

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Poultry Section, Friday May 11th 2024, at 08.00 hr in Kecskemet (H)**

### **1. Opening and welcoming**

At 8 o'clock President Andy Verelst opens the meeting with a welcome to everybody. 26 people are present. We decide to meet in the English language. Andy mentioned where we were in Kecskemet. In Czech republic were one late to contract the hotel. Later it was too expensive. And also the communication in the board was not optimal.

This year are deceased our collegians Hana Venturini, she died in September 2023 and Özcan Cetin, he died in April 2024. We remember them and the other unnamed friends standing for a moment.

### **2. Recording attendance**

19 countries, AT, BE, BG, BiH, CH, CZ, ES, EST, FR, HR, IT, MK, NL, RO, SK, SLO, TR, XK, are present. The attendance list is signed by 26 people.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the section meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Sofia**

This is online. In the minutes misses a part under Top 13: "It was decided unanimously that the section will make two proposals at tomorrow's general assembly. The first being the creation of a reflexion group that should advise the presidium on the future of the EE and should consist of representatives of all the sections. The second being the proposal of Willy Littau that the EE shouldn't take any money from the organiser of the next general Europe show." The participants agree this supplement unanimous.

### **4. Report of the presidium meetings in 2023-2024**

There have been 5 meetings in the past year. Four were online, on 05/09/2023, 03/10/2023, 19/02/2023 and 18/03/2024, one was physical, in Budapest on 09/03/2024. As important points, Andy mentions:

- There is a new Website. The section of the birds in the Netherlands had made the new site. On this new site is an addendum whereby it is possible to send newsletters to a great group of breeders in Europe. There is a new domain: ".eu".
- Istvan Rohringer steps down as vice-president. There are 2 candidates announced. Because there are two candidates the voting must be written.
- The proposals from the poultry section are discussed in the presidium.

Gion and Jeanine come to visit the meeting. The sections are the backbone of the EE. But our hobby is under pressure: bird flu, regulations, other opinions about

animal husbandry. This means that we have to put pressure on politics through our own countries to influence the ability to continue to practice our hobby. Through these own political channels, they also continue to work towards the EU. Many decisions are taken at European level.

Gion will stop as president next year in 2025. Candidates are welcome before 31th December 2024.

Jeanine asks to check the contact list and to supplement or change it where necessary.

On Saturday there will be a proposal for an EE-show in 2025 in Nitra. For crossing borders it will be allowed that there is one document with animals from several breeders.

### ***5. Information from the animal welfare commission***

Hristo Lukanov gave the following information: since the previous annual congress in Bosnia Herzegovina in May 2022, our animal health and welfare committee, consisting of: Hristo Lukanov (Bu), Eduard Gendrin (Fr) Wim Halsema (NI), Gunther Anthonissen (Be), Peter Supuka (Sk.) , Andy Verelst (Be) and Erik Apperlo (NI), dealt with a number of topics. We consulted each other in 4 digital meetings. In addition, a lot of time and work has been put into dealing with these topics.

An important subject that has been discussed several times concerns bird flu. As is known, it is endemic in Europe, which means that it occurs all year round in nature and therefore poses a risk to kept AI sensitive birds. To deal with this new situation, hopes are pinned on a vaccine that offers protection. Everyone is working hard on this and the first tests of the first vaccines seem positive, but it may take a long time before vaccines are actually available for our animals and, in addition, for the exhibition of the animals, the vaccine must not only protect the animals at home but also provide so much safety that transport and bringing animals together are allowed again. But it will going slowly, it will takes several years when there is a vaccination.

In the Benelux, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg, is the so called 'Benelux-regeling'. That means that animals may cross borders between these three countries. There is than the strange situation that it is forbidden to have poultry on Dutch shows, but the breeders can go to Belgium. It is better than no shows, but it is difficult to explain this to breeders.

### ***6. European breed championships : retrospection on 2023 and new applications***

October 2023, Mulhouse (F): Laughing doves (190 animals); Orpington + Bantams (771 animals)

November 2023, Bussy Lettree (F): Houdan, Britisch Faverolles, Franz. Faverolles + Mantes and Bantams (424 animals)

November 2023, Jerez de la Frontera (E): Asturier, Utrerana + Castillianer (178 animals)

In total 1563 animals.

## Already accepted:

November 2024, Fagaras (RO): Brahma and Cochin and their Bantams.

## New applications:

November 2024, Putte (B): Orpington, Sussex and Dorking and their Bantams.

January 2025, Sighisoara (RO): Naked Neck and their Bantams.

Both championships are agreed by the delegates.

## 7. European poultry standards

No photos provided since last time, despite the explicit request. There will be a list that we don't have pictures of. The background of a photo does not matter, it can be shopped away. Policy is not changed, no photo, no European standard. But it becomes urgent: in 2025 there will be an European show in Nitra. That means that in Nitra the European standard will be officially presented. And when there are no pictures there will not be a standard. And that means that those animals could be judged but they will just not appear in the work. There are about 200 standards ready. Two examples of standards they are finished:



**Herkunft:** England. Anerkannt in 1999.

**Gesamteindruck:** Schwere Weidegans mit leicht angehobener Körperhaltung, Doppelwamme und kennfarbigem Gefieder.

### Rassemerkmale Ganter:

**Rumpf:** eher lang und tief, Haltung leicht angehoben.

**Rücken:** breit und leicht gewölbt.

**Brust:** breit, voll, tief und gut gerundet.

**Bauch:** voll und tief, mit Doppelwamme.

**Kopf:** fein, Backen und Stirn wenig ausgeprägt. Auch anerkannt mit einem mittelgroßem Feder-schopf die gerade oben den Augen anfängt.

**Schnabel:** eher kurz, kräftig, gerade Firstlinie, orange.

**Augen:** groß, blau, mit orangem Augenrand.

**Hals:** mittellang, relativ dick, gerade.

**Flügel:** lang, fest anliegend, die Spitzen leicht kreuzend über dem Schwanz.

**Schwanz:** mittellang, waagrecht.

**Schenkel:** kräftig, mittellang, vom

Flankengefieder verdeckt.

**Läufe:** mittellang, orange oder rosa.

**Gefieder:** straff anliegend.

### Rassemerkmale Gans :

Etwas weniger kräftig als der Ganter und etwas voller im Bauch.

### Grobe Fehler Rassemerkmale:

Schwacher, schmaler oder kurzer Körper; stark ungleiche Doppelwamme oder Einfachwamme; Kehlwamme; rosa Schnabel.

### Farbschläge:

#### Kennfarbig

**Ganter:** reinweiß, im Rücken und Schwingen einige graue Federn gestattet.

**Gans:** Kopf an der Vorderseite weiß, sonst grau. Das Grau breitet sich bis im oberen Teil des Halses aus. Bei Altieren nimmt das das Weiß zunehmend. Das Grau ist oft noch mit Weiß durch-setzt. Das Schultergefieder, von oben gesehen herzförmig und nicht zu breit auf die



**Herkunft:** Belgien. Entstanden an den Ufern der Schelde in der Gegend von Doornik (Tournai) am Ende des neunzehnten Jahrhunderts. Damals auch bekannt als das „Hühnchen des Schiffsführers“.

**Gesamteindruck:** Relativ große Urzwergrasse mit aufgerichteter Haltung, hochgetragenen, gut entwickeltem Schwanz und roten Ohrflappen. Die Gefiederfarbe ist rassespezifisch.

**Rassemerkmale Hahn:**

**Rumpf:** kräftig, breit, nach hinten verjüngend, Haltung aufgerichtet.

**Hals:** mittellang, leicht gebogen, mit gut entwickeltem und bis auf den Schultern fließendem Behang.

**Rücken:** mittellang, breit und abfallend.

**Schultern:** breit und gut gerundet.

**Flügel:** fest anliegend, etwas gesenkt getragen.

**Sattel:** relativ breit, mit gut entwickeltem Behang.

**Schwanz:** relativ hoch getragen und gut gefächert. Steuerfedern lang und breit, Sichel gut entwickelt.

**Brust:** breit, gut gerundet.

**Bauch:** wenig entwickelt.

**Kopf:** fein und gerundet.

**Gesicht:** lebhaft rot, glatt, fein im Gewebe.

**Kamm:** einfach, mittelgroß, aufrecht, mit 5 regelmäßigen Zacken, Kammfahne fast waagrecht, fein im Gewebe, lebhaft rot.

**Kehlappen:** eher kurz, gerundet, fein im Gewebe.

**Ohrflappen:** rot, wenig entwickelt, gerundet.

**Augen:** groß, rotorange.

**Schnabel:** leicht gebogen, hell hornfarbig.

**Schenkel:** mittellang, gut sichtbar.

**Läufe:** relativ lang, glatt, fleischfarbig.

**Zehen:** mittellang, kräftig, glatt, fleischfarbig.

**Gefieder:** gut anliegend; Flaum nur mäßig entwickelt.

**Rassemerkmale Henne:**

Entspricht dem Hahn bis auf die durch das Geschlecht bedingten Unterschiede. Rücken

## 8. Election : secretary of the section

There are no counter-candidates for the vice president of the section, and also the president of the standard commission. He is re-elected for the next 3 years.

## 9. ESC-P chairman's report

We had meetings in Pohlheim and Kecskemét.

Important points from last year:

- Inventory of breeds and colour varieties is updated regularly.
- The new list new accepted races and colours is be placed in the home-page. What is not mentioned on the list, cannot be showed an EE-shows.
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- There are 2 different breeds, German Wyandotte Bantams and Wyandotte Bantams. This last one is the original and in that case only mentioned Wyandotte.

- There are a lot of breeds Serama which are not allowed. They have to extreme breast and tails. The standard text will be revised on that points.
- New breeds will come: Kosovo long crower, Sandjak crower, Posaviner crest, Somborer crest, Trabzon Gugullusu.
- New colours at Denizli, schwarz, schwarz rot, schwarz silber.
- New approval Creme Legbar.
- Englische Lockengans is now named: Sebastopol.
- Naked neck silkies: with feather tuft on the chest, only with beard, without wattles, throat beard is open in the middle.
- Silkies: animal welfare relevant marks must be corrected in the standard, to many birds are too small.
- To unify the names for the colour prescriptions at quails.
- Discussion about lethal factor of Chabos, evtl. Acceptance of the long legged variety
- Education is important.
- In preparation the next Newsletter.

### ***10. Judges meeting 2024 in Mallorca***

This meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September. It is near the airport and we will congress in the Zoo.

### ***11. Future judges meetings***

The place where it will be held must be near an international airport, max half an hour driving. Normal it is in 2025 in Slovakia because of the EE-show.

### ***12. Agenda for the 2024 EE general meeting***

There will be voted confirm the Luxemburg rules.

### ***13. Open debate : the future of the EE***

It is not Andy speaking, but we are speaking. We have to think about the finance. Without EE-shows it must be cheaper to have a congress.

### ***14. Suggestions and requests***

What we have to do after noon next year? Please come with proposals.

### ***15. Any other business***

At 16 hr there is a meeting to talk about organizing EE-shows with lower costs.

Klaas van der Hoek, secretary