



Board Meeting
2nd September 2014 – La Malherberie, Normandy
Minutes

Attendees:

Roly Owers, WHW - World Horse Welfare
Florence Gras, EPMA - European Pari Mutuel Association
Stefan Johanson, HNS - Swedish Horse Council Foundation
Bo Helander, EEF - European Equestrian Federation
Jesper Moller Nielsen, FEEVA, Equine Veterinarians
Tim Richardson, EFTBA – European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations
Pierre Lekeux, Hippolia Foundation

Excused

Klaus Miesner, World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses

Stefan welcomed Tim Richardson as the representative of EFTBA (Cathy has left the association). Tim has been in the Association of thoroughbred breeders for the past 15 years.

1. Approval of the agenda

Agenda was validated.

2. Validation of minutes of previous Board meeting – 20th May 2014

Minutes are approved without modifications.

3. Horse conference in Caen

A draft Press Release and report made by Florence should be validated by members and posted on EHN web site

Remarks:

- Too many representatives from France and Normandy – therefore cannot be called an International Horse Industry Conference
- No representatives from the EU Commission and no politicians from other countries
- Time keeping was not done so very difficult to leave rooms for questions from the floor
- There was no summing up
- Very good presentation of the horse industry figures made by Yann Souillet
- The auditorium room was perfect

Quest France wants to organise a similar conference next year. EHN waits till they renew the contact. It should be in another location, with an easier access by plane or train, and a programme with more international/European content.

4. Key figures about European Horse sector

Questionnaire was sent on 15 April to all EHN members with a deadline on 30 June. 3 answers received from Sweden, France and Belgium structures.



Florence will contact EEF, IFHA and UET for their figures and will work with WHW and Eurogroup for Animals on the Equine Expert document for DG SANCO (November 2014). EHN plans to publish new figures for the first quarter 2015.

5. Thursday 9th October in Brussels: EHN Seminar and AGM - programme

AGM issues discussed in the morning from 10.30 to 12.30

- Each member will be asked to review its 2014 activities and give specific tasks at EU level to EHN for 2015 (3 minutes) (1 powerpoint slide permitted).
- Budget planned for 2015 has been discussed and validated (new version attached).
- Board election – Stefan, Roly, Pierre, Jesper, Bo, Florence are candidate for re-election – Stefan will discuss it with Klaus M. and Tim R. will consider EFTBA participation after an internal discussion.
- The Board in 2015 should prepare succession of the Chairman (Stefan will not be candidate after 2015).

Expert Seminar in the afternoon with MEPs and EU Commission representatives:

- **MEP Horse Group Report** - Julie Girling
- **On the table of the European Parliament** - Jean Arthuis/Marc Tarabella/Swedish MEP?
- **EU Equine Expert group – first elements of the report** - Roly Owers/Andrea Gavinelli
- **Update on the work of DG SANCO (Horses ID, Zootechnics, Veterinarian medicines)** - Alf-Eckbert Füssel
- **Consumer Sales Directive? Find a key person in EU Commission (Stefan, Florence)**

A document detailing all coming EU topics, regulations, debates is to be prepared and sent to our contacts in the Parliament and the EU Commission. Florence will send a draft to be validated by members.

Eurogroup for Animals is organising a seminar/exhibition the same week (7/8/9 October in the European Parliament). The draft programme is sent to EHN Board.

6. Report on web site renovation – europeanhorsenetwork.eu (Roly)

The new web site was commented by Roly

Roly will send the login details to Florence and Stefan for the twitter account

7. Membership application

European Trainers Association is applying for EHN



Board members agreed on the application
Stefan will invite a representative at AGM

8. EHN – Update Action plan 2014 – draft 2015

MEP Horse Group meeting in December 2014 – probably a better date in end of January (Florence will ask Julie) – societal benefits and Environmental issues could be topics discussed in future meetings.

Next leaflets: Horses & Environment – Florence could get help from Hubert Honoré, EFTBA – Environmental Labels in Normandy Breeding Farms

EHN/EAAP joint meeting on research (August 2015 in Warsaw) is to be prepared. Stefan will contact the Secretary of EAAP Horse Committee.

EHN has started to list Universities, schools for education and training about horses in Europe (to be published in 2015).

9. EU updates

Guidance documents for transport/watering are nearly completed.

Next steps:

- **Draft note on EU issues (Florence)**
- **Draft Action Plan 2015 (to be completed by all)**
- **Invite MEPs and EU COM representatives for 9 October (Florence, Stefan, Roly)**

Next AGM – 9th October 2014 in Brussels (EPMA offices)

Next Board meeting in Brussels: January (Date to be defined)