

Report the meeting of EE Section Pigeons (EESP) in Sarajevo / BIH on may 2014

Item 1. Welcome

Chairman of the Section, Mr. August Heftberger welcomes the delegates and guests at 09:00. A special welcome to the President of the EE, Gion Gross, of the honorary members of the EE-Section Pigeons, István Rohringer, Jean Louis Frindel, Hans Schipper, Vladimir Pavin and Professor Schille. The last also as representative of the animal welfare Advisory Board and Presidium EE. A further welcome to the representatives of the host country Edin Jabandzic. Thanks to Hans Schipper and Jean Louis Frindel for the reprocessing of all, so that these documents could be published, as well as Christian Binois for translation into French. Since this year, Thomas Hellman is not present. For this meeting Hans Schipper is prepared for translation into English, into French as normally done by Jean Louis Frindel. For practical reasons, Jean Louis translated partly in English too.

Item 2. Presence:

Currently there are 25 national associations member of the EE Section Pigeons (**EESP**)
26 Participants signed the attendance list representing 16 nations.
Unfortunately also a very low participation by member-nations.
Present: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Britain, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland.
Excused: Belgium, Denmark.
Not excused: Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Racing pigeons.

Item 3. Minutes of the meeting 2013 in Bern/CH

The minutes of the EESP-meeting in Bern 2013 was published on the EE Internet website. Delegates got the opportunity to read the minutes
Up to now no change requests have been expressed which means approval of the minutes.

Item 4. Releases

Presidium meeting at February 8, 2014 in Obertshausen near Frankfurt / Germany.

Discussed points:

- In Serbia still exist two organizations for pigeon breeders. Only one can be EESP-member.
- Ukraine has requested membership of the EESP.
- Chairman of the EE-Section Birds, Mr. Huber, resigned.
- EE-Vice President Kratochvil is considering continuation of his candidacy.
- Numerous show organizations have not yet paid the EE contribution of their EESP.
- An amount of € 24,000 of the EE show in Leipzig 2012 is still open.
- Design for the planned badges for EE judges is ready.
Basic requirements for achievement by judges are still unclear.

Presidium meeting at May 29, 2014 in Sarajevo / Bosnia

Most important points:

- Total, 23 Nations send delegates to Sarajevo,
- The situation with two Pigeon breeders Association in Serbia.
Still major disagreements exist between the two associations. Even a third group is formed.
It has written promises already from 50 clubs. Attempts for one organization continue.
- March 28-30 Gion Gross, Urs Freiburghaus and Mr. Brkic visited the founding meeting in Belgrade for exchange of opinions with the officials about establishing one Serbian Association.
- Request Netherlands for one neutral pigeon band all over Europe without nation code.
Ring supplier Stengel reports that manufacturing without nation code is possible against more expenses. 800.000 7mm Rings with actual inscription are manufactured. In case of supply without nation code new software has to be developed for registration which numbers are supplied to which EE-country. More ring suppliers do exist, so appearance of rings with the same numbers could be possible. If ordered at another supplier by breeders, this could disadvantage associations.

Elections of 2014. Available options:

- Vice President. Written nomination by Hungary: István Rohringer.
- present General Secretary Esther Huwiler is running again.

EE-congresses:

- EE meeting 2015, May 13-17 in Metz, France
- EE meeting 2016, Austria
- EE meeting 2017, Hungary
- EE meeting 2018, Denmark, on the basis of the European Show
- EE meeting 2019, Croatia
- EE meeting 2020, Czech Republic

Information to the Sections:

- Band supplier Stengel promises improvements to the readability.
- Pigeons from EE countries bearing *bands without EE mark*, are not to be rated on exhibitions.
- *International judges conference* in Sibiu Romania. Thanks for the exemplary organization by the Romanian breeder friends under the leadership of Vlad Hadarau.
Also for the participation to this meeting. It was an EESP event only. About 200 pigeons of Romanian breeds were presented. Everyone was enabled to get an impression of these breeds.
- This year the international judges conference takes place in Treviso (Italy), at September 26-28.
This judges conference with the EE-section for poultry together.
- On account of the European Pet Show the judges conference 2015 will take place in Metz / F
- In 2016 Switzerland shall host this conference.

Item 5. Agenda of the General Assembly

The agenda is mailed to and supposed to be known by the delegates.

Item 6. Review of the European Shows for Specific Pigeon breeds (ESSP) season 2013/2014

A low percentage of the ESSP-organizations did sent up catalogues.

For reports the situation is much worse.

Payment of the applicable financial contribution to the EE goes very slow. Is worrying Treasurer.

In the show season 2014/15 only one ESSP a was approved bij the EE-Presidium with exception.

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| 01.-03. 11 2013 | Damascene | in Frankenau (D) |
| 09.-10. 11 2013 | Polish Lynx | in Grästen (DK) |
| 09.-10. 11 2013 | Strasser | in Gyomaendröd (H) |
| 10.-11. 11 2013 | Starwitzer Pouters | in Poznan (PL) |
| 16.-17. 11 2013 | Silesian Pouter | in Hofheim (D) |
| 01.-30. 11 2013 | Hungarian and Maltese | in Békéscsaba (H) |
| 13.-14. 12 2013 | Italian Owl | in (CH) |
| 07.-08. 12 2013 | Debreziner Roller | in Dabas (H) |
| 13.-14. 12 2013 | Swiss pigeon breeds | in Bulle1 (CH) |
| 19.-22. 12 2013 | Star pigeons Reinheim | in Zeilhard (D) |
| | Gdańsk Highflier | (D) |
| 02.-05. 01 2014 | Brno Pouter | in Osthofen (D) |
| 04.-05. 01 2014 | Temeschburger Schecken | in Dachau (D) |
| 11.-12. 01 2014 | Arabic Trumpeters | in Neukirchen-Vluyn (D) |
| 11.-12. 01 2014 | Prückentauben | in St Avold (F) |
| 11.- 12. 01 2014 | Mondain | in Jepsheim (F) |
| 10.- 12. 01 2014 | Giant Homer + Homer races | in Lysá nad Labem (CZ) |
| 23.-25. 01 2014 | Dutch Pouter | in Nieuwegein(NL) |

Item 7. European Show for Specific Pigeon breeds (ESSP), season 2014/15

Until the beginning of April, 4 associations or Special Clubs have applied to an ESSP.

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| 15.-06. 11 2014 | Iberian pigeon breeds | in Gaggenau (D) |
| 20.-21. 11 2014 | Starwitz Pouter | in Lutherstadt Wittenberg (D) |
| 20.-21. 12 2014 | German. Modena, Triganino Modena, Vienna and Budapest Tumblers | in Wels (A) |
| 29.-30. 11 2014 | Cauchois, | in Freiburg (D) |
| | 2014/15 Russian pigeon breeds | in Lovéc (BG) |
| | 2016 Hungarian, Maltese and Florentines | in Ried (A) |

Item 8. The 28. Europeqan Show at November 13-15 in Metz / F

The exhibition management wishes scorecards without a copy.
The exhibition contract was negotiated with the competent officials in Metz.
The hall can host 40,000-45,000 animals.
In the pigeon section two specialists are involved: Jean Louis Frindel and Christian Binois,.

Item 8b. Election of the chairman of the ESCP: JLF was reelected unanimously

Item 9. Report of European Standard Committee for Pigeons (ESCP)

For report see minutes of the ESCP-meeting.

At request of the National Pigeon Breeders Association of Great Britain (NPA-GB), following official NPA-writing is read out:

European Entente Standards Committee,
March 30th 2014,

My Lord.

I am writing to you on behalf of the national pigeon Breeders Association of Great Britain.

As you are aware, our Breed Standards Officer is Rudd.

In this capacity Mark is working tirelessly with our breed clubs to produce British breed standards in the EE-format.

With regards of the African Owl, Oriental Frill and Turbits we are the "Country of Origin" for these breeds and therefore we ask for your support to safeguard their heritage by achieving EE approval for these British standards submitted, along with this letter.

Mark has liaised with the Owl, Frill & Turbit Club involved with these breeds for many months now. The content of the existing UK Standard has been discussed at the length, along with the proposed changes from the European Movchen Club (EMC), for these wonderful Short Face Breeds.

After much discussion from the relevant parties involved, the National Pigeon Association (NPA) have been instructed by the Breed Club and its members that they are unanimously in favour of retaining the current standards with **NO** changes.

The NPA and the Special Club have full understanding that some countries may have animal welfare responsibility, associated with these breeds however, we as the "Country of Origin" do not come under these constraints at the present and with that in mind we wish to retain our standards as laid out originally by the breed club here in the UK and full ownership and breed names as Self Defining Authority.

We respect our countries plight to find a resolution for their issue but we sincerely hope they in turn respect our "Pigeon Heritage" here in the UK. The NPA committee fully supports the Breed Club and its members on this issue at the present time, if in the future the Short Face Breeds here in the UK find themselves under the same scrutiny as our European counterparts then, the NPA would actively in courage alteration to the standards in question.

We have amended the format of the said standards to meet with the EE requirements. Thank you for help you have offered so far, hopefully we can work together again EE approval for all our British breeds.

Yours Sincerely
Colin Ronald
NPA Secretary

After reading ESCP chairman, Jean Louis Frindel, makes clear that :

- the European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Bird, Rabbit and Cavia- Breeders (**EE**), is an European (EU) organization, which has to submit itself to the EU laws for animal protection.
- NPA-UK is EESP-member. EESP-membership does oblige submission to the EESP-Regulations.
- EE and EESP integrated animal welfare into Regulations for European shows and standards.

- Recording of any breed and its Standard Defining Authority (SDA) in the EE- List for Fancy Pigeons (ELFP) desires that in standards aspects of animal welfare and ethic are taken very seriously, as the ESCP does. See regulations for the European Standard (Internet).
- Standard texts have to be applicable and convertible without limitations for all EESP members.
- Standard texts shall not endanger the existence of any breed anywhere.
- In case of the UK standards, the ESCP does not propose radical changes, but corrections and completions, with the aim is improvement of security and promotion of pigeon breeds in Europe.
- ESCP remarks on UK standards have been discussed with NPA-delegate Graham Giddings.
- ESCP hopes for positive response from the NPA. Jean Louis Frindel offers help for acceptable SDA standard pictures, in conformance with the standard texts and in colour.
- The **deadline** for NPA response is **September 1st 2014**.

The Chairman of the EE Animal Welfare Advisory Council, Professor Dr. Schille, congratulates UK that welfare is less weighing up to now there. He warns however that this could change once.

Item 10. EE List of the Fancy Pigeons (ELFP)

The ELFP will be updated after the ESKT meeting in Treviso in September and released on the EE website pigeons. The American Helmet is taken up in the ELFP. SDA = ESCP (US-breed).

Item11. Presentation of the EESP in the Internet

Thanks to Jean Louis Frindel, Christian Binois, Evelyne van Vliet and Hans Schipper for their work done for publication of all EESP regulations and reports in three languages on the EE-Internet site. For relief of EE webmaster Hans Zürcher, more support is needed.

It is unclear in how far this is done by Thomas Hellmann.

This site is still used very little by special clubs and organizers of ESSP's and other shows as advertising platform. Advertising at lower cost is hardly possible.

Item 12. Addresses of the EESP-delegates

Almost all data forms of the national delegates / representatives were received. Unfortunately some very incomplete.

Item. Addresses of the National Standard Committees

Because the data sheets were mailed to all EESP-delegates 14 days earlier, changes would have been still possible.

The form for the annual report was expanded in 2014, so that the delegates, chairman of national judges association and standard committee can be reported.

Item 14. Addresses of the Chairmen of the National judge Associations

See Item 13

Item 15. Show calendar 2014/15

Data for national shows in few nations is lacking.

Item 16. Requests and reports of countries

So far no requests or offers received.

Item 17. Proposals or conditions for EE judges badge

The discussion about the EE judges badge was moved to Sibiu last year or this EESP-meeting.

Up to this date not a single proposal entered.

Allocation mode:

- participation at two international judges conferences and one judging at an EE- Championship or
- judging at two ESSP's.

Item 18. Miscellaneous and group photo

Nothing. Chairman closes the Section meeting.

August Heftberger
Chairman EESP

Hans Schipper
Secretary EE