



# Minutes of the EE Meeting of the Birds Section

Friday, 15. May 2026 in Segovia, Spain

## Participants / Members Present:

<b>Belgium:</b>	Jaek Aerts (KBOF) Jean-Yves Moulaert (Vice-Secretary KBOF) Kris Agten (President KBOF)
<b>Germany:</b>	Sven Pukat (DKB), Winnie Pukat (DKB)
<b>Netherlands:</b>	Klaas Snijder (NBvV), Henk Jansen (NBvV)
<b>Austria:</b>	Dieter Hopfinger (RÖK)
<b>Kosovo:</b>	Lirije Muharremi
<b>Croatia:</b>	Bernhard Kirnčić
<b>Bulgaria:</b>	Lora Valentinova, Dimitar, Yaverov
<b>EE-Board:</b>	Jeannine Jehl und Hansjörg Opala – part-time

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Languages: German, English, and French  
Start: 08:30 Uhr  
Chair: Klaas Snijder, President

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## **TOP 1 – Welcome**

Klaas Snijder opened the meeting and welcomed the participants in attendance.

## **TOP 2 – Determination of Attendance**

Twelve participants from seven countries were present: the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Croatia, Austria, Bulgaria, and Kosovo.

## **TOP 3 – Updating of Master Data**

The members' master data was updated and cross-checked by Winnie Pukat.

## **TOP 4 – Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting are available for viewing online. It was decided to dispense with a formal reading.



## TOP 5 – Report from the Presidium

Klaas Snijder reported on the collaboration with the EE Presidium, as well as on the Board meetings held over the past few months.

## TOP 6 – General Assembly

The agenda for the General Assembly was briefly discussed.

## TOP 7 – Admission of New Members

### TOP 7.1 – Admission of New Members Bulgaria

Bulgaria presented its national Bird Section. At the most recent exhibition, approximately 2,000 animals were displayed, including about 150 parakeets and canaries. The Bird Section operates as an integral part of the national umbrella association. Bulgaria was unanimously confirmed as a member by those present and was subsequently formally admitted by the General Assembly.

### TOP 7.2 – Correspondence from Switzerland

Dieter Hopfinger drew attention to a letter from Rainer Gertschen regarding the current situation in Switzerland. As the letter was not officially addressed to the EE Board or the Section leadership, it could not be formally acted upon. It was established that dual membership—holding membership in two separate associations simultaneously—is currently not possible. Any further measures can only be decided upon on the basis of official motions or correspondence.

## TOP 8 – Report from the Animal Welfare Advisory Board

Reference was made for a separate event involving Eric Apperlo.

## TOP 9 – Report of the Standards Commission

The report of the Standards Commission was postponed to the next meeting, or alternatively, scheduled to be addressed immediately thereafter.

## TOP 10 – Breed-Specific European Shows

In 2025, no breed-specific European shows were held within the Birds section.



## TOP 11 – Breed-Specific European Show 2026

The proposed application from Germany, submitted by the DH-Club, was not submitted. An application for an EE Show for Zebra Finches in Hungary has been received. Austria initially expressed support for a one-year authorization. The application was unanimously approved.

The organizer was requested to publish all relevant information and applicable regulations in a timely manner, and to ensure strict adherence to them.

## TOP 12 – National Championships

- Austria is not hosting a championship.
- Belgian Championship if KBOF 19+20.12.26 in Putte
- The Netherlands is once again organizing a joint small animal show.
- Croatia is hosting a championship.
- The German Championship will take place in Bad Salzuflen in December 2026.
- Bulgaria is hosting a championship.

## TOP extra – Visit by the EE Presidium / Election of a New Vice-President

EE-Präsident Hansjörg Opala sowie Generalsekretärin Jeannine Jehl besuchten die Versammlung und berichteten über die Arbeit des Vorstandes sowie der Zukunftskommission.

## TOP 13 – New Elections pursuant to § 12.2 of the EE Statutes

### 13.1 Election of the Vice-President

Jan van Looy stepped down from his position as Vice President. Sven Pukat was unanimously elected as the new Vice President of the Birds Section.

### 13.2 Election of the Secretary

Winnie Pukat was unanimously elected as the new Secretary of the Birds Section.

### 13.3 Election for the Standards Commission

As Henk Jansen has concluded his work on the Standards Commission, a new election was required. Sven Pukat was elected Chairman of the Standards Commission, with one abstention from Austria.



## TOP 14 – Review of the EE Show in Nitra

Klaas Snijder reported on the EE Show held in Nitra. The event was very positively received by the public and was judged to be a successful exhibition. From an organizational perspective, however, cooperation with the local organizer proved somewhat challenging at times.

## TOP 15 – Preview of the 2028 EE Show

The next EE Show will take place from November 16–19, 2028, in Kielce (Poland). Initial discussions have already been held with Polish fellow breeders. Plans are underway to establish a Birds Section in Poland, followed by its subsequent accession to the EE. There are already numerous ambitious bird breeders active in the country.

## TOP 16 – Suggestions and Requests

No further suggestions or requests were put forward.

## TOP 17 – Closing Remarks

Klaas Snijder closed the meeting and invited all attendees to the subsequent session of the Standards Commission.

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## Miscellaneous

The company Stengel from Germany introduced itself to the participants as a manufacturer of ring material. Mr. Stengel addressed the attendees regarding past issues and gave assurances that Stengel would once again reliably deliver its products in the coming year.

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Meeting adjourned: approx. 12:00 pm  
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Sven Pukat