

# Minutes of the Bi-Annual Meeting of International Young Breeding Delegates

21.00pm – on Friday, 19 July 2019 at Stadl Paura

Minutes prepared by Lieve De Greeff from Belgian Warmblood, Belgium

Attendees: Andre Audinot (SF), Christine Kropf (US), Declan McArdle (ISH), Hendrick Fiegel (Deutsche Jungzüchter), Ines Rathke (Brand), Inge Madsen (DWB), Inken Gräfin von Platen-Hallermund (Holst), Josefine Tinglöp (SWB), Maren Schlender (Hann), Carolin Kathmann (Oldbg), Lieve De Greeff (BWP), Muriel Koelen (KWPN), Verena Nowak (AU), Charmaine Bergman (CWHBA)

## 1. Chair's Welcome

The President of the IYB, Inken Gräfin von Platen-Hallermund, opened the meeting by expressing her pleasure that so many studbooks had been able to send teams of young breeders to Austria.

### **Chair's Announcements:**

- Secretary Wendy Conlon sent her apologies for being unable to come to Canada and attend the meeting due to illness.
- The chair circulated a list of all delegates/members together with the attendance list for everyone to check for accuracy

### **Introductions:**

All International Young Breeder Delegates introduced themselves and provided short information about the current situation of the Young Breeders in their studbooks.

US: 20 active members

Denmark: New approach: in combination with interesting stables. Parents get involved too. Breeders are no longer farmers. A lot of new people enter the breeding scene. 50 active members.

Canada: has difficulties to find harmony. Distance is always a problem. 60 active members.

KWPN: try to involve riding schools. 700 members of which 50 active members.

Bayern: in line with the opinion of Denmark.

Hannover: 500 young breeders. They try to include very little young breeders.

Selle Français: co-operate with agricultural schools. They organise a National Competition where they have 150 participants.

Irish Sport Horse: Two year cycles – one year open to everybody; then focused work just with those identified for team selection which is preceded by national championships. 100 active young breeders.

SWB: 250 members of which 100 active members. They organise competition between schools. Young Breeders are involved in the Stallion Performance Test.

Belgian Warmblood: 20 active members. Young Breeders had a little crash in 2017 when the board announced that they could not participate in Canada. Visits always have 100 or 120 young breeders. Training is less 'interesting'. Challenge is to keep it going.

Brandenburg: Focus on educating youngsters.

Canadian Warmblood: First competition was in Belgium. Distance is always a problem. They try to work on co-operation with other studbooks. 28 active members.

Austrian Warmblood: After Canada there was a crash. To be able to organise the championships they brought different breeds together. They also tried to bring sports and breeding together. They have 800 members.

Holstein: 1000 young breeders. 120 active members. They try to invest also in 'new' breeders: age 8 - 80

## **2. Report on developments**

The chair provided a brief overview:

**2015**: Manual on how to run the championships and a constitution. This step was very important for reliability and stability.

**2016**: Board developed rules for the Judges pool

**2017: BAGM** it was decided to make the wearing of helmets mandatory; Part 4 of the theory test was revised; Networking among teams and getting to know each other was identified as important to integrate into world championships.

**Board Meeting** in November 2017: Importance of the role of the Steward was discussed with a proposal to introduce the use of an FEI Steward for future World Championships. The desire to introduce linear scoring as the method of scoring at World Championships was discussed. Idea of Seminar for Judges and Trainers was initiated.

### **2018: Workshop for trainers and judges Denmark**

Feedback from attendees was this was a positive experience. Participants were receptive to the idea of scheduling similar events to assist in harmonising scoring.

The judges and trainers gathered unanimously agreed to the introduction of an F.E.I. Steward.

Videos were made at the workshop. . Declan McArdle (Ire) is tasked with finalising them. There were delays due to lack of feedback / information to Declan leaving him unable to progress.

The chair showed an example of one video at the BAGM. All delegates are pleased with the result.

### **Additional remarks:**

- Theory: Should we leave the multiple choice system? Is it too easy? Should we work with negative correction?
- Mixing up of the teams is necessary to encourage networking where there is opportunity outside of formal competition time
- The utilisation of an FEI steward has proven its importance.

The issue of International Judges training young breeders was discussed as this can be common enough practice in different studbooks.

Different options to handle this kind of situation were proposed.

- 1) No rules

2) Three months before the championships, no training for teams by judges recruited for the forthcoming world championships

3) A judge must step backwards when one of their studbook team members enters the arena (In Hand) and other members of the judges panel mark the competitor without the input of the judge aligned with the studbook the competitor represents

The delegates did not find a final solution. At the moment the idea is to use suggestion three before having a better solution.

- 2019, October, WBFSH GA meeting in Saumur. All delegates are invited to participate, but have to pay for it themselves.

### **3. Linear scoring**

Several studbooks already use linear scoring. However it has not been used in Young Breeder competitions/championships so far.

Automatic correction is needed when linear scoring is entered in the world championship.

Up until now the technology to enable automatic correction has been too expensive.

Hendrik Fiegel has experience with a system that is used for cattle. He will inform about it.

A team will think about the best possible way to introduce the linear scoring into the World Championship. Members of the team: Inge Madsen, Andre Audinot and Theresa Döhler.

### **4. Financial update**

	<b>Income €</b>	<b>Expenditure €</b>	<b>Balance €</b>
Balance on 01.09.2018			2.688,31
Interest		-0,38	
Website 2018		-446,25	
Membership 2019 (20 €)	220,00		
Support WBFSH WC	3.500,00		
Balance on 19.07.2019			<b>5.962,44</b>
Expected:			
Annual support WBFSH 2019	3.000,00		
International Judge 1		-500,00	
International Judge 2		-500,00	
Scorer		-500,00	
Steward		-500,00	
Organizing studbook		-1.500,00	
Missing membership fees	180,00		

### **5. WBFSH Update**

There are no changes. The WBFSH still gives good support to the International Young Breeders.

## **6. New Proposals**

- Increase membership fee to €50 per year. The board accepts this. As well to safe costs the membership fee will be charged always for two years.

A proposal was made to have the membership fee raised to 100 €/ year by 2022. There was no decision made in this regard. The Board needs to prepare a proposal before the next meeting in 2021.

- Rhythm / frequency of election: every 4 year (cf. treasurer)

- Participation at the BAGM for all paying members was discussed: not every paying member can vote currently at the BAGM. There was no decision made.

- The invitation for the BAGM meeting should be sent at least three months before the meeting is held. That way delegates can prepare themselves and those who intend to put themselves forward for positions to be elected, including retention of positions can make themselves known.

## **7. World Championship 2021**

The chair provided a summary of all the championships that were held in the past.

In 2021 KWPN Royal Dutch Sport Horse Studbook invites International Young Breeders to Ermelo at the National Equestrian Centre.

## **8. World Championships 2023**

There are no candidates yet. Offers to host can be named to the board.

## **9. Elections**

Positions on the IYB board normally come up for elections every four years. This year, the following positions were up for election:

- Vice-President: Lieve De Greeff has been in the position for 4 years.
- Treasurer: Carolin Kathmann has been in the position for 2 years.

Vice-President: Lieve De Greeff received the only nomination for Vice-President and was unanimously re-elected to the post.

Treasurer: Carolin Kathmann received the only nomination for Treasurer and was unanimously elected to the post.

Finances are in hands of the WBFSh, Rudi Eerdekenes.

## **10. New positions**

PR and sponsorship: Ines Rathke will work out a plan for PR and sponsorship.

Linear Scoring: Inge Madsen (DWB) , Andre Audinot (SF) and Theresa Döhler (TRAK)

## **11. Any Other Business**

- It was requested to make available photographs from the World Championships (? Make available to the committee/ to trainers/ whom)?

- As it became very late in the evening (night), the board suggests to schedule half a day for the meeting in the future. Maybe Thursday afternoon would be a good time to have the meeting. The agenda for the meeting should be sent to all delegates three months before.