



# Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

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## **MINUTES OF THE RULING COUNCIL 26 June 2010 at 10.15 a.m. at Vingsted Center (Denmark)**

### **Restatement and apologies:**

After the meeting we were told that several people wanting to attend the meeting were erroneously told that it was open to delegates only, and therefore were not allowed to enter. The Ruling Council Committee is open to everybody interested in the work of EIWC (as written on the Agenda).  
The Board regrets and wishes to apologize for this misunderstanding.

The Chairman stated that our Honorary President, Betty Murphy had kindly accepted to replace our President, Kathleen Kelly, who was unable to come due to medical reasons.

### **1. President's Address**

A welcome was extended by Betty Murphy to the member countries of the EIWC to our 9th Congress. Delegates from the following countries were present: Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, as well as Observers from England and Northern Ireland. The Belgium and Czech Republic Clubs sent apologies.

A special welcome was given to visitors from non-member countries.

Betty Murphy then introduced the new Irish delegate, Charles Webb. According to Art. 23.2 of the Articles of Association he is now a member of the Board (Management Committee).

### **2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Ruling Council, Slovenia 2008**

The Secretary stated that the Minutes and Attachments of the Ruling Council 2008 were sent to all the delegates on the 8th of July 2008. As no remark or objection had been received afterwards she presumed that the delegates of the member clubs agreed upon.



### **3. Chairman's Report**

Pernille Monberg read her report, the text is attached to the present Minutes (Attachment 2).

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Marcello Poli distributed copies of the accounts to each delegate (Attachment 3) and read them to the assistance. The financial situation of the Federation being sound, he recommended the Council to adopt the financial report, which was done.

Therefore the decision of the Board to maintain the amount of the membership fee (point 3 – Minutes of the Management Committee) is also voted.

### **5. EIWC Congress and Show 2012 in Italy**

Marcello Poli informed the assistance that their project is being developed; the event will take place at Padenghe on the beautiful Garda Lake at the last week-end of April, including 1<sup>st</sup> of May Day. He then refers to his intervention during the Congress in the afternoon for more details.

The judges invited are Eileen Flanagan (dogs) and Liz Thornton (bitches).

### **6. Congress and Show 2014**

The Finnish delegate, Minnie Vane Tempest confirmed that their club wished to organise the event in 2014, together with the F.C.I. World Show to be held in Finland. Also their club could then celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The German delegate and the DWZRV having agreed with this change, the Finnish proposal is accepted. Therefore Germany will organise the event in 2016.

### **7. IW World Magazine and Lois Thomasson's book**

The Chairman stressed her great concern about the financial situation of the magazine. From the very beginning there are not enough subscribers nor enough advertisers. She again insisted on the importance of active collaboration from the national delegates.

Kristin Kerem from Estonia and Larissa Blaghevicha from Latvia said that the magazine could be printed at half the cost in their countries. This possibility should be considered seriously.

Vol.VIII has been distributed and everybody is invited to send articles, show reports and results, etc. for the next edition.

Lois Tomasson's book "The Irish Wolfhound Odissey" is ready for printing and we should have it shortly.



## **8. Proposed addition to the Articles of Association (Part II, Art.2)**

The Chairman explained that in her mind the actual wording “to make joint efforts to promote and improve the breed” sounds slightly “commercial”, the reason of her proposal to add the term “to protect”.

This addition was welcomed and accepted unanimously. In accordance, Art. 2 of our Articles of Association will be amended accordingly and reads as follows:

*Art. 2 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, and to foster friendship among Irish Wolfhound enthusiasts throughout the world.*

## **9. Proposed Addendum to the Breed Standard concerning the reference to other breeds**

The Chairman refers to her motion sent to all the delegates (Attachment 1) concerning the reference to other breeds of dogs in the standard. It was not her intention to contest in any way the position of the IWH Club of Ireland as the custodian of the breed standard, but merely wished to express her concern, and that of many judges and breeders, about the problematic raised by the reference to other breeds – that have so much changed since it was drafted – in the description of the Irish Wolfhound.

Betty Murphy stated that “The main topic of the day was to discuss the Chairman’s proposal that references to other breeds be removed from the Standard. Discussion and exchange of views is always beneficial. As acknowledged, the IWH Club of Ireland is the guardian of the Standard of the Irish Wolfhound. If the Chairman’s motion is passed, may I suggest that the changes discussed be sent as a request from the EIWC to the IWH Club of Ireland for their consideration”.

The Chairman put forward that an amendment could possibly be included which would clarify the interpretation of the otherwise unchanged text of the Standard.

Various speakers agreed that educational work on behalf of the breed judges and also the breeders was very important and necessary. Dagmar Kenis and Pat Pask referred to their judges’ seminars organised regularly by the IWH Club of England. An illustrated booklet could be edited explaining the Standard and widely diffused. Such material exists already and we could benefit from the cooperation of the breed clubs that have experience in the matter.

Monette Daubenfeld recorded that the Board had discussed a proposal of organising a Judges/Breeders Seminar, possibly next year on the occasion of the



WFL Sighthound show in Luxembourg, end of June and that she could make concrete proposals very soon.

### **10. Election of Board Members**

This year the mandate of four Board members are ending: Monette Daubenfeld, Denyse Maurer, Marcello Poli, and Davor Marijanovic, all were elected for a four-year period in 2006 in France. There were no new candidates for election standing up, therefore the above-mentioned delegates were proposed for re-election which was approved by the Ruling Council.

### **11. Closing words of the President**

Betty Murphy thanked those present for a constructive and successful meeting and a very interesting debate on Pernille's motion to make some changes to the Standard.

It was therefore proposed that the main action needed was the further education of judges. It was agreed that the EIWC should produce an illustrated booklet for judges. In addition, it was suggested that in the years when there is no Congress, an Educational Seminar might be considered.

End of the meeting at 12.15

### **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:	Charles Webb
Member:	Davor Marijanovic

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