



The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

FIERBA

Fédération International des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

Transcript of the FIERBA meeting in PARIS - FRANCE at the Salon International d'Agriculture - 25th of February 2009 in "la Maison de l'Aquitaine in Paris.

Delegations:

Austria:	absent without information
Belgium - Flemish:	Mrs. Marie-Jose BOUMAN
Belgium - French:	absent with information
Denmark:	Mr. Jens Holm DANIELSON
England:	Mrs. Hillary JONES, Mr. Ben GARRETT
France:	Mr. Andre BOUAS and Mr. Lionel GIRAUDEAU
Germany:	Mrs Sarah KÖNERT
Holland:	Mr. Ed NEERINCX, Mr. Bas BOUMAN
Ireland:	Mr. Jim CULLEN
Luxembourg:	Mr. Lucien KOOB
Portugal:	Mr. Joao BERGER
Spain:	Mr. Josu PAYÁS and Mr. Gorka ELORTZA

1. Opening.

Mr. Ed Neerincx welcomes everybody and especially the Spanish delegation, because it is the first time they attend a FIERBA meeting, later on he welcomes the Portuguese delegation for the same reason.

Then he asks André Bouas to open this meeting. André passes the word to Lionel who welcomes everybody and is pleased in the interest of the people for FIERBA.

Then he returns the word to Mr. Ed Neerincx, who is pleased with number of participants at this meeting - we never had gathered so many countries as this time- he hopes for a pleasant and constructive meeting.

2. Agreement on transcript of last meeting.

The transcript of the meeting of the 26th of July 2008 at the farm of Lucien Koob in Luxembourg which was send to you by mail is agreed.

Further there were no remarks and therefore chairman and secretary sign the transcript.

3. 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. Every country has paid his annual fee though everything is going all right.

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

4. Harmonising the annual fee.

Some smaller countries or countries with just a few breeder complained at the height of their annual fee. For that reason Bas constructed a system to harmonise this without going back in the total income. The proposal was sent to you. Are there any questions or remarks on this? Everybody agrees and France is willing to pay 200 Euro; a proposal that was willingly agreed.

You find the new figures in an appendix of this transcript. The new fees are starting in 2010.

5. Report on the progress of the workgroup.

Ed asks Jens to tell something about the progress of the workgroup.

Jens tells that after he asked for the information in pointing he got answers from a few, but he was disappointed that he never got any information of France. He remarks that the information of the origin country is a must to be successful.

He proposes to take in Mrs. Fredie van Dijk from Holland for several reasons as there are: enthusiasms, compatibility, she speaks several languages, judge, and technician in Holland as well she is the redaction of the Blonde and above all she has more time than Jens.

Everybody can agree in his proposal.

Further on we agree to work hard on this ambitious project.

6. Proposal to participate in INTERBEEF.

Ed asks Bas to enlighten this project.

Bas: As I saw that there was little progress in the workgroup I had contact with Jens if we could attack the problem from the back. If we could find something in relation to the pointing system. We found out that ICAR was trying by INTERBEEF to come to an evaluation of breeding results for beef cattle. They started with Limousine, Charolais and Simmental and they are developing a system for those three breeds. If we could participate in this it would be a big step in the right direction. Jens tells us of the importance of the project and he also tells us that we can sign in, but that is INTERBEEF that will decide if there is a chance in taking part. Further on he thinks that the financial consequences are low, because we are talking of a European project that will be financed by the EC. Lionel agrees on that.

Bas enlightens the proposal by a small video presentation, in which you are given more information on this project.

The presentation will be added to this transcript, so you can use the information of it for your National meeting.

Some members are afraid of taking part, but after some further information from Lionel and Jens they agree.

The decision we make is that we are following the developments and that in every country the national Herd books ask permission to carry on. Bas will keep every body informed of the developments.

7. Evaluation after four years of FIERBA .

Ed asks the following questions:

1. Are we making progress?
2. Do we have to change our policy?
3. Do we continue with Dutch leadership?

On point one Ed says we do have sometimes the feeling that the support is not from all countries. As example he takes the FIERBA-stickers for identification. Lionel explains that he has to finish his old stock first, but he promises to use them in Bordeaux.

On point two everybody thinks we are doing well and have to continue in this way. The best prove is the number of countries present at this meeting.

On point three everybody is very happy with the Dutch leadership, though Ed means his lack of language knowledge is too big. Ben means that his English is excellent and he is very pleased with the leadership.

Everybody agrees that Ed will keep his post, which almost automatically means that Bas has to do the same.

8. Next meeting.

As Lionel wrote in the Blond Info the next meeting will be in Spain. Spain is willing to organise a tour on that, but thinks it is better to go to Denmark, because they are celebrating their 25th anniversary as the Danish Herd book. Next meeting will take place in Denmark on the 3 of July during the National Show in Herning from 2-4 of July, at 25th anniversary of the Danish Herd book. We also agreed to go to Spain in 2010 the 9th and 10th of September. Please reserve these dates in your agendas.

9. What comes up.

- ✚ Bas asks everybody to inform him of the events over the year in every country, so he can put them on the website.
- ✚ Jens suggests that every country should make a page A4 with information on their National Herd book. Every one promise to do so.

10.Closing.

Ed says thanks to all that present. He gives a special thanks to Andre 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 Herning - Denmark:

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List of decisions.

28-2-2008.

1. Last warning for AUSTRIA and SWEDEN.
2. Name is adjusted into "The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association"
3. Name of the race for full bred = Blonde d'Aquitaine.
4. Name of crossbreeds with Blonde d'Aquitaine blood = Blonds.
5. Sticker for identifying animals at shows is furnished by the FIERBA and should be on both sides of the animal.
6. Forming a workgroup for linear pointing - leader Jens Holm Danielson.
7. Next meeting in Luxembourg.

25-2-2009.

1. Annual fee is harmonised-see attached file.
2. Mrs. Fredie van DIJK is added to the workgroup for an European pointing system.
3. We will look at the possibility to work with INTERBEEF.
4. FIERBA stays for the next years under president ship of Ed NEERINCX / secretary Bas BOUMAN.
5. Every country makes an A4 page for the website.
6. Next meeting in Denmark.
7. One meeting in 2010 in Spain on 9-10 September.