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### **Agenda:**

Date will follow a.s.a.p.: General meeting of members in Amersfoort

2 October 2021: Competition between young animals in Amersfoort  
(young animal day) / Jubilees show

The club magazine is published three times a year: February, September and December.

### **Recommended ring sizes for our varieties:**

Assendelfter	cock 15 mm	hen 13 mm
Assendelfterkriel	cock 13 mm	hen 11 mm
Noord-Hollands hoen	cock 22 mm	hen 18 mm
Noord-Hollands hoen kriel	cock 15 mm	hen 13 mm

### **Contribution 2021**

Membership of the ANHBC is € 17.-- per year. For youth members €7.50.

We ask you to pay the membership fee for 2021 a.s.a.p. by means of internet banking via account number:

**NL40 RBRB 0706 508 513** at ANHBC in Ter Apelkanaal. Members who have not paid their dues are not eligible for honorary prizes.

### **From the Chairman and Secretary (also annual report)**

A new breeding season has started. The North Dutch blue breeders probably already have the first chicks. Assendelfters and bantams can be a little later. Hopefully this new breeding season will bring some more fun and positivity after a very turbulent 2020. A year in which we were confronted with COVID-19 and all the associated restrictions: the 1.5 metre society, the mouth/facial mask, the lockdown for humans and the obligation to keep the chickens inside, because of the bird flu. A difficult year in which we were (and still are) afraid of getting sick. A year in which we had to learn to live with all kinds of restrictions and "the new normal". A year in which we had to say goodbye to 2 honorary members Frits Calf and Hans Beumer; two valued people who supported our club very much. We will miss them. A year with (almost) no activities, because of the RIVM guidelines. A year in which a bird flu was established in November and thereby completely shattering the 2020-2021 exhibition season.

Fortunately, there are also positive things to report! A year in which 8 new members signed up, some even from abroad (England, Italy and France). Currently, the club has 83 members (see accompanying membership list). Especially for our foreign members, the club magazine will now also be published in English since February 2020.

A year in which René van de Kerkhof and Martin Vink started a rescue operation for the Assendelfter and Assendelfter bantams. Together with Hanno Dijkhorst, both gentlemen set up the breeding technical committee. In the club magazine of September and December 2020 you have been able to read about the progress and admire the beautiful pictures.

A year in which our members expressed their desire to let the “Young Animal Day”, continue on 3 October, so that some of you could get a better picture of the quality of the animals and/or to put together a good breeding pen for the coming year.

In compliance with the RIVM measures and after good consultation with AKV, a “Young Animal Day” was organized in a slightly different form than usual and in a somewhat stripped-down form. In order to limit physical contact as much as possible, there was a sober lottery and award ceremony and, unlike other years, this time the board deliberately chose cash prizes that were subsequently transferred to the winners. Hopefully this will be different in the future, but at that moment it seemed to be the best way of organizing the “Young Animal Day”. The judges for this day were the Gentlemen Klaas van der Hoek, Wim Voskamp and Hanno Dijkhorst.

All of the champions of that day, Herbert Oudshoorn (Assendelfter), Wim Noorloos (North-Dutch blue) and René van de Kerkhof (Assendelfter bantam and North Dutch bantam): congratulations to you once again.

Because the ALV had not proceeded in March, a short meeting was held during the inspection in the adjacent room to identify some operational points (see page 5 for the minutes of this meeting).

Despite all the restrictions, it was still a productive and pleasant “Young Animal Day”, with a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere.

For 2021 there is also something positive to look forward to. The 40th anniversary of our association. In October, the ANHBC celebrates its 40th anniversary. We don't want to let this anniversary just pass by and that's why we want to organize an anniversary show on October 2nd with a beautiful and unique prize package. Hopefully this may and can be restored in our old familiar way. Only time will tell.

For now, stay all healthy and hopefully we see you soon!

## **ANNUAL MEETING 2021**

As you know, our annual meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> could not take place. Unfortunately, we don't have a new date yet. As soon as the RIVM measures allow it and the catering industry is allowed to open again, a new date is planned with AKV. As soon as we know the new date, we let you know. In this club magazine you can find the documents for the annual meeting. If you have any questions and/or additions to the agenda, you can pass this on to our secretary

## Programme

From 10.00 am: reception/walk-in with coffee and tea.

11:00-12:00: animal discussion by René van de Kerkhof about the animals brought by some (new) members. If you want to bring animals, please pass on the number of animals to the secretary.

12.30-13.30: lunch with the lottery, annual meeting and discussion.

## Agenda General Meeting of Members (AGM):

1. Opening by the Chairman
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 3 October 2020 (see page 5 in this magazine).
3. Set agenda.
4. Documents, requests and communications received.
5. Annual report chairman/secretary (see pages 2 and 3 in this magazine).
6. Financial report 2020 by Treasurer (available during the meeting).
1. Report Audit Committee.  
Audit Committee 2021 consist of Mrs. Willeke de Haard and Mr. Wim Noorloos. Reserve: to be determined.
7. Appointment of new member Audit committee.
8. Budget 2021 (available during the meeting).
9. Situation contribution.
10. Elections (Hendrik ter Horst is eligible for re-election as secretary/treasurer).
11. Evaluation of the “Young Animals Day” on Saturday 3 October 2020 (See club sheet No 115 of December 2020).
12. “Young Animals Day” Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.
13. Judges “Young Animals Day”, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. (The judges are Elze Zwama and Wim Voskamp. Hanno Dijkhorst is reserve)
14. Prize schedule exhibition season 2021-2022 (see page 6).
15. Continuation Assendelfter and Assendelfter bantams / set up breeding technical committee (explanation by René van de Kerkhof, Martin Vink and Hanno Dijkhorst).
16. Any other business.
17. Conclusion and closure.

Year of resignation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Chairman A. Suiker	@			@			@
Secretary/Treasurer H. ter Horst		@			@		
Member F. Assendelft			@			@	
Member B. Bos	@			@			@
Member R. v/d Kerkhof			@			@	

## Minutes of meeting 03th October 2020

### Short meeting of the operational items of the AGM agenda March 2020.

1. Opening by the Chairman.  
The chairman opens the meeting, 5 members and 4 board members are present. Despite the fact that we can adhere to the Corona measures here, many members have refrained from coming. The agenda is approved.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 9 March 2019 (see club magazine No. 113, February 2020). The Minutes are approved by the members present.
3. Financial report 2019 by treasurer (available at the meeting).  
The financial report was distributed and discussed.
4. Cash committee report: Mrs. W. de Haard and Mr. J. van Laar. (Reserve is Mr. W. Noorloos.)  
Both cash committee members were not present. As reserve member Wim Noorloos was present, he checked the annual returns with Herbert Oudshoorn. They advised the meeting to discharge the treasurer. The meeting approved the financial report.
5. Appointment of the new cash committee.  
The cash control committee remains as it was.
6. Budget 2020 (available at meeting).  
Answer to the question by Pier Koning: "How many members do we currently have?", the secretary replied that there are now 83 members, with a member in England, one in France and one in Italy!
7. Election of the board. Resigning and up for re-electable Bram Bos and Aletta Suiker. Both are re-elected.
8. Adaptation of down colour "light to light grey" in standard North Holland cover (see club sheet No. 113, February 2020).  
René van de Kerkhof explains the proposal to revise the text in the standard on this point. Rooster: light to light blue-grey, preferably no caressing and in sickles 1/3 less drawing allowed. Hen: End feather dark blue-grey band, in down preferably no caress.
9. Breeding program Assendelfter bantams.  
René and Martin gave an extensive presentation about the project to save the Assendelfter bantams. The reason was the death of the only breeder who still had a fair number of animals. However, the quality of the animals was very disappointing. After selection only a few animals were left. Other animals have hardly been found, despite a lot of effort, which can make this an exciting adventure. To be continued....
10. Any other business:  
The board wants to make a banner. Our present logo is unsuitable for this. Hendrik will inquire about the possibility and price of having a new design of the logo and a banner.

# 11. Closure.

The chairman closes the meeting, the judges have now Corona proof assessed our animals.

<b>Price Schedule national and open shows 2021-2022</b> <i>For both breeds of our club, big ones and bantams as well</i>			
	<b>In case of 3 to 10 animals:</b>		<b>In case of 21 or more animals:</b>
3550	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed	3568	€ 10,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed
	<b>In case of 11 to 20 animals:</b>	3569	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one
3551	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed	3570	€ 7,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two
3552	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one	3571	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but three
	<b>In case of 21 or more animals:</b>		
3553	€ 10,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed		<i>Assendelfterkriel:</i>
3554	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one		<b>In case of 3 to 10 animals:</b>
3555	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two	3572	€ 8,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed
			<b>In case of 11 to 20 animals:</b>
<b>Price schedule for our Club show at the Noordshow in Assen</b>		3573	€ 10,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed
	<i>Assendelfter:</i>	3574	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one
	<b>In case of 3 to 10 animals:</b>	3575	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two
3556	€ 8,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed		<b>In case of 21 or more animals:</b>
	<b>In case of 11 to 20 animals:</b>	3576	€ 10,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed
3557	€ 10,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed	3577	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one
3558	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one	3578	€ 7,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two
3559	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two	3579	€ 5,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but three
	<b>In case of 21 or more animals:</b>		
3560	€ 10,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed		<i>Noord-Hollandse kriel:</i>
3561	€ 8,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but one		<b>In case of 3 to 10 animals:</b>
3562	€ 7,00 for the most beautiful animal in every breed but two	3580	€ 8,00 + Beemster cheese for the most beautiful animal in every breed





it looked as if they would soon no longer exist, until the Society for Rare Pet Breeds took care of this cultural heritage at the end of the seventies. As a result, a special association for the Assendelfter was founded in 1981, in which also a second breed from the province of North Holland, the North-Holland Blues recognized only in cuckoo, are looked after. From then both breeds went uphill, although it is not easy for the Assendelfters to establish themselves because of similar-looking related breeds.

### **Regionally rooted**

The Assendelfter Chicken embodies an original ancestor form, from which the Hamburg chickens, which are called Hollands Hoen (hoen = chicken) in the Netherlands, originated. The breed was bred in and around Assendelft, between Alkmaar and Amsterdam.

In this region, the crooked beak ducks were once highly valued as an economic breed, and so chickens and ducks are kept in enormous numbers on the farms. The animals and their products were traded diligently on the markets in Amsterdam, Alkmaar and Purmerend. The importance of this industry was great, until the beginning of the 20th century when new and more efficient breeds replaced the old breeds within a short period of time.



The Assendelfter were previously offered as 'boerengeeltjes', as 'peasant yellows', which indicates the gold-black-flocked colour stroke. They were exported to England and were formed into the Hamburger Chicken as we know them now. According to tradition, animals of the golden and silver colour stroke were interbred, which had the advantage that one could recognize the lighter male chickens early, where on the other hand the yellow chicks were hens.

When the modern economic races supplanted the old breeds, the number of Assendelfter, which could only be found in the region of West-Friesland fell sharply. It was, therefore, a good and necessary measure when the Assendelfter were admitted by the Dutch Chicken Association in 1939 – otherwise they probably would have gone extinct. After the Second World War, the breed had to be rebuilt from residual swells, which was not easy due to the susceptibility to the Marek disease. In addition, not all animals were

purebred Assendelfter. When stock counting was made at the end of the 1970s, the breed was found only in an enclosed area of origin around Assendelft.

### **Slender and stretched**

At first glance, Assendelfter look similar to the Frisian chicken; they look a little more stocky and in the chest area slightly wider. Nevertheless, they are slender chickens with stretched type and a well-filled transition into the fanned tail. It's probably most striking breed-characteristic is the rose-comb, which appears coarse as well as wide in comparison to the comb of other breeds and whose comb-thorn follows the neck-line without lying on. The coarse rose comb is expressly desired, even if it may look difficult to get accustomed to it these days.

The breeders of the Assendelfter hold on to the original overall picture of the breed. Everything seems a little more original – why not, because this is exactly what characterizes the species. In the hens, the comb is small and slightly coarsely formed. The ear discs are medium in size, almond-shaped and white. Some red is tolerated at the brim of the earlobe.

### **Colour with subtleties**

In the Assendelfters, the pencils differ slightly from the drawing image of related breeds. It should not look too fine in the hens and now consist of three to five pairs of pencils on each feather. However, the pencils do not touch the feather shaft or the feather edge. The pencils are, of course, missing in the ornamental feathers of the cocks as well as in the neck feathers of the hens. That's what the ideal is. In practice and in view of the rarity of the breed, slight deviations are judged with some tolerance.

The drawing of the Assendelfter as it is today was explained in a comparative article about the Pencilled Chickens in the July issue of the Dutch *Kleindier Magazine*. It read: "The Assendelfter are recognized in gold-black-pencilled, silver-black-pencilled and lemon-black-pencilled. In type, they look most similar to the Frisian chicken, but the difference is the rose comb and the orange-red eyes." The gold-black pencils were brighter in colour, but this difference can hardly be seen today. The expression of the pencils lies between that of the Frisian chickens and the Groninger Meeuwen (Groninger Seagulls). As a rule, the golden-brown hem in the sickle-feathers is wide and not very sharp, but a wide, fuzzy hem drawing is preferred over a missing hem. Coupled with the pencils are the grey legs; in breeding, attention must be paid to a leg colour that is too bright/light.



## Large and small

The Assendelfter was once only available in large format and in gold-black pencilled, which is still the main colour stroke. As already mentioned, the range of basic colours has been extended by two, and these also apply to the Assendelfter bantams. In the case of the silvers, care must be taken to ensure yellow approach on the shoulders and the hangings, it must not become too much. The lemon colour corresponds to that of the Frisian chickens, from which it is also borrowed. The Assendelfter weigh 1.5-1.7 kg in the male and 1.2-1.3 kg in the female. The bantams are required with 550-650 g for the male and 450-550 g for the female.

I like the Assendelfter, especially in their original colour gold-black pencilled and because they do not look as perfect as other pencilled breeds. They are ideal chickens for hobbyists and an eye-catcher for the outdoor area. They are active chickens that like to forage but also are also comfortable in their coops. Regular handling makes them docile and easy to handle, and they are good egg-layers anyway. Whether they are also present somewhere in Germany, I do not know. After all, they were introduced to the National Show in Dortmund as early as 1993, but there was no official recognition.

Remco de Koster



## Kuikenradar.nl

Many breeders have heard of “*Kuikenradar.nl*”, but do not know exactly what the usefulness of this site is. The *Dutch Chick Radar* keeps records of breeding results of the pedigree fowl in the breeding period January to June. Due to the GDPR, no names of breeders or details of breeding results can be seen here. These can be viewed on the club-chick radars and can be accessed with a club password that the secretary of your special club can provide you with.

This year the *Kuikenradar* has started its third year. The L&V special club tries to involve as many active breeders of Dutch Special Clubs as possible. It is one of the new initiatives that might appeal to breeders. In the meantime, 12 special clubs are participating. Participation is free.



Meanwhile, the Assendelfter and Noord-Hollandse Blauwen Club have also joined *Kuikenradar.nl*. Two links have been received by Bart Landheer from *Kuikenradar.nl*. Through these links you can register your breeding results. One link is to register, the other to see the overall picture.

To register your breeding results: <https://www.kuikenradar.nl/res2021/anhb-result/>

To view the ANHBC Chick Radar 2021 you need a password. That password is: beenkleur (all lowercase letters).

The link is: <https://www.kuikenradar.nl/kr/anhb-map/>



At the moment there are less results in kuikenradar, but the board of the ANHBC hopes that this will change soon. So breeders, please register!!

Your secretary has registered the first breeding results of 2021 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, So at least we have made a start.



## Assendelfter and Assendelfter bantams (continued)

We have formed an official technical breeding committee (TBC) within the ANHBC. This breeding committee consists of: Martin Vink, Hanno Dijkhorst and René van de Kerkhof. On Sunday 13 December we were invited by Hanno at Vortum-Mullum. This morning we discussed various issues concerning the (bantam) Assendelfter which we are dealing now and more importantly what we are dealing with in the future. We're looking forward to it.



Due to the COVID restrictions we were unfortunately unable to meet with more people and everything had to be done at the well-known 1.5 meter distance.

Through his contacts René has been able to get very beautiful Frisian bantams in the colours gold pelts, silver pelts and lemon pelts, of which we have high expectations. We have critically viewed all the bantams (including the Frisian ones) that we have in our possession. We have compiled breeding flocks and set out a breeding vision for 2021. It is clear that there is a lot of work to be done at the Assendelfter bantams in all three colours. That is also the reason that we have decided to mix Frisian bantams with Assendelfter bantams. By doing this we think we get more advantages than disadvantages. It is important to look to the future with these kind of projects.

At the large Assendelfters owned by Hanno we have seen that the quality is a bit better than the quality of the bantams. The large Assendelfters are now present at various places in the Netherlands. Unfortunately they will decrease also in the following years.



We inspected the animals at length and had a lot of discussion about them. We have decided to make this breed more vital in all respects and to keep a good basis. Therefore we start working with some Frisian hens to strengthen the breed.



By Facebook we try to keep you informed of all developments and photos also will be posted there. We are now in March and the first eggs have hatched at René and Hanno.

There are also requests for eggs. The first bantam eggs are already collected. It will be nice to get extra breeders from the Assendelfter and Assendelfter bantams.



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