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Minutes of the FCI General Committee meeting Paris, Hotel "Holiday Inn Gare de l'Est", 30-31 October 2016

Attendees:	Mr R.de Santiago (PR)	President
	Mr G.Jipping (NL)	Vice-President
	Mrs C.Molinari (PT)	Treasurer
	Mr T.Jakkel (HU)	
	Mr M.A.Martinez (AR)	
	Mr K.Järvinen (FI)	
	Mr J.Hindse (DK)	Delegate of the European Section
	Dr JL Payró (MX)	Delegate of the Americas and Caribbean Section
	Mr A.B.Santos (PH)	Delegate of the Asian and Pacific Section
	Mr Y.De Clercq (BE)	Executive Director

1. Opening

9.00 am: RS opens the meeting and welcomes all the members of the GC to Paris.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Amsterdam, April 2016: approval

The minutes are approved without any changes.

3. Minutes of the meetings of the FCI Commissions + proposals: comments

- *Continental Pointers, Nis, March 2016*

No comment.

- *Dog Dancing, Brussels, May 2016*

GJ and YDC report. It is a new-born commission, they have been working at international level without an official FCI recognised structure. The GC is in principle in favour of allowing only dogs registered with FCI members. Please be attentive to animal welfare as at some moments in the sport the dog can be harmed if exaggerations occur.

- *Retrievers, Aarschot, April 2016*

MAM reports. The commission works correctly and follows our regulations for awarding CACIT. It is however noted that no approval from the Commission's president is necessary for CACIT trials to be held. The FCI Office turns to the president in case of uncertainty.

- *Earth Dogs, Helsinki, February 2016*

The commission is asked to indicate the names of the delegates and not only their country (attending the meeting).

- *Shows, Cebu, January 2016*

The GC position will be clarified regarding the huge Data Base (pedigrees) and computerized projects. The GC considers that the idea of buying/creating a software allowing to organise dog shows is interesting but thinks that since so many of our members are using different rules, at national and even international levels, it would result quite impossible to be implemented . In addition, these softwares usually are “all-in-one” products, starting from the online entry until the final process of the results. This is not the FCI business.

Finally, it is likely that many countries would not be interested in changing their current operating system. The GC recommends the commission to first investigate among the FCI members.

- *Show Judges, Cebu, January 2016*

Page 6: controlling system regarding FCI Group and All-Breed judges

A back-up of the judges’ credentials (fci-judge.org) at the end of every year will be made. A circular to make the use of the website (FCI Judges Directory) compulsory by 1st July 2017 will be issued.

The GC starts investigating the possibility to create an “FCI Judge” status, which would provide a double responsibility (FCI and NCO) over the judges who would be appointed as such, only upon proposal of their NCO. A possible decision would need to be taken by the General Assembly. It would imply some budgeting for our members as this would mean the creation of a new commission within the FCI to handle all the duties connected to that status.

It is also indicated that the form about the nomination/verification/approval (by the FCI) of international all-breed judges will be re-sent to all FCI members

- *Show and Show Judges, Cebu, January 2016*

No specific comment.

- *Fly Ball, Prague, March 2016*

No specific comment.

Proposals of the Flyball Commission

- Specifications for the Flyball Open World Cup of the FCI: approved. The wording about citizenship of the national representatives will be reviewed. The regulations will then be published.
- ULNA measuring method: Approved. It will be published as guidelines for the judges.

- *Obedience, Riga, May 2016*

No specific comment.

- *Breeding, Oslo, May 2016*

It is noted that only 50% of the delegates attended the meeting. Generally speaking, the tone of the minutes is considered to be slightly « inappropriate ». Again, as said on previous occasions, there is a feeling that the commission deals with matters which are not under their direct responsibility (eg: move of puppies within European Union). The FCI GC will contact the President of the Commission to clarify the situation.

Commissions must be advisory bodies and not decision-making bodies. In addition, if the commission needs advice from the scientific commission, they should inform the GC before. It is important to make some « job description » for this commission. RS appoints GJ and TJ to brainstorm about it. The FCI President and K.Jarvinen will meet with the President of the commission on the occasion of the Oporto dog show mid-January next year.

Proposals of the Breeding Commission

1) GA decision 2015: Standing Orders, Art 8.3: Addition of the following **“The type of coat, the color and the size variety should be added on the pedigrees, including export pedigrees”**

FCI should make a circular with a possible transition period and the date when this decision starts to be applied. Although varieties and coat types are easy to identify on every pedigree, colours are more difficult to describe in a uniform way.

The GC indicates that the amended Standing Orders were published in October 2015 and that a decision of the General Assembly cannot be amended by the General Committee. Consequently, the GC turns the motion down.

2) GA decision 2015: Standing Orders, Art 8.8: ...Each dog of a litter has to be provided with only one pedigree and only one export pedigree, which must **should** include the name of the owner of the dog; **if the owner’s name is not written on the pedigree, a separate owner’s certificate must be issued by the national kennel organisation.**

This should also be enforced and we feel that FCI should send a circular about this to all members.

The GC indicates that the amended Standing Orders were published in October 2015

3) FCI should take actions against the new EU law that do not allow each country to decide that puppies less than 3 months can be imported from just some EU countries (free of rabies); the new law says that if a country allows import from some EU countries, they have to allow import from all EU countries.

JH, President of the FCI European Section, indicates that this is a European Section matter, which is being taken care of by the Section General Committee

4) Guidelines regarding criteria for limited registration

The GC reiterates its opinion, communicated at the meeting held in Zagreb in 2015.

5) White Swiss Shepherd Dogs

FCI Circulars: 77/2007 and 32/2013

WSSD cannot be mated with white GSD. WSSD cannot be entered to studbooks if there is white GSD in their ancestry within 3 generations

It was noted that a lot of countries do not follow the FCI circulars from 2007 and 2013. Genetic diversity is needed. The Breeding Commission has decided that the Swiss KC will have a meeting with the concerned KC’s before October.

The GC will wait for the outcome of this meeting.

6) Breeding for function presentations and discussions on that subject

The Brachycephalic syndrome / BOAS

The BC would like the following sentence to be to all standards of all breeds: “The length of the muzzle in relation to the skull should be at least 1:2 (measured respectively from the tip of nose to the inner corner of the eye to occiput)”.

The GC believes that the above proposal does not apply to all breeds and that it is against the rights of the countries of origin. This matter needs to be discussed within the Standards and Scientific Commissions.

7) FCI should send a reminder to its members that they have to follow the FCI Breeding Rules and Standing Orders. Pedigrees issued by unrecognized organizations should not be accepted as FCI official pedigrees. In addition, dogs born in a country A have to be registered in country A and not a country B.

The GC approves.

8) Nomenclature of coat colors

There is a need for a standardized nomenclature of coat colors as it is now required to write the coat colours on the pedigrees. The NCO's are using different descriptions.

The Breeding Commission asks the General Committee to turn to the Scientific Commission to make a table with code for colors (for pedigrees and export pedigrees).

The idea is found interesting and is appreciated. The matter will be referred to the FCI Scientific Commission. CM draws the attention to the curious division of the colours in Pug (the correct version should be Black and Fawn, only).

9) HD screening results seem to be worse in Scandinavia: are requirements more severe?

The Scientific Commission should organize a Conference between all official X-ray readers in order to have the same criteria, which do not change from one country to the other, or from one official reader to the next one. FCI should urge to promote this conference.

CM points out that the fact that the FCI reading-method and criteria classification differ from those of the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) should be discussed.

The matter will be referred to the FCI Scientific Commission. The last similar conference was held many years ago in Copenhagen and many new vets are now involved in the dog world. It would be good to give them the opportunity to be updated.

- *Rescue Dogs, Craiova, Feb 2016*

JH refers about the brief issue between the commission and the IRO. All is well that ends well.

- *Standards, Cancun, April 2016*

No specific comment except that it is now felt that the commission has established an efficient working method.

Proposals of the Standards Commission

- 1) In breed standards, we should have, first, the name of the breed in the native language and then, the translations (where available) between brackets: Approved.
- 2) How to measure the length of the body: the proposal is approved but only the drawing at the end of the standards will be changed.
- 3) Future meetings: they are accepted and in addition, if an extra meeting is necessary, it would be granted providing they ask for it.

Request from Interra: to judge separately the Russell Terriers: the GC follows the recommendation of the Commission: no approval for different CACIB. However, at CAC level, the NCO have the liberty to act as they wish.

Request from the VDH: 2 CACIB for Dobermann (black and brown): the GC follows the recommendation of the Commission: no approval for different CACIB. However, at CAC level, the NCO have the liberty to act as they wish.

Approval of amended standards

Fox Terrier Smooth: English metrics have to be removed. The rest is approved.

Welsh Corgi Cardigan: approved.

Lapponian Herder: approved earlier by email.

Cirnecco dell'Etna: approved. However, the standards commission will be asked its opinion about metrics which still are to be found in the Italian breed standards.

Slovak Wirehaired Pointer: approved.

Shiba, Kai, Kishu, Shikoku, Hokkaido: approved but the GC asks that the standards be adjusted to the FCI model standard as soon as possible, with approval of the breed clubs concerned.

The wording « Any dog showing physical or behavioural abnormalities **shall be disqualified** »: to be deleted from **all standards**. Indeed, this clause appears in “disqualifying faults”.

- *Sledge Dogs, Vilnius, May 2016*

No specific comments.

- *Utility Dogs, Nova Gorica, Mars 2016*

No specific comments.

Proposals of the Commission for Utility Dogs

Amended IPO regulations (not available with highlighted changes)

JH reports. It is felt that the procedure for changes was too fast and the consultation with the delegates was not transparent enough (language matter).

No proposal with changes highlighted was sent to the FCI.

One point is crucial: the FCI GC will indeed no longer accept that the dog to be hit with the soft stick at the FCI IPO World Championship from the 1st of January 2017. The stick can be used only to threaten the dog and to produce noise.

The amended regulations, which have to take the above into consideration, will be sent to JH and will be discussed at the next GC meeting.

Amended Mondioring regulations and new Specifications for the organisation of the Mondioring World Championship and International Selection for Decoys

Unanimous approval.

4. Minutes of the FCI Executive Committee meetings

Thuin, June 2016

- *Mobile App*: the FCI should create it for breed standards. New estimates will be sought for.
- *General discussions about some appointments of all-breed judges* take place. The matter remains under investigation by the FCI General Committee.
- *Book « Fairy Tale of Luna » (educational book for children)*: approval of the General Committee. The FCI will order 150 issues for its members. The terms and conditions suggested by the FCI and the author are agreed.
- *ANKC and FCI: associate membership*.
RS reports on the results of the discussions he and DS held with ANKC leaders on the occasion of the Brisbane show: firm commitment from ANKC to remain an associate member. ANKC will run a 1st CACIB show in 2018 following FCI standards. They are convinced that other States will follow. For national shows, they would like to retain their own breed standards. The other conditions, as discussed by the Executive and General Committees, were discussed too.
ANKC will send a letter with their official position on all FCI's proposals. The atmosphere was very positive.
It will be important to provide helping staff in order for ANKC to be able to organize CACIB shows.
- *Meeting of GC on 22-23 August 2017 in Kiev but the FCI Judges Congress is scheduled to be held there on 23 August*. It is agreed that RS will open the congress before the 2nd day of the GC meeting starts. If the meeting of the GC ends "in time", the Board members will be happy to attend the Congress.

At 5.30 pm, RS closes the first part of the meeting which resumes on the next day, 9.00 am, same participants.

Thuin, September 2016.

- *Working Group for Restructuring the FCI*: CM indicates that the group worked very hard and she hopes that the project will be accepted because it was not only time-consuming but it also implied very high expenses, especially in legal fees.
- *FCI Judges Congress*: the financial contribution of the FCI and of the FCI European Section to the Judges Congress in Kiev should cover the expected expenses.

- *Invitation of the KC to attend a World Congress in June 2017:* Board members who are Presidents of their NCO are welcome to attend, as representatives of their national kennel club.
- *Different other points of the minutes are commented* (kennel names in our Standing Orders, breeds recognized by AKC, KC and CKC and not by FCI, etc.).
- *Recognition of native breeds:* the standards and scientific commissions will be asked to soften the requirements for native breed recognition so that we can provide a proposal for the GA in Germany.
- *Meeting with WUSV:* RS and DS report on their meeting with WUSV. Good atmosphere. Judges issues were discussed. FCI brought up the items which were communicated to them by about 10 of its members and referred them to the WUSV. In countries where double (FCI and WUSV) membership exists, WUSV must have people elected from both member clubs, who will be in charge of all matters nationally.

WUSV has opened a new registry for German Shepherds and they are well aware of the importance to have FCI logo on ALL their pedigrees. So far, the FCI has not committed themselves to accepting the request of WUSV regarding the use of the FCI logo on their “new” pedigrees. It is not clear if WUSV will register dogs coming from non-FCI affiliated bodies.

The letter of understanding between FCI and WUSV will be re-drafted.

To do so, a working group is appointed by RS. It includes JH, TJ and GJ. RS will be part of the group upon request of JH. The FCI waits for more details about WUSV position on all the points above. It is obvious that the VDH has to be involved in the talks.

- *Fake pedigrees in Bergers Malinois:* GJ reports. It was made clear that the FCI's role was to call the meeting and that it was up to the members involved to take the appropriate steps. It was resolved that the SRSB would take the lead.
- *Exams to pass and fee to pay for all judges to be eligible to judge breeds newly recognised by the AKC:* the FCI should re-discuss the matter with AKC. Another option would be to ask AKC to allow our FCI all-breed judges to be exempted from the above requirement. The FCI will turn to the AKC.
- *Youth Group:* there are some pros and cons feedback around the world regarding the activities of the Group. However GJ reports on how positive he personally heard about the initiative. The Youth Group could become a commission (mandatory or not).
The matter could be discussed but not all are in agreement of this possibility. In this case, the GA's approval is necessary as well as a change in our Statutes
- *FCI Stand:* The stand will be sent to the European Section Show and to the World Dog Show, together with the Youth Group. When Eukanuba is the sponsor, they agree to help. If Eukanuba is not, help will be asked from the hosting kennel club.
A schedule for Board members to be met at the Stand should be made available. Snacks and drinks should also be available. One FCI employee to be in attendance. CM suggests that if a NCO wants to invite the FCI stand and is ready to pay for it, we should accept. The Board does not agree.

5. Proposals of the members

- *VDH : Border Terrier to be considered a working breed with access to the working class.*
The GC wants to know what kind of tests are organized for the breed in Germany.
- *VDH: Dobermann – 2 CACIB:* already dealt with earlier.

- *KIF (Turkey): request to have Turkey as country of origin of the « Coban Kopegi ».*
Approval of the Board. The breed remains under FCI patronage.
- *FCC (Cuba): request to have Cuba as country of origin of the Havanese.*

Current situation

Country of Origin: Western Mediterranean Basin

Country of Development: Cuba

Country of Patronage: FCI

Reading the material provided for by Cuba, the following suggestion is made

Country of Origin: Cuba

Patronage: FCI

The breed standard remains under FCI patronage.

- *PCCI (Philippines): creation of an official FCI grooming commission.*
DS reports. The matter will be on the agenda of the GA.

6. Partnership applications

Mongolian Kennel Federation

DS reports. Interesting kennel club, very enthusiastic and willing to improve and cooperate. Even though the club is still small, there is no objection in accepting them as contract partner. Approval of the General Committee.

Kuwait

RS reports on the very first approach which was made on the occasion of the European Section Show in Brussels. DS is officially appointed to visit the kennel club and report to the GC.

7. Miscellaneous

- *Situation of the 3 judges who will not be allowed to officiate from 1st November 2016*
The group appointed to examine the 3 cases will meet end of November and once their recommendation is made, it will be sent by email to the GC members for a final solution.
- *Working Group for Restructuring the FCI:* the matter was discussed earlier during the meeting.
- *Meeting between WUSV and FCI :* the matter was discussed earlier during the meeting
- *ANKC membership:* the matter was discussed earlier during the meeting.
- *FCI and KC: mutual recognition of judges:* CM reports on the latest talks with the KC following the request of the KC General Assembly to terminate the agreement. The KC has just officially notified the FCI that they terminated the letter with a 6-month notice.
The current letter of understanding remains valid until May next year. Approval of the Board to amend the letter of understanding to start a new one from 1st May 2017.
- *Russian Toy:* report approved and the recognition will be on the agenda of the next GA.

- *Stefan Stefik's situation*: JH reports on his visit to Bratislava and talks with the Slovak Kennel Club. No change is made to the current situation. SS is asked, again, to remove all cases against SKJ and BRFC has to obtain the authorization of SKJ to transfer SS's file. In the meantime, BRFC will also be requested to cancel SS's name from their judges list. Once this is fulfilled, SS will then be allowed to judge again.
- *Recognition of the Tornjak*: JH and R.Oliveira are appointed to make the final control of the breed on the occasion of the 2016 Zagreb dog show.
- *Recognition of the Goncsky Polski (Polish Hunting Dog)*: TJ and R.Malo Alcrudo are appointed to make the final control of the breed on the occasion of the 2017 Lodz dog show.
- *Presentation of the work carried-out by the FCI Youth (2017 Annual Plan and Guidelines to Establish a Youth Organisation at national level)*: Catarina Molinari gives an extensive and very good presentation of what's been done since the creation of the Group in 2014 and what are the future activity plans of the Youth Organization. Catarina Molinari is now the FCI Youth Group Leader
- *International Partnership for Dogs*: the FCI decides to remain one more year and to commit financially with the same amount as this year.
- *Educational mobile application*: the idea is good but the FCI is not interested for the moment. The GC encourages the project manager to turn back to us next year.
- *2016 Americas and Carribean section show*: no specific comments. Good report from Mr Landarte; the whole Board thanks him.

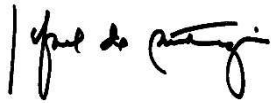
8. Dates and places of the next meetings

- 10-11 April: Prague.
- 22-23 August : Kiev (just before the European Section Show)
- 5 and 7 November : Leipzig

9. Any Other Business

- *Eukanuba World Challenge*: DS reports. The two FCI Sections (not Europe) would arrange their own shows where dogs would be selected for the EWC (for countries which are not qualified automatically). The selected dogs would compete at the EWC at their own costs. JL Ibañez gave his approval. The Board supports the idea.
- *FCI could have a Champion of Champions Contest*, per section, once every XXX year or there could be an FCI Champion of Champions on a yearly basis.
- *CM reports on the progress and activities of the Working Trials for the Portuguese Water Dogs which are now taking place in 5 different FCI countries with the direct help of the CPC*. The trials are very interesting and have several adepts. The Portuguese KC would like these trials to be endorsed with CACIT. The GC suggests the rules for these Trials should be sent in English to the FCI and to our responsible member, Miguel Angel Martinez, for further consultation of this matter.

At 4.30 pm, RS closes the meeting and thanks all the members for their open and interesting input.



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