

Minutes of the Meeting of the ICAR Breed Association WG by Skype 20th December 09.00 CET

Present: Egbert Feddersen, David Hambrook, Charl Hunlun, Steven Skinner, Courtney Walker and Suzanne Harding (Chair)

Apologies: Felipe Ruiz, Josef Kucera

1. Introductions

All present introduced themselves.

2. Minutes from meeting in Edinburgh

Minutes were agreed.

3. Actions from meeting in Edinburgh

Action 3: Reasons to belong to ICAR – see Brian's email. Egbert suggested that we should also add Data exchange eg for genetic traits.

4. Update of WG membership for 2017

There will be a core working group for skype meetings, with a larger group when communicating. The face to face meetings at ICAR will be open for any interested parties.

5. ICAR Audit revision

- a. All WGs have been asked to review and revise the ICAR Audit questions
- b. Turtle Diagrams are a tool that are suggested to help in this revision

This needs to be explained better at the NZ meeting. **Action: Charl will send around more information for discussion in Auckland**

6. ICAR 2018 session 8

- a. Speakers update

Action: Steven will come back to say if he can speak before December 31st

Action: Suzanne to try again to get a WHFF speaker (Email Linda Markle) – post meeting note, Tom Lawler has sent in an abstract.

Action: Suzanne to ask Brian Wickham when the drop dead date is for submission of papers – done – early in the New Year

7. AOB

- a. Conformation spreadsheet

This was sent to the WG by Josef. There was a suggestion that it could be better organised by listing all traits in a column and marking with an 'x' which are used by each breed. **Action: Josef to prepare**

8. Date of next meeting in Auckland – 9.00 to 13.00 Thursday 8th February