



**Board Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Septembre 2015 – Brussels  
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  
Pierre Lekeux, Hippolia Foundation  
Jesper Moller Nielsen, FEEVA, Equine Veterinarians  
Nancy de Briyne, FEEVA, Equine Veterinarians

Excused

Klaus Miesner, World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses

Invited

Daniel Azevedo, COPA

**1. Approval of the agenda**

Agenda was validated

**2. Validation of minutes of previous Board meeting 29/04/2015**

Minutes are approved without modifications.

**3. EAAP/EHN Workshop on Research in Warsaw**

Joint session EAAP/EHN on 2nd September with 11 presentations and 50 attendees  
Theme "Innovation and research for developing the horse sector – Equine practice in science"  
11 presentations in different subjects and a finishing round-table discussion about funding in a broader perspective (horse role in society, need, influence, ways to new funding ...)  
Scientists and researchers have big demand on European horse figures  
Good and positive climate  
Lunch meeting on 3 Sep with vice chair and secretary:  
→ see a need to collaborate (industry/practioners with scientists)  
Suggestion: Seminar in Brussels – spring 2016  
- a meeting between industry to scientists (representing different research teams)  
- industry will talk about need (topics)  
- funding possibilities (EU commission, other species ...)  
- strengthen inter-/multi disciplinary research  
€1200 for EHN budget  
A summary should be distributed.

Pierre suggests including other EU group in the planned seminar such as Sport medicine and private Foundation

Bo finds the exchange very relevant as it is precisely the objectives of EHN to collect and exchange information that way.

Nancy suggests including people from the Animal Task Force: <http://www.animaltaskforce.eu/>

A seminar is organised by ATF on Tuesday 17 November, 2015 from 10:00 to 18:00 at University Foundation, Egmontstraat 11 in Brussels.

**4. Horse Conference in Caen on 29 September 2015**

Topics are of interest for EHN and speakers have been contacted.  
For EHN, the best place to organise a Conference remains Brussels  
EHN helps the organiser to find speakers and collect figures.  
EEF, WHW, EFTBA, EPMA will attend the conference.



#### **5. Cooperation with COPA Working Party on Horses**

Daniel Azevedo announces a conference in the EU Parliament on 20 October with Eric Andrieu, MEP. Invitation sent soon.

#### **6. Equine Welfare conference**

Eurogroup For Animals and EHN are co-organising

Eurogroup is taking care of registration and promotion – banners will be printed

DG Santé will send out the invitation to all members of the Commission's Steering Group on equine welfare.

Speakers: DG AGRI (Florence) Roly (Ministry if needed)

Cocktail from 6.00 to 8.00 pm – Square de Meeus, 40

#### **7. AGM – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015**

Board: EFTBA, EMHF and ETF will have a rotation membership starting with EFTBA, followed by EMHF and ETF agrees to go third.

Proposal for new Board:

- Mark Wentein, CBC (also suggested as the future chair)
- Florence Gras, EPMA (secretary)
- Nancy De Briyne, FEEVA
- Bo Helander, EEF
- Pierre Lekeux; Hippolia
- Klaus, Miesner, WBFSH
- Roly Owers, WHW
- Nick Elsass, EFTBA (rolling representation with the gallop organisations)
- Erica Lindberg, SHIF

Hippolis have suggested that we could meet in Finland for AGM 2017 – Board members suggest keeping the location in Brussels because of the possibility to meet political contacts in COM and EP.

Draft Programme:

Members' presentations (5 min each)

Figures – presentation from an expert at the IFCE

Platform/Discussion for actions to plan 2016

#### **8. Figures**

We will organise a core group with IFCE in order to collect and work on figures in a more professional way. We will question members at the AGM.

Nancy suggest to add to our key figures, the % of vets working with horses - Extract from FVE Survey of the veterinary profession in Europe: <http://www.fve.org/news/reports.php#FVE>

#### **9. EHN – Proposal Action plan 2016/MEP Horse Group**

About the Action plan 2015 – see point 7.

MEP Horse Group – meeting end January 2016 on Funding and resources. The next could be on Tourism in Spring 2016 (see IFTE membership and next Chairman position in Bruges)

#### **Next steps:**

- **New Board – Meet Mark Wentein to prepare his programme - Florence**
- **Invite speakers for Equidae Welfare conference – Roly, Florence**
- **Invite EHN members to various events in Brussels 20, 21 and 22 October – Stefan**
- **Print 3 last leaflets to distribute at AGM**

**Next Board meetings in Brussels – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (TBC)**

**Conference & AGM - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October in Brussels – cocktail on 21<sup>st</sup> October Square de Meeus, 40 – 4<sup>th</sup> floor**