



**EUROPEAN HORSE NETWORK
BOARD MEETING
4th September 2018 - Brussels
Minutes**

Attendees:

Mark Wentein - DBK
Roly Owers – WHW
Nick Elssas – EFTBA
Hubert Honoré - EFTBA
Paull Khan – EMHF
Erica Lindberg – HNS
Nadine Brandtner – WBFSH
Mette Uldahl - FEEVA
Florence Gras - EPMA

Excused

Nancy De Briyne – FEEVA
Bo Helander – EEF

1. Categorisation of membership fee – options

Split membership fee structure, the group agrees to limit to 2 levels:

- €600 annual fee for organisations of less than €1million annual income
- €1,500 annual fee for organisations of €1million+ income.

Erica points out that HNS is functioning with horse betting money and with the legal gambling reform implemented in Sweden from 1st January 2019, the financing is not yet known although the membership will continue for 2019.

The above proposal will be submitted to the next General Assembly in October.

2. EHN Manifesto

Some more comments from members will be integrated in the leaflet + link to the web site
It will be distributed first at the Equine Conference on 16/10
The Board will prepare the dissemination process from October 2018 to June 2019.

3. Prepare next AGM – 16/10

Invite Dr Fussel for an update on identification and movement of equines
European Federation of Farriers Association could see potential advantages in becoming a member but did not feel that they could afford €600 this year. Gary Burton and Michael Kjar are invited to attend the next AGM.

Organise a dinner at Brussels' mounted police in Etterbeek at 7.30 pm (Mark)

**4. EHN/WHW/FEEVA/EUCBV proposal for a Conference on Responsible
Ownership/Value of horses on 16 October 2018**

2 sessions moderated by MEPs and Member States representatives:

Session 1: Secure the Value of Horses

- Responsible breeding
- Retraining of racing and sport horses
- Rehoming
- Residual value/food chain

Session 2: Responsible ownership in Practice

- Welfare charter for farmers
- Good practices in Transport and survey on improvements
- Good practices in Slaughterhouses

Julie Girling and Jean Arthuis will moderate and conclude and send the invitation to MEPs

Other issues

Lobbying on future CAP: COPA position not yet finalised (Erica)

Essential to start talking with national administration to set up national strategic plan in which equines must be considered.

Update on Animal Welfare Platform: Roly relates about the work of the informal sub-group on equines. The second version of the Horse Guidelines are available and Paull Khan details his remarks from the thoroughbred industry.

Next Board meeting: 16 October in Brussels – 10.30 am – 12.00 before AGM

Board meeting in July (Date to be confirmed) – Paull Khan suggests a racing day on Thursday evening in ParisLongchamp racecourse in Paris – Meet in France Galop/French Thoroughbred Breeders office in Paris/Boulogne in the afternoon and finish the day at the racecourse.

TO DO

- **EHN Manifesto** for EU elections: updated document will be sent (Florence) before printing
- **Categorisation of membership:** the option to have a split membership will be submitted to next AGM
- **Invite Dr Fussel (EU Commission) for AGM** (Florence)
- **Send agenda for AGM and call for candidates for the the Board** (Florence)
- Organise a **dinner** on 16/10 at Brussels' mounted police in Etterbeek at 7.30 pm (Mark)