



# FÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DES GENTLEMEN AMATEURS ET CAVALIÈRES DU TROT

EUROPÄISCHER VERBAND DER AMATEURFAHRER UND -FAHRERINNEN DES TRABERSPORTS  
EUROPEAN AMATEUR GENTLEMEN DRIVERS FEDERATION

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## Minutes from meeting

in connection with World championship for harness drivers in Vienna

**Objective:** Organisation and co-ordination for future World championships

### Attending persons:

- Claës-L. Ljung, president of the FEGAT
- Cesare Meli, president of FEDERNAT – Italy
- Steve Hollander, delegate for the New Zealand harness amateurs
- Bud Hatfield, delegate for the harness amateurs in the USA
- Denis Smith, delegate for the Australian harness amateurs
- Roland Brunner, president for the Austrian harness amateurs
- Karl Moisl, delegate for the Austrian harness sport club
- Dieter Beck, vice president of the FEGAT
- Fredy Moder, vice president and secretary general of the FEGAT (minutes)

Claës-L. Ljung was accepted as chairman for the meeting and Fredy Moder was delegated writing the minutes.

Claës-L. Ljung began the meeting by wishing everyone a hearty welcome. He also mentioned the disappointment the FEGAT feel over the Australian comments (mails from Rod Pollock) on the European rules of maximum age for drivers, 70 years or in some countries even less.

In connection with the above opening of the meeting, the attached **Statutes for World championships** that has been worked out by Claës-L. Ljung and Fredy Moder (FEGAT) were unanimously accepted without any objection.

Local or regional rules are not a part of these statutes and must in the future be clarified in co-operation with the national federation of the organizer.



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## Plan for coming championships and disappointment:

**WC 2005** **Austria – Baden, Vienna and Ebreichsdorf: everything OK!**  
The Austrian organizer as well as all present delegates regretted not having Joseph A Faraldo attending the meeting.

**WC 2006** Neither France (see mail from Alain Pagès, president of the UNAT to Claës-L. Ljung) nor the USA (talks between Joe Faraldo and Fredy Moder in Rome earlier in the week) will or can organize the World championship 2006.

**Cesare Meli**, president of FEDERNAT – Italy, declared that he was prepared to make a break through and organize the WC in his country. For this noble gesture Cesare Meli had a big hand and the approval of all present delegates. We want to point out that Italy was the organizer as late as the year 2000! It is planned racing in four tracks in northern Italy.

**WC 2008** Planned to take place in the USA.  
**Bud Hatfield**, delegate for the USA promised the secretariat of the FEGAT a **written confirmation** as soon as possible.

**WC 2010** **New Zealand**  
**Steve Hollander**, delegate for the NZ amateurs, is convinced that his country is prepared to stand as organizer for the WC in the year 2010.

- **The FEGAT**, being the only organized and structured international organization in the world for amateurs with several member countries has unofficially held the WC in their hands during the last 15 years supporting and giving advice when needed. This should due to the meaning in the FEGAT also be entered in the minutes and acknowledged by all nations present so that co-ordination, organization and forming of statutes for championships can be guaranteed. **This proposal was after a penetrating discussion accepted by all present delegates.** The board of the FEGAT expressed their gratitude for the confidence shown.
- The Australian efforts to re-organize and develop the amateursport in the country as described by the Australian delegate Denis Smith was fully supported by all present who also sent a wish for good luck in the reconstruction work.



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- After a deep penetrating discussion it was indubitable clear from all nations present that France has to be prepared to serve as a reserve organizer of the World championship for the year 2008. **No later than 2012 France has to stand as organizer of the World championship.**
- If France does not in writing declare a willingness to do so is the **participation of France in coming championships from this year on not possible.**
- The statutes concerning the World championship, that has again been dealt with thoroughly, will be forwarded together with these minutes to all present on the meeting as well as to Canada, UNAT/France, United Kingdom and the press.

In the end of the meeting **Roland Brunner, president of the Austrian harness amateurs**, had a warm hand from all present for the organization of this years championship that surely can serve as a pattern for the future! **Thank you so much, Roland!**

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