



**Network Annual Meeting
1st February 2011 - Brussels**

Attendees:

Cathy McGlynn, EFTBA – European Thoroughbred Breeders' Association
Roly Owers, World Horse Welfare
Florence Gras, EPMA - European Pari Mutuel Association
Frederic Chauvel, Pole de compétitivité Filière Equine
Philippe Casier, EMHF - European and Mediterranean Racing Federation
Pit Schlechter, FECTU - European Draught Horse Federation
Stefan Johanson, HNS - Swedish Horse Council Foundation
Harald Muller, FEI – International Equestrian Federation
Marko Mazeland, FEIF – Icelandic Horses
Representative – European Equestrian Federation

Excused:

Klaus Miesner, WBFSH – Sport horses Breeders
Torbjorn Froysnes, UET – European Trotting Union
Graham Cory, British Horse Society
Bo Helander, European Equestrian Federation

1. Election of a chairman for the Annual meeting

Stefan Johanson is chosen to chair the meeting

2. Election of a secretary

Florence Gras is writing the minutes

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda, sent out, was approved by participants

4. Report from the chairman

Stefan relates the items discussed and achieved during the 6 meetings organized in 2010. The Network has taken several steps forward and is now structured and well organized. A first conference was organized in Brussels and well attended. A report is distributed to all (attached).

5. Adopt principles of organisation and application questionnaire

There are 14 members in the Network today and other organisations are showing interest. A proposal document for guidelines on how to define EHN structure was prepared by Stefan and Harald and commented on by Klaus and Marko by e-mail.

- Bo has suggested a modification in the mission statement, validated by all.
- Membership payment is extended to 90 days.
- 2010 fee is mentioned “for information” although it will be defined every year.
- Proxy – move the item to point 5 and 2 proxies per member is validated.



Questionnaire to new and founding members was validated by all – Applications from all members must be analysed and commented for next Board meeting. A few members should still send it (EMHF, EEF, British Horse Society, and UET).

6. Financial report for 2010

Report attached and approved by all.

Income – membership fee only from 14 members.

9000€ provisioned by HNS was not used but stays as a reserve.

EPMA sponsors the meeting rooms' expenses in Brussels.

Cathy volunteered to manage the web update if it is technically possible.

HNS and EPMA were thanked for their financial support.

7. Application of new member organisations to EHN

3 applications:

- European State Studs Association
- Confederation Belge du Cheval
- Hipika Polska

These organisations are all welcomed in EHN.

Invitations to join the Network have been sent to the European Federation of Vets, and to representatives from the transport sector.

Hungarian structures could be contacted (Hungarian European Presidency until July 2011) as well as representatives from the horse industry in the southern and eastern European countries.

8. Election of members to the Executive Board

Candidates for 2011 mandate: Stefan Johanson (HNS), Cathy McGlynn (EFTBA), Frederic Chauvel (Pole Equin), Florence Gras (EPMA), Bo Helander (EEF), Roly Owers (WHW).

All are elected at the Board of EHN.

Board meeting to be organised soon.

Stefan suggests asking Marek (Hipika Polska) to join the Board – it was agreed to invite him at the next meeting.

9. Setting the annual membership fee for 2011

Membership fee stays at the same level in 2011: 500€/per year

Stefan will send the invoices after the meeting.

10. Adopt the Action plan for 2011

In order to continue to lobby the EU institutions, particularly the European Parliament, all members should send a list of interested MEPs – A lunch could be organised with Julie Girling and relevant MEPs in March or April. EHN could schedule an exhibition in the Parliament in 2012.



Subjects of common interest are discussed and could be included in the action plan (Florence will send a new version to the Board members in order to finalise it at the next Board meeting).

Share information is paramount for the Network - internal and external communication plan should be defined by the Board at its' next meeting.

11. Other issues

End at 2.30 pm

Next steps:

- **Call for proposals for EU conference funding (Cathy to send the link to all)**
- **Letter of support from EHN to Hipika Polska for the organisation of next Equus conference – December 2012 (Stefan)**
- **Meeting date with Julie Girling in March (Cathy)**
- **Look for an Hungarian contact (Roly)**
- **Names and contacts details of Members of the Parliament interested by the Horse sector (All)**

Next EHN Board meeting in Brussels (EPMA office): 28 February 2011 – 10.00 am

Next annual Meeting in October 2011 – look at the possibility to organise it in Normandie – invite the organiser of the World Equestrian Games 2014.