



BOARD MEETING

26th February 2019 - Brussels

Minutes

1. Financial Statement 2018 (final) and proposal 2019

Expenses made in 2018 were validated by Board members.

A total of €11 141, 59 for events (MEP Horse Group, annual conference, AGM) printing, web site updates.

Proposal for 2019

The new membership fee system will be able to collect around €19000 to organise EHN Annual Conference, MEP Horse Group meetings with newly elected MEPs in April, September and October. €5000 have been provisioned for this election year.

2. EHN Manifesto – Communication and Dissemination Plan

TOOLS

1 Page paper Manifesto in EN (300 copies)

Translation in FR (done), IT, SW, D, SP

A short PR + Explanation/actions on each priority – in different languages

A specific web page on EHN site (for link when writing to decision makers)

A web Newsletter format (to send it easily in large mailing)

Banner/framed message (A5 format)

Press list from FEI

PRESS CONTACTS

Articles to present the Manifesto made in FR and Dutch

In BE- HIPPO Revue, Equimag

In FR - Cheval Pratique, Chevalmag.com, L'Eperon

All members must find best possible national press partners and translate articles.

MEETINGS TO ORGANISE

→ Press Conferences in Historic Studs? Ask ESSA

→ April 2019 – list relevant Candidates MEPs

Ask EHN members for a specific list of MEPs at national level that could be a support for Equine/agriculture/environment/welfare issues - seek to ascertain any equine connections

→ July 2019 – Newly elected MEPs - Organise meetings/Speed dating style MEP Horse Group in Brussels/Bring Horse in front of EP? Print Manifesto in A2 format to sign/make 30 seconds video of MEPs

3. EHN partnership and new member applications

Partnership with EAAP: Presentation by Celine Vial, INRA and EAAP Horse Commission

EAAP (scientists, animal breeders and keepers) promotes and disseminates research results of domestic animal farming – organises an annual conference -> next in Ghent in August 2019 for 11 commissions (genetics, nutrition, cattle, insects...) -> One Horse commission

EAAP/EHN proposal for partnership:

- To promote and support each other's activities throughout our networks
- Having a member of the EAAP HC in EHN meetings and vice versa
- Collaboration in European projects: EAAP is a privileged partner in European applications for funding, EAAP can provide networks and be a support for result diffusion
- Publications: collaborations and use of EAAP editions (books, papers...)
- Organization of joint sessions with EAAP during the annual conference on topics of mutual interest, and specific meeting (satellite meeting) on a theme of interest for the EHN (inventory of research needs, statistics/figures)
- EHN members can become an EAAP member, it's free and it gives access to EAAP publications and to discounted registration fees to the annual meeting
- Contribute to EAAP paper on the importance of the equine sector in Livestock industry: the aim is to show Horses as Production Animals (even though most Europeans no longer eat horses, we still produce them, just for other valid uses)

www.eaap.org

New members' applications:

EHN has received formal applications from EFFA, ECAHO, ANCCE and Romanian Equestrian Tourism:

EFFA - European Farriers, has already attended our General Assembly and is officially member.

ECAHO – The General Assembly of ECAHO on 22 February has agreed to apply to EHN – waiting for the questionnaire and membership presented at AGM

ANCCE – Spanish Association of Pure Spanish Horses, the officially recognized association to handle the Pure Razza Espanola (PRE) Stud Book (LG PRE) and to develop the PRE Breeding Programme.

Equ'Institute created in 2011, based in Chantilly, for education and information. Developing tools for Vets

Equine Lawyers – Mark is attending the Annual Congress on 14 March and will discuss membership with officials.

Board members discuss applications according to by-laws' criteria:

- a) be a sustainable organization,
- b) clearly represent a specific group of horse industry's stakeholders,
- c) have a structure which ensures proper representation of their members.

Looking at point b) it was not clear that Romanian Equestrian Tourism application was relevant as they also applied at FITE at the same time. EHN waits for FITE decision and review the application in July.

The same for ANCCE – Spanish Association of Pure Spanish Horses, member of WBFSh.

Regarding Equ'Institute, the position of the Board is also to look at the relevance of the application. Is Equ'Institute different from FEEVA representing all EU equine vets? What is the added-value for both Equ'Institute and EHN?

EHN members decided to create a sub-group to clarify the by-laws for future applications. Bo, Paull, Roly and Florence will reflect on that issue at next Board meeting.

4. Next events:

Review Brexit issues – EHN will continue to follow closely its development (changes in deadline every day!). It is now delayed to 31st October 2019 unless UK Parliament find an agreement before that date. EU elections should be organised in UK in May.

Approach Animal Rights Associations – Such action is slowed down and will be re-discussed at next Board meeting.

Financing of horse racing and sport (on 19 March from Jean Arthuis),

The Workshop hosted by MEP Jean Arthuis in the European Parliament in Brussels gathered 25 participants from horse racing and betting associations. This second workshop allowed to:

- Assess the seriousness of the situation of horseracing in Sweden - No betting operator has signed an agreement with the horse racing Federation on the return on betting,
 - Validate the list of costs for organising horse racing events - the European Commission validates the list,
 - Strengthen the solidarity by sharing the financial return from national and international betting - Need to be concretized by a signed agreement for the sharing of the levy
- Participants agreed to create a committee in order to establish clear bilateral relations and work on common regulatory approach and to produce a document containing the arguments and the legal and political moves.

Proposal to organise EHN Conference in EP in 15/16 October – followed by AGM in Bruges

Preparation and dates on the agenda of next Board meeting

5. Update on COPA cooperation on Future CAP position (Thomas Sanchez)

Thomas Sanchez from COPA will organise a Horse Commission meeting in July 2019 to discuss welfare, VAT, end of life, Climate change.

Future CAP will not be voted by this EP but by the next one.

6. Position for next EU Research + Erasmus Sport funding? (Camille - Hippolia)

Horizon 2020, EU Research project is organising its last call – interesting to look at to prepare for next research programme – Horizon Europe. EAAP is interested to join forces with EHN to prepare to future calls.

Erasmus+ will double its budget for 2021 and EHN could look closely at the feasibility to apply with interested members (FITE, EEF, FEI, Hippolia, EMHF...).

The issue is on the agenda of next Board meeting.

7. New election system for Board members in 2020 (Sub-group)

Bo, Roly, Paull and Florence are nominated in the sub-group to review by-laws and clarify membership applications as well as Board election.

8. Next Board meeting

11 July 2019 in Paris – EFTBA Headquarters for meeting and evening racing at ParisLongchamp
Agenda: Review elected MEPs and organise first meetings – review by-laws to clarify membership – look at feasibility to apply for research projects and Erasmus Sport

AGM in October in Bruges? (Date to be confirmed)

9. Others:

To thank Julie Girling and Jean Arthuis for their contribution (will leave the EP in April), a meeting with Hilde Vautmans, MEP is scheduled to organise a lunch in EP to invite Jean Arthuis and Julie Girling

Aachen 2019 – 16/07

France is the invited country and Claire Cordilhac is in charge of coordinating the presence of the French equine industry.

How can EHN bring the European dimension?

- Invite French and German MEPs?
- Organise a Press Conference on the Manifesto?
- Announce EHN willingness to promote the European Equestrian Route d'Artagnan by driving it on a horse-driven carriage

Mark will look at how to participate.

EHN on Route d'Artagnan, European Equestrian Route

Aim: Promote the route and equestrian tourism as well as equestrian sport in general and highlight European values.

Project: Drive the Route d'Artagnan with a horse-drawn carriage – through 3 countries at least (BE, FR, NDL) during 3 months.

TO DO

- List elected MEPs at national level that could support EHN and participate in the MEP Horse Group (ALL after 26 May)
- Review by-laws to clarify membership and Board election (Bo, Roly, Paull, Florence)
- Next Board meeting on 11 July in Paris – confirm ParisLongchamp Racing in the evening (EFTBA confirm room for meeting at 3.00pm – Florence book at ParisLongchamp for racing at 6.00pm – Claire Scicluna to organise visit of boxes - Send information on hotel (Mercure Boulogne - <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6188-mercure-paris-boulogne-hotel/index.shtml>)
- See if a press conference is feasible in Aachen/CHIO 16 July? (Mark, Claire C, Florence)
- Reply to applicants – positive on EFTA, ECAHO – delay for ANCCE, Romanian Equestrian Tourism and Equ'Institute (Mark, Florence)