



Rochegude, 4 July 2008

MINUTES OF THE RULING COUNCIL Kompas Hotel Kranjska Gora – Slovenia 23 May 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

The delegates of all the countries members of the Federation were present as well as a number of other participants.

1. President's Address:

"On behalf of the Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Club I should like to welcome you all to the 2008 Congress and wish you a successful meeting. And on behalf of the Clubs attending here today, I would like to thank and congratulate the Slovenian Club, and Davor in particular, for organising the Congress. Thank you."

Kathleen Kelly, President EIWC

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Ruling Council, France 2006

The Secretary states that the Minutes were sent to all the delegates on 10th of October 2006, and no objection or remarks had been received afterwards.

3. Awarding of Honorary President to Betty Murphy

The initiative of the Board to award Betty Murphy Honorary President of the Federation – having asked their opinion to all the delegates before – has been welcomed with great applause and the painting realised by the Italian artist Mauro Malacan is really beautiful.

Betty having apologized for not being able to attend the Congress, the gift will be handed over to her by Jim Behan.

N.B. In the meantime we got a letter of thanks from Betty (Attachment 1).

4. Chairman's Report

Pernille Monberg reads her report, which is accepted unanimously. The text is attached to the present Minutes (Attachment 2).



5. Treasurer's Report

Marcello Poli distributes copies of the accounts to each delegate (Attachment 3) and reads the Summary of Income and Expenditures for 2006-2008 to the assistance. All national contributions have been paid up to date. The financial situation of the Federation being sound, he recommends the Council to adopt the financial report, which is done.

6. / 7. / 8. Application for Membership by Hungary, Austria and Estonia

The Secretary received the official application for membership by the Hungarian Sighthound Club , the Austrian Sighthound Club (ÖKWZR) and the Estonian Irish Wolfhound and Deerhound Club. All three clubs fulfil the conditions and are accepted by the Ruling Council. The respective delegates, Dr Levente, Sandra Wolf and Kristin Kerem stand up for presentation and are welcomed with much applause. The Federation now counts 19 national clubs!

9. Congress and Show 2010

In 2010, they will take place in Denmark and Pernille Monberg states that they already had several meetings for preparing the event. The very special attraction of the project will be the conjunction on the same week-end of the FCI World Show and the EIWC manifestation, from 25 – 27 June. The judges have already been invited: Outi Piisi-Putta (SF), Jean McDonald-Ulliot (GB), Knut Olav Wille (N) and Jean Timmins (GB) Reserve. A very attractive flyer is available which has been distributed widely. Pernille announces that she will give a PowerPoint presentation about the organisation of the week-end during the Congress in the afternoon. The Danish project is granted with much applause.

10. Congress and Show 2012 (proposal from Italy)

Marcello Poli confirms that the Italian Sighthound Club is still willing to organise 2012 event and that a beautiful place, close by Desenzano on the Garda Lake (north Italy) will probably be choosen. The approx. date could be beginning of May and his club certainly will be in a position to give much more concrete proposals at the meeting in Denmark.

11. Congress and Show 2014

Julie Hübner states that Germany would be willing to host the Congress and Show in 2014 and that the board of the German Sighthoundclub, the DWZRV, will support this project.

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It is indeed very positive that, in addition to the Danish project, we already have concrete proposals for the next four years so that we can look with confidence into the future.

12. IW WORLD Magazine and Lois Thomasson's book

Pernille Monberg stresses the importance of supporting the magazine and that we need more subscriptions so that it could become self-supporting. Adverts in club magazines and at the major shows might help. Also should we put up a possibility to subscribe on the Continent, in €uros. Volume V just has come out and Carolyn Dean will have her stand on the shows this week-end.

As the content is concerned, contributions from all the member clubs are always welcome, as well as articles on any topic interesting the breed.

The script of Lois Thomasson's book is nearly finished and we hope that it will be printed before the end of the year. As soon as we have concrete indications about the price, a flyer will be distributed for advertising and the member clubs may order copies for sale through their gift shops or all other means. EIWC, the editor will contribute financially, 3000€ donations are already available.

13. Follow-up of the IW Database by Uli Habel and Melitta Kuhless

Melitta Kuhless and Uli Habel, the authors of the project were not able to attend the Congress this time, but they sent a short presentation concerning the actual state of the Database, presented by Monette Daubenfeld:

In May 2008, 19'796 Irish Wolfhounds are entered coming from 5603 litters representing 3442 kennels. There are 1666 pictures.

Some countries sent all their data, some partly and others not at all. The aim being of course to get the registered litters from as many countries as possible. The delegates should try to make these available through their national kennel clubs. Melitta and Uli really need your support for their hugh project. Please also send pictures.

Monette stresses the quality and amount of work performed and thanks the authors.

The President of the German Sighthoundclub (DWZRV) Mrs Schwerm-Hahne states that with the officially registered German Irish Wolfhounds, the dogs bred by members of the IWCD, the German IWH Club, not yet admitted by the VDH, are also registered in the Database and that, pending the official acceptance of this Club, these dogs should be removed from the DB. It is agreed that a letter in this sense would be sent to Melitta Kuhless.

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14. Election of Board Members

Board Members are elected for a 4-year period. So, the mandates of Pernille Monberg and Julie Hübner, elected in 2004 (Holland), come to an end.

As a rule, the delegate of the country organising the following congress is appointed as delegate. This means that Pernille Monberg should go on.

And since nobody else stands up for election, Julie Hübner also agrees to continue. These two ladies therefore are reelected with applause for a four-year period.

15. Closing words of the President

The President thanked everyone for a successful meeting and is looking forward to see everybody again in Denmark.

End of the meeting at 12.00

Composition of the Board elected for the next two years:

President: Kathleen Kelly
Chairman: Pernille Monberg
Vice-Chairman: Monette Daubenfeld
Secretary: Denyse Maurer
Treasurer: Marcello Poli
Member: Julie Hübner

Member: Davor Marijanovic

John Kelly

Denyse Maurer Secretary

Member: