

Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs
EIWC

Minutes
of the 3rd Meeting of the Ruling Council

Date: Saturday, June 22nd 1996

Time: 15.00 hours

Location: Ramada Schlosshotel Goldschmieding, D-44575 Castrop Rauxel, Germany

Participants

As Board Members:

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Murphy, President
Mr. Anthony Killykeen Doyle, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Willi Hasselbrink, Secretary
Mr. John R. Briggs, Observer

As Delegates with voting power:

for	Denmark	Mrs. Jette Holm Jensen
	England	Mr. John R. Briggs
	Finland	Mr. Kimmo Roms
	France	Mrs. Denyse Maurer
	Germany	Mr. Willi Hasselbrink
	Ireland	Mr. Anthony Killykeen Doyle
	Italy	Mrs. Ludovica Salamon
	Luxembourg	Mrs. Monette Daubenfeld
	Netherlands	Mr. John Wauben
	Norway	Mr. Gerard McCabe
	Sweden	Mrs. Elisabeth Wraneus
	Switzerland	Mr. Carl Brandenberger

The Meeting was chaired by Anthony Killykeen Doyle (Ireland), Vice Chairman. The Chairman, Tob Swelheim (Netherlands) sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

1. Report of the Congress in Ireland, 1995

The report has been published in the 1995 Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland magazine "*The Irish Hound*". This magazine has been sent to the members of EIWC.

2. Application for Membership

During the year the Irish Wolfhound Club of Slovenia, Slovenski Klub Za HRTE, applied to become a member of the EIWC. Copies of the Articles of Association had already been sent to the Slovenian Club.

They were accepted as members at this Council Meeting.

3. Changes in the Management Committee

Mr. Hasselbrink resigned as Secretary of EIWC with immediate effect. The Council thanked him for the work that he has done for the EIWC, and asked him to stay as Board Member on behalf of the *Deutscher Windhundzucht- und Rennverband e.V.*, Germany. He accepted, and his appointment as Board Member has been confirmed by the Ruling Council. As new Secretary of the EIWC Mrs. Elisabeth Wraneus (Sweden) has been elected.

Since Mrs. Laila Helpi (Finland) as Treasurer of the EIWC did not attend this Meeting of the Ruling Council, and was no longer the official delegate of Finland, she has been replaced as Treasurer of the EIWC by Mr. John R. Briggs.

Officers of the Management Committee for the next term

- President Mrs. Elizabeth C. Murphy (Ireland)
- Chairman Mr. Tob Swelheim (The Netherlands)
- Vice Chairman Mr. Anthony Killykeen Doyle (Ireland)
- Secretary Mrs. Elisabeth Wraneus (Sweden)
- Treasurer Mr. John R. Briggs (England)
- Member Mr. Willi H. Hasselbrink (Germany)

4. Financial Participation

Unfortunately the Treasurer of EIWC, Mrs. Laila Helpi (Finland), was not present at this meeting. But according to the best knowledge of all Board Members being present, not one EIWC-member has paid the financial support to the treasurer. The Council already in Dublin in 1995 had decided that the subscription will be HFL 1,-- (one Dutch Guilder) per member. Where Clubs include members of other breeds, e.g. a Sighthound Club, payment is due for the Irish Wolfhound members only. Payment will be due from the first of January 1996.

Mr. Briggs will clarify the financial status of EIWC, and will send a letter to the EIWC - members in which he will ask the members to pay their subscriptions for 1996 and 1997.

5. Next Congress in 1998

During the discussion about the organisation of the following Congress and European Irish Wolfhound Meeting the representatives of the following clubs volunteered to ask their Boards if they are able to organise the Congress in 1998.

Following order: Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands.

However Norway already indicated, that they would prefer to be the host in the year 2000 – to be approved by the Council in 1998.

Belgium indicated that they would like to host the EIWC-event in the year 2002 in connection with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Belgian Sighthound Club.

6. Adjournment of the Meeting of the Ruling Council

Open Congress

Opening Address

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Murphy (Ireland), President EIWC, welcomed all present on behalf of the EIWC. The large attendance included delegates and visitors from 18 countries. The theme of the '96 Congress is on judging and by extension on breeding to a higher quality.

In addition to conformity with the Standard of Excellence, which is the prime responsibility of breeders, we must also aim towards vitality, health and vigour.

We do not own the breed but hold it in trust for future generations.

We must leave behind us a hound that not only conforms to the Standard but has the health and strength necessary to ensure a long and happy life for the hound and is also a source of pride and joy to the owners. The Irish Wolfhound needs our commitment to safeguard its future. We need to keep many separate lines alive. Concentration on the winning dog or lines could lead to a drastically reduced gene pool. The future of the Breed lies in our hands.

She thanked Mr. Hasselbrink and all our German members for organising and hosting the Congress and congratulated them on the success of the event.