



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 – 27th of February 2015 in "la Maison de l'Aquitaine" in Paris.

Delegations present are:

Denmark: Jens Holm Danielson and Kristian Haldrup

France: Philippe Basta and Lionel Girardeau

Great Brittan: Hillary Jones

Holland: Bas Bouman

Luxemburg: Nicolas Heinrichs and Lucien Koob

Switzerland: Dennis Beuchat

Message of not attending are received from:., Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium Dutch and Spain.

No messages from: Belgium French, Austria, Ireland, Sweden and Portugal

1. Opening.

Bas welcomes everybody present. He apologises Ed for his absence. He has still to much problems with his knee which has been recently renewed.

Bas asks a minute of silence to remember our faithful member from the UK Ben who has passed away last summer. After that he wishes Hillary lots of strength during this hard period.

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 that he is very pleased with the successful show on Thursday and the sale on Wednesday. He is convinced with the quality of the Blonde d'Aquitaine if you look at the prices Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle.

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 28th of February 2014 at the occasion of the Salon International d'Agriculture in Paris.

As there were no comments on the transcript, this was signed.

4. Financial Information.

Bas gives an overview of the financial situation of FIERBA. Because 2014 was a rather quiet year for FIERBA, we have enough cash flow to do things that we think are necessary. 2015 however will be an expensive year with our training in Bordeaux. Lionel mentioned that in 2014 there was no contribution from Portugal. Bas will look what has been the problem and he will ask Portugal to pay the contribution for 2014.

Our Budget for 2015 will have as far as we can see now a negative balance. As we had a positive balance over 2014 this will not give problems.

5. FIERBA - website.

Jens asks -as every year- 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. Regulations/keeping our agreements.

Bas encourages all members to try more and more to keep our agreements. He tries to find out if there is a need for adapting the numbers for animals during shows. All countries present declare that they are very content with the stickers and they say there is no need to look for other methods..

7. Proposal by the board for making more promotion.

As we already discussed a few times more we should make a brochure. It has to be a brochure of high quality. During the discussion Jens advised to ask specific things at our members. In this way we receive probably more information. Nicolas and Bas will try to do so and ask every country to produce some text and photos according to the subject they were asked for.

8. Exchanging judges.

Exchanging judges has been successful in 2014. Some of our judges have already received invitations for this year.

We should advise the organisations to refund the travel and staying costs for the judge(s). All other visitors traveling with judge will do that at their own expenses.

Jens is suggesting that our FIERBA-judges should have a FIERBA shirt while they are judging. Everybody agrees on that and Bas will try to organise these shirts.

9. Training at AQUITANIMA.

The training at Aquitanima will take place on the 9th of May. We will ask the 4 judges to come to this training as well. From the other countries we ask an enthusiastic breeder who knows a lot of Blonde d'Aquitaine breeding, speaks at least English, German or French.

Jens will organise this training together with Pascal Mignon. Bas will be there for organisation and coordination.

Program:

- Friday: Special program for the trainees
- Saturday: Training for judging with participants from the Aquitanima show.
- OS France will take care of the animals to be judged: young heifers, adult cows and bulls.
- OS France will contact a hotel, close to the show.

10. News from ICAR.

As ICAR is working on points for scoring beef cattle, they have reported first wishes on this subject. We do hope that all countries international wide will eventually participate in this evolution.

The next meeting of ICAR will take place in May.

Bas will send everybody this report.

11. News from the members.

❖ Denmark:

- The number of Blonds is more or less steady.
- Blonds are doing very well in crossbreeding.
- The national show is in Herning from 2-5 July.

❖ LUXEMBURG:

- Members of Herdbook is slightly increasing.
- Promotion day is as always in ETTTELBRUCK

❖ FRANCE:

- Show Chateaubriand 13-14 of June
- Show Space Rennes 15-18 of September
- National Show in Saint-Gaudens 18-20 of September
- Sommet Elevage in Cournon 7-9 of October

❖ FURTHER ON:

- 2016 MAYENNE July
- 2017 SEDAN September-

For this show the organisation will try to make this an European Event.

❖ HOLLAND

- Sale 28th of March in Laren Gld
- Sale 26th of September in Laren Gld
- National Show in Zwolle 17th of October

- ❖ UK:
 - Show will be on the site.
 - Blonde d'Aquitaine important in cross breeding
- ❖ SWITZERLAND
 - Dennis invites us to visit the show in April this year.
 - He will organise their some farms visits, possibility to have a small meeting and visiting the show.

Unfortunately Dennis wrote us following

Bonjour les amis,

malheureusement, je dois nous allons renoncer à participer au concours SWISSOPEN 2015. Pour plusieurs raison d'une part au niveau de l'organisation il n'est pas possible de présenter tous les animaux anoncer par manque de place et de temps. De plus j'ai personnellement quelques problème de santé qui ne me permettent pas d'assumer la préparation de animaux et le concours.

Par contre c'est volontiers que nous vous invitons pour un meeting en Suisse.

Je peux organiser des visites d'exploitations une présentation d'animaux.

Pour moi un week-End de Juillet serait mieux au niveau temps à disposition.

Je suis à votre disposition si vous avez des propositions et des idées pour ce meeting.

Salutations Denis

Hello friends,

unfortunately I have to announce that we will give up to participate in the contest SWISSOPEN 2015. For several reason on the one hand to the level of the organization it is not possible to present all animals due to lack of place and time.

Moreover I have some health problems that do not allow me to carry out the preparation of animals and the competition. However gladly is that we invite you to a meeting in Switzerland. I can arrange tours of farms and a presentation of animals.

For me a weekend in July would be a better time for this. I am at your disposal if you have suggestions and ideas for this meeting.

Greetings Denis

12. Planning next meeting.

We agreed that we will try to have a meeting during the year. Bas will ask all members if they have a possibility. Read above information.

14. Closing.

Bas says thanks to all that are present. He is a bit worried for the low number of countries that is present and he hopes for more countries present in the future. 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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Secretary
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On behalf of the FIERBA.

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