



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 – 28th of February 2014 in "la Maison de l'Aquitaine" in Paris.

Delegations present are:

Belgium Dutch: Marie José Bouman

Denmark: Jens Holm Danielson and Kristian Haldrup

France: Philippe Basta, Lionel Girardeau and Pascal Mignon

Great Brittan: Hillary Jones and Ben Garret

Holland: Fredie van Dijk, Huub Oosterom (guest). Ed Neerincx and Bas Bouman

Luxemburg: Aline and Lucien Koob

Portugal: Joao Borges

Message of not attending are received from: Austria, Czech Republic, Spain and Nicolas Heinrich.

No messages from: Belgium French, Germany, Ireland, Sweden and Switzerland

1. Opening.

Mr. Ed NEERINCX welcomes everybody present. He is a little disappointed by the number of countries present at this meeting.

Ed suggests to add a point 13A for questions and to make point 13 now point 13B.

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 the growing influence of FIERBA and he is very pleased that we work on a constructive way for the European future of the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed.

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 2nd of March 2013 at the occasion of the Salon International d'Agriculture in Paris.

As there were no comments on the transcript, this was signed by chairman and secretary.

4. 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. Never the less he places the remark that it costs a lot of work to convince the members to pay their annual fee correctly and in time.

Our Budget for 2014 will have as far as we can see now a positive balance.

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

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. Report on the progress of the workgroup.

- Our training session in Luxembourg was very successful and asks literally for a continue. We hope that our agreed candidates will be invited for shows to judge over there and to let their experience increase.

- For continuing it would be organise a next training session parallel to a show in preference in France. Lionel suggests that France will help to do so at AQUITANIMA in Bordeaux 2015. We gratefully accept his suggestion.
- After introducing our transmission system we are waiting for the introducing the system in the French pedigree. Lionel explains that it will introduced during the year as the financial support has arrived.

7. Regulations/keeping our agreements.

In general we should try to keep our agreements.

- For a lot of members the stickers give problems with the breeders. We will continue to encourage the members to use as much as possible the stickers on both back-sides of the animals. If the sticker is on only one side, be sure that is the side the public can see the numbers. In the meantime we can look for a better way to show the numbers.
- Miss Future should be taken in the planning of each show.
- Everybody agrees that it will be a good thing do give our best to maintain our agreements.

8. Proposal by the board for making more promotion.

Bas asks the cooperation of the members to make a handy brochure that can be useful in all countries as a hand-out to promote our breed. Nicolas has already promised to help Bas. Bas hopes to present the ideas during this year.

9. Exchanging judges.

After our successful training in Luxembourg for which we have to thank the Luxembourg breeders for their support and giving us the possibility to have this training. A special thanks goes to Nicolas and Aline and Lucien for the organisation and the very good attendance during this two days.

For the exchange judges we ask every country to up-date their list of candidates. You can send the information to Bas and he will work out the presentation.

10. Inheritable diseases.

Lionel gives us some detailed information of this disease. As there are just a few cases known it is evident to keep it quiet as there is no proof for this disease. If there are any suspected cases you always contact Bas. He will transfer this information to The Institute d'Elevage in France so that they can implantate this in their studies.

In general Lionel advices to not give much rumour on this to avoid fear by the breeders.

11. News from the members.

- Bas asks how to handle with Ireland for they did not pay their annual fee for 2013 and 2014. The meeting agrees to send them another remember invoice. If they do not pay in the due time. We will suspend them per direct. In our next meeting we will erase them from our list.
- Denmark-Salmonella test is now ask by participation at shows .- The number of Blonds is increasing. – There are now about 1000 pure breed animals in Denmark.
- France – Lionel gives an overview of the shows and sales in France for the oncoming year. The bigger events are in Morlaix, 4-6 April, Bordeaux Aquitanima, Biarritz 5-7 September, Rennes 16-19 September, Lunneville 20-21 September.
- Holland – Auction 29 March, Enter Regional Show 31 August, Marienheem National Show 25 October.
- Belgium Dutch – National Show Gent in January 2015.
- Luxembourg – Presentation in Ettelbruck
- UK –Three Countries Show in June, Royal Highland Show in July.
- Portugal – Difficult situation with only 7 breeders, never the less we like to encourage Portugal to keep doing their utmost for our breed.

12. Leadership of FIERBA

As it is 5 years ago after the reestablishment of Ed and Bas they ask the question once more: "Is it time for a change in the board?"

The opinion of the meeting is unanimous: "Do not change a winning team."

Ed and Bas are thanking the meeting for their trust and hope to continue their work in the same way.

13A. Question.

Ed asks for the decrease in birth facility and time of gestation by Blonds.

Lionel answers, that this is a growing problem and needs a lot of attention. FBS)* has noticed this problem as well and tries to change this direction. Nowadays the figures for birth facility are:

94% = EASY

05% = DIFFICULT (with help)

01% = CEASARIAN

Weight of calves increased during the last 5 years with more 2,5Kg.

The average time of gestation is now 291 days.

)* FBS=France Blonde d'Aquitaine Sélection

13B. Planning next meeting.

We agreed that we will try to have a meeting during the year. Bas will ask Switzerland, if they have a possibility.

14. Closing.

Ed says thanks to all that present. 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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