



Minutes of the Ruling council meeting of the FIWC,
Tvoršovice, Czech Republic, July 7th 2022

The meeting was visited by 15 delegates (including 4 board members), the president, 2 observers and several guest attending Congress. Everyone attending the Congress was welcome to this meeting, only official delegates were allowed to vote.

List of the delegates:

present

AT - Ute Spatt
BE IWCB - Marc Belis
CZ - Edita Béresová
DK - Tina Strunge Jansen
FI - Outi Piisi
FR - Frederic Maison
DE IWC - Jürgen Kuhless
HU - Csilla Juhasz
IE IWCI - Tony Dunne
IT - Marcello Poli
LT - Larisa Blazelevicha
NO - Per Arne Flatberg
SI - Polonca Zabukovšek
SK - Pavlína Polčíčová
CA - Jocelyn Gagné

excused

LUX – Elsa Paulian
NL – John Wauben

absent

D DWZRV – Maria Lück
IE IWSO – Anne O’Keefe
SE - Per Lundström

no delegates

BE KBWC – EST – LT - RU

delegate of candidate member

US - Steve LeVan

Edita Béresová was asked to be secretary at the meeting and she kindly accepted.

1. President's address

Opening by the President Gerard Clarke beginning 14:15. He opens the meeting with a warm welcome to all attending the Ruling Council.

Moment of silence to honor Elisabeth C. Murphy, Davor Marjanovič and Jean Brixhe.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Ruling Council, France 2018

The minutes are approved by the Ruling Council.

3. Chairman's report

3.1 Legal status of FIWC: the FIWC was officially registered on 3rd August 2020 as a non-profit organisation under No. KvK78735262 by the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

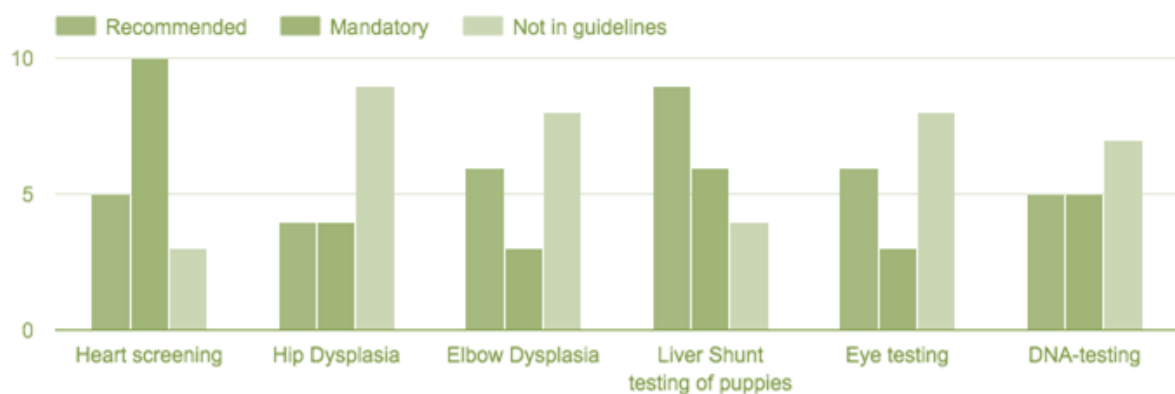
3.2 FIWC Board meeting took place on 8th June 2019 in Dublin, Ireland

3.2.1 Health survey

All member clubs have received a questionnaire to investigate the health concerns and strategies in our breed in different countries. 18 out of 21 clubs have sent their response. The major concerns were identified as follows: Osteosarcoma, Heart problems, Pneumonia, Skeletal issues, Liver Shunt, Epilepsy, etc.

The survey has also shown different approaches to health issues / testing.

Recommended health testing in FIWC member clubs:



Based on the survey results and a following discussion it was agreed, that the FIWC can facilitate outline and define basic health related breeding strategies to guide breeders, which is broad and simple and based on best practices. This would constitute a minimal framework shared by the member Clubs, and promoted as such to engage the responsible breeders. The FIWC can prepare a short list of the exaggerations in breeding which are dangerous to the health of the dogs, to raise awareness the show judges. Each member country could then add on to this basic outline.

3.2.2 Celebration of the FIWC 25th anniversary

The celebration took place at Castletown House on June 9th, 2019, at the same time as the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Club Championship Show.

3.2.3 Illustrated standard

The second edition of the Illustrated Standard has been produced. It is distributed among breeders and fanciers in many countries and it has been translated into German and Italian as well.

3.3 IW World

IW World, the official bi-annual magazine of the FIWC has become an important tool to keep up contacts among IW fanciers by sharing news and information about the breed.

Four issues a year have been published since 2021 with 68 to 78 pages instead of the previous two a year, with 98 to 112 pages. Average circulation was 450 to 600 copies, fewer as a result of the pandemic, especially in Europe.

The average number of advertisement pages is between five and eight; there should be 10 + 2.

All members are encouraged to send their news, articles, club show results and photos to the published in the magazine.

3.4 New member application

IWCA – The Irish wolfhound club of America sent an application to become an associate member of the FIWC.

3.5 Next meetings

The next FIWC Congress will take place in 2024 in Netherlands as already agreed.

The FIWC board has received applications from Hungary to host FIWC Congress in 2026 and from Norway to host FIWC Congress in 2027. Presentations of the 3 events were done as a separate point in the program.

4. Treasurer's report

Marcello Poli presented the treasurer's report 2019 – 2021. See below.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT 1.7.2018	7.959,44 €
Membership fees	5.268,00 €
Selling Illustrated Standard and donations	6.668,75 €
Contribution to RALIE for Congress 2018	- 942,80 €
Printing costs	- 3.949,75 €
Hosting web-site	- 292,52 €
Bank management expenses	- 334,05 €
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT 30.6.2022	14.377,07 €

The Ruling Council has no questions.

5. Introduction of new delegates

Mrs. Polonca Zabukovšek (Slovenia), Mrs. Outi Piisi (Finland) and Mr. Marc Belis (Belgium) introduced themselves, Mr. John Wauben (Netherlands) have sent a presentation.

Marcello Poli has read a letter from Mr. Mikhail Nikityuk (Russia).

6. Evaluation and decision on membership applications

IWCA – The Irish Wolfhound Club of America was unanimously approved as an associate member of the FIWC.

7. Presentations of next FIWC Congresses

Ankie Sommers presented the invitation to the FIWC Congress 2024 in Holland.

Csilla Juhasz presented the FIWC Congress proposal for 2026 in Hungary, Gödöllo.

Per Arne Flatberg presented the FIWC Congress proposal for 2027 in Norway. Exception for organizing a Congress during an odd year was granted to celebrate the IUKN – Norwegian IW Club's 50th anniversary.

All three presentations were very well prepared and both proposals were approved.

8. Election of board members

Marcello Poli, Frederic Maison and Larisa Blazelevich were re-elected as board members.

Csilla Juhasz, Outi Piisi and John Wauben were elected as new board members.

Gerard Clark and Tony Dunne keep on their FIWC board functions.

9. Website

General update and contacts to President and Secretary of the member Clubs will be added.

Member clubs are encouraged to send their contact updates, club show invitations and results.

10. Miscellaneous

Aldebaran Contreras-Rivera handed over a member application of Mexican Sighthound club.

11. Closing words of the FIWC President Gerard Clark.