



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

15 July 2004

MINUTES OF THE RULING COUNCIL

1st of May 2004 5 p.m at Groenendaal Stables

Participants from the following countries were present: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland. Observers: Northern Ireland.

1. Presidents Address:

Mr Killykeen Doyle welcomed the participants and opened the meeting. He recalled that this year is the Tenth Birthday of the Federation and thanked IERDIE for organising the Congress and Shows.

The Vice-Chairman, Monette Daubenfeld, remarked that today 1st May ten new countries enter the EU, and expressed a special welcome to the delegations concerned : the Czech Republic, Latvia, Slovenia and Slovakia present today. The assistance confirmed with applause.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Ruling Council in Belgium 2002 (drafted by Frans de Ridder)

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting in Belgium 2002
As there were no objections, they were adopted unanimously.

The President took the opportunity to recall that since the last Meeting we lost two great figures of the IWH world: Willi Hasselbrink and Sam Ewing III and invited everybody to stand up for a minute of silence.

3. Chairman's Report.

The President informed the Council that John Briggs had resigned at the Meeting of the Board and that no report was available.



4. Treasurer's Report.

The Vice-Chairman announced that Karel Willems also resigned at yesterday's meeting, and that according to the papers he handed over it appeared that actually the treasury contained an amount of 7215 Euros.

She also pointed out that the IWH Club of Northern Ireland made a donation of 50 Euros. The assistance thanked with applause.

5. Application for membership.

At the beginning of the year EIWC had received the application for membership from the Slovakian Sighthound Club.

The Secretary recalled that the Board had examined the letters from the Kennel Club of Slovakia and the Sighthound Club respectively as well as the Articles of Association and was therefore happy to propose the Ruling Council to accept Slovakia as a new member of the Federation.

The proposal was accepted with applause.

Petra Tomasovicova, the official delegate of the Sighthound Club thanked the Federation, and stated that their club would fully co-operate.

6. Congress and Show 2006 in France (as decided in 2002).

Frédéric Maison, Vice-President of R.A.L.I.E., confirmed that the French IWH and DH Club would host the event in 2006 at Le Touquet, a seaside resort place at the North Coast. The exact date is not fixed yet but it would probably be in June.

(From that time, we learned that the French Kennel Club fixed their Championship Show for mid-June, so we might postpone the Congress to the beginning of September 2006).

The topics proposed are:

- bone disorders in the IWH, in particular osteochondrosis (OC) and elbow displasia (ED), by a French specialist, Professor Genevoix from Lyon.
- The sighthounds in art and literature, by Jean-Louis Grünheid, a sighthound specialist and FCI judge.

7. Congress and Show 2008.

Davor Marijanovic, the official delegate of Slovenia declared that the proposal of the Slovenian Sighthound club to organise the event in 2008 still stands. For the time being, two places have been prospected and they would be able to make a concrete proposal at the next meeting in 2006.



8. Changes in the Articles of Association.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that at the Board Meeting consideration was given to Art. 9 (3) following representation from several members of the Federation that each country should have one delegate voting on its behalf.

We might consider a change in our articles of association on this particular point, but as no such proposal had been received in writing within the time limit before the meeting, it was not possible to discuss the matter today.

9. Election of New Board members.

The Vice-Chairman recalled that following the resignations of John Briggs and Karel Willems, the positions of the Chairman and the Treasurer had become vacant.

She proposed to the Council to elect Pernille Monberg, delegate from Denmark as chairman, and Marcello Poli, delegate from Italy as treasurer.

As there were no other candidates, both the proposals were accepted unanimously.

Marcello Poli having already been a member of the Board, one position of a member of the Board became vacant.

The Secretary proposed the delegate from Germany, Julie Hübner.

Again, no other proposal being put forward, the German delegate was co-opted unanimously.

10. Miscellaneous

The delegate of the Belgian IWH Club, Liliane de Ridder pointed out that she only received very few magazines from the member clubs, and recalled that exchange of club magazines was an essential mean of *liaison* between the members.

She also said that the delegates should do more reporting back to their respective clubs, this could be done via their club news letters.

The Secretary insisted that more interaction between the delegates was needed.

The delegate from IERDIE, Jo Hoffmann, said that according to the questionnaire all national clubs stressed that regarding co-operation, Health research and a Databank were the first priorities to be developed in the future.

As a first step, the clubs that already take concrete action regarding healthcare and research, could meet to put their efforts in common. To co-ordinate such action, a Health Commission might be put up to centralise and analyse the information available.



The newly elected chairman, Pernille Monberg suggested that in the 2-years period between the congresses, the Federation should publish a magazine at intervals to be defined. The website is great and indispensable, but does not replace an edition on paper, a publication you can turn over the pages...

No other speaker rose to a point of order, so the President thanked the participants for their active co-operation which enabled an excellent passing of the meeting.

He said he was confident that the new Board would do its best so that the Federation would go on in a very positive manner and he is looking forward to meet everyone in 2006 in France.

He also pointed out that at today's show he saw some very exciting young hounds and that he felt confident for the future. He recalled that the breed lies in our hands and that we must all be aiming to strive for the best of it.

End of the meeting at 6.20 p.m.

Composition of the newly elected Board :

President:	Anthony Killykeen-Doyle
Chairman:	Pernille Monberg
Vice-Chairman:	Monette Daubenfeld
Secretary:	Denyse Maurer
Treasurer:	Marcello Poli
Member:	Jo Hoffmann
Member:	Julie Hübner
Member:	John Kelly

Denyse Maurer
Secretary