



## Minutes of the 16th Regular Members' Meeting of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation

Thursday, 13th July 2006, 08.00 to 12.00 a.m.,  
Telus Convention Center, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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### Agenda (business part)

1. Greeting, opening and roll call by president F. Stürzer
  2. Welcome address of the host by Bruce Holmquist (president)
  3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 15th Regular Members' Meeting of 22nd June 2004 in Aarhus, Denmark
  4. Financial report 2005
  5. Activities report 2004/2005
  6. Elections (president and vice-presidents)
  7. Acceptance of new members
  8. Next Members' Meetings
  9. Conferment of honours
  10. Other business
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### 1. Greeting, opening and roll call

President Franz Stürzer, Germany, opens the 16th Regular Members' Meeting. Delegates from the following countries were present:

Country	Representative	Proxy to
Argentina		
Australia	Peter Speers	
Brazil		
Denmark	Erik Olsen	
Germany	Franz Stürzer	
France		
United Kingdom	Dan Evans	
Ireland	Gerard Brickley	
Italy		Germany
Canada	Bruce Holmquist	
Croatia		Austria
Mexico	Saul Tijerina Wolf	
Namibia		South Africa
New Zealand	Gemma Carmichael	

Austria Sweden Switzerland Serbia Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Czech Republic Hungary Uruguay USA	Richard Pichler Bertil Rohlin Benz Brand  Daniel Skaza Peter Massmann Josef Kucera Imre Füller  Fred Schuetze	Austria Czech Republic
Total	16	5

16 out of the 25 member countries were represented directly and 5 by proxy.  
Total amount of votes: 21.

## 2. Welcome address of the host by Bruce Holmquist

The president of the Canadian Simmental Association (CSA), Bruce Holmquist, welcomes the participants.

## 3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 15th Regular Members' Meeting of 22nd June 2004 in Aarhus, Denmark

The minutes are accepted without any comments.

## 4. Financial report 2005

The president declares that the accounts 2005 were commented on during the council meeting and accepted by the council.

## 5. Activities report 2004/2005

The activities report of the period from July 2004 to June 2006 is read by the president and accepted without any opposite opinion.

## 6. Elections (president and vice-presidents)

The representatives propose the vice-president Peter Speers (Australia) and the president Franz Stürzer as candidates for presidency. The election takes place in writing. Franz Stürzer is re-elected with 11 votes. He thanks the representatives for their confidence. Peter Speers, Josef Kucera (Czech Republic) and Bruce Holmquist (Canada) are proposed as candidates for vice-presidency. Peter Speers announces that it was a great pleasure for him to cooperate in the council, but that he withdraws his candidature. Josef Kucera and Bruce Holmquist are elected new vice-presidents without any opposite opinion.

## 7. Acceptance of new members

Columbia asked to be accepted as a new member of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation. The country will be represented by the official Simmental breeding association that has its seat in Bogotá. After an enquiry, it was confirmed that this is the only official organisation for the Simmental breed in Columbia. Columbia is accepted unanimously as 26th regular member.

## **8. Next Members' Meetings**

Dan Evans and Fiona Sloan (UK) present the planned programme of the congress in Great Britain in 2008. A programme from 17th June to 1st July 2008 is planned. But it will also be possible to arrive on 24th June.

Peter Speers explains his plans for the congress in Australia in 2010. It is planned for the congress to take place in Melbourne-Victoria at the end of September. In addition, there will probably be a pre-congress tour starting in Perth and including the western part of Australia, as well as a post-congress tour to New Zealand.

Both proposals are accepted by the delegates.

Josef Kucera informs about the next council meeting in 2007. It will take place in Prague from 27th to 31st May 2007.

The delegates accept the presentation with applause.

Then, the president asks for proposals for the council meeting in 2009 and the congress in 2012.

Sidney Martin and Michael Goagoseb (Namibia) declare that they would like to organise the council meeting 2009 in Namibia. The assembly accepts this invitation.

During the assembly, there are no comments on the congress of 2012, but in the evening of 16th July, Georg Röhrmoser (Germany) announces that they would like to organise the congress in 2012.

## **9. Conferment of honours**

Franz Stürzer thanks the former vice-president Peter Speers for his active cooperation in the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation. He proposes to confer honorary membership of the WSF upon him. The assembly accepts the proposal and Peter Speers thanks the assembly for this honour.

Then, a diploma and a gift are handed over to Peter Massmann (South Africa) for his great merits in favour of the Simmental and Simbrah. He had announced before that this would be his last official participation in a WSF congress.

## **10. Other business**

In the name of the European Association of Fleckvieh Breeders (EVF), Richard Pichler (Austria, president of the EVF), thanks the organisers for the good cooperation.

Two young breeders comment positively on the first international Simmental-Fleckvieh forum for young breeders. The discussions at the "round table" gave the opportunity to have an interesting exchange of information between the representatives of the dual purpose breeds and the countries with beef breeds. The versatility of our Simmental breed was illustrated to everybody.

The president thanks the Canadian Simmental Association and the organising committee for their huge work.

Franz Stürzer closes the Regular Members' Meeting at 09.45 a.m.

## Technical Part

In the technical part of the members' meeting, 4 interesting reports are presented under the direction of Dale Kelly, general manager of CSA.

1. *DNA Technologies from IGENITY*  
*Practical Applications for Real World Producers*  
Dr. Steward Bauck

IGENITY is an experienced firm for DNA tests. This report illustrates practical applications allowing higher proceeds for breeding with relatively low expenses. As practical examples, the tests for colour inheritance, meat tenderness, determination of ancestry and a multi-marker-test for slaughtering performance criteria are presented. The tissue sample can be taken during the ear marking.

2. *Beef Production in Canada*  
Alana Lunn

Alana Lunn presents beef production in Canada, indicating the concerning figures. 40% of the 5.3 million suckling cows are found in the province of Alberta, followed by Saskatchewan (29%). The dairy cows are mainly found in Quebec (39%) and Ontario (30%). The farms with finishing cattle are mainly found in Alberta (69%). The consumption of beef in Canada is stagnating at around 50 kg per head and year. Canada is also one of the most important beef exporting countries of the world. More than 400'000 tons are exported every year, above all to the USA.

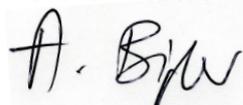
3. *Simmental Genetics and CSA Breed Improvement Initiatives*  
Bob Kemp

Bob Kemp describes the main accents of breeding work of the Canadian Simmental. The important criteria for beef breeding are evaluated over all breeds. The Simmental breed has achieved good breeding progress and can today be used as dam and sire breed. In the sector of linear scoring, there are also characters specific of the breed that are registered and evaluated. Economic total merit indexes also become more and more important.

4. *Global Agriculture, the cattle industry in transition*  
Dr. Lowell Catlett

With his captivating report, Dr. Catlett succeeds in convincing the listeners that quality and the appropriate commercialisation of our products will be even more important in the future. With the sentence: "Food is free!" he makes us understand that the highly developed, wealthy countries abound in calories and spend always less for basic foodstuffs. But these countries spend more and more money for health. Agricultural products distinguishing themselves from the mass through better quality and production methods or higher gustatory qualities can obtain higher prices.

For the minutes



Andreas Bgler, Secretary General