



Minutes of the 13th Regular Members' Meeting

of August 23, 2002 at CSIR, Brummeria, Pretoria, South Africa

Agenda (Business Part)

1. Greeting, opening and roll call by President Hans Häckel, Germany
 2. Welcome address
 3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 13th Regular Members' Meeting (13th World Simmental Congress) of August 11, 2000, at Maynooth College, Co. Kildare, Ireland
 4. Financial report
 5. Amendments of the constitution: Name of the World Simmental Federation
 6. Acceptance of the activities report
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 8. Date and place of the next Members' Meetings
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Deliberations

1. Greeting, opening and roll call by President Hans Häckel, Germany

Hans Häckel opens the meeting and cordially thanks the Simmental/Simbra Cattle Breeders Society of Southern Africa for the organisation of the 14th Congress. Since the last Congress in Ireland, in 2000 the world of the cattle breeders has been upset by the BSE-crisis and the foot and mouth disease. Häckel proposes to do a minute's silence for Otmar Föger (Austria) und Ludek Šereda (Czechia) before the roll call.

Country	Representative	Proxy
Argentina	-	South Africa
Australia	Peter Speers	
Austria	Richard Pichler	
Brasilia	-	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	-	-
Canada	Brian McCarthy	
Croatia	-	-
Czechia	-	Austria

Denmark	Steen Grunnet	
France	-	
Germany	Hans Häckel, President	
Hungary	Roza Toth	
Ireland	-	Australia
Italy	Hugo Valentin	
Mexico	Saul Emerson Tijerina Wolf	
Namibia	Stephan Voigts	
New Zealand	-	-
Romania	-	-
Slovakia	-	Austria
Slovenia	Marjan Spur	
South Africa	Peter Massmann	
Spain	-	-
Sweden	ClaesHerman Annersfors	
Switzerland	Emanuel Germann	
United Kingdom	Roger Trehwella	
Uruguay	-	Australia
USA	Robert Haralson	
Yugoslavia	-	Switzerland
Total	15	7

2. Welcome address

Mr. Angus, President of the Simmental/Simbra Cattle Breeders' Society of Southern Africa, friendly welcomes the President, the members of the Council and the 92 delegates. After the retreat of Australia, South Africa organized this Congress within a short time.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 13th Regular Members' Meeting (13th World Simmental-Fleckvieh Congress) of August 11, 2000

The minutes of the Members' meeting in Ireland of August 11, 2000 have been mailed to the delegates. *The minutes are accepted without any comments.*

4. Financial report

Schleppi comments on the accounts 2000 and 2001. The financial year 2000 ended with a net gain of CHF 6'906.30. The accounts 2001 could be closed with an extraordinary profit of CHF 19'652.75. The enormous profit originated from the low activity in the year 2001 because of the foot and mouth disease and the cancellation of the planned Council Meeting in the USA. On December 31, 2001 the short term assets of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation amount to CHF 181'314.65. The balance sum was CHF 194'569.75. Kämpf and Stauffer Treuhand corporation revised the accounts.

No remarks were made concerning the accounts, they are accepted unanimously.

5. Amendments of the constitution: Name of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation

Häckel reminds the members of the Council of the decision taken on August 10, 2000 to propose a new name for the Federation. The name of the breed should be Simmental-Fleckvieh in all four official languages. The English name would be "World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation", the German name "Welt Simmental-Fleckvieh Vereinigung", in French "Fédération Mondiale Simmental-Fleckvieh" and in Spanish "Federación Simmental-Fleckvieh Mundial".

This proposal has an effect on the constitution. As a consequence, it has to be presented to the Members' Meeting. According to item 13, a majority of 2/3 has to accept it.
The members of the Council accept this proposal unanimously.

6. Acceptance of the activities report

The activities report has been distributed. *It is accepted unanimously.*

7. Membership changes, acceptance of new members

Two German regional breeding organizations applied for the admission as associate members of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, namely the "Rinderunion Baden-Württemberg" in Stuttgart (Germany) and the "Rinderzuchtverband Würzburg" in Würzburg. The ASR, the German parent organization and also full member of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation recommends the admission. Häckel reminds the delegates that associate members have no right to vote. However, they pay an annual membership fee of CHF 33.–.

Both organizations are admitted unanimously as associate members.

8. Date and place of the next Members' Meeting

Grunnet and Annersfors invite us to the Congress 2004 of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation in Denmark and Sweden. They present their countries with a video and hand out brochures. The 15th World Congress will take place from June 21 to June 30, 2004.

9. Elections (President and Vice Presidents)

Häckel announces his resignation after 2 years as the President of the Council of the World Federation. According to the constitution, the Council proposes a successor. Two candidates have been proposed, Peter Massmann and Robert Haralson. Massmann renounced because he wants to protect the interests of the Federation and to respect the two breeding directions (dual purpose and beef). That is why Haralson is proposed as sole candidate. He has been Vice President for 2 years.

Haralson presents himself. He is a Simmental breeder in the USA. During several trips to foreign countries he has got an idea of the Simmental-breed in the whole world. He wants to improve the communication between the breeders of Simmental, Fleckvieh and Simbrah to give our breed even a stronger world-charisma.

Robert Haralson is unanimously elected President of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation.

Häckel congratulates his successor and wishes him strength and satisfaction. Afterwards, he communicates that the Council's proposes Franz Stürzer as 1st Vice President. Stürzer introduces himself. He is a Fleckvieh breeder in Germany. He is 56 years old and willing to make an effort for the breed that he took to his heart.

Franz Stürzer is unanimously elected 1st Vice President of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation.

The Council proposes Peter Speers as 2nd Vice President of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation.

Speers introduces himself. He is the head of the Federation in Australia. This proposal means a great honour for him. He is willing to make an effort for the Simmental breed and the World Federation.

Peter Speers is unanimously elected 2nd Vice President of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation.

10. Other business (wishes and suggestions)

Pichler wishes that we try actively to win more associate members. We should contact Russia, the Ukraine and Albania and try to persuade them to become associate members of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation.

11. Conferment of honours

Valentin suggests appointing Hans Häckel and Peter Massmann honorary members. *The assembly accepts this suggestion with applause.* Häckel thanks the assembly for this honour. The World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation made it possible for him to find friends in many countries. With satisfaction he follows the traces of his sire Näf abroad.

In the name of all participants, Röhrmoser thanks Peter Massmann and his wife Diana for the organization of three World Congresses. The World Federation presents a bell and plate with cups and a teapot to the Massmann family.

Häckel: Namibia was the first country outside Europe which imported Simmental cattle. This was in 1893. In this sense, Africa constitutes a connection between the mother countries of Simmental cattle and the new world. He wishes that this remains the same. He hopes the breed will be escape epidemics and he wishes everyone good luck and much pleasure with the Simmental breed.

Haralson thanks the delegates for their confidence in his person. Exciting tasks such as the selection based on DNA-Markers are waiting for us. During his period of office, he will promote the communication between the different interest poles in the World Federation. Finally, he suggests to enter Yves Schleppe in the Golden Book of the World Federation.

Four lectures follow the official part of the meeting:

1. *Performance of Simmental Cattle in Southern Africa: a scientific review.*
Neser F.W.C, van Wyk J.B. & Erasmus G.J., (South Africa)
2. *Simmentaler Zucht seit 1895 unter harten extensiven Bedingungen.* Voigts S. (Namibia)
3. *Milch und Fleisch in einer Rasse verbessern – mit Simmental-Fleckvieh.*
Röhrmoser G. & Pichler R. (Deutschland & . Österreich)
4. *Meat quality of Italian Simmental young bulls as effected by the proportion of Montbéliarde crossing.* Piasentier E. (Italy)

For the minutes:

Yves Schleppe

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