



The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

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Fédération Internationale des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

Transcript of the FIERBA meeting in PARIS – FRANCE at the Salon International d'Agriculture – 2nd of March 2012 in "la Maison de l'Aquitaine in Paris.

Delegations:

Austria:	absent without information
Belgium - Flemish:	absent with information
Belgium - Walloon:	absent without information
Denmark:	absent without information
England:	Mrs. Hillary JONES, Mr. Ben GARRETT
France:	Mr. Philippe BASTA and Mr. Lionel GIRAUDEAU
Germany:	Mr. and Mrs George and Leonie KELLERWESSEL
Holland:	Mr. Ed NEERINCX, Mrs. Fredie van Dijk and Mr. Bas BOUMAN
Ireland:	absent without information
Luxembourg:	Mr. Lucien KOOB and Mr. Nicolas HEINRICH
Portugal:	Mr. Joao BERGER
Spain:	Mr. Josu PAYÁS and Mr. Gorka ELORTZA
Sweden:	absent without information
Switzerland:	absent without information
Czech Republic:	absent with information

1. Opening.

Mr. Ed NEERINCX welcomes everybody present. He is pleased with the number of delegations present, but it always can be better.

Then he asks for a moment of silence for Mr. Rex DIFFY, who passed away last Saturday. Mr. DIFFY was one of the first to start and support FIERBA in the UK and he as very well known by French breeders and a lot of European breeders.

Then he passes the word to the President of the French O.S. Mr. Philippe BASTA.

2. Welcome by the hosting country.

Mr. Philippe BASTA welcomes everybody present and he says he is very pleased to receive the delegations in the "Maison de d'Aquitaine".

Mr. Philippe BASTA underlines the growing influence of FIERBA and he is very pleased that we work on a constructive way for the European future of the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed.

Then he returns the word to Ed, who hopes for a pleasant and constructive meeting.

3. Agreement on transcript of last meeting.

The transcript of the meeting of the 24th of June 2011 at the occasion of the Czech Blonde d'Aquitaine show in BRNO, which was send to you by mail on the 29th of July 2011.

The warm welcome during the days we spent in the Czech Republic was very much appreciated.

As there were no comments on the transcript, this was signed by chairman and secretary.

4. Financial Information.

Bas gives an overview of the financial situation of FIERBA. As you all can see we still have enough cash flow to do things that we think are necessary. Never the less he

places the remark that it costs a lot of work to convince the members to pay their annual fee correctly and in time. The banners took out a great part of our financial possibilities, but we are still on the positive side.

For 2012 there are a few countries that did not pay their fee yet, Bas will send a reminder.

Our Budget for 2012 will have as far as we can see now a positive balance.

The financial situation is agreed and therefore Bas is discharged. Ed thanks Bas for his work on this.

5. FIERBA - website.

Jens asks to send in all the information on sales, shows and presentations. This is the only possibility to keep our site up to date.

Please look on a regular base to our site to cheque the latest information and send in your remarks.

6. Report on the progress of the workgroup.

After a very good meeting in BRNO it was possible to continue with up-dating the system. It will be difficult or even impossible to change the French system. This system is for all beef cattle and demanded by the French government.

However it will be possible to change a small part.

After a lot of E-mail contacts between Freddie, Jens, Lionel and Bas the final results were very close. To finish this Freddie and Bas spent the last weekend in January at the Blond office in AGEN. There we agreed to have a converting system that will be published during the colloquy in Bordeaux. You all have the system in your mailing. Philippe wants to express a special thanks to Jens, Freddie, Lionel and Bas for the work they did to achieve this result, that is unique in Europe.

7. Proposal by the board for behaviour of judges.

The meeting was unanimous in their comments. It should not be necessary to have those rules, because it is matter of well behaviour. Nevertheless the members agree on the proposal.

8. Proposal by the board for Miss Future.

The meeting agrees on the proposal. The maximum age was reduced to 24 months. The procedure of selecting the animals for Miss Future can be agreed.

9. 50th Anniversary

For the colloquy during AQUITANIMA on the 11th of May, LIONEL asks FIERBA to have a presentation on the development of Blonde d'Aquitaine in Europe. Therefore we need information. You can send the information to Bas and he will work out the presentation.

10. International Show in LIBRAMONT.

As it was last year there will be an International Show in Libramont. Officially there is no information send to FIERBA. It is very difficult to come in contact with the Walloon Breeders. Ed, Lucien, Georg and Lionel will try to talk to these people at the show.

FIERBA will offer support for the future.

11. Registration of a trade mark.

The delegations present think that is too early to work on a project like this. In different countries there are already labels for Blonde d'Aquitaine Beef and the opinion is that they will try to tackle those plans.

Further on it will be almost impossible to manage a control system by FIERBA.

The proposal, as it was made by the board, was not agreed and therefore we let it rest for the oncoming period.

12. News from the members.

Germany agreed on a few major points in Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeding. For example animals with white spots or black hairs will not in script in the Herdbook.

Poled is a problem when it comes to racial qualities. The FIERBA regulations are clear on this subject.

United Kingdom thanks for reminding Rex.

The next show will be in Worchester.

13. Planning next meeting.

Portugal will not be able to organise the next meeting.

As there is an offer of Ireland, Bas will contact them to hear of the possibilities. As soon as there is more news, Bas will inform you.

14. Closing.

Ed says thanks to all that present. He gives a special thanks to Philippe and Lionel for their wonderful location for this meeting.

He hopes to see everybody back on one of the oncoming shows.

Signed for agreement in :

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