

Notes from the Annual General Meeting of the
Anglo European Studbook, Netherlands
14th March 2024

1. Welcome

Studbook Director Kees van den Oetelaar opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Robbert Ehrens.

3. Report on Activities 2023

Key studbook activities in 2023 and in the first 3 months of 2024. These included:

Stallion Gradings in Schijndel
Stallion Gradings in Poland

All grading events were very well supported with promising young stallions coming forward.

Furthermore, the AES held another successful foal show at Schijndel. The event also comprised mare gradings, which were very well received by the breeders who valued the detailed level of feedback and support from the grading team.

The AES team also supported the national foal show, loose jumping competition and youngstock show in Poland by providing evaluators. The support from the AES was much appreciated by the Polish breeders.

There is increasing demand for opportunities for mare and foal grading activities, which will be expanded in the coming year and beyond.

A highlight of the year was the WBFSH Global Champions Trophy at Valkenswaard which saw outstanding performances from the AES team who achieved medal position in all age groups in which the AES participated. We are looking forward to returning in 2024.

4. Financial Report

The AES Netherlands is in a strong and solid financial position. It is a not-for-profit organisation covering its operational costs through its passport charges. Costs are kept low by sharing the AES UK CMS and database infrastructure and by sharing AES UK evaluators as and where appropriate.

5. Plans for 2024/2025

The AES Netherlands will continue to organise an annual Stallion Grading in Poland and two annual Stallion Gradings in the Netherlands. The annual foal show and mare grading activities in the Netherlands will run in August and September. Due to continuously increasing demand for mare gradings, these will be expanded for 2024 and 2025. AES Netherlands will also support the Polish national foal show in August 2024 by sending evaluators and will offer mare gradings alongside the event.

The studbook continues to invest in its partnership with the DNA laboratory to support and develop DNA testing. The phenotype data collected at all AES grading activities provides the foundation for future development activities.

AES Netherlands plans again to have a presence at the World Breeding Championships for Dressage Horses and Showjumpers, as well as the Global Champions Trophy. All AES horses registered under the 826 UELN and of the right age category, including those born in the Netherlands, are eligible for team selection for the AES UK teams and will be notified of the selection procedures.

All AES registered dressage horses with 826 UELN numbers, including those born in the Netherlands, are also eligible for BD selection for Ermelo. The team is inquiring with BD about the selection process and will notify its members.

6. The AES Breeding Programme

Dr Eva-Maria Broomer explained the AES Breeding Programme and goals and explained that Health and Welfare are at the very centre of the studbook's aims and policies. It is for this reason that particular emphasis is placed on long term soundness, which is reflected in the fact that the mare and foal grading procedures include inspection on the hard.

It is for this reason that AES mare gradings include an assessment on the hard ground, and the same goes for foals undergoing the full AES youngstock evaluation process.

The Breeding Programme and grading procedures can be accessed on the AES Netherlands website under www.angloeuropeanstudbook.nl

7. The AES Netherlands Breeding Committee

The following AES management team members were re-elected to the AES Netherlands Breeding Committee:

Dr Eva-Maria Broomer (chair)
Robbert Ehrens
Jolein Roestenburg
Lucy Simpson

The following AES Netherlands Breeders were nominated and elected to the AES Netherlands Breeding Committee as Breeder Representatives:

Joan van Gorkum
Martin van den Tillart

The Breeding Committee will meet quarterly, either in person or via zoom, to discuss the studbook's activities.

8. AOB

There was no other business.