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EUROPÄISCHE VEREINIGUNG DER BRAUNVIEHZÜCHTER
FEDERAZIONE EUROPEA DEGLI ALLEVATORI DELLA RAZZA BRUNA
FEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES ELEVEURS DE LA RACE BRUNE
EUROPEAN BROWN SWISS FEDERATION
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ARTICLES

OF THE EUROPEAN BROWN SWISS FEDERATION

Art. 1 Name of the Federation

German: Europäische Vereinigung der Braunviehzüchter
English: European Brown Swiss Federation
French: Fédération européenne des éleveurs de la race brune
Italian: Federazione europea degli allevatori della razza bruna
Rumanian: Federația europeană a crescătorilor de taurine de rasă "Brună"
Slovenian: Evropska zveza rejcev govedi rjave pasme
Spanish: Federación europea de la raza parda

Art. 2 Mission

The fundamental purpose of the European Brown Swiss Federation is the cooperation between the various Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' organizations in order to promote the Brown breed.

The main goals of the European Federation are:

- to represent the interests of the Brown breeders in Europe;
- to harmonize the technical activities carried out to improve the Brown breed.

Art. 3 Means to obtain this aim

In order to achieve this goal, the Federation shall:

- a) circulate information on the breeding of Brown Swiss cattle in the different countries;
- b) exchange practical knowledge on all important breeding problems;
- c) facilitate transmission and interpretation of all interesting data on Brown Swiss cattle;
- d) promote the exchange of breeding stock, semen and embryo;
- e) organize and promote European conferences, world congresses, symposia and similar;
- f) represent the interests of Brown Swiss cattle breeding at an international level, e.g. at world congresses, etc.;
- g) cooperate with the institutions dealing with the political, scientific and technical promotion of animal breeding, e.g. the European Association for Animal Production, the International Committee for Recording the Productivity of Milk Animals, Interbull, FAO and EU;
- h) organize common activities to promote the breed;
- i) manage a common database for genetic defects.

Art. 4 Membership

- a) All European Brown organizations and all organizations of the Mediterranean region may be admitted as ordinary members provided they are officially recognized, they keep a herd book and they work with the Brown Swiss cattle breed. Each member country can be represented by a single organization.
- b) The Brown Swiss cattle breeder organizations located in other parts of the world may be accepted as extraordinary members.
- c) For the countries that do not have an official Brown Herdbook, the admission of organizations which manage the herd book records of the Brown breed or organizations which actively promote the breed may be accepted.

Membership is obtained by an application in writing under recognition of these articles of the association charter and is subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Art. 5 The organs of the Federation

The organs of the European Brown Swiss Federation are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Council,
- c) The President,
- d) The General Secretary.

Art. 6 The General Assembly

The General Assembly is composed of the delegates of all member organizations; each organization is awarded three delegates at most.

Each member country can express a single vote. Only The President of the National Association of each country is entitled to vote.

The right to vote can be delegated and transferred in writing to a representative attending the meeting. Resolutions are passed by a two-thirds majority of all the members entitled to vote, namely only the delegates of ordinary member organizations.

The General Assembly is held at least every two years, whenever possible during a conference meeting.

The President convenes the General Assembly by letter at least one month before the date of the meeting. The letter shall contain the list of the items to be discussed.

The country in charge of the organization of the Conference is also in charge of the organization of the General Assembly. This member country convenes the Conference meeting, carries out all the preparatory work, both technical and administrative, and presides at it.

The duties of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) Election of the President;
- b) Election of two Vice Presidents;
- c) Approval of the Secretary's report;
- d) Admission of new members;
- e) Appointment of the dates of the next meetings;
- f) Appointment of honorary members proposed by the Board;
- g) Decisions concerning the dissolution of the Federation;
- h) Ratification of the statute, following updates approved by the Committee.

Art. 7 The Committee

The Committee is the Board of Directors of the European Brown Swiss Federation. It is composed of two delegates from each ordinary member organization.

The President is in charge of the Federation as a whole; he presides over the General Assembly of the Members and chairs the Committee meetings from the date he is elected to the next General Assembly. The two vice presidents are elected to the same tenure of the President. The tenure of office of the Committee members depends on the decision of the member countries that have appointed them.

The Committee attends to all the administrative and breeding duties of the Federation which do not depend on the General Assembly. In order to study special subjects, the Committee may appoint special Commissions.

The Committee meets as often as necessary, but at least once a year. Decisions are made by a simple majority. However, decisions involving essential parts of the organization of the countries are to be taken by unanimous vote.

On request of any member, voting will be held by ballot.

Art. 8 The President's duties

The President is chosen among the members of the Committee and his tenure is four years. A President can be re-elected only once.

The President:

- officially represents the Federation at the national and international meetings;
- chairs and coordinates the Committee;
- chairs and coordinates the General Assembly;
- issues the instructions to implement the resolutions passed by the Committee.

If the European president loses the office of president of his national association, automatically the European charge declines. One of the Vice presidents becomes in charge until new election.

Both president and director of each member country can be President of the European Federation.

If the President is absent, one of the two Vice Presidents can sit in for the President if appointed.

Art. 9 The Secretary General

As a rule, the General Manager of the national Association, whose President has been elected President of the European Federation, is appointed General Secretary.

The Committee is in charge of the appointment of the Secretary. As the President, also the General Secretary can be re-elected only once.

The General Secretary is in charge of promoting and implementing the goals of the Federation.

The Secretary:

- officially represents the Federation at the national and international meetings;
- administrates the funds of the Federation in accordance with the resolutions of the Committee;
- makes out the invoices and manages the fee collection;
- summarizes and circulates information to the members in accordance with the decisions made by the Committee;
- organizes the meeting of the Committee;
- takes the minutes of every meeting of the Committee or of the Assembly and sends them to the members;
- coordinates the working groups by keeping in contact with the coordinator of each group.

If the European secretary loses the office of secretary of his national association, automatically the European charge declines. Secretary of Vicepresident becomes in charge until new election.

Art. 10 Finances

The Federation is a non-profit organization.

The Federation collects the fees and the contributions from the member countries and is entitled to collect donations or payment from other sources, in order to use these funds to achieve the goals of the Federation.

To finance its activities and duties the Federation receives a contribution from each country which is fixed by the Committee as occasion demands, namely according to the number of cows under milk control in registered Herd book farms.

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year. The Committee decides how the activities of the Federation are to be financed.

Art. 11 Members of Honor

The committee can propose people that have been part actively to the committee in the past as member of honor. Member of honor are then appointed by the general assembly.

Art. 12 Withdrawal

A member organization may withdraw only at the end of a calendar year and must give notice in writing to the President six months before. Such withdrawing members are no more entitled to the existing assets.

Art. 13 Dissolution

The Federation may be dissolved only after having discussed the matter with the Committee and by a majority of two-thirds of the votes expressed at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for this special purpose.

Any remaining assets shall then be distributed to the national organizations in proportion to the contributions paid for the preceding business year.

The abovementioned Articles of Association were updated and approved by the Committee in Sighetu Marmatiei in Romania on 3rd July, 2009. They take the place of the ones adopted at the meeting of 10th May, 1964, in Lucerne when the Federation was founded and successively reviewed in 1980 in Zurich by the General Assembly.

Place and date:

Novo Mesto, 16th October 2010

EUROPEAN BROWN SWISS FEDERATION

The President: Pietro Laterza

The Secretary: Enrico Santus