



Minutes of the Council Meeting of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation

Monday, 20th September 2010, 7.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Rydges Melbourne Hotel, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

List of representatives

Country	Representative	Proxy to
Argentina	-	
Australia	Bill Almond	
Austria	Johann Tanzler	
Brazil	-	
Canada	Bruce Holmquist	
Colombia	Daniel Espinosa	
Croatia	-	
Czech Republic	Josef Kučera	
Denmark	Steen Grunnet	
France	-	
Germany	Franz Stürzer	
Hungary	Imre Füller	
Ireland	-	
Italy		Czech Republic – J. Kucera
Mexico	-	
Namibia	-	South Africa – J. Kluysts
New Zealand	Garry McCorkindale	
Serbia	-	
Slovakia	-	
Slovenia	-	
South Africa	Johan Kluysts	
Sweden	-	
Switzerland	Andreas Bigler	
United Kingdom	Dan Evans	
Uruguay	-	
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Agenda

“Budget and Membership”

G. Roehrmoser

Closed meeting

1. Greeting and opening of the meeting B. Holmquist
2. Ascertainment of the countries present and the quorum
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting from 12th October 2009 in Windhoek, Namibia
4. Membership fees and budget 2011
5. Decision about next Council Meeting and Congress
6. Sub-committees meeting

“Budget and Membership”

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6.1. “Breed Publicity and Promotion”

J. Kucera

6.1.1. Website, E-Journal

6.2. “Technical”

J. Tanzler

6.2.1. Steps to exterior harmonization world wide on Simmental/Fleckvieh breed

6.2.2. Genomic selection – country reports

6.3. “Beef Production”

F. Schuetze

6.3.1. Reports on existing projects

a) Bruce Holmquist – Genomic project in Canada

b) Fred Schuetze – Genomic project in the United States

c) Other country reports on beef production projects

6.3.2. New projects

6.4. “Simbra”

J. Kluyts

7. Other business

Deliberations

1. Greeting and opening of the meeting

President Bruce Holmquist welcomes all the participants and opens the meeting. He especially welcomes the Australian hosts and thanks them for the organization of the meeting.

2. Ascertainment of the countries present and the quorum

13 countries are represented by a delegate, 2 countries by a proxy. With 15 out of 26 votes, the council can deliberate validly.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2009 in Windhoek, Namibia

There were no comments to the minutes. The minutes are accepted.

4. Membership fees and budget 2011

There was a discussion about the countries that haven't paid their membership fees to the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation for many years. The council decides to give them (Argentina, Brazil, Serbia, Uruguay) a final chance. The secretariat will send them a letter with following information: The member countries that haven't paid the fees for their membership within WSFF will lose their membership. Above mentioned countries should settle their debts during next 60 days.

5. Decision about the next Council Meeting and next Congress

Fixed dates: next Council Meeting in Italy in 2011, the Congress in Germany in 2012.

Josef Kucera introduces the meeting in Italy that is the host country of the next WSFF Council Meeting in 2011 during the Congress program of the European Simmental Federation in May 2011 in Udine, Italy. The WSFF Council Meeting is expected to be placed on Wednesday, 3rd of May.

Georg Roehrmoser gives information about the WSFF Congress in 2012 in Germany to the delegates. For more details download his presentation here: www.wsff.info. The main Congress part will probably start on 17th September and end on 24th September 2012 in Munich.

In 2013 there will be a Council Meeting of the European Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation in Slovenia. The WSFF secretariat will ask the Slovenian representatives if there is a chance to have a joint meeting together with the WSFF.

The Colombian delegate – Daniel Espinosa – proposes Colombia as host country of the Congress in 2014. The proposal is accepted.

6. Deliberations of the sub-committees

With the exception of the sub-committee “Budget and Membership”, there are no separate meetings of sub-committees. The subjects are discussed directly within the Council.

Budget and Membership (Georg Roehrmoser)

Georg Roehrmoser gives the delegates a report from the closed meeting of this sub-committee.

The closing of accounts 2009 is presented and commented on. The accounts 2009 closed with a loss of CHF 4644,32 however 7 member countries paid for the 2009 membership in 2010. This was caused by a delay in sending the invoices for 2009. On 31st December 2009 the bank account No 16 855.722.2.65 amounts to CHF 72 364,41; the account No 42 4.017.924.09 amounts to CHF 53 257,85; the account No 42 3.946.485.12 amounts to CHF 48 325,90; the stock (25 shares of the Berner Kantonalbank) amounts to CHF 5 737.

The accounts 2009 are accepted.

The budgets for 2010 and 2011 are accepted as well. There won't be any big changes in 2011 on both sides – expenditures and income.

The invoices 2011 will be sent out, as usual, in January 2011.

The WSFF office will check for better possibilities of a more profitable way for our money on deposit.

Four weeks before the meeting the “financial group” will be informed about the current situation concerning the membership fees.

Research projects

The Budget and membership sub-committee will propose to the Council a new fund of 20 000 CHF for promoting the breed. Long term projects should be supported by the WSFF.

The proposal is accepted.

ICAR membership

The annual meeting of ICAR was held in Riga, Latvia June 2010. The WSFF was invited to participate in the meeting together with Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Jersey. The

attendance was extremely good and was chaired by Dr. Feddersen - President of the World Holstein Federation.

The world breed organizations agreed to exchange the information through the ICAR and to have a meeting every second year within the frame of ICAR meetings

Josef Kucera was elected as a financial inspector within the ICAR board and the WSFF Council has entrusted him with representing the WSFF by ICAR.

Decision: ICAR-membership of WSFF will be decided within 1-2 years.

6.1. Breed Publicity and Promotion (Josef Kučera)

6.1.1. Update of the website, e-journ@l

The WSFF member countries are asked for their inputs to the newsletter and web sites. There will be a common ESF and WSFF newsletter. The new design was presented to the delegates.

Since 1. 9. 2010 there's been a new design and administration part of the WSFF homepage.

Josef Kucera introduces "Guidelines" for hosting the WSFF meetings to avoid complications and maximize participation in WSFF meetings – the guidelines are based on set of rules/recommendations of the ICAR. The introduced guidelines (see attached) are accepted as a recommendation.

6.2. Technical (Johann Tanzler)

6.2.1 Steps to exterior harmonization world-wide on Simmental/Fleckvieh breed

Bernhard Luntz introduces a current system by dual purpose and a possibility of harmonization of some type traits – for both – dual purpose and beef purpose. See his presentation.

Barb Judd (Canada) thinks that it is an excellent concept but there is a threat of different scoring by different people. Bruce Holmquist finds the proposal as a good starting point. The WSFF should continue discussing this by circulating some information about it per email.

6.2.2 Genomic Selection

A paper will be presented within the Regular members meeting.

Josef Kucera presented a short report concerning the project of international genetic evaluation of traits for beef breeds, Interbeef, organized by Interbull. Next development of the project depends on available financial resources. The long term objective of Interbull is to introduce InterBeef evaluation services by 2011.

Herd book rules: All member countries are asked to send their herd-book rules to the Secretariat. The member countries should inform about their standards – what is supposed to be a pure breed in each country? Johann Tanzler pointed out the problem with Austrian heifers exported to the UK.

6.3. Beef Production (Fred Schuetze)

6.3.1. Reports on existing projects

Fred Schuetze informed about the results of the US project (see his presentation).

Bruce Holmquist informed that the Canadian project has not proceeded yet. As soon as he has new information about the results he will inform the secretariat about it.

6.4. Simbra (Johan Kluyts)

Johan Kluyts gave us a report about Simbra in Namibia and South Africa. Simbra is the 3rd largest breed in South Africa and a very important breed in 5 countries in the world.

Bill Almond (Australia) was speaking about problems in Queensland – there is no concern about bulls used.

7. Other business – “Elections”

Steen Grunnet proposes all three members of the WSFF presidency to continue in the next electoral term. Johan Kluyts and Dan Evans agree with it.

Bill Almond wants to define the length of the electoral term for the president and the vice-presidents. This is laid down in the constitution of WSFF.

Steen Grunnet’s proposal is accepted and will be presented during the Regular members meeting.

At 4 p.m., the President Bruce Holmquist thanks everybody for their contributions and closes the meeting.

For the minutes:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Skopalová', is written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Kristýna Skopalová, Secretary General