



Protocol of the 2011 EATA annual meeting at the BNA building in Hambrücken on Saturday, 19th of November 2011

Present:	BBAT	W. Dossler	FFA	J.J. Eckert
	VDA	W. Witopil J. Hamaen	ARCAT	T. de Coulon
	ÖVVÖ	A. Lamboj B. Schwab	AKVA CZ	P. Dvorák V. Hulman V. Protiva
	SDAT	E. Bühlmann R. Guggenbühl	ICAIF	C. Van Belle
	NBAT	W. Wilhelm (Pim)	Gäste	BNA L.Haut SAIA C.Schmidt

Welcome notes

The first chairman Werner Dossler welcomed the attendants. A special welcome was given to Lorenz Haut who called for a tight collaboration between all European Federations in order to face the challenges to our hobby from different political parties.



Protocol of the last meeting

The protocol of the last meeting in November 2010 was accepted with one consent.

Annual report from chairman

A new EATA logo was designed and approved.

A website was designed and published which created costs of 400,- €. This site is intended to hold relevant information about meetings and trade shows. The most important information should be sent to chairman, and secretary for publication. The annual report was accepted concordantly.

Report from the treasurer

JJ. Eckert announced a cash position of 1.254,85 €. Costs for each member are 42,- € for the database plus the annual membership fee (currently 50,- €). For 2011 a sum of 21,- € is charged for the database. Members who have already paid the annual fee for 2012 will be charged another 63,- € for the database. Members who have not paid yet will have to pay 50,- € annular membership and 63,- € for the database.

Elections

Werner Dossler was unanimously elected as chairman as were the second chairman Anton Lamboj, the secretary, Bernhard Schwab as well as the treasurer JJ. Eckert. Werner Witopil was elected as vice treasurer. The position as a vice secretary is still vacant.

After the election the participants introduced themselves. The office of the EATA moved to the home address to Werner Dossler in Belgium which was necessary to ensure a representation in the European Union.



EATA website

The EATA website is receiving not many attractions. There should be a regular update of information as well as an easier way to retrieve information from the site. The official language should be English.

There were hot debates about EU-wide changes in law applicable to the hobby and trade shows. As a result, the members of the EATA are asked to cooperate more concertedly. All members should publish the number of members within their countries through the EATA chairman and the website.

Species conservation database

A database was set up in order to hold the species maintained and bred within European fish tanks. This database is intended to provide information about keeping and breeding of certain species as well as information about threatened species. The Spanish organization Aqua&Terra, which take care of some populations of threatened killifish will be an EATA member for the next two years. The BNA and SAIA are official partners of the EATA.

Lorenz Haut (BNA) was giving a talk about the postulation issued by the Deutscher Tierschutzbund to ban the keeping of exotic pets. Anton Lamboj (ÖVVÖ) is asked to provide a definition of „Qualzuchten“ (animals bred with characters which cause pain).

JJ. Eckert (FFA) was talking about the idea of an European Catalogue of Expert Knowledge („Sachkundenachweis“). The members of the EATA are asked to provide their knowledge to the EATA.

He also introduced Pro Di Gal, a French initiative of all hobby pet breeders. This society tries to include the hobby breeders of all kinds of pet like dog, cats, fish, and reptiles.

Annotation

Gold fish bowls will be officially banned in France. In Austria there was an initiative to ban the keeping and trade (specifically on public trade-shows) of certain exotic animals as pets. Austria is also planning to introduce a Catalogue of Expert Knowledge.

Information from EATA members



Switzerland: The Swiss members are training commercial companies in Expert Knowledge of pet fishes.

Germany: The German association is asking the EATA to develop a poster about the aims of the EATA.

The Netherlands: Cooperation with the ministry works well. A model (which kind of?)

Czech Republic: Animal ethics is thought to young members at Universities (?)

France: Pro Di Gal, a French initiative of all hobby pet breeders is in the process of founding a society. This society should include aquarists which provide their knowledge according to a European Catalogue of Expert Knowledge.

Belgium: Is trying to initiate a more close cooperation between the Flemings and Walloons.

Next meeting is issued for the 27th of October 2012 in the Netherlands.

Meeting Ends at 6pm.

Bernhard Schwab

Sekretär