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2018 EXTRAORDINARY FCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY *Minutes of the meeting held on August, 14-15, 2018* *Hotel Le Plaza, Brussels, Belgium*

Members of the General Committee

Mr. R.de Santiago (PR),	President
Mrs. C. Molinari (PT)	Vice-President
Mr. T. Jakkell (HU)	Treasurer
Mr. K. Järvinen (FI)	
Mr G.Jipping (NL)	
Mr. M.A. Martínez (AR)	
Mr. J. Hindse (DK),	Delegate of the Europe Section
Mr. J-L Payró (MX)	Delegate of the Americas and the Caribbean Section
Mr. D. Santos (PH)	Delegate of the Asian and the Pacific Section
Mr. Y. De Clercq (BE)	Executive Director

Alphabetical list of the full members attending or being represented

Argentina	Israel	Romania
Austria	Italy	Russia
Azerbaijan	Japan	San Marino
Bahrain	Latvia	Serbia
Belgium	Lithuania (+ Belarus)	Slovakia
Brazil (+ Guatemala)	Luxemburg	South Africa
Chile (+ Colombia)	Macedonia	Spain
China (+ Pakistan)	Malaysia	Sweden
Croatia (+ Hungary)	Mexico (+ Ecuador)	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Morocco	Taiwan
Denmark	Netherlands	Turkey
Estonia	Norway	Ukraine
Finland	Panama (+ Nicaragua)	Uruguay (+ Dominican Republic)
France	Paraguay	
Germany	Peru	
Greece	Philippines (+ Republic of Korea)	
Iceland	Poland	
Indonesia (+ India)	Puerto Rico (+ El Salvador)	
Ireland	Portugal	

1. Opening

At 9.00 am, G.Jipping, President of the organising committee of the WDS 2018, takes the floor to thank all the participants to the event in Amsterdam. He insists on the importance which was paid to Dog Welfare. He's happy and proud about the 2018 World Dog Show. Applause from the General Assembly.

The FCI President, R.de Santiago, then thanks all the attendees for having taken the time to travel to Brussels and discuss the very important FCI Statutes and Standing Orders. He informs that the invitations and the agenda/enclosures were sent in due time by the FCI Office.

2. Roll-call and Proxies

At the time of counting, 59 members are present or represented. Shortly after, another 3 members join the meeting (Czech Republic, Ireland and Azerbaijan). The total number of members present or represented is therefore 62 (51 + 11). The General Assembly is legally constituted and allowed to make decisions on the Statutes if 2/3 of the FCI members are present or represented. This figure is reached : a minimum of 50 full members have to be present or represented.

The FCI lawyer, R.Wirtz, and his colleague, H.Chef, attend the meeting as legal advisors.

J.Hindse and Y.De Clercq explain the working procedure which was recommended by the FCI lawyer : the first meeting day will be dedicated to informal debates about all the proposals of the Statutes : those which were retained by the FCI General Committee and integrated into the latter's proposal and also those which were not (in case the member having submitted the proposals requests it). The proposal that will be displayed on the screen is the one drafted by the General Committee. It includes the majority of the proposals made by the members. The General Assembly will be asked to discuss only the articles which were amended after the General Assembly in Leipzig, November 2017.

Several proposals which were partly or totally turned down by the General Committee will in any case be clearly explained by their author (FCI member) as they may have influence on the consistency of the whole Statutes and Standing Orders in case they would be approved by the General Assembly. It is therefore essential to start with these proposals. Depending on the result of the votes on these different proposals, the FCI General Committee will then ask for a vote to be taken on its entire proposal.

The votes taken today will be informal and they are taken in order to see the tendency regarding the members' position on the different proposals. If no consensus can be reached on a particular point, the discussion will stop and the point will be re-discussed at the end of the day. Every member is allotted the floor for 2 min and a tight timing has been pre-established.

On the second day, a Notary will attend the meeting to formalise the decisions of the General Assembly regarding the Statutes and later on, the discussions about the Standing Orders (for which the Notary's presence is not necessary) will be discussed.

It is finally indicated that a 2/3 majority is required for an amendment to be approved (Statutes and Standing Orders) and even a ¾ majority for the amendment at article 3 of the Statutes. Blank votes and abstentions are not taken into account. All votes will be counted.

3. Election of a counting committee

J. Hindse explains that the Standing Orders do not require the election of a counting committee. They require an election committee in case individuals have to be elected. It is however considered essential to have 4 people (one per block of attendees in the room) elected by the General Assembly who will be in charge of counting the votes throughout the two days. Blue card : Yes, Orange card : No, White card : abstention.

Four persons are proposed and accepted by a huge show of hands:

S.Bessho (JP), B.Matakovic (HR), H.Hallmarsdottir (IS) and M.Buey Arietti (PY)

4. Debates about the proposal of the FCI General Committee : new Statutes

Statutes

As discussed earlier, Y.De Clercq calls the delegate of LKD (Lithuania) so that she can give a complete presentation of LKD's proposals regarding the composition of the FCI General Committee and the election of the FCI President. The articles concerned are : 17.2, 19.2, 21.4, 22.6, 25, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.4, 27, 33, 37.1, 42.1 and 42.2.

After the proposal has been explained and discussed at length, a vote is taken where a 2/3 majority of the votes is necessary for the proposal to be approved.

Yes : 12

No : 42

Abst : 6

The proposal is turned down.

Y.De Clercq calls the delegate of FCM (Mexico) so that he can give clear explanations about the FCM's proposal regarding the creation of a new mandatory commission called "Welfare and Health Commission". The FCM delegate explains the reasons for their proposal, which had already been presented in Leipzig.

A long debate takes place.

J.Hindse, on behalf of the FCI General Committee, explains that the GC's feeling is that the existing Scientific and Breeding Commissions already cover the issues that could be discussed by this possible new Commission.

A first vote takes place with the following results.

Yes : 24

No : 26

Abst : 10

The proposal is turned down.

The discussions resume and different counter-proposals are made

1. To approve this new commission and make it a non-mandatory commission.
2. To rename this new commission and call it "Scientific and Dog Welfare Commission". This commission would replace and complete the current Scientific Commission
3. The General Committee should create regulations, which would clearly identify the consequences of dog welfare (dimensions of cages in a kennel, FCI sanctions in case a dog is left in a car at a dog show, etc.)

Finally, FCM officially withdraws its original proposal (which had already been turned down) as it seems impossible to reach a consensus today. There is no will from the FCI General Assembly to vote on the other counter-proposals. The matter can be re-discussed at the next General Assembly (2019, Shanghai) if an FCI member makes a proposal.

Y.De Clercq then calls the delegate of ENCI (Italy). The ENCI wants article 11 about cooperating partners to be discussed, specifically regarding the status of the international breed club associations.

Y.De Clercq then calls the delegate of UKU (Ukraine). The UKU also wants art.11 to be discussed as well as art.48.2. It will be done later in the frame of the detailed discussion, article by article, if it takes place.

Y.De Clercq then calls a delegate of Europe Section. The SKK (Sweden) delegate explains that the Europe Section wants art.21.5 and 33.1 to be discussed.

Y.De Clercq then calls a delegate of RSCE (Spain). The RSCE delegate wants a new art.7.4 to be added.

Y.De Clercq explains that a vote will be taken on the proposals which have been put forward during the morning session (RSCE, ENCI, Europe Section)

- ***RSCE, new art. 7.4 (membership)***

A short debate starts about a new art.7.4, which is approved unanimously (a proposal which was not on the agenda must be approved by a ¾-majority). It will be integrated in the new Statutes.

- ***General Committee and ENCI, art.11.1 (cooperating partners)***

A first vote takes place on the original proposal of the General Committee but it is turned down with the following results

Yes : 38

No : 22

Abst : 0

Further discussions take place and a final text is drafted, with the cooperation of ENCI.

Yes : 50

No : 7

Abst : 4

The final text is approved.

- ***General Committee and Europe Section, art.21.5 and 33.1 (chair of the General Assembly and Composition of the Executive Committee)***

Another long debate starts about these two articles.

Art.21.5

Following different opinions expressed, a vote is taken on the proposal of the Europe Section

Yes : 38

No : 23

Abst : 1

The proposal is approved.

Art.33.1

T.Jakkel, as current FCI Treasurer, explains the numerous tasks that the Treasurer of a worldwide Federation has to carry out. It would require a full-time job to perform them properly. Different members express their views (Austria, Europe Section, Argentina, ...).

A vote is finally taken and the required majority is widely reached.

The proposal to keep a Treasurer and a Vice-President is maintained (vs two Vice-Presidents).

- **France (SCC) and Spain (RSCE) : Art.54.4**

Following a proposal from RSCE (Spain), a vote is taken. It needs a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority to be approved as that point was not on the agenda and is therefore considered a change of the agenda.

Yes : 54

No : 1

Abst : 7

It is also suggested that the members of the Financial Commission must have a good economic background.

At the end of these debates, Y.De Clercq suggests the General Assembly to take a vote on the entire proposal of the FCI General Committee, taking into account all the votes expressed until now. If the required majorities are reached, there will be no need for further discussions about the Statutes. If they are not reached, the General Assembly will study and discuss all the amended articles, one by one.

What members are in favour of approving the General Committee entire proposal ?

No : 59

There is no further counting of the votes as it is obvious that the General Assembly wants to vote on every amended article individually.

Long debates take place the whole afternoon and agreements are found on every amended article presented by Y.De Clercq. The list of amended and approved articles is as follows :

Art.1.2, Art.3.1.a), 3.1.b), Art.7.4, Art.8.1, 8.1.a), 8.1.b), 8.1.e), 8.3 i), 8.3.j), 8.3.k), 8.3.l), Art.9.1, 9.1.a), 9.1.b), 9.1.e), 9.3.j), 9.3.k), Art.10.1, 10.1.a), 10.1.d), 10.3.j), 10.3.k), Art.11.1, 11.3.b), Art.13.3.a), 13.3.d), 13.4, 13.4.d), Art.14.1.d), Art.15.1.c), Art.18.1, Art.19.1, 19.2.t, 19.2.v, Art.21.4, 21.5, Art.22.8, Art.25.1.d), Art.26.1, Art.26.3, Art.30.3, 30.4, 30.6, 32.3, 32.4, Art.33.1, 33.2, 34.2, Art.35.3, 35.4, Art.37.3, 37.4, 37.4.c), Art.40.6, Art.41.3, Art.43.2, Art.46.1, Art.47.1, 47.3, 47.8, Art.48.1, 48.2.b), 48.2.c), Art.49.1.b), Art.51, Art.52, Art.54.4, Art.55.1, Art.58.1, Art.60.2, Art.64.

At the end of the discussions, Y.De Clercq asks the General Assembly to take a general and global vote on all the amended/added articles which have been approved during the afternoon so that the Notary should only officialise the approval of the entire document on the next day, without going again through each article individually. If the majority is reached, the lawyers will update the text, taking into consideration the few changes approved, and it will be proposed again for a final official approval tomorrow in presence of the Notary.

Unanimous approval of the General Assembly.

At 6.00 pm, R.de Santiago expresses his sincere warm thanks to the General Assembly for this huge achievement. It is a real milestone in the FCI history. He closes the first day of the meeting.

On 15 August, 9.15 am, R.de Santiago opens the second day of the meeting in presence of the Notary, T.Carnewal. There are 62 members present or represented. The Notary reads all the official formalities and asks for the following votes.

- 1) Vote to approve the new amended Statutes, as decided yesterday, in their entirety
Unanimous approval.
- 2) Vote to give to the General Committee all powers to make sure that there is consistency in the whole text and another vote to give to the Notary the power to sign and deposit the final text with the Registry of the Tribunal.
Unanimous approval.
- 3) Vote to give to the General Committee the power to implement the aforementioned resolutions.
Unanimous approval.
- 4) Vote to give to the FCI lawyers (Law Firm « Osborne Clarke ») and to the Notary the power to ensure that the final publication by the Authorities be made and that the Royal Decree be awarded.
Unanimous approval.

5. Debates about the proposal of the FCI General Committee : new Standing Orders

Y.De Clercq then goes through every individual amended article of the Standing Orders. Some of them are mere linguistic corrections while others require more in-depth debates. A 2/3 majority of the votes of the members present or represented is required for a proposal to be approved. Abstentions are not taken into consideration.

The amended and approved articles are the following :

Art.2, definitions, absolute majority, confidential information, 2/3 majority, Art.3.1, 3.2, 3.2.a), 3.2.b), 3.2.d), Art.4.1, 4.3, Art.9.1, Art.10.4, Art.11.2, 11.3, 11.4, Art.12.4, Art.13.2, Art.17.3, Art.19.2, Art.20.1, Art.20.4.

Regarding Art.19.2, it is recommended that the members of the FCI Standards Commission help and supervise the translation work.

Art.20.7 is briefly discussed. However, no proposal was made and no counter-proposal is put forward by a member. The discussion about this very article can resume at the GA 2019 if a member sends a proposal.

Art.20.13 : new article, following a proposal from the Netherlands (RvB) : approval of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present or represented is necessary as it is a new proposal, i.e. a change of the agenda. It is clarified that the country of origin of the breeds concerned by the cross-breeding programme must be consulted.

59 “yes”

0 “no”

2 “Abstentions”

The new article 20.13 is approved.

Art.21.4 a), 21.4 e), Art.24.2, Art.25.2, Art.26.2.

Art.26.9 and 26.10 are reworded and split into three articles: 26.9, 26.10 and 26.11. These articles can be re-discussed at the 2019 GA in case a member sends a proposal. Spain (RSCE) asks the General Committee to also work on those articles.

Art.27.1, 27.1 a), b) and c) and the 3 membership/partnership application forms are approved too.

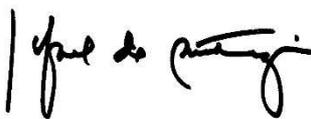
All the required majorities were widely obtained for each and every proposed and/or amended article.

Y.De Clercq asks then a vote on the entire document as was done the day before with the Statutes. **Unanimous approval.**

On behalf of the Working Group for Restructuring the FCI, J.Hindse warmly thanks the General Assembly for their positive and interesting contribution. They have made the approval of these new Statutes and Standing Orders come true.

On behalf of the General Committee, R.de Santiago expresses his deepest thanks for having made this huge step possible for the FCI and its future.

At 17h45, RS thanks all the delegates and wishes all the participants a nice and safe trip back home.



Rafael de Santiago
FCI President



Yves De Clercq
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