 – Hungary, 24.–28. May 2017
- 2018 – Denmark, 09–13. May 2018 (European show)
- 2019 – Croatia, 29. May – 2. June 2019
- Ffi, see Homepage http://www.entente-ee.com/deutsch/index_deutsch.html

16. Ailments and Animal Welfare – Report of the Sub-Committee

Dr. Joseph Rey-Bellet, a member of the Sub Committee for Animal Health and Welfare informs the meeting in depth about their meeting on Thursday afternoon, 9. May 2013. He specially mentions three main points:

European show: successful show without any major incidents and few losses in the rabbit section.

Animal Health: Brussels has a view for a strategy on animal health. If we want to be included, we must perform. Brussels has defined an obligatory vaccination against VHD. Dr. Joseph Rey-Bellet will put together a survey (see attachment) including the following questions:

Obligatory vaccination in your country –yes/no; vaccine is your own country –yes/no; defile vaccine –yes/no. The goal is for a European license and supply of vaccines. The price of vaccines should therefore be more bearable for all breeders.

Animal Health: The sub Committee feels that we should discuss animal health on a scientific basis. The regulations are getting more stringent every year. A discussion was held in Switzerland about the housing of individual rabbits.

An objective discussion about vaccination took place amongst the delegates. It is majorly important that leading people in their associations are positive about vaccination.

17. National show in your country –where and entry?

See attachment – list of shows (PDF)

18. Internet

No requests were lodged.

19. Suggestions and Requests

Piet van Lune enquires about the identification of rabbits, which is very diverse in the affiliated countries.

Decision: every country sends the identification in its country to Markus Vogel in writing; if possible accompanied by a photograph. Markus Vogel will compile a list for the next European show.

Peter Mickmann: Bought exhibits at a European show: see under item 12:

„The fact that exhibitors are allowed to show purchased rabbits is being discussed; not all Standards Committee members are happy about that“.

20. Any Other Business

Responsible person for the Kaninhop within Europe

Switzerland has got an outstanding expert of the Kaninhop scene in Jules Schweizer. Markus Vogel proposes to elect Jules Schweizer as the responsible person and coordinator for the EE section rabbits in all matters Kaninhop. Jules Schweizer was the responsible coordinator of the first ever European Kaninhop competition in CH-8832 Wollerau.

Decision: The proposal is passed unanimously.

European Kaninhop Competition in Switzerland, 2015

The 23. Swiss National Buck show will take place in CH-6204 Sempach in the canton of Lucerne from 30.01.2015 bis 01.02.2015. Markus Vogel proposes, on behalf of the organising committee, to host the European Kaninhop Competition 2015 at this show.

Decision: The proposal is passed unanimously.

Enquiry: The French Association has received a query from an Animal Welfare organisation: whether there are any European regulations with regard to the size of show pens.

Decision: The Executive will provide the French Association with the current regulations.

End of the meeting; 11.50am

Erwin Leowsky thanks all for the pleasant and well run meeting.

Attachments:

- Address list of contact persons of the section rabbits (PDF)
- National shows in all affiliated countries (PDF)
- Statistics EE-meeting section rabbits (PDF)
- Survey Dr. Joseph Rey-Bellet (PDF)
- Report of the 10th. Judges's seminar in Zollikofen (2 pages PDF)
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Berne, 7. Juni 2013

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