



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE) 29 April 2012 at 3 p.m. – Padenghe sul Garda (Italy)

Are present : Jim Behan (President), Pernille Monberg, Monette Daubenfeld, Denyse Maurer, Marcello Poli, Julie Hübner and Charles Webb.
Davor Marijanovic did not arrive in time due to a problem with his flight.

Agenda

1. Tribute to Kathleen Kelly, our former President
2. Financial status
3. Membership fees (M. Daubenfeld proposes to raise the amount)
4. Application for membership by the German Irish Wolfhound Club and the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland
5. EIWC Congress and show 2014 by Finland
6. EIWC Congress 2016 (proposal from Germany)
7. IW WORLD Magazine
8. Articles of Association, proposals for changes in Art.9.1, 9.4, 19.b, 23.2, 27 (explanations in Add.I)
9. Proposal of M. Daubenfeld to discuss about the EIWC activities for the year between the Congresses
10. Election of Board members

1. Tribute to Kathleen Kelly, our former President

Pernille Monberg welcomes everybody and in particular Jim Behan, our new President. Kathleen Kelly held the position for the last four years and stepped back due to health reasons. The board wishes to thank Kathleen for the engagement on behalf of the Federation.



2. Financial status

Marcello Poli presents his financial report over the past two years. All member clubs have paid their contributions which represents some 3000€. As the expenses are concerned, the Danish Club has been repaid with 2500€ and the Seminar held in Luxembourg, June 2011 has been refunded with 2179€. Nevertheless the financial situation is satisfactory.

(Annex I – Financial report)

N.B. 3000€ are actually disposable for the publication of Lois Thomasson's book "The Irish Wolfhound Odyssey", a project supported by the EIWC. According to Pernille Monberg the text is ready and the CD should be sent to printing. She will contact Lois in order to have this realised in due course.

3. Membership fees

Due to the fact that the biannual income represents practically the amount spent by the organising clubs for the Congress, Monette Daubenfeld proposes to raise the membership fee, to redeem some fund for activities or projects between the congresses.

Most Board members feel that the actual situation isn't favourable for claiming additional money and the proposal is given up.

4. Application for membership by the German Irish Wolfhound Club and the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland

Two new clubs have applied for membership and have sent the complete documentaion asked for in the Articles of Association:

The German Irish Wolfhound Club (IWC e.V.) and the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland (IWSOI).

As both clubs fulfil the conditions, the Board accepts their request and will submit them to the vote of the Ruling Council. Their membership would then be fully effective immediately with voting right on 2014.

The Irish Wolfhound Club of North Ireland, so far an associate member, expressed their intention to become a full member of the Federation. Unfortunately, the English Kennel Club didn't depart from the rule that no affiliated club may become a member of another federation or association.



5. EIWC Congress and show for 2014 by Finland

Markku Mahonen, the Finnish delegate gives a rough outline of the possible venue in 2014, which would take place in Mustiala, one hour driving from Helsinki airport on 14-15 June. The short Power Point presentation, shows a place that looks delightful. Several Board members remind that the timing of the planning should not be too tight, in particular for the Board and Ruling Council meetings and asks Markku to give concrete proposals at the end of 2012, including the topics of the lectures and the judges invited.

The Board is confident that the next Congress will be a plain success and thanks Markku and the Finnish club for their work on behalf of EIWC.

6. EIWC Congress and show for 2016 – proposal by Germany

Julie Hübner confirms the intention of the DWZRV to organise the event in 2016 – it is indeed since 2008 that the German Sighthound Club declared it's intention to host one of the next Congresses – and they will present concrete proposals at the next meeting in 2014.

7. IW WORLD Magazine

Julie Hübner presents Vol.IX of the magazine, which looks great and in line of what were the previous editions. She stresses the fantastic work performed by Larisa Blaghevicha to get it ready and available for the event. All the previous subscribers have been contacted and hopefully they will continue to support the magazine. Julie also stresses the need that all the delegates of member clubs advertise the resumption of the publication in their club magazine and website.

8. Articles of Association, proposals for changes in Art. 9.1, 9.4, 19.b, 23.2, 27.

- Art. 9.1 reads: “Each member must also be a member of its own country's national dog association **as recognised by the FCI.**”

Marcello Poli argues that this isn't precise enough and should be changed into **that is a member of the FCI.**

- Art. 9.4 reads: “Irish wolfhound Clubs **outside Europe** can be associate members without any voting rights.”

This does not in fact reflect the actual situation with the IWClub of England and Northern Ireland being within Europe and associate members.

The article should therefore be corrected as follows: **of countries not under FCI jurisdiction.**



As we have regularly visitors from overseas countries, which proves the interest EIWC awakes, we should encourage these clubs to join the Federation as associate members.

- Art. 19.b reads: “approval of the Management Committee’s **annual** report (including the reports of the special committees), and of the **annual** statement of accounts.”

Marcello Poli observes that our activities taking place every two years, it would be logical to change *annual* into **bi-annual**...

- Art. 23.2 reads: “The Management Committee shall comprise a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of **7**; the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, together with any other member The **Irish delegate** is always member of the Management Committee.”

- The total number of member clubs having increased over the years, and in order to give the opportunity to one more club to enter the Board, we propose to take another delegate into the Board, raising the number to **8**.

- According to Charles Webb, the definition of the Irish delegate needs clarification, now we have received the application of the IWSOI, and he proposes to change the wording into **the delegate of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland**. He also states that it is the IWC of Ireland who holds the breed Standard.

After discussion, these five proposals are accepted for submission to the Ruling Council.

9. Proposal of M. Daubenfeld to discuss about the EIWC activities for the year between the Congresses

In 2011 an educational Seminar had been organised in Luxembourg and Pernille thanks Monette for the effort and work performed. However, it became clear that such an event could’nt take place every two years between the Congresses. It proved too expensive, the judges had been invited to attend (at their expenses) and in fact only a very few answered and even less attended. So we should try to find other ways to reach our educational goal and the proposal of the presentation as a booklet comes up again. An alternative could be a Powerpoint presentation or a CD, maybe in addition to the booklet. Pernille is still willing to conduct such a project, in cooperation with Betty Murphy and Espen Engh as a Sighthound specialist; both gave their agreement. The Board encourages Pernille to go forward with this project which could easily reach a maximum of breed enthusiasts, judges, breeders and owners of Irish Wolfhounds.



10. Election of Board members

The mandate of two members of the Board, Pernille Monberg and Julie Hübner, elected for a 4-year period in 2008, came to an end. Both agree to continue their job and the Board will submit them to the Ruling Council, baring in mind that any delegate is allowed to stand up for election and that the majority will then decide. If Article 23.2 is accepted by the Ruling Council, an additional post in the Board becomes available and three persons can be elected.

The Honorary President thanked the members of the Board for their good collaboration and spirit and declares the meeting closed.

End of the meeting: 6.30 p.m.

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Secretary