



**Board Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – 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  
Jesper Moller Nielsen – FEEVA, Equine Veterinarians  
Klaus Miesner, World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses

Excused:

Cathy McGlynn, EFTBA – European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations

**1. Approval of the agenda**

Agenda was validated.

**2. COPA Horse Working Group**

Pascal Bioulac is the new chair of COPA Horse Group. The group met in April and discussed VAT, CAP reform, Horse ID and measures following the Horse meat scandal.

The group should meet once a year.

On VAT, the group want to be active and find solutions on specific reduced VAT such as exemption for draught horses in Netherlands. COPA will invite a representative from TAXUD department in the EU Commission at their next meeting.

On Horses ID reforms, the idea to have a unique central body to issue passports is not supported by national federations.

Pascal will be invited to share common issues at the next EHN Board meeting in September 2013.

**3. New members**

- EAAP (animal production, linked to research) – Stefan has contacted them. The Association is not applying to EHN but has positive intentions about joining us on any research event.
- EEN (National Riding schools) Small association – Klaus has contacted them. The structure is at the beginning of its own organisation and organises its first EU Championship in Sweden soon. When both issues are solved, EEN will contact EHN.

To start communicating EHN will invite them to our next Board meeting.

- FERPI application received and discussed. Board members showed an interest in having an Italian partner. Cathy will check with the Italian breeders to obtain more information. A representative is invited at our next Board meeting in September to make a presentation.



#### **4. MEP Horse Group meeting 18 June 2013**

Topic: Welfare

Roly has finalised the agenda and invited speakers from Parliament and EU Commission

Leaflet on Horses & welfare was discussed and will be formatted and printed with the help of Cathy and send by post to Florence.

Next possible Horse Group lunch in November 2013 could focus on Health (availabilities of medicine, antimicrobial resistance, labs development). The event could be linked to the EU Animal Health Law and its first measures.

Jesper will ask Nancy from FEEVA about MEPs involved in Health.

Florence will ask Julie Girling for dates in November.

#### **5. Next EQUUS conference – September 2014**

Stefan and Florence met key persons in Caen on 3/4 April to test the feasibility of Equus 2014 during WEG

A draft programme, legacy proposal as well as a budget estimate have circulated and will be discussed inside the organisation Committee.

Bernard Maurel will be contacted to look for speakers from eastern European countries.

A coordination meeting should be organised mid-June.

Stefan and Klaus will look for other Horse events on the same dates.

#### **6. EHN Web site/Newsletter**

Roly will take over the web site management – a twitter account was launched: @EUHORSENETWORK

Florence took over the Newsletter in May and will continue for the next edition scheduled at the end of August.

#### **7. 5 points Action Plan of the European Commission – Horse Meat Fraud**

Horse passports – unique document issuer and a central national database

Many officials horse organisations are not happy about limiting to 1/State the number of issuer - not relevant as Racing, Sport, Draught have different rules.

The first step should be to harmonise requirements/format so that all national documents are readable/understandable.

EHN could draft a position of the horse sector supporting the Action Plan but also explaining constraints and specificities to take into account in the implementation.

Klaus will draft a letter to DG SANCO.

#### **8. EHN theme meeting on Research**

Following our MEP Horse Group lunch on research and discussions with DG Research and Hippolia Foundation, EHN feel there is an interest to gather European Research teams using EHN platform in order to present common projects during coming call for proposals.



Stefan will contact EAAP with the proposal – Florence will contact FABRE - Technology Platform on Farm Animal Breeding and Reproduction <http://www.fabretp.info/>

#### **9. Programme – AGM, Oct 2013**

Focus on Research, Horse identification and welfare indicators  
Stefan and Roly will contact EU Commission speakers

#### **10. Action plan 2013**

Updated Action Plan is attached

#### **11. Validate/change date for Board meeting**

Board meeting – Change from 4 to 10 September 2013 in Brussels

#### **Next steps:**

- Invite Pascal Bioulac and Ferpi Toscana at our next Board on 10 September – Stefan
- Format and print EHN Welfare leaflet – Cathy, Roly
- Draft EHN Leaflet on Environment – Florence (Pit is also involved)
- Dates for MEP Horse Group lunch in November 2013 – Florence
- Invite EAAP, and EEN to future EHN-meetings – Stefan
- EQUUS 2014  
clear dates – Stefan, Klaus  
organise June meeting – Cathy, Florence  
Find speakers in Eastern Europe – Bernard
- Draft EHN position on Horse meat Fraud Action Plan – Klaus
- Contact EAAP to test feasibility of a EHN Research Meeting in autumn – Stefan
- Contact FABRE platform to test feasibility of a EHN Research Meeting in autumn - Florence

**Next MEP Horse Group meeting in EP Brussels: 18 June 2013 (EPMA office in the morning or 12.15 in the entrance of the EP)**

**Board confirmed on 10 September 2013**

**AGM on 17 October 2013 in Brussels**