



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

Rochegude, 4 July 2008

MINUTES O THE MEETING OF THE BOARD (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE) KOMPAS HOTEL, KRANJSKA GORA - SLOVENIA 23 of MAY 2008 at 8.30 a.m.

Are present : Kathleen Kelly, Pernille Monberg, Monette Daubenfeld, Denyse Maurer, Marcello Poli, Julie Hübner and Davor Marijanovic.
John Kelly apologies for his absence.

The President welcomed the members of the board.

1. Awarding of Honorary President to Betty Murphy

Some time ago, the Board felt that it would be a nice gesture to award the title of Honorary President to Betty Murphy who during the last years so firmly supported the Federation and indeed works for the good of the breed since a long time already. A painting from one of her favourite pictures together with a diploma will be handed over to her by Jim Behan as unfortunately Betty is'nt able to attend the Congress this year.

2. Financial status

The treasurer, Marcello Poli states that the financial situation is sound and that all the national clubs have paid their annual fees.
The amount for expenses paid back to the clubs organising the Congress (2500 €) will so be maintained.
(As a reminder: EIWC pays for the expenses involved with the Congress, whereas the hosting country finances the show and the judges).

3. Membership fees

As pointed out previously, the financial situation being satisfactory, no increase in membership fees is necessary. It remains at 0,50€ 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.



4. Application for membership from Hungary, Austria and Estonia

At the beginning of the year, we received three applications for membership from :

- The Hungarian Sighthoundclub
- The ÖKWZR – Austrian Sighthoundclub
- The Estonian IWH / DH Club

All three clubs sent the necessary papers to be admitted as full member of the EIWC. The Board accepts these applications and will recommend them to the Ruling Council for approval.

5. EIWC Congress and shows for 2010 (Denmark)

Pernille Monberg says that the preparations for the event in Denmark are in progress. It will take place the same week-end as the World Dog Show, on the 25-27 June, near Vejle, and some 60km apart from the World Dog Show which will be on Friday 25, whilst the meetings and the Congress will be held on Saturday 26 and the EIWC show on Sunday 27. The judges already invited are: Outi Piisi-Putta (SF), Jean McDonald-Ulliot (GB) and Knut Olav Wille (N). The Danish club will make concrete proposals for the congress items later. A flyer with more details is already available. The Board welcomes this proposal which will be particularly interesting due to the joint organisation of the World Dog Show by the Danish Kennel Club which might help in getting a particularly attractive participation and entry for the event of the Federation.

6. EIWC Congress 2012 (proposal from Italy)

Marcello Poli states that the Italian Club del Levriero is still willing to organise the event in 2012. The site of Vesenzano on the Garda Lake is under consideration and the date might be beginning of May. The only reserve expressed is a certain fear about sufficient participation due to the geographical situation, but the Board thinks that the loveliness of the place and an attractive program will certainly decide a very great number of participants to attend, as indeed is the case this year in Slovenia.

7. EIWC Congress for 2014 (proposal from Germany)

Julie Hübner states that the German DWZRV proposes to organise the event in 2014 and that the President, Wilfriede Schwerm-Haane has come to Kranjska Gora to attend this year's Congress. The Board welcomes this proposal coming from this important Sighthound Club.



8. IW WORLD Magazine and Lois Thomasson's book

Pernille Monberg expresses her satisfaction that Volume V of IW WORLD came out in time for the congress and that Carolyn Dean, the editor will also be present for this year's Congress and shows. The members of the Board all stress again the importance of this beautiful magazine and how lucky we are to have Carolyn and her collaborators to perform such a wonderful job. Unfortunately the number of subscriptions still are not sufficient to cover the costs and every effort should be made to advertise the existence of this essential magazine.

As Lois Thomasson's book "The Irish Wolfhound Odyssey" is concerned, there is just one chapter missing and as soon as the complete script is available, Carolyn will be able to submit an estimate of the costs according to the number of copies printed. We shall then be in a position to evaluate the financial participation of the Federation (3000€ donations are already available for this purpose). This book will be edited by the Federation and we hope that it will be ready to go to the printer before the end of the year.

9. Elections of Board Members

The mandate of two members of the Board, Pernille Monberg and Julie Hübner, elected for a 4-year period in 2004, comes to an end. The Board feels that both should continue their job if nobody else stands up for election and it will submit them to the Ruling Council.

10. Miscellaneous

Pernille Monberg asks whether it would be a good idea that the Federation might publish booklets or guidelines on topics that are not usually dealt with in the books about our breed, for instance Lure Coursing for Wolfhounds which is an activity that is very popular in certain countries while nearly totally neglected or unknown in others. The Board agrees that this idea should be followed up.

Julie Hübner, speaking on behalf of Mrs Schwerm-Hahne President of the DWZRV, expresses her concern about a problem involved with the Database: together with the officially registered German Irish Wolfhounds, the dogs born with breeders members of the IWCD (Irish Wolfhound Club Deutschland) are also listed. As this Club is not yet officially accepted by the VDH, Mrs Schwerm-Hahne asks that they should be removed from the list of the Database.



As a matter of fact, the acceptance of the IWCD by the VDH being just a question of time, the Board feels that Melitta Kuhless should be asked to “mask” these hounds until the breed club will have been officially agreed.

The President thanked the members of the Board for the work performed during the past two years, and closes the meeting.

End of the meeting: 9.50 a.m.

Denyse Maurer
Secretary