



EHN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12 September 2017 in Chantilly

Attendees:

Mark Wentein

Roly Owers

Paull Khan

Constance Popineau

Tim Richardson

Hubert Honoré

Florence Gras

Audrey Aussibal

Bo Helander

Erica Lindberg

Excused: Klaus Miesner

Presentation of the **International Forum for the Aftercare of racehorses**, IFAR, by Diana Cooper and **Au Dela des Pistes** by Lisa-Jane Grafard, Nemone Routh.

Mark Wentein thanks Au Dela des Pistes, France Galop and Tim Richardson (for his suggestion to meet in Chantilly) for the presentation and the opportunity to be here today. The previous Board meeting on 28 February has no minutes but everything that was planned has been done:

- Political meetings in March
- MEP Horse Group on Future CAP in May
- Legal Group in June
- Presidents' meeting and second MEP Horse Group in July on Equestrian Tourism

EHN regrets however that the EU Commission has refused Franck Gasthuys as EHN expert on the animal Welfare Platform but Roly Owers will update as he is a member of the platform.

Roly suggests to ask IFAR to become EHN member.

1. Prepare EHN General Assembly

The AGM is usually joint to our Annual Conference in the EU Parliament, therefore on 7 November afternoon.

- Discuss Board membership

EHN will send a call for candidates for Board members. Current Board members are all candidates for one more year. They confirm their support to Mark Wentein as Chairman.

EFTBA wants to stay member of the Board together with EMHF. Joe Herson, Chairman of EFTBA has expressed his position to continue to share practices and lobbying ideas particularly on topics such as the future CAP – Therefore thoroughbred will be represented by both the Breeders and the Racing organisations (equivalent to the representation of the Equestrian Sport with WBFSH and EEF).

- Budget proposal for 2018 - a professional office with a permanent staff?

EHN has used part of the savings to organise more events in 2017. Membership Fees amount € 11 500 which is low if we want to develop our activities such as a better communication, an FAO study on green CAP issues.

The question to increase the resources and how to do it must be debated during the AGM meeting.

Ingmar de Vos, President of FEI, has offered to contribute substantially to EHN budget in order to professionalise EHN activities.

We could also with greater resources, communicate in a better way (ask a Communication Agency?) and employ a dedicated person.

A draft job description will be defined and a budget proposal with 3 different options prepared for our AGM.

– 2018 Action Plan

MEPs Horse Group meeting – on Insurance topics, on Aftercare, on Identity/Passport

Participate to more events – EU Week of sport, European Heritage Days,

Create an event for Equines in September

Co-finance FAO study on green assets of the Equine industry

Communicate on long term issues with Tagline, Banner

Prepare EHN Conference in European Parliament 7 November morning

2 Round Tables chaired by Hilde Vautmans and Jean Arthuis

Round Table 1 – SPORT – Chaired by Hilde Vautmans

- Green Equestrian Events/Sustainability programme
Harald Muller, Director Education and Standards – International Equestrian Federation FEI
- German/French/Dutch Equestrian models – presentation by famous riders
- Young Riders Academy, new concept for promising European riders
EEF representative/Eleonora Ottaviani
- Agreement between EU countries to facilitate the movement of equines – TPA (UK, Ireland, France) and Benelux/France agreement – How to enlarge it?
Frederic Bouix – FITE Chairman and Director General of EEF

Round Table 2 – TRADE – Chaired by Jean Arthuis

- The importance of International sales
Eric Hoyeau – CEO Arqana
- Brexit negotiations
Paul Marie Gadot – France Galop
Will Lamb – British Horseracing Authority
COPA? Cabinet Commissioner Hogan?
- EU Consumers' Sales future legislation – The impact on horses' sales
MEP, Pascal Arimont/Fredrick Federley (TBC)

Conclusions: Update on topics discussed in Equine Conference 2016 – VAT, CAP After 2020

2. Update on Legal Group

Table with the 7 topics followed by EHN members was resend to Board members.

Next Legal Group meeting on 6 November afternoon to update EHN positions and next activities.

3. Update on EU Animal Welfare Platform

Roly relates the first meeting of the Platform in June chaired by representatives of DG Santé.

WHW asked to create an Equine Sub-group but the EU Commission will probably accept only 1 sub-group for the moment, probably on Pigs welfare.

No document or minutes have been published since June.

The next meeting is confirmed on 10 November.

4. Communication messages following EHN Presidents' meeting

One of the Conclusion of the EHN Presidents' meeting in July was to improve EHN Communication (messages and tools).

The web site could be improved although many members think that it is "doing the job". Florence will send suggestions to Roly.

Other ideas delivered by the July meeting will be prepared and reported to AGM.

TO DO

- Resend FAO study proposal to obtain answers from Klaus and Erica regarding the feasibility in Sweden and Germany.
- Update the Legal Group Table with follow-up information on Consumers' sales (Erica and Florence)
- Discuss draft programme of Equine conference with Jean Arthuis and Hilde Vautmans (Florence)
- Look for relevant speakers for EHN Conference (All)
- Build up a budget proposal for 2018 with different options (Florence and Mark)
- Suggestion on web site improvement (Florence and Roly)
- Send a Save the Date to all members (Florence)
- Send a Call for applications for EHN Board (Florence)
- Ask IFAR for membership

NEXT MEETINGS

- **Legal Group on 6 November 2017 in Brussels – From 2 to 4 pm**
- **EHN Board meeting on 6 November 2017 in Brussels – From 4.00 to 6.00 pm**
- **Annual Dinner in Brussels on 6 November – 7.30 pm**
- **3rd Equine Conference in European Parliament in Brussels – From 10.00 am to 12.30 pm**
- **EHN General Assembly on 7 November in Brussels (Square de Meeus, 40) – Lunch and meeting – 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm**