



The European Blond Breeders Association

FIERBA

Fédération International des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

Transcript of the FIERBA meeting in N.A.C, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth GREAT BRITAIN - 2nd of July 2007

Present were the delegations of:

Ireland: Mr. Jim Miller

Belgium - Flemish: Mrs. Marie-Jose Bouman and Mr. Frans Robbrechts

England: Mrs. Hillary Jones, Mr. James Weightman and Mr. Ben Garratt

Holland: Mr. Ed Neerincx, Mr. Bas Bouman.

Information of absence from: Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, France and Belgium-Walloon.

1. Mr. Neerincx welcomes everybody present and passes over the word to Mr. Benn Garratt, who welcomes everybody on behalf of the British Blonde d'Aquitaine Society.
2. The rules for international judges will be sent to the members by Bas. As there was further no comment on the transcript of the meeting of 12th of January 2007 in Gent Belgium, president and secretary sign the transcript for validation.
3. Bas gives an overview of the financial situation. There are still a few countries that did not pay their contribution for 2005 and 2006. Some countries did not yet pay their contribution for 2007. Jim Miller gives a telephone number for the Swedish Blond Association. The phone number from a Mr. Pelle is +46.730406780. The Flemish delegation will contact the Walloon delegation in Belgium to pay their debts. Bas will send those countries a reminder to pay their debts and ask them if they are still interested in FIERBA. Those countries get another year to make up their mind. If they do not pay their debts we consider that they are no longer interested in FIERBA. Further on we ask France to figure out the FIERBA amount that is still in their possession and transfer it to the FIERBA account.
4. Linear Pointing system. How we will go on. Bas will complete the system and make a definitive version that will be presented to the member countries and the CE to try to obtain a financial support. The main issue on linear pointing will be that this information will be spread to the breeders to enlarge their

knowledge on characteristic points in Blonde d'Aquitaine breeding. Final point will be that there will be training sessions to breeders and evaluators of the member countries. All this efforts should be at a low costs budget for the breeders.

5. Blond typing. As the information arrived late Bas makes the suggestion that he will make a short and easy to read information. For those who want to look specific European rules, you can find them in the internet. The concerning issues are:

✚ Pure Breeding	CEE 77/504
✚ Inscription in a Herdbook	CEE 84/419
✚ Certificates	CEE 2005/379
✚ Pedigree information	CEE 86/130 and 94/515
✚ References (Interbull)	CEE 96/463
✚ Testing and AI	CEE 87/328
✚ Cattle semen	CEE 88/407
✚ Embryo's	CEE 89/556
✚ Third countries	CEE 94/28
✚ General acknowledge	CEE 96/509

6. Abnormalities in Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeding. We will make a proposal on this issue that will be discussed at the next meeting. If there are countries that have suggestions they are more than welcome and can be sent to Bas.
7. FIERBA decisions. At first it should be clear that FIERBA does not want to dictate rules for breeding Blonde d'Aquitaine in the different countries. In general it is recommendations given to the national associations. As we have the following countries and number of votes in FIERBA - Sweden, 2 votes / Denmark, 2 votes / Germany, 2 votes / Luxembourg, 2 votes / Austria, 2 votes / Great Britain, 2 votes / Ireland, 2 votes / Spain, 2 votes / France, 2 votes / Belgium Flemish, 1 vote / Belgium Walloon, 1 vote / Holland, 2 votes. We agreed that decisions can be made if half of the member countries + 1 are present at a meeting. It means that there must be at least 6 countries present. The decision in a meeting will be made if the majority in the meeting is in favour.
8. Validation of FIERBA decisions. As already mentioned in point 7, the decisions of FIERBA are recommendations. These recommendations should be made public to the breeders. As far as we know now these recommendations are stopped at the different boards. However it is vital information for the breeders and organisations of shows and these parties should be informed. We suggest that on a regular base there will be made press information by Bas that can be published in a magazine or a mailing to the members.
9. What comes around?
 - ❖ Jim Miller suggests that it will be an issue for FIERBA to produce as much information as possible for promoting Blonde d'Aquitaine throughout Europe. He thinks of information on research, university studies, and INRA studies

and so on. Bas will coordinate this information. It means that everybody who finds some information can lead this to Bas.

- ❖ Further on Jim suggests developing a website for FIERBA. Countries can get a paid link in this site. Jim will try to get some information on costs.
 - ❖ Marie-José Bouman proposes to increase the annual contribution to € 100,00. We will make an official proposal for the next meeting.
 - ❖ Further on Marie-José asks for a guide for all AI-bulls. Ed answers that we already discussed this issue and it was rejected on financial reasons.
10. Next meeting. As it is obvious the major part of the member countries will be present at the National Show in VIEUX BOUCAU it is a good idea to have our next meeting over there. **France agrees on organizing the next meeting on Saturday the 15th September from 14.30 - 17.00.**
11. Closing. Ed Neerincx says thanks to the warm welcome from our British hosts and complimented them with their very good show and good cattle. He gives special thanks to Lynn and Sue for their efforts and thanks Ben for the hospitality. He hopes to see everybody back on one of the oncoming (dry) shows in the rest of this year, especially in VIEUX BOUCAU in September.

Signed for agreement in

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