

EE meeting of the pigeon division, Friday 10 May 2024 in Kecskemet / Hungary (H)

Minutes of the division meeting

City Wellness Hotel, start: 8.00 am

1. welcome

Division Chairman Gustl Heftberger welcomed 37 delegates and guests from 20 nations and 2 guest nations (Turkey and Ukraine). A special greeting went to the honourable members of the EE Istvan Rohringer (EE Vice President), Jean Louis Frindel, Zsitzlav Boravski and the representatives from the host country Hungary.

A further greeting to the members of the ESKT.

Unfortunately, this conference had to be postponed for various reasons. Many thanks to Istvan and his daughter Nori for taking over the EE conference and organising the venue at short notice.

Brief introduction of the Hungarian association by the conference organiser, Istvan Rohringer.

The Turkish association also introduced itself and thanked us for being able to take part in this conference. Almost 70 pigeon breeds are bred in Turkey.

1.a Establishment of the presence

Of the 26 nations affiliated to the pigeon division, 20 are attending the meeting. List of participants attached.

Apologies: Giddings GB, Christansen DK, San Marino is represented by Italy.

Unexcused: Norway, Sweden, Lithuania, Russia

2. minutes of the meeting of 2023

The minutes were written by the secretary Jürgen Weichold and translated into English by his daughter, Lars Van Droogenbroeck agreed to do the French version.

Many thanks to all those involved.

The minutes were published on the EE website and no objections were raised. They are therefore deemed to have been accepted.

2.a. Information from the Advisory Board for Animal Health and Animal Welfare:

Dr Eric Apperlo gave a detailed report on the current situation in this important and topical area within EE. (Annex)

3. announcements from the presidential meetings:

In the past year 4 online meetings and 1 Pres. meeting in Budapest were held. Unfortunately, a few Presidents had difficulties with the technical equipment to participate in online meetings.

These meetings focused primarily on the organisation of the European show for rabbits and Cavia. The show contract was signed by both sides CZ +EE at the show in CZ in mid-November. The promise to send the necessary documents to the EE by the end of December was not honoured and there was no information until then.

At the turn of the year, there was also a change of leadership in the CZ association, which then announced the cancellation of the EE at the end of January 2024. A video conference took place on 4 February 2024 with the new officials, where the prospect of holding the event was held. However, a visit to CZ on 11 February 2024 by several members of the EE President was still unable to find a solution. The final cancellation came in February 2024.

As the date for the EE 2024 meeting was set three years ago, nobody could believe that the Czech federation would not be able to organise it on the date set in Prague. (The Ice Hockey World Championship took place on the same date). For this reason, the time for a new venue was getting shorter and shorter. Thanks to Nori Rohringer, a suitable hotel in Kecskemet was found at very short notice. Dr Ratscheck from the CZ Association added that the Ice Hockey World Championships were the main problem. The financial aspects were difficult, hence the cancellation. August Heftberger hopes for a good co-operation with the new CZ Association and its board.

For the election of a new Vice-President (Istvan Rohringer is no longer standing), two people have submitted their candidature in writing. From BIH President Jabandciz Edin and from Bulgaria

Bulgaria President Sarandev Sasho.

Both candidates introduce themselves.

Admission of Turkey in several divisions (including the pigeon division) was decided in favour.

A representative of the Turkish pigeons can attend the meeting as a guest.

Problems between old (Pavisic) and new (Serepac) association in **Croatia** (Serepac association orders EE footrings, animals are exhibited abroad, judges evaluate at EE member countries). Both associations give their opinion. No agreement between the two associations yet, the division chairman refers to the EE statutes, which only allow one association per nation. He asks the representatives to come to an agreement, e.g. Serbia and Romania.

Establishment of a working group in EE with representatives from all divisions and Pres. members. (Savings EE meetings, EE shows, sponsoring etc.)

National Presidents will be invited by the EE President to a forum on Friday after the Divisional Meetings, where each nation will make suggestions on many things concerning the nations and EE. Gion Gross, President, Jeannine Jehl, Secretary General, and the Treasurer Hans-Jörg Opalla, who had arrived, gave extensive additions and explanations to this item on the agenda. Jeannine Jehl requires the addresses and e-mail addresses of all association chairpersons. Treasurer Opalla refers to the urgent realisation of European shows and the financing that this requires. In addition, further savings are necessary. The question of increasing membership fees was raised, as was the increase in stand fees for the European Show. The President thanked the members of the pigeon division for their work in the past year and asked all nations present to continue their work in the interests of the EE.

A **new website** has been installed: **www.entente-ee.eu**

All nations are requested to correct and enter their national officials there. Please report to Klaas Snijder or Jeannine Jehl.

4.agenda EE AGM 11 May 2024

This was available on the EE website and all nations could prepare accordingly.

5. approval of RBES

To date, 5 applications have been received (see applications)

6. review RBES

Due to avian flu, several countries imposed general bans on poultry exhibitions and cancelled shows accordingly.

5 RBES were successfully organised despite the difficult requirements.

Silesian Kröpfer (FRG), Spanish breeds (E), Chinese pigeons (FRG), various Roller breeds (H), breeds from the Balkan countries (BIH)

EE evaluation system has been well implemented, animal welfare is a new criterion in the foreground, ESKT has created a list for this purpose.

Unfortunately, the required reports and pictures are not received from all RBES. This also means that there is no publication as advertising on the EE website. Up to 400 animals one European Medal is awarded, from 400 animals two.

7. applications for RBES

English and Dwarf Kröpfer, 7+8. 12. 2024 (CZ)

Felegyharzer + Kiskunfelegyharzer Tumblers 14+15. 12. 2024 (H)

Viennese and Budapest pigeon breeds, 20 + 21 Dec. 2025 (FRG)

Temesburger Schecken, 17-19 January 2025 (RO)

Swiss pigeon breeds, 9-11 January 2026 (FRG)

Texans, German show pigeons, Show Homer, Exhibischen Homer , Hungary

Danziger Hochflieger, Poland

The vote was unanimous. The division chairman wished the organisers every success.

8. Report of the Standards Commission

a) Report - ESKT meeting - Jean Luis Frindel (attachment)

b) Change of leadership - Jean Luis Frindel is no longer a candidate, new Chair of the ESKT is Lars van Droogenbroeck (B)

c) Election to the ESKT: new candidate Jan Schrötz (D)- unanimous, other members: Ronald Bube (D), Jean Luis Frindel (F), Istvan Rohringer (H) August Heftberger (A)- Secretary. Resigned are: Georg Satteler (A) and Phillip Huddry (F),

d) International PR Conference Serbia (2023) Review

positive response, first-class organisation, interesting range of breeds with a focus on local breeds, internat. breeds: Pomeranian cuckoos, peacock and wig pigeons. Thanks to the Serbian organisers for this excellent Intern. PR conference.

e) International PR Conference Germany (2024)

Secretary Jürgen Weichold (D) reports on the PR training from 20-22 September 2024 in Suhl/ Thuringia, Ringberg hotel. All nations present will receive conference documents (attachment).

f) Award of Intern. PR Conference 2025 to Spain

g) Award of Intern. PR Conference 2026 to BIH

h) Allocation of Intern. PR Conference 2027

Two applications have been submitted for 2027, Romania and the Czech Republic.

2027.....Czech Republic

2028.....Romania

9. Breed list EE Breed list

Will be updated after ESKT meeting with new breeds including cage size and published on EE website.

10. EE show rabbits +Cavia in CZ was cancelled

11. EE judge's card and badge

The requirements for the award are published on the EE website. Please submit applications to the division chairman August Heftberger by 30 August. The award will be made at the following International PR Conference.

12. Miscellaneous

The Presidium is looking for an administrator. The task is to check the Facebook and to control the EE pages on the net. If you are interested, please contact Jeaninne Jehl.

At the EE General Assembly, it was announced that the Slovakian association has applied for the EE Show from 4 to 9 November 2025 in Nitra. The application was approved.

13. Election of new division chairman 2025

August Heftberger will not stand for re-election as division chairman next year.

Applications from candidates for this office must be submitted to the Pigeon Division by 31 December 2024.

Secretary Jürgen Weichold is also standing for re-election in 2025.

14. All participants pose for a group photo with the photographer

End of the meeting 3.15 pm

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August Heftberger

Chairman of the pigeon division

Jürgen Weichold

Secretary