



The European Blonde d'Aquitaine Breeders Association

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Fédération Internationale des Eleveurs de la Race Blonde d'Aquitaine

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Transcript of the FIERBA meeting in PARIS – FRANCE at the Salon International d'Agriculture – 3th of March 2017 at SIA Port de Versailles in Paris.

Delegations present are:

France: Lionel Girardeau and Pascal Mignon

Great Brittan: Hillary Jones

Holland: Ed Neerincx, Fredie van Dijk and Bas Bouman

Luxemburg: Lucien Koob

Belgium Dutch: Emma Lenders, Marnix Loterman

Message of not attending are received from:., Czech Republic, Denmark and Germany.

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

### 1. Opening

Ed welcomes everybody present at this meeting. He says he is disappointed by the low number of people present and wonders what we are doing wrong or is it time to change the board? According to the answers it is not a problem of the board. He passes the word to Lionel.

### 2. Welcome by the French president.

Lionel is apologizing Philippe for his absence, but he had to return at home for personal reasons.

### 3. Agreement on transcript.

Fredie\*\*\*In France the scoring system has changed.

Lionel\*\*\*The total score is now calculated to a total of 100. This system will be used for quite a number of years (at least 5) The system is used for all beef breeds and so it will almost impossible to change this. For Blonds, all cows have to be judged.

Belgium Dutch will try to contact the French part and ask if they are still interested in FIERBA.

UK will try to contact the Ireland and ask if they are still interested in FIERBA.

The rest of the transcript of our meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 is agreed and the president thanks Bas for this work.

### 4. Financial situation.

The financial situation of FIERBA is good, we had little outgoing in 2016 therefor we have good result. This even could be better if all countries had paid their annual fee. It has been this year the following countries that did not pay their fee: Belgium French, Ireland, Spain and Portugal.

Bas will send them a reminder. We do hope they will pay, otherwise we will have to consider measurements for the future.

### 5. Future of FIERBA.

What can we do to improve the participation of our members. Bas will send to all members an info flyer over FIERBA.

## 6.EUROBLOND.

The organisation is going very well. France will pay 50% of the transport costs to the participation countries.

The preparation of the animals can be done one the national way of preparing.

Bas will be the contact address for more questions.

## 7.Axonopathy.

Through the results of genomic testing we learn more and more of the problems with axonopathy. It is a subject that needs our attention. We suggest to the following: **Do not use positive bulls for breeding.** The AI bulls of AURIVA (MIDATEST) are from now on all negative, so are the bulls in Casteljaloux. If there is a breeder that wants to buy an animal in France we advise to ask for a test on Axonopathy.

## 8.Exchanging judges.

We like to encourage our members to invite FIERBA judges to their shows. Bas will write to the UK to encourage the British Blond Society to use FIERBA-judges.

## 9.Training judges.

We like to organise another training session in 2017 in Denmark. We think that we need at least 5 of the acknowledged FIERBA judges and at least 3 new candidates. If the number of attending people is less than 8 we will reconsider the seminar.

Lionel is inviting Fredie van Dijk and Marcel Gerritsen to take part at the judging of EUROBLOND 2017.

## 10.News from our countries.

\*Denmark National show in Herning in July 2017.

\*Holland Regional show in Enter in August 2017.

\*Holland National show in Zwolle in October 2017.

## 11.Next meeting.

Our next meeting will be at EUROBLOND further details will follow.

General meeting in Paris in 2018. Details will follow.

## 13.Closing.

Ed closes this meeting. Never the less the low number of countries present he thinks we had a very successful meeting with good discussions that gives him hope for the future so we can build out the work of FIERBA and achieve an even better cooperation between the countries. He thanks Lionel for the organisation of the meeting place and hopes to see all you at one of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Events somewhere in Europe in the oncoming summer.

Signed for agreement in :

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