

Federation of European Irish Wolfbound Clubs

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE) 26 June 2010 at 9 a.m. – Vingsted Center (Denmark)

<u>Are present</u> : Pernille Monberg, Monette Daubenfeld, Denyse Maurer, Marcello Poli, Julie Hübner and Davor Marijanovic.

The President, Kathleen Kelly informed us that due to health problem she regretted to be unable to attend. The Board expressed its best wishes for a rapid ricovery and asked Betty Murphy, Honorary President to take part at the meeting in her stead.

Betty Murphy welcomed the members of the board.

1. Financial status

According to the treasurer, Marcello Poli, the financial situation is sound and all the national clubs have paid their annual fees. The refund of expenses to the Slovenian Sighthound club was within the admitted sum allowed, 2500€. (As a reminder: EIWC pays for the expenses involved with the Congress, whereas the hosting country finances the show and the judges).

2. Membership fees

As pointed out previously, the financial situation being satisfactory, no increase in membership fees is necessary. It remains at $0,50 \in$ per member of the national clubs (members with IWHs only in the case of a sighthound club). Fees should be paid before March 31 of the current year.

3. EIWC Congress and show for 2012 by Italy

Marcello Poli said that the the preparations for the event are on the right track. The place will be Padenghe, on the Garda Lake and the date proposed the last week-end of April including 1st of May : Saturday 29 April – Sighthound Show for all breeds of the Xth group, Sunday 30 April – Board and Ruling Council meetings in the morning and Congress in the afternoon, Monday 1st of May – EIWC winner show.



The judges invited are Eileen Flanaghan (dogs) and Liz Thornton (bitches). More details in the presentation he will give in the afternoon.

. 4. EIWC Congress and show for 2014 – proposal by Germany

Julie Hübner informed the Board that the Finnish IWH club asked whether they could organise the event in 2014, in conjunction with the F.C.I. World Show their country was to hold that same year. Provided the Finnish delegate, supposed to be present at the Ruling Council, could confirm this, the DWZRV did'nt see an objection and therefore the German Sighthound Club would be willing to postpone their proposal to 2016.

5. IW WORLD Magazine and Lois Thomasson's book

The Chairman, Pernille Monberg expressed concern about the problems encountred during the last two years. We have not enough subscibers nor enough advertisers and Carolyn Dean carried on to run it at a loss. This is not normal and the Board agreed that we must make any effort to find other means to continue this magazine. The collecting of articles and other contributions should be reorganised. Vol VIII just came out for the Congress and it has been sent to the subscribers. Pernille brought some copies along and it is as beautiful as ever. We should make any effort to maintain this essential publication. (See also the Chairman's report to the Ruling council for this topic).

Lois Thomasson's book "The Irish Wolfhound Odyssey" is now ready and the CD will be sent to printing.

6. Articles of Association, Part II, Art.2 (proposed amendment)

The Chairman proposes to add one word under Article 2 - Purpose, namely: "The purpose of the EIWC shall be to bring together, within a single framework, the Irish Wolfhound clubs or associations from as many European countries as possible, to make joint efforts to **protect**, promote and improve the breed,

The whole Board accepted this proposal (to add the word "protect") and will submit it to the Ruling Council for voting.

7. Proposal by Pernille Monberg about the opportunity of an addendum to the Breed Standard concerning the reference to other breeds

Several weeks before the Congress, the Board members received a paper from Pernille, explaining the purpose of her motion (Attachment 1 which had subsequently been sent to all the member delegates). The members of the Board



had the opportunity to exchange their views by mails. The majority agreed that clarifications might be useful. On the other hand it was clearly stated that the standard lies in the hands of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and that neither EIWC nor another outside instance is allowed to propose changes whatsoever to the original text. Within this context the idea of a judges/breeders seminar was taken up again and Monette Daubenfeld proposed to organise such an educational event in Luxembourg next year, on the occasion of their traditional sighthound show on the last week-end of June.

Pernille also proposed the edition of a booklet with pictures, to explain the breed standard.

8. Election of Board members

The mandate of four members of the Board, Monette Daubenfeld, Marcello Poli, Denyse Maurer and Davor Marijanovic, elected for a 4-year period in 2006, came to an end. All 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.

According to Art. 23.2, the Irish delegate is always a member of the Management Committee. John Kelly has held this position since 2002. Being not anymore able to travel abroad, the IWC of Ireland has appointed Charles Webb, their treasurer, delegate of the club. He will so join the Board as from now on and will be introduced to the Ruling Council.

The Honorary President thanked the members of the Board for their good collaboration during the past two years, and closes the meeting.

End of the meeting: 10.00 a.m.

Denyse Maurer Secretary