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The FCI Commission for Retrievers Minutes of the meeting in Faaborg the 27th November 2009 (Original version in English)

Present:

Belgium	Fons Exelmans
Denmark	Jens Erik Sönderup
Finland	Pauliina Ahola, secretary
France	Jacques Monscavoit
Germany	Thomas Wilk
Italy	Stefano Martinoli
Netherlands	Peter Bahlké
Norway	Torsten Rudi
Spain	Victor Ayensa Sierra
Switzerland	Guy Matter
Sweden	Lars Johnsson

Excused:

Hungary	Rita Kökény
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Absent:

Austria
Brazil
Czech Republic
Estonia
Ireland
Slovakia

§ 01 Opening of the meeting

Mr Jens Erik Sönderup opened the meeting at 9.30 and wished everyone welcome. A special welcome is given to the new members of Spain and Switzerland.

Mr Sönderup spoke some words about the commissions situation after president Peter Berchtolds announcement to leave the commission on September 22th 2009. Because of that Jens Erik Sönderup has arranged the meeting and together with Mrs. Pauliina Ahola prepared the agenda.

§ 02 Election of the president of the FCI Commission for Retrievers

Mr Jens Erik Sönderup suggests Mr Fons Exelmans as the new president. Mr Fons Exelmans was elected unanimously with applause as president. Mr Exelmans accepts the presidency and thanks everybody for their confidence. He proposes, that in this meeting Mr Sönderup will continue as a chairman.

To avoid this kind of situations as in this autumn it was decided also to elect a vice president. There Mrs Pauliina Ahola and Mr Torstein Rudy were proposed. After a discussion, Mr Torstein Rudy was elected as the vice president. Mrs Pauliina Ahola will continue as secretary.

§ 03 Approval of the agenda

The agenda has been approved.

§ 04 Minutes of the meeting in Helsinki, November 2008

The minutes were approved by the commission without any further comments.

§ 05 Evaluation of the International Challenge Cup 2008, Finland

The ICC 2008 was arranged successfully. On Saturday the winner was FIN KVA-FT & KVA NM-05 Usvalammen Roihu, Esa Valkonen (Finland) excellent CACIT; and second Mastertouch Banjo of Artistryn, Francesco Gislon (Italy) excellent re-CACIT. On Sunday the winner was FIN KVA-FT & KVA NM-05 Usvalammen Roihu, Esa Valkonen (Finland) Excellent CACIT; and second FT CH Greenbriar Caffrey of Morayglen, Stefano Martinoli (Italy) excellent re-CACIT.

§ 06 Evaluation of the International Working Test 2009, The Netherlands.

The IWT 2009 was arranged successfully. The Netherlands Kennel Club has been inquired on the selecting of the IWT judges. The IWT is an unofficial Working Test and therefore, every country should have the possibilities to select judges from Europe or other countries. It is very expensive to have British judges . It was decided not to change guidelines on this matter in this meeting.

The Norwegian delegate Mr Torstein Rudy was in the Netherlands as a spectator to find out good ideas how to organize the IWT 2010 in Norway. Hungarian delegate Rita Kokény has criticized the IWT 2009 (see enclosure). Mr Torstein Rudy and Peter Bahlké disagreed Mrs Rita Kokény's criticism.

The commission particularly wish to emphasize, that this kind of incorrect statements can not be accepted.

§ 07 Attribution of the Individual Challenge Cup (ICC) 2010

Last year it was decided that the ICC 2010 could be hosted by Germany. Thomas Wilk distributes a news sheet with some information about the event. The ICC will be held on November 19 – 20 th 2010 in West Part of Germany, near Kleve. The shooting will go on with pheasants, ducks, hares, rabbits and woodcocks. As judges are planned, but not yet invited; four English (G. Knox, M. Knox, R. Stobbard, R. Wise), two Belgian (F. Exelmans, R. Michiels) and two German (A. Möller, J. Mente).

§ 08 Regulations for the ICC; to be revised?

Delegates of Belgium and Finland want to discuss that should the ICC to be run over two days with one CACIT at the end of the second day. The Idea is to find out the best and “cleanest” dog of the two days. Same way as they use to do in England. After discussion it was decided to revise the rules of ICC in that way.

§ 09 Organization of the International Working Test (IWT) Norway, July 17-18th 2010.

The Norwegian delegate Torstein Rudy informed about the IWT organizations in Norway. The International Working Test 2010 will be hosted by the Norwegian Retriever Club. The IWT 2010 is one of the major events of the Norwegian Retriever Club’s 50th Anniversary.

The IWT 2010 will take place on the weekend July 17th – 18th at Kalnes Agricultural School and Farm (Kalnes videregående skole) at the outskirts of the city of Sarpsborg in the south-east part of Norway, a short drive on E 6 from the border to Sweden.

The grounds at Kalnes will offer a variety of opportunities, including open fields, hillsides, forest, open water and water vegetation.

The IWT 2010 competition will be judged by 5 well experienced British judges. The panel of Judges will be presented by the end of 2009.

§10 International working tests, rules and guidelines

Mr Fons Exelmans pointed out some important and noteworthy clauses in the Guidelines for International Gundog Working Tests for Retrievers.

The delegates agreed that : Dogs should be without lead in all classes. Water work should be tested in every International Working Test. Hunting of a zone (controlled) should be tested.

The judging on points should be aligned in some way to the Field Trial scoring using letters. It was discussion also Working Test judges in different countries. In some countries Working Test is official and some not. The delegates want to make guidelines for judging. Who have required qualifications to judge International Working Tests. It was decided that judges who are approved as official Working Test judges by National Kennel Clubs, can judge the International Working Tests. But the organizers have to be sure, that at least one of the judges is on the FCI-CACIT Judges list. The British A- & B-panel judges can judge International Working Tests.

The president will send the proposed amendments to the FCI Office.

§11 Field trial rules; to be harmonized

In the last meetings there have been discussion to revise International Field Trial Rules on some points.

Mr Stefano Martinoli referred to a situation in Italy where a dog has been awarded C.A.C.I.T with only three retrieves. All delegates agreed unanimously that it is not satisfactory. There should be at least five retrieves to award C.A.C.I.T. The commission decided to propose to change the rules in art. 18 so that the minimum amount for C.A.C.I.T is five retrieves. This should be incorporated in the guidelines.

The commission also discussed the major and eliminating faults of art 17 b. and c. The delegates agreed that the Major faults **first dog down** and **one eye wipe** should be moved to the eliminating faults. And the Major fault **bad control and/or disturbing ground unnecessarily** should be taken out of the rules.

The commission also discussed the classifications. Should these be kept in the International Field Trial or not.

The delegates decided to keep the classifications Excellent – Very Good – Good in the rules art. 18.

In the end of this clause it was also discussion awarding C.A.C.I.T's. The delegates agreed that C.A.C.I.T. cannot be awarded in the cold game tests. It is very important that every FCI country follows the same guidelines on that matter.

The president will send the proposed amendments to the FCI Office.

§ 12 Attribution of the European Cup 2011

On the occasion on the FCI 100-year anniversary in 2011 it has been decided that one of the founding members of the FCI should organise the Cd'E. At the previous commission meeting Belgium was proposed as a candidate. At this meeting the delegate of France points out that France never has organized the Cd'E. France was selected to organize European Cup 2011.

§13 Ireland

The Norwegian delegate Mr Torstein Rudy wanted to discuss about Ireland and suggested the commission to invite Ireland's delegate personally to the next meeting. The delegates disagreed that. It was decided that Ireland will be treated as the other FCI-members countries.

§14 The FCI-administration, nomenclature of different tests/trials

It is important that we use same terms in tests and trials. For example in class of Working tests should be beginners, novice and open in every country. Nomenclature of different tests and trials should be same.

§15 The organisation can limit the participation in an IT field trial

The organisation can limit the participations in an International Field Trial as it is stated in the rules.

§ 16 Adjustment of the list of FCI-judges

The commission delegates sends an updated list of judges who are authorised to judge at FCI International Field Trials and Working Tests to Mr Fons Exelmans as soon as possible.

§ 17 National Retriever Clubs

The commission delegates send information of National Retrievers Clubs and National Kennel Clubs contacts to Mrs Pauliina Ahola. It is good to have that information for a need to inform about the Ed'C, the ICC, IWT and the other important trials and events.

§ 18 Miscellaneous and correspondence - Annual report to the FCI

The members of the commission have been informed continuously by e-mail on all correspondence concerning the retriever commission.

§ 19 Any other item (decisions cannot be made)

- a) Discussion about having commissions meetings; should it be held in some other time and place than the Cd'E or the ICC. Many delegates thought that their Kennel Clubs would not pay costs twice. In that case delegates would not have possibility to come and see the Cd'E or the ICC. However the rules points out, that in case of disputes the members of commission are needed in the jury.

“Art. 12. – DISPUTES

The judging is definitive and cannot be appealed.

*However, in the event of disputes, any complaints will be dealt with on the spot **by the members of the organizing committee** and the members of the Commission present at the trial”*

It was decided to have meetings as before.

§ 20 Place and date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 21th 2010 in Kleve, Germany.

§ 21 Closing of the meeting

The new president Mr Fons Exelmans express his thanks to Mr Jens Erik Sönderup for preparing the meeting and being the chairman. The meeting has been fruitful and good decisions has been made. Mr Fons Exelmans closes the meeting at 15.25.

Jens Erik Sönderup, chairman

Pauliina Ahola, secretary