Minutes of the 2014 World Galloway Conference held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at Hotel Altona, Wildeshauser, Germany

Welcome

Georg Menke welcomed everyone to Wildeshauser and opened the meeting at 10.10. He asked that everyone stand in remembrance of Bernd Kinkhorst who had passed away recently at the age of 50.

Georg then introduced all the host of the tours and thanked everyone who had assisted with the organisation of the conference.

Present

See attached list

Apologies

Trudi & Bernard vonFischer, Switzerland, John & Margaret Maxwell, Scotland, Bob Airth, Canada

Opening of Meeting

Horst Kraft, President of the German Galloway Association, welcomed everyone to Germany and to the conference. He asked everyone to stand when their country was announced.

Horst said that the World Galloway Conferences allow us as breeders to exchange ideas and experiences, renew old friendships and make new ones.

Horst officially declared the Conference open.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Jane Bradley read the Minutes of the Previous World Galloway Conference held on 2nd October 2012 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Barry McAlley moved that "The Minutes of the Previous Meeting be approved". Seconded by John McIlwraith. - CARRIED

Association Reports

Delegates from each Association then presented a report on behalf of their Association.

Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc	Jane Bradley
Australian Galloway Association	Merlin Bradley
Galloways Australia Inc	Greg Stuart
Canadian Galloway Association	Marie Blake
Galloway Cattle Society of GB	Scott McKinnon
Belted Galloway Society, UK	Liz Wilkinson
Russian Galloway Association	Martin Putzhammer
Belted Galloway Society, USA	Andre LeMaitre
American Galloway Breeders Association	Joyce Jones
German Galloway Association	Horst Kraft

Swiss Galloway Association (Helen Keller) advised the conference that there are 200 Galloway herds in Switzerland and the Association registers all colours in the one herdbook. Of the 30,000+ cattle of all breeds in Switzerland, 1,500 + are Galloways. All Galloway beef is sold via direct marketing. Highlands are the biggest extensive breed as they as seen as being organic. Galloways will go the hills in the summer for approx. 100 days, then they stay the rest of the year near the farm. Recently there has been problems with walkers in the hills with the continental breeders. Galloways have had no such problems.

Galloway Cattle Society of NZ	Barry McAlley
Galloway Association of Denmark	Sonja Kofoed-Pihl
Uruguay	No Report
Estonia	No Report
Austria	No Report

The Meeting adjourned for lunch

Date & Venue for future World Galloway Conference

2016 World Galloway Conference will be hosted by the Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Northern Ireland in August 2016. Scott McKinnon, on behalf of the Galloway Cattle Society & Liz Wilkinson, on behalf of the Belted Galloway Society, advised that the Conference would

commence on Friday 5th August 2016 and the Headquarters for the Conference will be in Gretna Green.

Invitations were received from The Australian Belted Galloway Association & the Belted Galloway Society, Inc of USA to host the 2018 or 2020. On a show of hands (25 Australia / 10 USA) it was declared that the 2018 World Galloway Conference would be hosted by the Australian Belted Galloway Association and the 2020 World Galloway Conference would be hosted by the Belted Galloway Society, Inc of USA.

Appointment of Office Bearers

President

Jim Ross nominated Scott McKinnon, Seconded by John McIlwraith, Nomination accepted. There being no further nominations, Scott McKinnon was appointed the President of the World Galloway Conference

Vice-President

Merlin Bradley nominated Ian Marjasen, Seconded by Barry McAlley, Nomination accepted on Ian's behalf. There being no further nominations, Ian Marjasen was appointed Vice-President of the World Galloway Conference.

Secretary

Georg Menke nominated Jane Bradley, Seconded by Scott McKinnon. Nomination accepted. There being no further nominations, Jane Bradley was appointed Secretary of the World Galloway Conference.

General Business

1. **Cattle Market Streams** – Anne Menrath, German Beef Cattle Breeders Federation presented a talk on International Beef Trade. She advised that in the last 50 years meat production had doubled. Poultry had increased the most, followed by pigs. Beef and Lamb had not increased
2. **Galloway Brochure** - Georg Menke advised the meeting that at the 2012 Conference Barry McAlley had asked "Why have Galloways lost their place in the Beef Industry?"
   Georg's thoughts on this are that the BSE crisis damaged the image of Galloways in Germany and many other countries. He felt that we need to produce a high quality beef and as the numbers of Galloways was small, Self-Marketing was the Key to Success. With

this in mind a Brochure "Galloway – The Genuine Alternative" was produced and was presented to the Conference.

3. **Nutritional Quality – FSA** - Greg Stuart spoke on this subject. From data published in the Journal of Animal Science 2006 – it confirms that German Galloways marbled more than the other breeds tested and the Galloway Feed Efficiency was also highest. From data published in the Journal of Animal Science 1996 – it confirms that Galloway beef is the most favoursome and juicy of those tested – this can assist the marketing of Galloway beef. FSA has published data on meat nutritional factors. MSA has assessed the nutritional quality against FSA published data for the same cuts of beef. MSA has assessed eating quality according to the FSA data.
   Research carried out in USA, Canada, Denmark, Germany and other countries over many years all support what Galloway breeders have said for many years regarding the quality of Galloway beef.

Close of Meeting

Georg Menke & Horst Kraft thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 16.30

NOTE

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Scott McKinnon co-opted Elizabeth Wilkinson as Assistant Co-Coordinator for the 2016 World Galloway Conference to be held in Scotland.