

Minutes
of the WHBSF General Assembly
held on 03 June 2015 at the Sattlerwirt Hotel in Ebbs

Attendees: (see separate attendance list)

Absent: ANACRHA President *Dr Francesco Ramella* and Association Française du Haflinger President *Mathieu Ringler* asked to be excused. *Dr Erich Messner* represented ANACRHA.

Meeting agenda

- 1) Discussion and approval of the minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 26 September 2014
- 2) Recent activities
- 3) Financial report, Audit Committee report and approval of the 2014 annual financial statement
- 4) 2015 budget
- 5) Decision regarding the application for full membership submitted by *Póni és Kislótenyésztők Országos Egyesülete*, the Hungarian National Pony and Small Horse Breeders' Association
- 6) Initiatives planned for 2016
- 7) 2015 Haflinger World Show: schedule, dates etc.
- 8) Misc.

The meeting started at 3.30 pm. President *Lukas Scheiber* agreed to chair. Secretary *Michael Gruber* agreed to write the minutes. The meeting was held in German; *Thomas Timlin* interpreted into English. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late *Dr Gerhard Rainer*, President of the European Federation of Haflinger Horse Breeders, who passed away in January 2015.

1) Discussion and approval of the minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 26 September 2014

President *Lukas Scheiber* welcomed the members present and thanked them for their attendance in such large numbers. He announced that the participants of the four-day long-distance hack from Zams to Ebbs would arrive at the Fohlenhof Ebbs stud farm at 5 pm and that the General Assembly would therefore have to be concluded by 4.30 pm. Secretary *Michael Gruber* briefly read out the main points of the minutes of the General Assembly held on 26 September 2014 and listed the work done since then. The minutes were accepted *unanimously*.

2) Recent activities

President *Lukas Scheiber* reported that most activities carried out in late 2014 and early 2015 had gone towards the preparing the 2015 Haflinger World Show. Training the judges for the Haflinger breed, especially the ones selected to work at the 2015 Haflinger World Show, had been a central focus point. A series of training sessions had been organised for the purpose, and it was ensured that the judges had a chance to work at two or more events in the line-up earmarked for the World Show.

The President furthermore announced that, since the European Federation of Haflinger Horse Breeders would cease its activities after the 2015 European Haflinger Championship in Vermezzo near Milan, the WHBSF should assume the organisation of the European Championship.

Secretary *Michael Gruber* described the measures and initiatives aimed at consolidating the WHBSF: the International Breeders' Seminar held in early 2105 at the Trachselwald Haflinger Centre in Switzerland, a number of measures to create a solid financial basis and new contacts in several countries (Hungary, Poland, South Korea and China). Intensive assistance and advice was provided for

the member organisations. Representatives of the WHBSF also attended a major horse fair in Seoul and offered advice and guidance.

3) Financial report, Audit Committee report and approval of the 2014 annual financial statement

The President asked the Secretary to read out the 2014 annual financial statement.

Expenditures		2014
Bank charges	EUR	320.52
Bank interest	EUR	326.30
Translations	EUR	9,932.41
Taxes and fees	EUR	121.66
Advertising expenditure	EUR	221.13
Restaurant expenses (meetings etc.)	EUR	2,569.90
Expenses for renting meeting rooms and equipment	EUR	3,126.60
Travel expenses	EUR	8,401.36
Expenses for trade fairs	EUR	2,749.10
Other expenses	EUR	452.00
Extraordinary losses	EUR	700.00
Rounding	EUR	0.01
Amortisation	EUR	2,154.36
Total expenditures	EUR	31,075.35
Profit	EUR	151.11
	EUR	31,226.46

Income		2014
Annual membership fees	EUR	10,800.00
Public funding	EUR	10,000.00
Revenues		10,422.20
Bank interest earned	EUR	4.26

Total income	EUR	31,226.46
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Assets		2014
Outstanding revenue	EUR	5,211.20
Input tax on bank interest earned	EUR	0.94
Multi-year advertising expenses	EUR	6,761.98
Total assets	EUR	11,974.12

Liabilities		2014
Cassa Centrale Raiffeisen dell'Alto Adige/Raiffeisen Landesbank Südtirol	EUR	1,926.52
Debts to suppliers	EUR	9,013.36
Reserves		883.13
Profits	EUR	151.11
Total liabilities	EUR	11,974.12

Secretary *Michael Gruber* remarked that the means available were very narrow considering the Federation's plans and projects and that the priorities must therefore be clear. A big factor, he explained, are the expenses incurred for public relations (translations, texts and reports) and judges' assignments.

Audit Committee President *Edy Biot* provided a brief statement regarding the annual financial statement and reported that, after checking all relevant documents (balance of accounts, bank statements, incoming and outgoing invoices, input tax statements etc.) together with *Stane Bergant* and *Jaroslav Drazan*, there was no sign of any irregularities whatsoever. He then asked the General Assembly to approve the 2014 financial statement.

The 2014 financial statement and the annual report were accepted *unanimously*.

4) 2015 budget

For 2015, Secretary *Michael Gruber* presented the following forecast of revenues:

- Full membership fees EUR 10,500.00
- Associate membership fees EUR 1,200.00
- Funding provided by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol EUR 40,000.00
- Other EUR ?

The Secretary added that a further application for funding has been submitted to the regional government of Trentino-South Tyrol; no answer has been received as yet. The President suggested that the Board of Directors discuss the use of the financial means and any measures planned for 2015 in depth at their next meeting.

The General Assembly agreed *unanimously*.

5) Decision regarding the application for full membership submitted by *Póni és Kislótenyésztők Országos Egyesülete*, the Hungarian National Pony and Small Horse Breeders' Association

In late 2014, an application for membership was submitted by the Hungarian National Pony and Small Horse Breeders' Association (*Póni és Kislótenyésztők Országos Egyesülete*).

Mr *Németh Zoltán* presented the organisation:

- officially recognised by the Hungarian breeding authorities in 1984
- members as of 31 December 2014 -> 34 (118 counting other pony breeds)
- horses under the age of three -> 27
- breeding mares -> 50
- breeding stallions -> 9

President *Lukas Scheiber* announced Hungary would take part in the World Show with three horses. He declared that based on its size, the Hungarian National Pony and Small Horse Breeders' Association would be entitled to one voting right and that the current membership fees would amount to EUR 400 per year. The General Assembly *unanimously* voted yes to accept the application.

6) Initiatives planned for 2016

The President reported that in 2015, the WHBSF continued its cooperation with the Czech *Asociace svazů chovatelů koní České republiky* by means of an ERASMUS+ project, and that ANACRHA and HPT too were involved in the cooperation.

Upon conclusion of the Haflinger World Show, he proceeded, the European Haflinger Championship in Milan was the next important initiative and asked all members to participate in the event. Secretary *Michael Gruber* added that he continues to look for potential new members and that the WHBSF is currently seeking to establish contacts in Poland.

7) 2015 Haflinger World Show: schedule, dates etc.

Lukas Scheiber and *Rudolf Hussl* gave a brief overview of the 2015 Haflinger World Show explaining the schedule and a series of facts and figures. They concluded by expressing their high hopes for a fruitful cooperation between everyone involved. The delegates thanked the HPT for organising the event.

8) Miscellaneous

There were no further statements and the meeting ended at 4.30 pm.

The President

– Michael Gruber –

– Lukas Scheiber –

The Secretary