



**Board Meeting
15th June 2011 – Brussels
Minutes**

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 Filiere Equine
Stefan Johanson, HNS - Swedish Horse Council Foundation

Excused:

Bo Helander, European Equestrian Federation

1. Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes of the last Board meeting are approved.

Leaflet was completed and a registration system will be installed soon on the web site.

Agenda is adopted with a modification on point 3 – preparation of the lunch meeting

2. Preparation of the lunch meeting

11 MEPs and other representatives – 25 attendees

- Presentation of the European Horse Network – Overview - Stefan
- Position of horses in the CAP reform process and rural development issues - Cathy
- Green Paper on online gambling and the financing of racing and equine sport - Florence
- Equine health and welfare (including the welfare in transport review) - Roly
- Innovation and Research development in the horse industry - Frederic

We will try to announce a new meeting on 29 November 2011

3. Equus 2011 or 2012?

Weak part regarding EHN positioning is on sport issues: Stefan will contact Bo and Harald to discuss it and find ways of improvement.

Members agree to write a quarterly Newsletter for EHN members re-using EFTBA + EPMA content. Hopefully all other members in EHN can send material to the Newsletter.

Next EQUUS Conference cannot be organised this year in Poland because of October national election. The government in position cannot agree on specific funding. However, members agree to keep the organisation in Poland but to see if it could be organised during spring 2012.



Location in Denmark is not relevant as the previous conference was already organised in a Scandinavian country. Cyprus, although will hold EU Presidency from July to December 2012 and could be an opportunity as the Commissioner in charge of sport, Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, is Cypriot. Cathy will do some checks.

4. Action and Communication Plan 2011

Both the action and communication plan were updated and are attached to the minutes.

5. COPA Horse Group – collaboration

Stefan has checked with Inge Vandael about the work in the COPA Horse Group. They are working with similar issues as EHN. COPA is not interested to be a member of EHN but interested to cooperate around some issues.

Stefan will contact Lucia Zitti at COPA and invite her to our next Board meeting.

6. Other issues

Members discuss shortly about the European Year of Volunteering. Every member can gather information about volunteering at the national level. This information can be used in future years.

Meeting closed at 11.45 am

Next steps:

- **Draft a press release following our MEP lunch (Cathy)**
- **Invite Lucia from COPA horse group at our next meeting (Stefan)**
- **Contact Philippe Casier regarding EMHF membership fee (Florence)**
- **Contact Marek for next EQUUS conference in Spring 2012 Poland (Stefan)**

Next EHN Board meeting in Brussels: 1st September 2011

Annual Meeting confirmed: 26th October 2011 in Brussels