



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 - 28th of February 2008.

Delegations:

Austria:	absent without information
Belgium - Flemish:	Mrs. Marie-Jose Bouman
Belgium - French:	absent with information
Denmark:	Mr. Jens Holm Danielson and Mr. Ole Gammelby
England:	Mrs. Hillary Jones, Mr. Ben Garrett
France:	Mr. Andre Bouas
Germany:	absent without information
Holland:	Mr. Ed Neerincx, Mr. Bas Bouman.
Ireland:	absent with information
Luxembourg:	Mr. Lucien Koob
Spain:	absent without information
Sweden:	absent without information

1. Opening.

Mr. André Bouas welcomes everybody and is pleased in the interest of the people for FIERBA then he passes over the word to Mr. Ed Neerincx, who welcomes everybody and hopes for a pleasant and constructive meeting. He asked if everybody can agree on an additional point by point 8 in which everybody agrees.

2. Agreement on transcript of last meeting.

The transcript of the meeting of the 15th of September at the Concours National in France 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. He tells that there is a beginning contact with Spain and the Belgium French delegations. The Spanish herd book already paid for 2008. We can say we are pleased to get them aboard

of FIERBA. For Austria and Sweden we will take following decisions. Bas will write them a last letter to ask them for any reaction what so ever. In this letter there will be a deadline for answering and if there is no reaction it includes the elimination of those two countries for this moment. It does not mean that in the future they can ask again for a membership.

4. Adjusting name.

Renaming. The proposal of renaming the English version of the FIERBA name is fully agreed. From now on it will be:

THE EUROPEAN BLONDE D' AQUITAINE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

5. Specifying name.

It should be clear to everybody that we are talking of **Blonde d'Aquitaine** if we are sure that the animal is approved and 100% **Blonde d'Aquitaine**; All other animals with some blood of **Blonde d'Aquitaine** we call **Blonds**. Everybody agrees on this point.

6. Identifying animals at shows.

Ed gives an explanation of the possibilities of identifying animals. He hands out a presentation with all different possibilities he could think of. We agree that we will have a sticker with the number at both sides of the hips. For a start it will only be a sticker with FIERBA and Blonde d'Aquitaine on it. The organisation of the National show writes as usual the numbers on it with a marker-pen. Ed and Bas will take care of developing it.

7. Abnormalities.

Marie-Jose had some information on abnormalities in Belgian-Blue breeding. As we found out during the discussion a lot of the abnormalities are not in our race. Therefore Ed proposes that every country will send in the abnormalities in their country. They send the information to Bas who will take care of further handling.

8a. What is the next step for linear scoring?

To go further with the system of linear scoring it is a good thing that there will be a workgroup of technicians from every county (France 2 or 3).

Ed asks Jens Holm if he will take the leadership of this workgroup and he agrees. Bas will do coordination.

8b. What comes around?

Jens Holm:

- In 2009 The Danish Herd book exists 25 years. There will be an invitation for foreign countries.
- In Denmark they have problems with calving and early mortality of the calves. He wonders if it is the same in other countries, this is not the

case. They will have to change their policy for searching for bulls on that to increase this number.

- BABS is the organisation of former president Poulsen. They try to push the selling of semen of polled bulls and offer others as well.

Marie-Jose:

- Is it possible to get a free entrance for foreign visitors of shows? Some countries already do this, but it is from the organisation point of view not always possible.
- Catalogues at shows should have at least two generations. If it is possible and does not cost that much it is a good suggestion. Andre makes the remark that for France it will be difficult from editorial point of view.
- On the site should be the racial standard. Bas says there are more items that should be changed and added. He will work on it.
- It should be a good thing if every country would check the information on the site and send their comments to Bas.

9. Next meeting.

Next meeting will take place in Luxembourg a day after the show in Libramont - Belgium during the last weekend in July. Please reserve these dates in your agendas.

10. Closing.

Ed says thanks to all that present. He gives a special thanks to Andre. He hopes to see everybody back on one of the oncoming shows.

Signed for agreement in Luxembourg:

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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.