



General Assembly 2009

Thursday, 5 November, 2009, at 9-12am

Agenda

1. Opening and welcome
 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2008
 3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the five departments.
 4. Financial report
 5. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year
 6. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year
 7. Election of Board members
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Minutes:

1. **Opening and welcome**

The President welcomed everybody in attendance.

2. **Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2008**

The minutes of 2008 were adopted without any remarks.

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

“This year’s annual meetings and General Assembly take place in the shadow of some recession in the equestrian world of breeding. The global financial crises have also hit the breeding of horses. A sluggish market has led to a fall in the number of coverings – some studbooks have registered a decline of 20 – 25 %.

Probably these hard times will result in fewer breeders, studbook members, and horses. Let us hope that the normal market mechanisms and the interplay between supply and demand will soon lead to higher prices and new revival.

As a result of the financial crises we have – at least in Europe – had more legal processes concerning horse deals than earlier and it is obvious that the legislation in that field is inappropriate and this organization will lobby in the EU for a change of the regulations.

In the following I will summarize the reports of our Department Cooperation, Department Breeding and Department Promotion. The Department Development is a separate item of the agenda.

Cooperation with FEI – World Breeding Championships

Also the year 2009 has been characterized by a good collaboration with the FEI. The very successful championships in all three disciplines clearly reflect that. The improvements we have made in the schedules of all three FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses did have a positive impact on all three events.

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses were again very well organized in Verden thanks to the professional crew of the Verdener Turniergesellschaft and the Hanoverian Society and so it is gratifying that after discussions within the FEI and WBFSH a three year contract has been signed with Verdener Turniergesellschaft for the championships 2010 to 2012.

Again the warm-up judging prior to the competitions was a positive step as it clearly contributed to an unerring judgment.

During the year we have had fruitful discussions with the new FEI Director Dressage, Trond Asmyr, about our proposal for another composition of the teams of judges and our proposal will presumably be implemented from next year on. The idea is to appoint a group of four judges for the next three years, who are really experienced in judging and commentating on young horses. These judges will come from countries where the breeding of dressage horses and where competitions for young dressage horses play an important role. This basic group of judges will be supplemented by five alternating judges every year.

This year, the previous dominance of the Netherlands and Germany was stopped by the Danish Warmblood gelding, Hønnerups Driver by Blue Hors Romanov who won the gold medal of the 5-year-olds. Also the silver medal

went to a Danish Warmblood, the mare Uno Donna Unique by Blue Hors Don Schufro. Both horses were ridden by Andreas Helgstrand.

The Class for 6-year-old horses was won by the KWPN stallion, Westpoint by Jazz, the rider being Emmelie Scholtens, the Netherlands.

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horse were like always extremely well organized by Zangersheide and showed top sport in a fantastic atmosphere.

This year's champions came from the Netherlands and Germany:

Winner of the class for 5 year old horses was a grey mare, VDL Groep Quinthago by Quinar, studbook Zangersheide, rider: Leopold van Asten.

The class for 6-year-old horses was won by the Westfalian gelding Charles by Calato. The rider was Christian Ahlman, Germany.

Winner of the class for 7-year-old horses: The Holsteiner gelding, Lamarque, by Limbus, rider: Karl Brocks, Germany.

Clearly satisfactory compared to previous years was this year's number of wildcards so at least we are on the right track on that subject. The FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses will stay at Zangersheide for the next 5 years.

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse was a great success in Lion D'Angers. This year's Mondial du Lion champions came from France and Germany and in general the quality of the horses was high.

The 6-year-old winner was the Selle Francais Petrus de la Triballe by Sarastro, rider Mathieu Lemoine, France.

The 7-year-old winner was Saarten-Union's Charlie Weld, Hanovarian by Connery, ridden by Kai Rüder, Germany.

Cooperation with FEI

Due to internal restructuring within FEI the working group on EU-legislation could not be established until now. In March, Johan Knaap, Xavier Guibert, Dr. Klaus Miesner, and I went to Lausanne and had a fruitful meeting with FEI Secretary General, Alexander McLin, and other leading FEI employees. The idea of a common working group on EU-legislation was supported by FEI

Cooperation with EU-Commission – EU-legislation

Also this year we have regularly been in contact with the EU Commission concerning EU-directives and their interpretation. Also a contemplated increase in the VAT rate for horses is being discussed.

Cooperation with Young Breeders

The Young Breeders Organization has become a worldwide organisation, capable of performing activities on a regular and an international basis. Inken Johannsen from the steering group of Young Breeders International joined the WBFSH Joint Meeting in March 2009 in Elmshorn (Germany). She and Alison Corbally informed us about the development of the association and the official launch of this year's WBFSH Young Breeders' World Championships in Ireland. These championships were a great success and had a lot of press coverage.

The aim of this championship is to bring together young breeders from different WBFSH member associations to compete in the disciplines theory test, judging the gaits and jumping of horses loose in the arena, judging and ranking mares on conformation, and presenting a horse in hand.

Representatives of the Young Breeders are invited again to this General Assembly and will give the Young Breeders' annual report about the activities in 2009.

Report of the Breeding Department of WBFSH for 2009

Our Breeding Department has been focusing on:

- the maintenance and evolution of the website "ueln.net"
- the horse data exchange project
 - o between stud books themselves
 - o and between stud books and FEI : horses data in exchange of international performance data.

The FEI registers all horses competing at international level in order to manage the qualifications for - and the results of- international competitions. But it appears that most of the National Federations are not able to give and to maintain correct identification and pedigree data, concerning horses ridden by their riders. Very often, the same horse can have several identities and passports issued by several NFs. Some of them have several nationalities. So, at present, the different reports published by FEI, including the WBFSH horses and stallions and stud books rankings, are affected by that problem.

For the WBFSH/FEI rankings, our Department Promotion and the FEI IT department have to enquire for the right identity of many horses at the different studbooks. That takes an enormous amount of work.

So, the main goal of the project is to try to get each partner to do his job. Once that has been achieved the process can run without extra work for the other partners involved.

The proposed process is:

- NF's are responsible for sending data concerning riders, plus the UELN's of the horses.
- Studbooks are responsible for sending data concerning horses which are registered at birth in their database.

- FEI manages a database of international riders, horses and results and supplies the organizers with all relevant data for the issuing of correct starting lists. In return the FEI will receive sporting results.
- FEI will be able to supply
 - o the NFs with results of their riders, with horses which can be from different countries and stud books
 - o the press and NF's with permanent rankings of riders
 - o the studbooks with the results of their own horses, which can be ridden by riders of several NF
 - o the WBFSH with general rankings of horses, stallions and stud books

This project requires databases connected on the internet and a standard language which has been discussed and developed.

We are now ready to start exchanging data and we hope that each of the actors will understand that this is really a "win-win" tool which will be appreciated and used by the majority of studbooks and NF's.

Report Department Promotion

The activities of the Department Promotion in 2009 were mainly concentrated on the WBFSH breeding rankings.

Something new in 2009 was the honouring of breeders at the Young Horse Championships in Verden and Le Lion d'Angers. The breeders of the winning jumping horses received their diplomas by post on request of the Organizing Committee of Zangersheide.

FEI/WBFSH world Rankings for horses and studbooks

WBFSH considers the completeness and correctness of the presented information to be very important. Each individual studbook is responsible for delivering the pedigree information of its own horses. The department promotion has given much attention to the coordination of the pedigree information supplied by the studbooks and the input of horse data in the database of the FEI. Regretfully, this is still a lot of manual work. I am sure that in the near future, the data exchange system developed by WBFSH, will change that. In the meantime, however, still a lot of manual work will be necessary. Therefore allow me to once again draw your attention to the following:

- Follow the guideline; do not do the update differently from the guideline. Fill in as much information as possible.
- Use UELN numbers in a proper way and only for horses registered at birth in your studbook.
- Do not update horses from other studbooks although they are also registered in yours.
- Use only one studbook abbreviation for your studbook and always fill in the studbook column in the updating sheet. If this is not completed horses will not count for your studbook.

- Soon a letter with a request for extra information will be sent to all studbooks by the WBFSH office. Please respond as soon as possible to this letter.

Merial / Duo Breeding Prize

The WBFSH has only one sponsor, namely for the Merial/Duo Breeding Prize for the breeders of the three highest scoring horses of the WBFSH / FEI ranking lists in dressage, showjumping, and eventing and for the highest scoring studbook in the three rankings.

The most winning dressage horse 2009 is Parzival by Jazz, studbook KWPN, rider Adelinde Corneliusen.

Like the year before the most successful jumping horse is Hickstead by Hamlet, ridden by Eric Lamaze.

In eventing the most winning horse is Sam FBW La Biostetique by Stan the Man from Baden Württ., ridden by Michael Jung.

Now the ranking of the studbooks - the most successful studbook for dressage 2009 is KWPN.

Studbook winner in Jumping: KWPN

Eventing: Irish Sport Horse

Website

The aim of the website is to have a communication tool with our members and an easy entrance for new members. Actual WBFSH news can be found as well as news of individual members which makes the site more attractive. Hosting and updating of the new site is carried out by the Secretary's Office of the WBFSH in Denmark. Personally I find that our site has improved and become both interesting and satisfactorily updated and illustrated with photos of very high quality. However, it is not possible for the editorial staff to keep track of all activities of all member studbooks so it is up to you to supply us with relevant news from your studbook.

World Equestrian Games 2010

The World Equestrian Games in 2010 in Kentucky are an excellent opportunity for the WBFSH to show itself to the world. It is planned to have a booth in Kentucky together with the sponsor of the WBFSH, Merial and Breeding News. The goal is, of course, to promote sport horse breeding.

This year, also the statutes have been discussed and later today the board will ask the GA for the adoption of a few amendments and changes of our rules. I think – everything considered – that our organization and structure is efficient. However, I would like – somehow – to have a closer connection with our overseas members. It is practical that all members of the Board and Executive Committee come from Europe and that does not have to prevent the overseas members to exert an influence on this organization."

4. Financial report

Financial report 2008/2009 is enclosed.

Rik van Miert presented the account for the financial year 2008/2009. The result of the year 2008-2009 was 30,440.94 Euros, leaving the savings account with 85,836.93 €.

5. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year

Jan Pedersen presented this year's annual plan:

1. Planning of the championships together with FEI
2. Establishment of a working group on EU legislation together with FEI and COPA
3. Improve communication between stud books and FEI in general and specifically concerning data exchange
4. Breeding information on starting lists
5. Sponsorships
6. Further seminars on judging in cooperation with FEI
7. Contact to international federations
8. International organisation of young breeders and competition
9. Maintain contact to the EAAP horse commission
10. Implementation of priority actions under the strategy plan 2008-2012
11. Implement stallion rankings
12. Coordinating horse welfare issues

There are a few changes in relation to last year's annual plan. A strong focus on improved breeding information and reliable studbook information incl. UELN along with focus on increased cooperation with FEI and other international organisations was emphasized.

The General Assembly approved the Annual Plan for 2010.

6. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year

The budget for 2009/2010 is enclosed. Expected costs make 141,260.- and expected revenues 164,782.00€ with an expected positive total of 23,522.00 €.

Ingvar Fredricsson, member of the audit committee, officially handed over the

approved annual financial report. The budget for 2009/2010 was approved.

7. Election of Board members

Both Thomas Nissen from the German Holsteiner Society and Siem Korver from KWPN were willing to stand again and were reelected with acclamation.

8. Election of members for the Audit committee

According to the Statutes, the Audit Committee must be elected annually. Ingvar Fredricson, Håkon Wahlman, Jacques Vandenberghe, Werner Schade, Chris Gould were willing to stand again and were reelected with acclamation.

9. Review of Statutes, motions regarding changing of Statutes from Board

Motion 1 - Constitutional Amendments

The intent of these amendments is to more clearly define eligibility for membership and to redefine eligibility for associate status.

Amend Article 5.2.1 to read "1. whose major objectives include breeding horses for at least one of the Olympic disciplines of Showjumping, Dressage and Eventing"

Article 5.4 to read "The status of associate shall be open to horse studbook organisations that do not meet the requirements for membership and to other horse related organisations that have objects consistent with WBFSH and subscribe to the aims of the WBFSH. Studbooks that meet the requirements for membership under Article 5.2 are not eligible to become associates."

Article 5.6 After the words "The Board shall decide" add the words ", with sole discretion,"

Amend Article 5.12 to read "Associates shall be subject to the rights and obligations as laid down in these articles or as adopted by the General Assembly. Associates may avail themselves of various services provided by WBFSH and attend the General Assembly but shall not be eligible to participate in the Studbook Rankings, in the World Championships for Young Horses, in the Young Breeders Championships or in activities confined, by decision of the Board, to members."

Jim Flanagan, Vice President of the WBFSH, and member of the Strategic Group, elaborated on motion 1 and explained the consequences of the eventual approval by the General Assembly.

Question from Eduardo Rosenberg, Argentina: Will this include that members that are already a part of the WBFSH will have to adopt to the rule that passports has to be issued by authorities of the country of birth?

Jim Flanagan, Board: last year Jan Pedersen and the Board communicated that

if studbooks operate in another land (issuing papers) they must obey the rules of that country's authorities.

John Shenfield, UK: Can representatives of associate members of the WBFSH be members of the Board?

Jim Flanagan: No, the associates cannot vote, cannot be a part of the board, and they cannot participate in the WBFSH young horse championships.

Chris Gould: Could driving be integrated as a fourth discipline of focus for the WBFSH?

Board: It has been agreed upon that studbooks that apply for membership of the WBFSH must actively cater for at least one of the 3 named Olympic disciplines, but we are aware that some of our members already have driving horses as one of their focal points in their breeding.

Jenette Coote, Canada: Do we have any applicants who would be eligible for associate?

Jim Flanagan: yes, you will be informed at the later item of members.

The General Assembly approved the motion.

Motion 2 - Constitutional Amendments

The intent of these amendments is to authorise the Board and President to do various things that currently are vested in the General Assembly on the principle that the General Assembly should generally decide on policy and the Board should implement this policy.

Amend Article 5.3 to read "The profile of application form will be formulated by the Board."

Amend Article 6.2 to read "The Board shall be authorised to change the status of an associate into membership and vice versa."

Amend Article 5.9 to read "Pursuant to the articles, rules or a resolution on conditions to be provided therein, the President may decide to admit organisations or natural persons as observer to certain activities of the association."

Article 7.3 Change the words "On the proposal of the Board the General Assembly may" to the words "The Board may"

Article 7.6 Delete the words "On the proposal of the Executive Committee"

Amend Article 11.4 to read "The Board may enter into agreements in respect of sponsoring, television and radio broadcasting rights, contracts for goods or services and agreements regarding the organisation of the world championships. Contracts representing monetary value in excess of €10,000 and exceeding a term of one year shall require the prior approval of the General Assembly."

Amend Article 24.2.b to read "The documents referred to under a. shall be signed on behalf of the Board and Executive Committee by at least two members."

Some impractical written rules have called for a tidying up of some of the wording in the statutes that are impractical in the day-to-day administration.

Chris Gould asked for more explanation of the context of the change to article 7.3. Jim Flanagan said this related to giving the Board power to terminate membership rather than the General Assembly as at present. This change relates to Article 8.3 rather than Article 7.3.

The General Assembly approved the motion.

Motion 3 - Constitutional Amendments

The intent of these amendments is to give consistency in wording and numbering and to improve clarity of the statutes without making any changes in meaning.

In Article 12.1.a insert the word "been" between the words "has" and "admitted"

Change the numbering of the following articles to give consistency:

Article 5.6.2 to 5.6.b

Article 7.1.2 to 7.1.b

The last two sections of Article 7 to be numbered 7.2.c and 7.2.d

Article 10.1.4 to 10.1.d

Article 12.1.4 to 12.1.d

Article 14.1.2 to 14.1.b

Article 14.1.4 to 14.1.d

Article 14.3.2 to 14.3.b

Article 14.4.2 to 14.4.b

Replace the word "Chairman" with "Chairperson" in Articles 12.1.b, 12.2, 14.1.c, 14.1.d, 14.2.b, 14.2.d, 14.3.b, 14.5.b, 21.1

In Article 14.3.a add at the end the words "or by e-mail consultation."

In Article 23.2 replace "EUR's" with "EURO"

Delete the last section on Transitional Provisions as this is no longer relevant.

The General Assembly approved the motion.

Motion 4

That the General Assembly approves the revised Profile of Application Form for Membership and the Profile of Application Form for Associate Status presented by the Board. Both forms enclosed and published at www.wbfsh.org

Chris Gould: Regarding the wished clarification of mother-daughter-status in the Profile of application and that the existing member would be asked what their relations with the applicant are, Chris Gould would like to know if that

would mean that if for instance a Hanoverian horse bred in another country would have to go for the World Championships for Young Horses as a German Hanoverian or how is it supposed to mean?

Jim Flanagan: No, it has to be agreed by the related studbooks before we take them into membership. We would ask the existing member for their comments, but they would not necessary have a veto but a right to be heard with their views.

Eduardo Rosenberg: What if an existing society does not comply with the rules for membership, for instance European studbooks issuing papers for horses born outside their borders – this ruins the UELN system – what do you do about that?

Jan Pedersen answered that if it can be documented that the studbooks in concern break the rules of the respective country, the Board will comment on it.

Aranca Rodriguez Sainz de los Terreros, Spain: What happens if a private registry like PRE Mundial in the US applies for membership - what would you then do?

Jim Flanagan: We would ask ANCCE how the horses from the two societies should be considered - who issue passports – are they registering the same horses, the same breed etc. if applying for full membership.

Chris Gould: What happens if you are neglected as member because of the above (mother studbook bans it) but otherwise eligible for membership, then they cannot seek for associate. What then?

Jim Flanagan: In that case there would be at least one point where it has not fulfilled the criteria for full membership, and then it could be relevant for the organisation to be an associate.

The General Assembly approved the motion.

On behalf of the Board, Jan Pedersen wanted to announce a new honorary member at the WBFSH:

“Professor Ingvar Fredricson has a distinguished career as a professor of Veterinary Medicine at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala and for 15 years from 1983 to 1998 as Manager of the Swedish National Stud in Flyinge where he hosted the first WBFSH seminar in the mid 1990s. This was a memorable event for many of us both for the location, the horses, the scientific discussion and the music played with great expertise by Professor Fredricson on his clarinet. We had another memorable visit to Flyinge yesterday but without the music!

Professor Fredricson pioneered the use of high speed cinematography to analyse gaits of horses and his pioneer research in biomechanics revolutionized the design of race tracks worldwide. He has had and still has a particular interest in breeding showjumpers and in general also to improve the sport. He produced a book on showjumping horses making use of results from his cinematographic work. Furthermore, “Fredric” as he is always called among his colleagues and friends, has together with his wife Stina sired two internationally well-known showjumpers – Jens and Peter.

Fredric has been involved with the WBFSH since before it was founded. He was

one of the visionaries who attended many of the meetings that discussed the idea of setting up a Federation of Horse Breed Societies, including in particular a defining meeting attended by Princess Anne in Buckingham Palace in the late 1980s.

He has continued his involvement down the years serving the WBFSH with distinction in many different ways – e.g. as Board member and currently as a member of its audit committee. He has attended, I think, all of our General Assemblies and seminars and has brought original thinking and great common sense to many of our discussions and particularly to our more difficult decisions.

Professor Fredricson is much in demand around the world and he is very willing to give his time and share his great knowledge on many aspects of horses. He has tirelessly built a bridge between breeding and sport in the horse world.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend to the General Assembly that it award the title of Honorary Member of WBFSH to Professor Ingvar Fredricson from Sweden.”

The General Assembly approved the appointment with acclamation.

Ingvar Fredricson asked for the word and said that he very much appreciated the appointment and he was happy to see the good evolution of the WBFSH and to feel the tremendous change in atmosphere – today we go once a year to the annual meetings to meet *friends*. Furthermore, he emphasized the positive evolving of the seminars with new information at such high level, and that he was glad that the organisation has reached this stage with so much cooperation between studbooks and other big organisations.

10. New Members/Associates

Alison Corbally from the Irish Sport Horse and member of executive committee presented the many new applicants from the previous year, including the Boards decisions and suggestions. Please see enclosure.

Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg-International (OS)

Accepted as members following the WBFSH General Assembly 2009.

Studbook for Slovenian Warmblood Horses

Accepted as members following the WBFSH General Assembly 2009.

New Zealand Sport Horse Promotion Board Inc. (NZSHPB)

The Board decided not to grant 'Member' status as at this time it was felt that the society was primarily a horse register and not a breed society.

International Jumper Futurity Studbook (IJF)

The Board did not grant "Full member" status but invited the International Jumper Futurity Studbook to make a further application for associate membership if they wished to become a associate members of the WBFSH.

Société Hippique Francaise (SHF)

The Board did not grant "Full member" status but invited the Société Hippique Francaise to make a further application for associate membership if they wished to become associate members of the WBFSH.

Graenseegnens Holstener Hesteavlforening (GHH)

The GHH informed the WBFSH that they no longer wished to be members of the WBFSH.

Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI)

The Board decided not to grant membership for the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland, however the WBFSH suggested that the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland could re-apply for membership when the studbook is better established.

Australian Stock Horse Society (ASHS)

The Board did not grant "Full member" status but invited the Australian Stock Horse Society to make a further application for associate membership if they wished to become associate members of the WBFSH.

Performance Horse Registry (PHR)

The Board did not grant "Full member" status but invited the Performance Horse Registry to make a further application for associate membership if they wished to become associate members of the WBFSH.

Scottish Sports Horse Association (SSH)

The Board deferred a decision on the application pending receipt of further information on the breeds registered in the studbook and number of foals registered.

Studbook of Polish Half Bred Horses

Accepted as members following the WBFSH General Assembly 2009.

Studbook of Malopolska Breed Horses

Accepted as members following the WBFSH General Assembly 2009.

Studbook of Wielkopolska Breed Horses

Accepted as members following the WBFSH General Assembly 2009.

With the 5 new members it brings the total amount of WBFSH members up to 63 and associate members to 3 as from November 2009.

11. Motions from members/associates

None this year.

12. General Assembly 2010

Jan Pedersen expressed his hope that it will be possible to go to Lexington, Kentucky during the WEG in 2010 to have next year's annual meetings, but since prices of the meeting rooms and accommodation will exceed to abnormal

price level during the WEG, this may not be possible. At the FEI General Assembly Jan Pedersen and HRH Princess Benedikte will participate and will have a talk with the president of the USEF to see if he can help in furthering of the WBFSH GA in the US in 2010 either just before or after the WEG in Lexington, Kentucky. The secretariat of WBFSH will bring it as a news item when a studbook or more has confirmed to take up the task of hosting next year's annual meeting.

13. Young Breeders' annual report

Inken Johannsen informed of the agreed structure in the new organisation, and that they will report each year at the GA of the development like this year. In 2009 they had their first annual meeting during the IBYWC in Ireland, and every second year they will have their annual meeting at our GA. Then Norman Storey showed pictures and informed of the Young Breeder World Championships in 2009 and the system they applied. Both presentations are published at www.wbfs.org

In 2011 the YBWC will be held in France.

14. Miscellaneous

A query was raised regarding the scoring system used during FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses in 2009. The schedule for the CCI World Championship trophy of studbooks for young horses stated the following:

"A ranking will be established between stud books members of the WBFSH. The winning stud book member is one with the lowest total of penalty points, after adding together the final score of the 3 highest placed competitors (6 year-old result have a coefficient of 0,8 and 7 year-old result have a coefficient of 1). All horses entered to the Championship for young horses are automatically entered to participate to the Championship Trophy of stud books."

During the event the score for the six year old competition was calculated using a coefficient of 1.25, not as stated in the schedule (0.8). This had the effect of reducing the influence of the six year olds results overall and increasing the influence of the seven year old results in the studbook competition. While the studbook winners, the Studbook du Cheval de Selle Francais were not affected by the deviation from the schedule regarding the scoring system used, however, the result for second, third and fourth placing were effected and altered by this deviation from the schedule.

Following some discussion it was agreed the rules as printed in the schedule must be adhered to and that the placings should be amended to reflect the schedule rules. The correct placing for CCI World Championship trophy of studbooks are therefore as follows: 1st Studbook du Cheval de Selle Francais, 2nd Irish Sport Horse Studbook, 3rd Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland, 4th Hannoveraner Verband.

Rik van Miert from the Board presented a gift for each of the 4 chairpersons of

the hosting countries.

Jan Pedersen elaborated on the letter of intent handed over by the Swedish Horse Council the day before as an extra information item after the seminar around the EQUUS meeting just a week before in Uppsala Sweden. It was decided that the WBFSH should co-sign this letter of intend together with FEI and other important European and world-wide horse organisations.

Vilhelmsborg, November 27th 2009.