



27th September 2022

Board meeting

Online

Minutes

Welcome by the Chairman, Mark Wentein.

1. Minutes of the last Board meeting – July 2022

Minutes are accepted without any modification.

2. Prepare EHN annual Conference – 30th Nov or 1st December 2022: Social License/Animal Welfare – Define speakers

- The topic will be horse welfare and social licence to operate.
- The 1st December still have to be confirmed by Hilde Vautmans. Meeting between Hilde Vautmans, Florence Gras and Mark Wentein on the 11th October to confirm this.
- Speakers have to be identified. It would be interesting to contact someone from the European Commission (Andrea Gavinelli). We also have to find panelists from the sport sector or the racing sector (to be defined in details during the welfare sub-group on the 7th October).

3. Prepare EHN General Assembly – 30th November 2022 Next Board meeting

Draft agenda:

- Presentation of the financial statement by the accountant.
- Report on sub-group activities: Horse welfare ; sustainable equine tourism ; statistical study ; literary prize.
- Presentation and final decision on the 5 applications
- Presentation and final decision on Barbara Padalino request for funding.
- Focus on members or interesting topics. Several topics are proposed by Board members: Catherine Bonnichon-de-Rancourt for the EEF; presentation of the revision of the welfare legislation; someone involved in the organisation of the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 to see how this event could be an occasion to mediatize good practices and know-how of the equine sector.

4. Membership applications:

Presentation of organisations and their interest in EHN by their representants.

- a. COFICHEV (Switzerland)
- b. The International Group for Equestrian Qualifications – IGEQ
- c. Equures label
- d. InterBev

e. FCC:

- These applications will be presented and voted during the general assembly the 30th November. The board will have to present its opinion to other members. The secretariat is working on a summary.

5. Others

- New sub-group meetings to organize: meeting on sustainable equine tourism (videoconference to be planned) and on the statistical study (meeting to be planned on the 30th November).
- Hilde Vautmans is less involved in political activities. Secretariat of EHN will try to organise meeting with other MEPs in October or November to find MEPS who would be active and involved in the network (Stephanie Yon-Courtin (FR), Henna Virkkunen (FI)).
- The FEEVA raised the issue on portuguese authorities asking for an extra microship for horses. Julius Peters will provide information and elements to draft a letter in order to bring awareness to portuguese authorities and DG SANTE to this issue.

TO DO LIST

- Meeting of the welfare sub-group to finalize a proposal of agenda for the annual conference
- To schedule meeting for the Horse Destination Label sub-group and the statistical study sub-group
- Prepare the agenda and reports for the General Assembly: sub-group activities, statement on EU projects, summary on Barbara Padalino's project and applications.