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Minutes of the FCI General Committee meeting Kiev, 22 August 2017

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 Europe Section
	Dr JL Payró (MX)	Delegate of the Americas and Caribbean
	Section	
		Mr A.B.Santos (PH)
	Mr Y.De Clercq (BE)	Executive Director

At 8 am, RS opens the meeting which starts earlier as we have a very heavy agenda and only one day to cover all the points.

1. Minutes of the meeting in Prague, April 2017 : approval

The minutes are approved without any comment.

2. Minutes of commissions meetings

British Pointers, Nis, March 2017

General feeling that the relations are good between the Commission and the General Committee.

Continental Pointers, Zadar, March 2017

Same remark as above.

Earth Dogs, Malaga, February 2017

No specific remark.

Standards Commission, Paris, April 2017

No specific remark.

➤ **Proposals of the FCI Standards Commission**

- **Approval of all breeds standards amendments.**

All the amended or revised standards are approved: Smalandstovare, Schillerstovare, Hamiltonstovare, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Shih-Tzu, Tibetan Terrier, Parson Russel Terrier, Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound, South Russian Shepherd Dog.

- **Approval of the proposal regarding Eyes and Ears.**

The proposal to have the headings Eyes and Ears as independent points in the model standard is approved.

Dog Dancing, Helsinki, January 2017

No specific remark

Rescue Dogs, Helsinki, February 2017

No specific remark

Spaniels, Blingel, November 2016

No specific remark

Utility Dogs, Meppen, March 2017

JH reports that the decision taken by the FCI Board in Prague (use of the soft stick at IPO WC) had been widely accepted.

➤ **Proposal of the FCI Commission for Utility Dogs**

- **FCI Regulations for Mondioring Judges:** the regulations are approved. Typing mistake : January 2018 instead of 2017

Shows, Sotchi, February 2017

No remark

Show Judges, Sotchi, February 2017

No remark

Shows and Show Judges, Sotchi, February 2017

No specific remark

➤ **Proposals of the FCI Show Judges commission**

- **Breed by breed presentation:** the FCI Office already sent this request twice with very little result.
- **How to deal with judges not following the FCI rules:** this point is to be included in a list of wishes ("to do" actions) to be sent to the commission. The Board would like to share this job with the commission. Guidelines will be given by the Board (TJ and GJ).
- **All-breed Judges with a specific FCI status:** the Board takes note of the large refusal of the commission.

➤ **Proposals of the FCI Show commission**

- **WDS or Section shows report:** from now on, the FCI observer will have 45 days to send the report
- **Classes and age:** no transfer from one class to the other (in case a dog virtually becomes a champion between the different shows of a 2 or 4-day circuit) is allowed (it is clearly stated in the regulations).
Regarding age, the day to take into account is the day when the dog is shown. If a dog has its birthday on the day it is shown (turning 9 months for example), it is up to the exhibitor to choose in what class he wants to enter the dog (puppy or junior). Regarding show circuits (4 different shows in 4 days for example), it is up to the exhibitor to enter his dogs in the appropriate class for each show.
- **Double handling:** the Board agrees with the following proposal: “**double handling, i.e. to attract the dog’s attention from outside the ring, is strictly prohibited**”. It is pointed out that this ruling existed in the previous version of the Show Regulations.
- **List of breeds which can be entered in working class:** this document already exists and is available on the FCI website.
- **Circular to all NCO requesting the list of their national titles and the requirements to get them :** not approved

➤ **Proposals of the FCI Show and Show Judges commissions**

- **To keep the prohibition for FCI judges to officiate at non-FCI events:** the FCI Board is aware that it might create a legal problem but would like to keep the rules as they are.
- **How to handle aggressive dogs:** there is consensus that an international database can give rise to legal problems. It is however considered a very interesting project. The FCI Board shares the concerns of the commission and studied the proposal in depth. Some Board members have been personally involved in biting incidents. Considering the different national legislations, it is however considered wiser to ask the different NCO to handle this kind of situations locally.
- **New system to elect the Board of the commissions:** there is one person to represent the commission before the FCI Board: the President. Other functions are volunteer. The procedure to elect a vice-president or a secretary depends on the commission itself.
- **Publishing and presenting standards in all FCI languages:** the draft of the new Standing Orders covers this issue.

Sledge dogs, Budapest, May 2017

No specific comment

Herding dogs, Interlaken, April 2017

No specific comment

➤ **Proposals of the Herding dogs commission**

Even though some technical points may need revision (between the commission and FCI Office) the set of regulations, amended or newly drafted, is approved. They are the following:

- FCI International Herding Champion Title Regulations
- FCI Rules for Herding Working Tests, Traditional Style
- FCI Rules for International Herding Trials, Traditional Style
- Natural Herding Aptitude Test “FCI NHAT”
- Specifications for the Organisation of the FCI Traditional Style Herding European Championship
- General Conditions for the Organisation of FCI Herding Events

3. Minutes of the FCI Executive Committee, Thuin, June 2017

- Point 4: decision regarding how to assign the FCI funds to the different new European sub-sections is discussed. It is a matter for the General Assembly.
- Point 7: except for a few countries, all the NCO have entered the names of their judges in the FCI Judges Directory.
- Point 8: more info should be given to Metaphore (PR company) about the utility of pedigree dogs (herding, life-saving, ...).
- Point 11: it is important to find a date for an internal preliminary meeting before the official meeting with WUSV. Judges issues and dog registration by WUSV are the most important matters.
- Point 13: the issue about whether to remain or not in the IPFD is discussed. YDC to make a report on IPFD to the FCI Board.
- Point 14: the matter of Judges nomination is discussed. We should avoid bureaucracy. If there is an issue about a judge, the president of the NCO concerned could be summoned to the FCI for a meeting. In addition, the Board regrets that the rule allowing judges from associate members to judge only breeds registered in their own country disappeared from the current regulations. In addition it is commented that the requirements in the current FCI regulations on how to become all-breed international judge are not clear. They should be revised and clarified. A list of wishes and questions will be directed to the show judges commission: TJ and DS are officially appointed to prepare that list (see above point about the proposals of the show judges commission). Once ready it will be circulated to the whole Board before being sent to the Commission.

4. Future partners of the FCI

- **Meeting with Royal Canin:** RS reports on the first preliminary talks which took place in Geneva for a couple of hours.
- **Meeting with Spectrum:** RS reports on the talks held at the Spectrum offices in London. A long debate takes place about the place where to organize the next EWC (London or FCI country), what formula/system we would like to have, etc. In the course of 2018, after the EWC takes place in London, the FCI Board will re-consider who should be our next partner.

5. Spanish Water Dog and Portuguese Water Dog: working breeds

Final decision of the Board: no obligation for the FCI members to consider these breeds as working breeds but the possibility is given for them to be CIT.

To be CIB, 4 CACIB are required, exclusive of any other possibility.

In addition, CPC and RSCE regulations are the only valid worldwide for the CACIT.

Working Trial participation /placement/TAN are not required for obtaining a national beauty championship title.

The breeds can be CIT but cannot be entered in working class.

The decision is effective [from 1 Jan 2018](#).

The RSCE will be asked for a possible reaction.

6. Contract Partnership Applications

- **Kuwait:** KK9 (Kuwait K9 Association) and KCA (Kuwait Cynological Association). DS reports on his visit and talks to both clubs. On basis of that, DS recommends to sign a partnership contract with KCA. Minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 shows a year. No judge is allowed to award CACIB inside and outside of the country. Two concerns: the number of breeds registered and the non-affiliation to WUSV (which KK9 has). It is however decided to make a try for a 5-year period. Addition in the contract about dog welfare commitment.
- **Lebanon:** DS reports on his visit. The club used to be a member but had to quit due to war. They however kept being active. The club (The Kennel Club of Lebanon) is accepted under the same conditions as Kuwait.
- **Sudan:** YDC indicates that he got the official documents from this new kennel club, which applies for partnership contract. DS will visit the Sudanese Kennel Club at his earliest convenience.
- **Algeria:** JH reports in a very positive way. General approval under the same conditions as Kuwait and Lebanon. Number of shows to be discussed with the Association Cynologique Algérienne.

7. Miscellaneous

- **Bahrain:** DS reports on his visits to both clubs. Official registration of our associate member, Bahrain Kennel Club, is questioned by another local club. DS was provided with all official and legal documents. The associate membership of Bahrain Kennel Club is confirmed.
- **SKK position regarding FCI Judges from some FCI members:** the legal final conclusion received from Dr Ruth Wirtz clearly indicates the existence of discrimination in the SKK decision. A very long discussion takes place with different opinions being expressed. A letter from the FCI President will be sent to the SKK reaffirming the FCI position concerning the issue.

- **Situation of Georgia:** JH reports on the meetings and discussions. He attended the extraordinary GA of the club. The General Committee would be ready to support a full membership application provided that a new Board is elected according to the new Statutes, to be approved at the next General Assembly of the club.
- **Public campaign :** the matter was discussed in the morning
- **FCI and WUSV new cooperation agreement:** the matter was discussed in the morning
- **Observer for 2019 World Dog Show:** the FCI Board suggests Yap Seng Tek (Yappy), President of the Singapore Kennel Club. Approved.
- **Observer for 2020 World Dog Show:** the FCI Board suggests Carla Molinari. Approved.
- **NKK/DKK letters regarding Russian Sighthound Winner 2017**

The following answers will be given:

1. 3 vets validated the participation of all the dogs.
2. A blame will be put on the judge by his national kennel club.
3. Contacts are taken with 4 Paws and guidelines for vets checking dogs at the entrance of dog shows will be drafted.

8. Preparation of the agenda for the FCI General Assembly

Each item is discussed.

- *Substitute Auditor :* the Board is of the opinion that D. Muto should take the place of Damir Skok and should be proposed at the next GA
- *Full membership applications :* the FCI Office will send the file of all the applicants to the presidents of the sections concerned

Bolivia: positive recommendation

Pakistan: positive recommendation

San Marino: general figures are rather low. However, KCSM meets the present requirements and their operative methods are very correct so the Board is of the opinion that we should let the GA decide.

In the meantime in order to avoid future conflict a possible agreement between Italy and San Marino concerning the dates of their shows should be sought and the Board will accept their proposal.

Carla Molinari and Yves De Clercq will meet with Mr Muto and Mr Drudi as soon as possible in order to settle this matter in a positive manner.

Bahrain: same position as San Marino

Turkey: positive recommendation

Montenegro: No opinion yet.

Sri-Lanka: No opinion yet.

- *Associate membership applications*

BiH and Armenia are yet to be visited by JH.

Kyrgyzstan: positive recommendation following JH's report.

Viet Nam: DS will report after his visit to the Club.

- *Proposals of the members*

All proposals are studied.

A discussion starts about the Spanish Kennel Club (RSCE) and their relations with Gibraltar Kennel Club (GKC). The FCI Board will turn to the GKC asking them to use the Arbitration Commission. It is not a matter for the General Assembly and the proposal of Gibraltar KC (enforcement of Art.3 of the FCI Statutes) is removed from the agenda. CM and JH will be the negotiators in case further discussions are needed.

- *Proposals of the Board : Statutes and Standing Orders*

Statutes and Standing Orders to be discussed before the proposals of the members.

It is made clear that all debates will be based on the English version of the new Statutes and Standing Orders which will be projected.

If the presentation about the new Europe Sections (3) is not accepted by the Europe Section at their General Assembly in Kiev next Monday, then this amendment in the new Statutes and Standing Orders will not be considered.

Statutes: OK except the totally or partially virtual GA which will be deleted.

Standing Orders: OK except the totally or partially virtual GA which will be deleted and Art.20.2: A new or modified breed standard can be published as soon as available in **English**

- *Applications for definitive recognition of several breeds : Russian Toy, Gończy Polski, Tornjak and Cimarrón Uruguayo*

The 4 breeds are recommended for definitive recognition. The Scientific Commission has just informed that they simply expect information about HD and ED for the Gończy Polski.

At 7 pm, RS thanks all the members for their positive input and cooperation and he closes the meeting.

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