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FOR SPORT HORSES

WBFSh General Assembly 2023

Sunday, 15th October 2023

At the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Orlando Airport (USA)

Time: 13h00 (EDT / GMT-4)

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2022 (#GA2)
3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments, (#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4) (#GA3.5)
4. Financial report (#GA4 & 5)
5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year (#GA4 & 5)
6. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year (#GA6)
7. Election of Board members (#GA 7&8)
Retiring and eligible for re-election for a 3-year period: Vice President Eva-Maria Broomer (UK). Retiring from the board Vice President Paul Hubert (FRA), nominated for Vice President of the board Armand Perron Petter (FRA)
8. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 7&8)
Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2022, Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER), Guillaume Blanc (FRA) were elected, with Meghan de Garay (USA) and Sonja Egan (IRE) elected as substitutes.
9. New Members/Associates (#GA 9)
10. Motion from the Board (#GA 10) (Updated Statutes for Voting during Hybrid general assemblies and Rightful breeder of a Horse)
11. Motion from members/associates
12. WBFSh Welfare Statement – Good Breeding Practice
13. General Assembly 2024
14. Miscellaneous
 - a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative
 - b. Update from IYB President
 - c. Presentation Equine Register
 - d. WBFSh Rankings – Studbooks of the Year 2023, Breeders of the Year 2023

1. Opening and welcome

President Jan Pedersen welcomed the attendants to the 2023 WBFSH General Assembly in Orlando, the last time it was held in the US was in 2010, in Pennsylvania. The President thanked the American Trakehner Association (ATA) for hosting the General Assembly 2023.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2022

The minutes of the 2022 General Assembly 2022 held in Dresden, Germany, were approved without comment.

3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments

Jan Pedersen mentioned the quickly evolving world and the increasing interest in horse welfare from outside the equestrian world and the society around us. The Social License to Operate (SLO) cannot be taken for granted anymore and we, as the equestrian society, must show the world that we qualify for that license. This is why the WBFSH has coordinated vital steps in the discussion of setting up a Welfare Statement on horse welfare and on the best breeding practices together with the collaboration of Hartpury University, UK.

Department of Development

The Department of Development released their second State of Industry Report (SOI), the aim of which is to gather, and record correct current data that can be used in meaningful and beneficial analysis.

The first report from 2021 provided us with a snapshot of the scale and activity in Warmblood breeding, placed in the context of the overall horse industry. This new report again provided the current State of the Industry and continued to identify emerging challenges and allowed us to begin to see how the industry develops and in which direction we are moving, which makes this second report even more interesting than the first one. This second edition of the report was presented and discussed in a webinar that is available on our website and our YouTube channel.

Department of Breeding

Last year in Dresden, a definition of the “Rightful Breeder of a Horse” was discussed and written as follows: “the rightful breeder of a horse is the person or entity that owns the foal at birth and first registers it into a studbook, therefore giving the foal an identity and a studbook of origin”. As some German Studbooks disagreed with the definition, a new one has been proposed:

“If the breeder who made the choice of the genetic match still owns the foal at birth, they will be registered as the breeder. If they have sold the mare in foal, or the embryo before birth and want to be registered as the breeder, they will need to make an agreement with the new owner, who births the foal and notifies the studbook for its registration.”

The President stated that it is important to have only one definition of the breeder, as it is practical. However, he emphasized that this definition is a recommendation, not an obligation.

Representants from German Studbooks intervened and let the President know that they would not follow this statement nor share this definition. It was acknowledged that some countries have their own definitions. However, the WBFSH recommendation for a definition can be extrapolated across borders, to account for international trade, where definitions that apply within one country cannot be enforced.

Department of External Cooperation

KWPN, Selle Français and the German NF have been on board of the project for the data exchange with FEI since last year. BWP Studbook is hoping to get involved in this ongoing project.

FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses - Dressage

The 25th edition of the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses took place in August in Ermelo, NED. The participating horses represented 20 different member studbooks of the WBFSH.

<u>Medal distribution:</u>	DWB	1 gold
	HANN	1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
	KWPN	1 gold, 1 bronze
	OLD	1 silver, 1 bronze
	WESTF	1 silver

Gold medal winners:

5-year-old - DWB

Horse	Quinn G (Quaterhit / Fassbinder)
Rider	Betina Jaeger
Breeder	Stutteri G – Helene Geervliet

6-year-old - KWPN

Horse	My Toto (Glock's Toto Jr. / Voice)
Rider	Hans Peter Minderhoud
Breeder	Aat Both

7-year-old - HANN

Horse	Danciero (Dancier / Floriscount)
Rider	Anna Kasprzak
Breeder	ZG Broers U. Weber

FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses - Jumping

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses took place from the 21st to the 24th of September in Lanaken, BEL, organized as usual by Stoeterij Zangersheide.

<u>Medal distribution:</u>	ISH	2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze
	WESTF	1 gold
	OLDB	1 silver
	ZANG	1 bronze
	KWPN	1 bronze

Gold medal winners:

5-year-old - ISH

Horse	HHS Ocala (Urano de Cartigny / Wandor van de Mispelaere)
Rider	Michael Pender
Breeder	Bravo Hughes

6-year-old - WESTF

Horse	Cascajall (Casalco / Comme Il Faut)
Rider	Katrin Eckermann
Breeder	Alfons Baumann

7-year-old - MIPAAF

Horse	Kumina Della Gaccia (Kannan / Toulon)
Rider	Harry Allen
Breeder	Coop. Soc. Agr. La Caccia

FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses - Eventing

The 24th edition of the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse will take place from the 19th to the 22nd of October at the wonderful showgrounds of Le Lion d'Angers.

WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy

President Jan Pedersen quoted a Press Release from Jan Tops, stating that this unique event was a resounding success bringing together riders, horses and breeders from different corners of the equestrian world, fostering a spirit of unity and collaboration. The President thanked Xavier Libbrecht for bringing this idea and is looking forward to the next edition to be held in 2024.

Winning Studbooks:

5-year-old - HANN

Dicardo 7 (Diacontinus x Calido's Chalet) & William James Passy
Diarello 3 (Diamant de Semilly x Cascadello) & Tim-Uwe Hoffman
Constable (Contendro x Diarado) & Jaroslaw Skrzyczynski

6-year-old – BWP

Ransome 111 (El Barone 111 Z x Der Senaat) & Gilles van Hamme
Rhapsody van het Netehof (Chacoon Blue x Darco) & Jeroen de Winter
Rythm-K van't Kattenheye (Tangelo vd Zuuthoeve x Cornet Obolensky) & Jan Vermeiren

7-year-old – KWPN

Let's Wait and See HX (Entertainer x Colman) & Gaj Riossa
Loekie-Douglas (Douglas x Corland) & Hilde Woudstra
Lavesther (Elvis ter Putte x Guidam) & Bas Moerings

8-year-old – WESTF

Ballerina 328 (Balous Diamond x Cachas) & Marie Ligges
Project One (Pilothago x Lamoureux II) & Lara Weber
Lajacuma (Lycon x Rockwell) & Hendrik Dowe

ISBC – International Studbook Committee

The WBFSH and co-chairmen Simon Cooper and Hubert Uphaus from the International Studbook Committee (ISBC) met in Lanaken in September to discuss a potential collaboration between both organizations, now that thoroughbreds are officially recognized as a breed on Olympics and FEI starting lists.

There are multiple topics of mutual interest such as equine welfare, equine health, equine transport, genetics, zootechnics, EU legislation, anti-doping and medication, social license to operate. The aim of both organizations is to collaborate on these topics and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Department of Marketing and Communications

The department has dedicated a significant part of its efforts to the ongoing development of the WBFSH digital presence, with particular emphasis on the evolution of the website throughout 2023. The WBFSH website underwent a far-reaching transformation and provides an array of enhanced functionalities and opportunities, which encompass:

- A Tailored Member Access: all members are granted individualized logins, empowering them to curate compelling and interactive promotional pages within the WBFSH website;

- Universal Engagement: individuals with an interest in breeding, spanning from breeders to ardent breeding enthusiasts, can effortlessly register for free user accounts on the website.
- An access to a virtual library: including important documents, videos, webinar recordings and presentations.
- Customized studbook pages that member studbooks can craft and manage, to enrich their digital presence and that grant them access to exclusive member privileges and opportunities.

WBFSH Stands

To bolster the WBFSH presence, a welcoming stand was set at the World Championships for young dressage horses in Verden and Ermelo over the past years and this year also at the WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy in Valkenswaard. This engagement underscored our commitment to being visible and close by.

A new member of the team you could have met during such events is Morgane Libotte, the new WBFSH office assistant helping the General Manager, Nadine Brandtner, with general administration as well as press work and social media since the 1st of April 2023.

Sponsorship

The WBFSH's dedication to sponsorship development remains unwavering as the organization sustains its collaboration with a dedicated sponsor agent, Xavier Libbrecht. This partnership is instrumental in our quest to secure increased sponsorship support for the organization.

World Breeding News

At the heart of the WBFSH mission lies a commitment to delivering timely and informative publications. The WBFSH takes pride in providing a steady stream of news updates that serve as a valuable resource for the equestrian community. These updates are disseminated through multiple channels, including the organization's official website and an exclusive dedicated section within the esteemed World Breeding News publication. This website serves as a dynamic platform where the WBFSH promptly publishes the latest news, ensuring that it is readily accessible to a global audience.

Webinars

Over the past year, the WBFSH has proudly organized a series of insightful webinars, and the support of its dedicated Marketing Department has played a pivotal role in their resounding success. The exceptional turnout for these webinars underscores their intrinsic value. They serve as dynamic platforms for interaction, knowledge exchange, and community-building within the sport horse breeding sphere.

Webinars have great potential – especially for an organization like the WBFSH that works world-wide, as they make it easy to get together, even though a time-difference can challenge their organization sometimes.

Central Database

At the beginning of the year, the WBFSH conducted a Central Database survey to find out if there was a need for a central Database among our member studbooks. This survey gathered 45 respondents (34 of them already having their own database) of whom 42 agreed that a Central Database would be useful.

The result of the survey was unambiguous, and a clear signal to the Board to take action, several companies have been considered over the years, but the last step was not taken with any companies that made proposals to the board. During a meeting in Valkenswaard in October the board agreed to continue with provider Equine Register, with whom the WBFSH already closely cooperate for the website management. The next step of this process will see the studbooks, the breeders and the owners linked together digitally.

A Central Database will support all to deliver:

- Better traceability

- Better breeding (improved performance and welfare)
- Protection for all with verified data
- Easy compliance with evolving laws – national, international, ...
- Provide operational efficiencies and improved profitability for all
- Provide new revenue streams for Studbooks.
- Help Stallion Owners trace their coverings

This is very much a collaborative process that will be shaped with the studbooks. There will be no pressure at all to join it, but the early adopters will have the opportunity to help with the design and the next steps of the process. The WBFSH invites the studbooks to join when they feel ready.

Conclusion of the President

The President closed the presentation of the Activity Report stating that the WBFSH general situation was pleasing and its development promising with a sound financial situation. However, he acknowledged that a few challenges were ahead, such as new technologies and techniques that will change the breeding landscape. “The easy exchange of data, communication amongst breeders and between studbooks is the key to our future success on the world stage”, he concluded.

The activity report was approved by the General Assembly.

4. Financial Report

The financial report 2022/2023 was presented by Stephan Kelchtermans (Vice President, Department of Finance). The financial year runs from the 1st of September to the 31st of August. A few new expenses have been added compared to the previous year, with the hiring of the new Office Assistant and with the organizing of the new event in collaboration with Jan Tops. The financial report was approved by the general assembly.

	2022	2023
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS		
Company account	142,584.46	254,977.98
Savings account	120,430.39	120,542.89
Account young breeders	7,068.51	7,075.23
Interim account		
Cash		
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TOTAL	270,083.36	382,596.10
OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES	54,504.66	28,494.00
OUTSTANDING DEBTS	-12,384.35	-4,625.00
BALANCE	312,203.67	406,465.10

5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year (#GA4 & 5)

Stephan Kelchtermans presented the budget for 2024. Changes to take into account for the coming year are the raise of the Manager’s remuneration due to inflation, as well as the expense for the enrolment of the student that will work on the Welfare Statement.

The WBFSH is a healthy organization, and the budget was approved by the General Assembly without comments.

6. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year (#GA6)

The annual plan was presented by Nadine Brandtner (WBFSH General Manager).

1. Develop a Strategy for Animal Welfare and Good Breeding Practice, including exploring solutions for traceability of genetic material.
2. Develop a platform to inform and evaluate how biotechnologies such as ICSI and potential future technologies will impact breeding
3. Create a WBFSH Central Database
4. To finalize implementation of a suitable platform that will provide clean, verified pedigree data, to

- enable data exchange with the FEI.
5. Make progress with the establishment of WBFSH International Breeding Values (IBVs)
 6. Planning of the championships together with FEI
 7. Planning of the studbook team competition in jumping in cooperation with Tops Equestrian Events.
 8. Working on EU legislation in cooperation with European Horse Network and other organizations
 9. Improve overall communication between the WBFSH and its studbooks through implementation of the marketing and communications plan.
 10. Continue to improve overall collaboration between the WBFSH and FEI, for example through the WBFSH FEI Council.
 11. Verified breeding information on starting lists and other media
 12. Sponsorships – work on attracting additional sponsors
 13. Contact to international federations (COPA, EAAP etc.)
 14. Continued support of international organization of young breeders' competition
 15. Promote and maintain the WBFSH rankings of horse breeders, studbooks and the stallions
 16. Raising the profile & gaining greater recognition of the WBFSH through new initiatives e.g. develop our presence on social media and continue to develop the WBFSH website.
 17. Continue the work of the WBFSH SAC committee
 18. Consult with the Non-EU studbooks to address issues specific to them and increase their engagement in the federation
 19. To develop a memorandum of understanding with the ISBC (International Studbook Committee)

A few questions were asked regarding the annual plan, specifically on the SOI Report and SAC. The SOI report is not stated in next year's annual plan. It is an on-going project that will be published every second year. In the years where no SOI Report is published, other SOI-related activities and/or topics will be addressed, for example with webinars, surveys, etc.

As for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), its composition has changed over the past months and finding a date to set the meeting has been challenging. The aim of SAC in 2024 will be to be more inclusive, and the studbooks are invited to reach out to the SAC members.

The annual plan was approved by the General Assembly.

7. Election of Board members (#GA 7&8)

Retiring and eligible for re-election: Vice President Eva-Maria Broomer (AES/UK).
re-elected for a 3-year period.

Retiring from the board Vice President Paul Hubert (SF/FRA).

Nominated for Vice President of the board Armand Perron Petter (SF/FRA), elected for a 3-year period.

President Jan Pedersen announced that Paul Hubert was given the title of honorary member by the board, for his years of loyal service to the WBFSH.

8. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 7&8)

Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually.

In 2023, Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER), Paul Hubert (FRA) were elected, with Meghan de Garay (USA) and Sonja Egan (IRE) elected as substitutes.

9. New Members/Associates (#GA 9)

The WBFSH Office received a member application from the Baltic Horse Breeders Association (BHBA) earlier this year. As they meet all criteria to become a member, the Board approved their application. Their membership is provisional and will be ratified next year, during the General Assembly.

An objection regarding the name of this new member was raised, as the term "Baltic" applies to several countries, not only to Lithuania, where the BHBA originates. The WBFSH invited the objector to follow the objection protocol and send an official document addressed to the Executives so they can assess the matter. However, as the name of this association was approved by an official authority in their country, given that it was registered with the Register of Legal Entities under

the code of 15769277, the organisation has an official and legally recognised name. Being a legal entity in the EU, the breeding organisation and its name are recognised by the EU as well.

10. Motion from the Board (#GA 10)

The WBFSH is in the process of updating its statutes for hybrid meetings and general assemblies. The Office has already been in touch with a lawyer and a notary, and the new statutes should be available at the next General Assembly meeting.

11. Motions from members/associates

There were no motions from the members nor associates.

12. WBFSH Welfare Statement – Good Breeding Practice

There was no further discussion necessary on the Welfare Statement and Good Breeding Practice as they were the main topics of the workshops.

13. General assembly 2024

The next General Assembly of the WBFSH will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 12th to the 15th of October 2024. The hosts of the next GA are the APCRS (Portuguese Sport Horse and Luso-Warmblood) together with the Lusitano Studbook.

14. Miscellaneous

a. *Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative*

The video presentation of EAAP representative Dr Kathrin Stock will be available on the WBFSH website.

b. *Update from IYB President*

The video presentation from Inge Madsen will be available on the WBFSH website.

c. *Presentation Equine Register*

Stewart Everett from Equine Register presented an update of the WBFSH Digital Evolution: the studbook pages, the Sire/Breeder/Studbook Rankings, the International Young Breeders website etc. The next step will be the WBFSH database.

d. *WBFSH Rankings – Studbook of the year 2023 & Breeders of the Year 2023*

Dressage Studbook Winner – KWPN with 1 4770 points

- Glamourdale (Lord Leatherdale) – 2852 points
- Imhotep (Everdale) – 2695 points
- Hermes N.O.P. (Easy Game) – 2423 points
- Fame (Bordeaux 28) – 2302 points
- Suppenkasper (Spielberg) – 2252 points
- Classic Briolinca (Trento B) – 2246 points

Jumping Studbook Winner – Selle Français with 8 317 points

- Donatello d’Auge (Jarnac) – 1933 points
- Dzara Dorchival (Qlassic Bois Margot) – 1340 points

- Dubai du Cedre (Baloubet du Rouet) – 1307 points
- Caracole de la Roque (Zandor Z) – 1295 points
- Dynamix de Belheme (Snaike de Blondel) – 1232 points
- Dallas Vegas Batilly (Cap Kennedy) – 1210 points

Eventing Studbook Winner – ISH with 1 318 points

- Ballaghamor Class (Courage II) – 269 points
- Rehy DJ (Tinarana's Inspector) – 261 points
- Black Ice (Vechta) – 216 points
- Cavalier Crystal (Jack of Diamonds) – 192 points
- Oughterard Cooley (Puissance) – 192 points
- HSH Blake (Tolan R) – 188 points

The ceremony of the Longines-WBFSH Breeder Awards will be held in Amsterdam on the 26th of January 2024.

The Dressage Breeder Award 2023 goes to late Silke Druckenmüller and the Trakehner mare TSF Dalera (Easy Game x Handryk), for the 3rd year in a row, with 3 076 points.

The Jumping Breeder Award 2023 goes to Susana Epailard Garcia Cereceda and Julien Epailard for the Selle Français Donatello d'Auge (Jarnac x Hello Pierville), with 1 933 points.

The Eventing Breeder Award 2023 goes to J.W & A.P. Jurrius for the KWPN Galileo Nieuwmoed (Carambole x Harcos aka Farco von Grondorn), with 376 points.