

The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

FIERBA

Fédération International des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

Transcript of the FIERBA meeting in MERSCH - LUXEMBOURG at the farm of Lucien KOOB - 26th of July 2008.

Delegations:

Austria: absent with information
Belgium - Flemish: Mrs. Marie-Jose Bouman
Belgium - French: Mr. Christophe Maury and Mr. Michaël Tholl
Denmark: absent with information
England: Mrs. Hillary Jones, Mr. Ben Garrett
France: Mr. Andre Bouas and Mr. Lionel Giraudeau
Germany: Mr. J. Reichwein and Mr. Heinz Soß
Holland: Mr. Ed Neerincx, Mr. Bas Bouman.
Ireland: Mr. James Miller
Luxembourg Mr. Lucien Koob, Mr. Jean-Marie Mangen and Mr. Gerry Ernst.
Spain: absent with information

1. Opening.

Mr. Lucien Koob welcomes everybody and is pleased to receive the FIERBA meeting at his farm. President of FIERBA Mr. Ed Neerincx welcomes everybody and hopes for a pleasant and constructive meeting. He is very pleased with the presence of Belgium (French) and the interest by AUSTRIA and SPAIN who are unfortunately not able to attend this meeting.

2. Agreement on transcript of last meeting.

The transcript of the meeting of the 28th of February 2008 at the SIA in Paris France. The transcript was sent to you the 21st of April by mail. As there was nobody who wanted to comment the transcript this is approved and therefore chairman and secretary sign the transcript.

3. Financial Information.

Bas gives an overview of the financial situation of FIERBA. He tells that there is now contact with AUSTRIA and all countries have paid their annual fee for 2008. From Sweden there is no reaction at all so I have sent a letter to inform the Swedish Blonde

d'Aquitaine Association to inform them that they are no longer participating FIERBA. If the situation changes they are always welcome to join FIERBA in the future. As everybody can see in the financial overview the situation at this moment is good. We do have to consider that the printing of the stickers will cost about € 500, 00.

4. Reactions.

As already mentioned with point 3, there was no reaction of the Swedish Herdbook and therefore I have sent a letter, which says we will not any longer consider Sweden as a FIERBA member.

5. Identifying animals at shows.

Bas presents the sticker as it should identify the animals at national shows in the future. Everybody can agree on this. There are some questions about glue the stickers on the animals. Gerry says the best glue to use is ordinary joiner's glue (for gluing wood). Lionel remarks that it is the best solution with ordinary glue and that there are now big issues in using glue.

Bas asks every body to inform him how many stickers they need and when they should be in the country.

Bas will search for the most animal friendly glue and send you the results of the search.

6. Workgroup.

Everybody received the list of the members. Bas asks Gerry Ernst -who is the beef specialist of CONVIS- if he is willing to participate in the workgroup for Luxembourg. Fortunately he agrees on doing so.

The list of the members is now:

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Tasks for the workgroup:

The meeting agrees with the proposition for the tasks of the workgroup. So the here below mentioned items are of great importance.

- Describing of the race.
- Describing what elements we want to be judged
- Compose a list of the abnormalities in our race and what are the consequences of these abnormalities.
- How to organise a European wide system of notating the results of the judging.
- Investigate the possibility to introduce the system in the countries that are members of FIERBA.
- Search for help at ICAR, for they already have a lot of information available.
- Make a time schedule for the workgroup.
- Try to make a financial overview for the costs that will come.

Bas will send relevant information to all members.

7. What comes around?

Marie-José Bouman: It will be a good idea to investigate the possibility of a European Congress for Beef Cattle.

Ed Neerincx: We will investigate the interest this.

Marie-José Bouman: As we have seen yesterday the handling of animals can be improved. There are methods of improving this. It might be an idea to inform on this subject.

André Bouas: There are people in France who can give instructions in handling cattle. The addresses will be sent to Bas.

Marie-José Bouman: Is it possible to harmonise inscription fees over Europe?

Ed Neerincx: It is a good idea, but it will be difficult to achieve this because we do have all different systems. There are countries that have subventions for this item, others work with professional technicians and some countries are working with volunteers.

Never the less it might be a task for our workgroup as well..

8. Next meeting.

After some discussion we agreed on having the next meeting in Holland in the last weekend of November. Bas will send details later this year.

Lionel suggests that one of the meetings next year should be planned in September in Spain as Spain will have the first National Show then.

Also in 2009 the Danish Herdbook exists 25 years and this will be a reason for visiting their annual event.

10. Closing.

Ed says thanks to all present. He gives a special thanks to Aline and Lucien for their enormous hospitality and warmth during our stay in Luxembourg. He hopes to see everybody back on one of the oncoming shows.

Signed for agreement in Holland:

President
Ed Neerincx

Secretary
Bas Bouman

On behalf of the FIERBA.

Bas Bouman

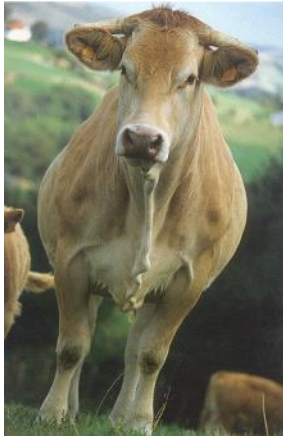
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List of decisions.

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.

26-7-2008.

1. Sweden suspended.
2. Sticker Presented.
3. Presentation of the workgroup
4. Tasks for the workgroup.
5. Next meeting in Holland

Some impressions of the meeting.



Heavy studying on proposals.



A pleasant break.



Discussions even at lunch-time.



Nice ambiance at the Koob-farm