

Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs
EIWC

**Minutes
of the 4th Meeting of the Ruling Council**

Date: Friday, June 26th 1998

Time: 16.30 hours

Location: Hotel du Grand Chef, Mondorf les Bains, Luxembourg

Participants

As Board Members:

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

As Delegates with voting power:

for	Belgium	Mr. Frans De Ridder
	England	Mr. John R. Briggs
	France	Mrs. Denyse Maurer
	Germany	Mr. Willi Hasselbrink
	Ireland	Mr. Anthony Killykeen Doyle
	Italy	Mrs. Ludovica Salamon
	Luxembourg	Mrs. Monette Daubenfeld
	Norway	Mr. Gerard McCabe
	Russia	Mrs. Inna Kashlyak
	Sweden	Mrs. Eva Söderqvist
	Switzerland	Mrs. Eva Ferro-Luzzi

The Meeting was chaired by Anthony Killykeen Doyle (Ireland), Vice Chairman. The Chairman, Tob Swelheim (Netherlands) did not participate.

1. President's Address

Madam President, Elizabeth C. Murphy, welcomed all participants to the Meeting of the Ruling Council, thanked them for coming, and wished everyone an enjoyable event at Mondorf les Bains. She thanked Mrs. Monette Daubenfeld and the Wandhond Frenn Luxembourg for hosting this event, and especially Monette Daubenfeld for having taken the initiative to organise the CACL-Show in Luxembourg together with the EIWC-Congress on short notice after IERDIE had withdrawn their original offer to host this event in 1998 in The Netherlands.

Mrs. Murphy also conveyed the best wishes from Dr. Elisabeth Wraneus, EIWC-Secretary, who had moved her domicile from Sweden to Wales during the last year. Elisabeth Wraneus very much regrets, that she could not come to Mondorf due to heavy work load, and for this reason she turned in her letter of resignation as Secretary of EIWC. Willi Hasselbrink had already from the beginning of this year taken over the duties of the Secretary, and Betty Murphy thanked him for having done this.

Madam President addressed her great concern about aggressiveness in Irish Wolfhounds, which she had experienced on several occasions in different countries on recent years. She requested all breeders to closely observe this trend, and strongly advised to exclude those hounds from any breeding programme. She suggested, that EIWC should take up this subject for the next Congress in the year 2000.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting at Castrop-Rauxel in 1996 had been sent to all Member Clubs. All participants confirmed that they had received and had read the minutes, and unanimously accepted the minutes. Thereafter the President signed the Minutes as passed.

3. Report of the Chairman

Since the Board has not had any response from and no communication with the Chairman for the last two years there will be no report of the Chairman.

4. Report of the Treasurer

Mr. John Briggs handed out a status report on the financial situation of EIWC to each delegate. The total amount per Dec. 30th 1997 on EIWC's bank accounts was Pound Sterling 801,22. Until today this amount has increased to Pound Sterling 1.193,-. The following countries have not paid their dues: The Netherlands, Finland, Italy.

The delegates from Finland promised that they would transfer their contributions to the EIWC-Account immediately after their return.

From The Netherlands no delegate was present.

All Member Clubs are requested by the treasurer to submit the number of their Irish Wolfhound Members to him.

EIWC will have to compensate certain expenses for the Congress this year, e.g. for the accommodation of the speakers. In future the Member Clubs cannot expect, that the Secretary will cover mailing and fax cost out of his own pocket. EIWC will have to reimburse those costs.

Therefore the Board proposes to increase the member's annual admission fee to 1 Euro per Irish Wolfhound member of their Club, coming into effect on January 1st 2000.

All delegates are kindly requested to discuss that with the Board of their national Club, and to give a positive response to Mr. Briggs within the next half year.

As a guide line for future events it has been discussed, that

- the hosting country shall carry the expenses for the show events, including the costs for the judges,
- EIWC shall carry the costs for the EIWC Congress, including the speakers,
- all delegates shall carry their own costs, regardless whether they will be reimbursed by their national Club.

5. Applications for Membership

During the year EIWC had received application for Membership from three national Clubs:

Wolf- and Deerhound Club (WDK) of the Czech Republic

Latvian Sight Hound Club, Latvia

Kynological Breeding Centre "Erin Hunter", Russia

All three Clubs have fulfilled the conditions to become a member according to the requirements of EIWC's Articles of Association.

All three Clubs have been accepted as member of EIWC unanimously.

They received a special welcome from the President, and her best wishes.

6. Hosting Countries for the Years 2000 and 2002

Mr. Gerard McCabe, delegate from Norway, and President of the Norwegian Irish Wolfhound Club, confirmed, that Norway will host the next EIWC event in the year 2000. The location is 1 ½ hours drive north of Oslo.
The event will probably take place in the middle of June.

Mr. McCabe will inform all Member Clubs in due time, and he also will send out the effective regulations and conditions for getting a dog into and out of Norway.

Mr. Frans De Ridder, delegate from Belgium, and President of the Belgian Sight Hound Club, also confirmed that Belgium will host the EIWC-Congress in the year 2002 in connection with the 100th anniversary of the Belgian Sighthound Club. The event will start for four days on May 9th, 2002. All details will be submitted in due time.

7. Other items of Concern

Mrs. Ludovica Salamon explained, that all Irish Wolfhounds with inherited diseases will be made public in Italy. This will help to find out which diseases are in what lines.

For serious breeders it should be a great help to breed away from diseases.

This subject was discussed controversially; on one side it is very brave and beneficial to do so, but on the other side, since many dogs have been imported from other countries, lines from those countries may be adversely affected by new line combinations, and in many cases it will be extremely difficult to prove, what is heredity and what not. EIWC would like to avoid distrust between the breeders, and therefore EIWC will not adopt this policy.

8. Election of Board Members

According to Art. 23 of the Articles of Association the Board shall comprise a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7 members.

The delegates re-elected Messrs. Doyle, Briggs and Hasselbrink for the next term unanimously. In addition they elected Mr. Gerard McCabe into the Board. The President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland is always President of EIWC. Therefore no election for the President was necessary. Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy will continue as President.

Officers of the Management Committee for the next term

- President Mrs. Elizabeth C. Murphy (Ireland)
- Chairman Mr. Willi H. Hasselbrink (Germany)
- Vice Chairman Mr. Anthony Killykeen Doyle (Ireland)
- Secretary Mr. Gerard McCabe (Norway)
- Treasurer Mr. John R. Briggs (England)

In addition the Board co-opted

- Mr. Frans De Ridder

in view of the EIWC event in Belgium in the year 2002
as observer.

9. Closing words of the President

Madam President concluded that this was a good and effective working meeting. She emphasised that the new Board will do its best, to strive for the purpose of EIWC as phrased in Art. 4. of the Articles of Association of the Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs.

10. Adjournment of the Meeting of the Ruling Council