

# Minutes of the ISG assembly of delegates in Samorin, Slovakia on 28 September 2018

The annual delegates' assembly of ISG took place in the hotel and congress center X-BIONIC©. The meeting started at 16.15 pm.

## **1 – Welcome and approval of the minutes of the delegates' meeting 2017 in Bresnice:**

The president of ISG, Ahmed Al Samarraie, welcomes the delegates and founding members. The correctness of the invitation is confirmed. Following members of the board of directors were present: Tamás Rombauer, Michal Horny and Jörn-Helge Möller. Lea Ernst was excused because her employer did not grant her leave. Franz Hoppenberger couldn't attend the meeting due to illness. The president hopes he gets well again soon. The founding members Bruno and Elisabeth Furrer were present.

### **Welcoming speech of Michal Horny**

The director of the national stud farm of Topolcianky, Michal Horny, as host of this meeting welcomes all the delegates and informs everybody about the planned organization of the event.

At 19.00 pm an auction of 61 Arabian horses will take place in the indoor riding arena. Everybody present will get a catalogue. During the auction a buffet is offered to all ISG delegates in the VIP-Lounge. The auction can be followed from the lounge.

On Saturday morning at 7.00 am the horses start for the FEI-CH-M-YH-E "world championship of young horses". The ISG will be present throughout the day with an information stand. At 10 o'clock a bus will leave for the national stud farm of Topolcianky. The bus is expected back at 19.30 pm, in time for the presentation ceremony of the world championship. A special award for the best Shayga Arabian in the competition will be presented in the same ceremony.

Ahmed Al Samarraie thanks Michal Horny for his help to organize this year's ISG delegate's assembly.

## **2. Determination of the keeper of the minutes.**

Bruno Furrer was accepted unanimously as keeper of the minutes.

## **3. Approval of the agenda.**

The agenda had been published in Info 2018-DV.

## **4. Determination of the number of votes:**

Name	Member association / country	Number of votes
Elisabeth Furrer	Founding members	2

Buno Furrer		
Florian Adensamer Regina Ortmayr	ÖAZV / Austria	3
Michaela Daubnerova Ales Musli	SVAZ / Czech Republic	3
Carin Weiss Mareike Placke	ZSAA / Germany	3
Mickey Tropper Rupert Adensamer	ISAHS / Israel	1
Sabine Marchand-Furrer	AFCAS / France	3
Tamas Rombauer Walter Hecker	MALE / Hungary	3
Michal Horny	Topolcianky / Slovakia	3
Gerhard Ernst Annette Irniger	SAVS / Switzerland	2
Linda Rudolphi Kathy Voyer	PShR / USA	1
Total number of votes		24

## 5. Reports of the BOD.

### 5.1 Report of the president.

The president reports on the activities of the past year. In spring the BOD asked all ISG member associations to submit the number of foals born in 2017. A special chart including the needed data of every foal was sent along. This data is needed for the database and the estimation of breeding values. Unfortunately not all member associations followed this request. The number of foals born in 2017 are as follows: ÖAZV, 15; SAVS, 6; SVAZ, 25; VZAP, 32; AFCAS, 23; MALE, 66; Bábolna, 22; Radautz, 33; ISHAS, 0; Topolcianky, 32, NASS, 9; PShR, 5. Total number of foals 2017: 290.

In 1996 the total number of foals amounted almost to 600. The decline in the past four years is drastic. In 2011 there were 533 while now in 2017 we count 290. The reasons are various. Breeders get older and die without a successor. As the umbrella organization of Shagya breeding the ISG will have to deal with this problem. However the financial possibilities our society has are very limited. The BOD is doing the best possible. It is very important that the national member associations do more to fight the declining number of foals.

The ISG created colored, 8 paged leaflets in A5 format. The leaflets are available in both English and German at the ISG office [buero@zsaa.de](mailto:buero@zsaa.de).

The special ISG award will be presented to the best Shagya Arabian horse in the competition on Saturday at the FEI-CH-M-YH-E “world championship of young horses”, an endurance race over the distance of 130 km. This will happen at the presentation ceremony in the presence of FEI. The valuable price is a sculpture of a mare and her foal, this refers to the connection between breeding and sport.

At these world championships the ISG will be present with an information stand. 4 roll

ups had been created for this with the topics horse, sport, tradition and worldwide occurrence of the breed.

Member associations are asked to use the ISG logo more often and to write about their Shagya Arabians in national horse magazines.

In the run-up to “endurance weeks” in Samorin a lot of problems arose when the distances of the races and the age of the competing horses did not match up at all. ISG could not put up with that. The president intervened successfully. There had been no harm intended by the organizers, they merely did not know the regulations.

### ***Who has ideas what else ISG could do?***

#### **Status of the ISG database with estimation of breeding values.**

The needed data for this project has been only very reluctantly submitted by the member societies even though the resolution which was passed (unanimously) a year before also included a budget of 3000 Euro for these tasks.

This is the application of the BOD at the delegates’ meeting 2017 which had been accepted unanimously:

##### *6.1 Application of the board of directors: ISG estimation of breeding values*

*ISG appoints ZSAA (which coordinates) to collect data in an extensive data system to internationally introduce the estimation of breeding values. This will be done according to the model of ZSAA with stallion lists and plans for mating. Member associations will submit the needed data according to the plans of TG Verlag (the data processing service center). To design the system 3000 Euros are budgeted in 2017. Running expenses between 800 Euro and 1200 Euro will have to be paid annually.*

#### ***We need your breeding information as follows!***

- The format of the data is irrelevant!
- Completion as asked so far.
- Including parents! Annual report of the foals!
- UELN or other individual life number of every horse. It is forbidden to change this number!
- Within the next 6 months!!!

The Swiss database which includes the pedigrees of many Shagya Arabians down to their very origins is currently being set up newly. It is now using newest technologies and runs on a server with newest software and over a secure https connection. Both of these databases have to be looked after well.

#### **5.2 Financial report.**

In the absence of Franz Hoppenberger Ahmed Al Samarraie reads the financial report.

Opening balance:	18.459.97 Euro
Income 2017:	13.952.88 Euro
Expenditures 2017:	13.677.92 Euro
Kassa:	274.96 Euro
Profit:	327.66 Euro

Closing balance (31.12.2017): 18.734.93 Euro

Special thanks to Regina Schachinger for her impeccable bookkeeping.

### **5.2.1 Budget.**

This year's expenses will be in line with expenditure of 2017.

### **5.2.2 Cash audit report.**

Mareike Placke and Rudolf Meindl checked the cash account books. They were able to counter check every receipt and every bill. The cash auditors recommend that the assembly of delegates votes for a formal approval for the actions of the board in respect to the year 2017. The board is discharged unanimously.

### **5.3 Discharge of the BOD.**

The BOD is discharged with two abstentions from voting. The budget is approved unanimously.

## **6. New members**

### **6.1 Application of new associated members (private breeders of Romania)**

Ahmed Al Samarraie visited Romania to attend an endurance race over 160 km. He was able to talk to Constantin Viorel Dabija, organizer of the event and at the same time president of the Private Romanian Shagya Arabian Society. ISG has an application to become a member association of ISG of this society. The Society is acknowledged by the Romanian state as a breeding association for Shagya Arabian horses.

The delegates agree unanimously that the private Shagya Arabian Society of Romania is to be taken up under inspection status. The following inspections will take place:

- Inspection of the horses / stud book
- Inspection of the ZBO (breeding regulations)
- Acceptance of ISG statutes and RZBO

### **6.2 New supporting members**

There are no applications pending.

## **7. Quick status report of the attending members. Situation of national breeding, aims, activities, obstacles, wishes.**

Linda Rudolphi (PShR) was the only delegate to show a report. She told the assembly that PShR is a member of ISG now for 6 years. The stud book includes 71 horses. 12 horses are so called sports horses with a 25% share of Shagya Arabian blood, the rest of the horses are pure bred Arabians, Anglo Arabians and geldings.

30 mares and stallions are pure Shagya Arabians. In 6 years the PShR tested 41 horses (exterior, interior, riding, free jump and vet check). Experts invited to these inspections were: Judit Kovács (judge, Hungary), Dr. Walter Huber (judge, Germany), Svetlo Kastchiev (judge, Bulgaria), Marie Johnson (rider, USA). Linda Rudolphi hands over an endurance medal to the board of directors of ISG.

## **8. Applications of the BOD**

### **8.1 Adaption of RZBO (studbook regulation framework) to the new EU breeding regulations (example of ZSAA)**

The assembly decides that the BOD should adapt our RZBO regulations to the new EU regulations.

### **8.2 Introduction of a modular stallion performance test and resolution to accept this as minimum requirements.**

ZSAA created this model.

- Interior test (character test)
- Basic module (gaits, rideability)
- Judge (one judge, one test rider, a vet for D and V)

#### ***Basic and interior plus one module => minimum performance test***

- Module A (including free jumping)
- Module D (including a 39km condition test)
- Module V (including a cross country test)

This suggestion of a possible modular stallion performance test will be sent to all member associations and will be voted on at next year's annual meeting.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

Tamás Rombauer appreciates that in the USA Shagya Arabians are used in the breeding of non-Arabian horses.

From 2 to 4 August 2019 an ISG European Championship will take place in Marbach (Southern Germany). It will be organized by ZSAA and VZAP.

Signed

Bruno Furrer (keeper of the minutes)

Ahmed Al Samarraie (president of ISG)

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