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*Onwards
and upwards...*

Wellerlooi, June 15th 2018

Minutes of the Ruling council meeting of the EIWC,
Nörten-Hardenberg, Germany, Saturday June 9th 2018

The meeting was visited by 16 delegates (including 8 board members), the president, 2 observers and more than 20 people attending Congress. Everyone attending the Congress was welcome to this meeting, only official delegates were allowed to vote.

1. President's address

Opening by the President Gerard Clarke beginning 9h 15. He opens the meeting with a warm welcome to all attending the ruling council.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Ruling Council, Germany 2016

The minutes are approved by the meeting with thanks to Gosewien van Klaarbergen.

3. Interim - Chairman's report

Monette Daubenfeld reports the following topics over 2016, 17 and 2018. Achieved in the biennium are the new website. The publishing of the book of Lois Thomasson "The Irish Wolfhound Odyssey third edition. Also very happy with the publishing of the Illustrated Standard , with is presented this Congress and sponsored by The Italian Club del Levriero because of their 40th anniversary.

4. Treasurer's report

Marcello Poli presented the treasurer's report 2017, 2018. See below.

The annual income is increased about 7%. The ruling council has no questions.

Incomes are based on the fees paid by the Member Clubs (€ 2.711) and improved about 7% when compared to the previous biennium. The membership fees of all the Clubs are due in time for the Congress.

The most important expenditure item is the reimbursement to the Club, which hosted the 2016 Congress. We must thank DWZRV which accepted to be repaid of just € 1.274, instead of € 2.500, most amount a Club is in right to ask for. The amount of expenditures for the organization of management committee meetings is € 769, something less than in the previous biennium. It has to be reminded that personal expenses like travel and accommodation of the board members are personally covered by themselves. Other expenses (€ 515 in total) are related to the manufacturing of the new flags and to the presentation for the Honorary President. Bank charges are restrained, as usual.

On February 2007 the Sighthound Club of Luxemburg, Pernille Monberg, Daniela Iori & Marcello Poli, everyone donated € 1.000, to make possible reprinting Lois

Thomasson's book, "Irish Wolfhound Odyssey". This is real now, 11 years later, but it's important to remember that the print costs (€ 3.035) are nearly totally covered by those donations, while the coming incomes for selling the books will improve the Federation's budget.

The authors of the Illustrated Standard worked gratuitously, neither asked to be reimbursed for any cost, while printing costs of this first edition are covered by Club del Levriero – Italy. This Member is having its 40th anniversary and has decided to celebrate the jubilee in this way, tangibly supporting the activities of the Federation, deeply trusting in it.

As the treasurer, I must show that the fees collected in a biennium barely cover the contribution which has to be given to the Clubs organizing the Congress, together with the low operation expenses, so any room for other activities is left.

SUMMARY OF INCOMES AND COSTS 2017/2018

description	incomes	costs
previous years surplus	10.760,50	
2017/18 membership fees	2711,00	
total incomes:	2.711,00	
EIWC congress 2016 – contribution to DWZRV		1.274,00
printing expenses for the book "IW Odyssey"		3.035,73
meetings expenses		769,00
other expenses		515,88
bank charges		51,85
total costs:		5.646,46
surplus for the years ended June 6th, 2018	7.825,04	
bank	7.825,04	
total cash deposited	7.825,04	

5. Introduce new delegates

Monette welcomes new delegates: (Slovak Sighthound Club) Pavlina Policicova, and Anthony Dunne (Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland introduce themselves.

6. From EIWC to FIWC, a worldwide Federation of Clubs, proposals of changing in articles. (see addendum)

As promised in 2016 the board has worked very hard to make the proper changes in the articles of the Federation to make it a worldwide Federation. Also a major change is the possibility of Non-FCI countries to become associate members.

The text of the final articles was changed a bit in the last board meeting 8th of June 2018. Gosewien van Klarbergen explained these changes.

Also she explained the way of election of maximum one representative associate member to the board:

- Only when there are 5 or more associate members, from this group the associate members can elect a representative for the board. (Even if there would be 25 associate members only 1 can be representative in the board)
- This representative can only vote on NON-FCI matters.
- The voting for a representative of the associate members is always in public at the Ruling Council meeting.
- The representative associate member has to rotate once in 4 years.
- The election process will be guided by the secretary of the FIWC
- Three months before the Ruling Council meeting new candidates for representative associate member have to announce their candidacy to the secretary and will be published in a newsletter to all delegates (full members and associate members)

The new articles are adopted by an overwhelming majority (15 out of 16). One member will abstain from voting until consultations have been held within the own national club.

With this joint choice, a big step forward is made in the development of the federation worldwide.

7. Evaluation and decision on membership applications

Two clubs have applied for full membership: the Sighthound Club of Mexico (Aldebaran Contreras-Rivera). and the Irish Wolfhound Society (UK).

The board has decided that the Sighthound Club of Mexico can only be a full member if the Kennel Club of Mexico formally approves this Club.

Since the Irish Wolfhound Society did not send a representative we cannot vote for their full membership (because the articles have changed).

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada – represented by Jocelyne Gagne has applied for associate member and send all the proper documents. The board proposes to accept this Club as the first associated member of the Federation.
The Ruling Council unanimously decides to accept this proposal for Canada.

8. Election of board members

Since no Club has send proposals for new board members, the board suggest to re-elect Marcello Poli, Frederic Maison and Davor Marijanovic. By general voting the Ruling Council accepts the re-election of these three members.
In the board it is proposed to make Marcello Poli the new chairman and Monette Daubenfeld the new treasurer.
With great pleasure the Ruling Council decides to accept this proposal and accepts also that the new treasurer may sign all expenses.

9. Strategy 2018/2022

The board prepared a strategic document = which is a living document = for the new form of Federation in 2018/2022. Marcello Poli explains the different components of the strategy. Two new elements are: the active role of the members in deciding what topics should be on the agenda and , second, the health issues.
The Ruling Council decides to agree to this document and to accept that Per Arne Flatberg will coordinate a survey on the major health-issues of all members. It has been made perfectly clear that the board will always be in charge in these matters.

10. Admission fees and annual fees.

Size of the Club in a range of:	annual fee		biannual fee	
	members	associated	members	associated
<25 members	€ 12,50	€ 6,25	€ 25,00	€ 12,50
>25<50 members	€ 25,00	€ 12,50	€ 50,00	€ 25,00
>50<125 members	€ 62,50	€ 31,25	€ 125,00	€ 62,50
>125<200 members	€ 100,00	€ 50,00	€ 200,00	€ 100,00
>200<300 members	€ 150,00	€ 75,00	€ 300,00	€ 150,00
>300 members	€ 250,00	€ 125,00	€ 500,00	€ 250,00

Marcello Poli explains the proposal for new admission and annual fees.
The Ruling Council approves unanimously. sal.

11. FIWC Congress 2020 / 2022 (Czech Republic 2020, Hungary / Netherlands+ Belgium 2022)

Every two years EIWC will organize a Congress. Every 4 years in advance we will decide during the Ruling council who will be the next organizer. The Congress 2020 in Czech Republic was elected in 2016 in Germany. Edita Beresova presented the plans for the 2020-Congress.

For 2022 the board has received a proposal from Hungary. Also there is a suggestion of The Netherlands & Belgium to work together in 2022. These country's will present themselves during the next meeting in 2020.

12. April, 30th 2019 – Federation 25th Anniversary

The board has come with an idea to celebrate the 25 th Anniversary next year in Ireland at the National Club match of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. The date and place will be announced soon. It would be lovely if a lot of members and dogs would come to Ireland and celebrate together.

13. Miscellaneous

Aldebaran Contreras-Rivera presents his Club and promises to be back in 2020.

13. Closing words of the President :Closing of the ruling council at 10h 45.