



Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture **EE**

Europäischer Verband für Geflügel-, Tauben-, Vogel-, Kaninchen- und Caviazucht
European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Cage Bird, Rabbit and Cavy Breeders
Association Européenne pour l'Elevage de Volailles, de Pigeons, d'Oiseaux, de Lapins et de Cobayes

Minutes of the Workshop from 10.05.2024, 4:00 pm

Between the EE-presidium and the association delegate

President: Gion Gross
Note taking: Jeannine Jehl
Participant:
The delegates from all federations

Beginning: 4:03 pm

End: 5:47 pm

Agenda

Open discussion

Introduction

The EE-President, Gion Gross, thanks those present for coming to this informal meeting.

“The Presidium is there to answer your questions and your ideas on how to organize EE-European shows.”

Wishes, suggestions, ideas

There are two different aspects to organizing a European show, the regulations and the financial aspects.

What can be done to ensure that it remains attractive for the exhibitors and not too binding for the organizers.

There is also the problem of where the authorities can prohibit the exhibition of poultry, and that a few days or even hours before the animals are introduced.

The issue of cruel breeding must not be forgotten either.

A plus point is that the transport regulations have been made easier, there is only one veterinary check for collective transport, and no longer for each breeder. But the TRACES document must accompany the animals across borders.

The poultry are now considered “detained birds”.

For pigeons, there are also problems in some countries, such as Poland, with veterinarians who put them in different categories depending on the situation (professional, pet, etc.).

The financial problem is getting bigger and bigger. Incomes have been the same for many years, but expenses are rising drastically, so the organizers are having trouble avoiding a deficit.

The costs must be reduced. The presidium will hold meetings with the organizers online (apart from exceptional cases).

Do we all need country stands? One possibility is to combine several smaller associations into one stand. The countries could also contribute to the costs.

The catalogues and prizes could be collected by the organisers, which would require and pay for fewer contact persons.

The judges are asked to organise carpools.

The cage price has been €12 for 20 years. It can be increased.

In the West, the hall prices are so high that almost no country can organise an EE European show anymore. But inflation also affects the eastern countries.

The EE supports both the West and the East. The main thing is that a general EE European show is set up.

There could also be problems with PETA.

There needs to be more support for the RBES (Breed specific European shows) on the EE website. Some people organize international exhibitions just to avoid having to pay 0.50 € to the EE.

We are not from the West or the East, we are Europeans.

The various points to be discussed:

Financial aspects:

- Reduce costs everywhere
- Contact persons (perhaps €0.50/animal from the breeders)

Costs are rising

- General
- Halls
- Stand fees have been €11 + €1 for 20 years
- Rethink honorary prizes, prices
- Rethink catalogue and prize issuing (cloud-based issue)
- Have stands financed by states
- Commemorative medals voluntary
- Online catalogue
- Reduce judges' costs (for COM birds: one person responsible for every 300 birds (only gets board and lodging) and there is no judges' fee, only board and lodging
- Only pay €0.50 to the EE
- More regional EE shows
- More support for RBES
- "Ban" international exhibitions

End of the meeting: 5.47 pm

President:



Gion Gross

General secretary



Jeannine Jehl