

FEDFA
Autumn Meeting September 25th – 28th 2008 Prague
Minutes

Chairman: Rolf Eriksson

Attendance:

Wales: Kathleen and Raymond Gower

Sweden: Rolf Eriksson, Andreas Svensson, Andrey Tolstoy

Latvia: Dainis Paeglitis and Mara Paeglitis

Czech Republic: Vaclav Parizek, Ludek Bartos, Radim Kotrba (Maugli), Petr Janovsky

Austria: Franz Vogelmayr and Erhart Engelbert

Ireland: Greg Potterton and ?

Poland: Bartlomiej Dmuchowski, Jerzy and Adam Wilczewski

Slovakia: Jaroslav Pokoradi and ?

Apologies- John Fletcher and Tony Armitage (UK), Paul Audenaerde (Netherlands), Johan Trygve Solheim (Norway), Patrick Van Aubel (France), Peter Timmerman (Holland), Hanspeter Daenzer (Switzerland), Tomás Landete-Castillejos (Spain).

Chairman's Opening Comments

Minutes of last meeting in Brussels

Discussion on the future of FEDFA

Rolf asked about any information about German Deer Farmers Association and their return to FEDFA

Erhart- they would like to participate during next Brussels meeting and willing to join FEDFA

Franz- recommends to write them official letter again

Next meeting

Jaroslav Pokoradi invited FEDFA to Smolenice chateau of Slovak Academy of Science for 2009 with accommodation, meeting and dinning room at the chateau. Nearby is located their XCELL Breeding Services for red, fallow deer and mouflons where they do artificial insemination, embryo transfer and molecular genetics.

Greg repeated invitation to Ireland for 2010.

New membership:

All the participants agreed to welcome in FEDFA the national associations from Germany, Slovakia, Spain, Poland (Polish New deer farmers association- former one split into two- Poland will share only one vote for two associations).

Bartek explained differences in opinions leading to split of former association.

Tomás Landete-Castillejos from University of Albacete (Spain) will join spring meeting to discuss more about their active participation.

Discussion:

Dainis pointed out that he is representative of Latvian farmers and hunting association and mentioned why FEDFA is not active in those powerful “hunters” structures.

All the participants disagree with him and were against to put farming and hunting together.

Survey:

Maugli presented development on Survey. Still surveys from Germany, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain are missing. Because of the promises about quick response from those counties, they have not started yet with written survey and trying to collect all questionnaires.

Fund rising:

Andrey moderated discussion about necessity of fund rising and highlighted main questions:

Does FEDFA need funds?

Goals what FEDFA can achieve with those funds?

How to raised funds?

How much does FEDFA need?

Other discussion about how to communicate better within FEDFA- unsolved, but the Rolf is expecting written suggestions on his email rolf.svenskhjortavel@telia.com