

Attachment II

EIWC chairman's report for the years 2010 and 2011

Membership

The E.I.W.C. is steadily growing. The members' counts 19 clubs from 18 different European countries, 2 clubs are from Belgium. England and Northern Ireland are associated members. The estimated number of individuals, who are currently members of the E.I.W.C. through their breed club memberships, is counting roughly 3000 persons. This development is promising for the federation – and we hope that this tendency will continue and inspire new countries/clubs to join in.

The Board

The board has undergone a few changes since our 2010 meeting in Denmark.

Mr. Jim Behan, has assumed the presidency of the EIWC following Ms. Kathleen Kelly. We thank Kathleen Kelly for her years in the EIWC, and are looking forward to working with Mr. Behan.

Betty Murphy is still with us: As an expression of gratitude and respect for her work for the breed, and her important role in founding the EIWC it was decided to appoint her our honorary president.

Delegates

We have the pleasure of welcoming several new delegates.

To the newcomers as well as the rest of the delegates, it is once again necessary to emphasize, that our delegates are important links between the board and the various Irish wolfhound club members within in E.I.W.C. The communication should be a two-way street. The board can only serve the members optimally if wishes, suggestions and constructive criticism are communicated back to us. Other members of the IW community can only benefit from the federation if national club activities are shared in IW World. In other words; make your clubs and innovative ideas visible to the entire federation! Interaction between members and the E.I.W.C. board enables the latter to optimize and shape the work for the breed and its caretakers.

The efforts and outcome of the work within the board, is directly proportional to the visibility and interaction by the delegates. I wish to thank the delegates for their work.

Activities:

The previous EIWC Congress, board meeting and the show, was hosted by the Irish Wolfhound Club of Denmark in 2010. The event was held in conjunction with the World Dog Show and consequently with a good entry dogs for the show. The biggest challenges for the organizers were the astronomically high entry fees, which were controlled by the Danish

Kennel Club. To make up for this, the Danish Irish Wolfhound club decided to give compensations to the participants with rebates in various ways.

In the summer of 2011 the EIWC organized a judges and breeders seminar in Luxembourg with our vice chairman, Monette Daubenfeld in charge of the activities. The event was held in breath-taking surroundings, with exquisite cuisine, 2 shows, lectures and “hands on the dogs’ sessions” for the participants. We thank Monette, for arranging this elaborate seminar.

Meetings:

The board is able to do most of our work via the internet, which it has made frequent use of in dealing with various subjects. It has worked out well for us and is a viable solution - second best to the actual meetings.

The Magazine:

Carolyn Dean gave the EIWC a lovely gift of publishing the IW World magazine for 4 consecutive years.

The magazine received continuous praise all over the IW world, none the less, the publication continued to run at a loss. We haven’t been able to put out a magazine for two years, which we regret deeply, hopefully our members are able to understand the difficulties of running the federation and our publication exclusively with the aid of voluntary efforts alone.

However, we are delighted to be able to announce, that the magazine has been brought back to life, thanks to our Latvian delegate and editor: Larisa Blaghevicha the new IW World is available to our guests here in Italy. Please make sure that Larisa gets all the support she needs for the continuation of the magazine. Delegates are asked to do everything within their power to promote the magazine among their members of the national breed clubs.

The website:

Melitta Kuhless is our webmaster, we are grateful for her efforts.

The EIWC picture database:

The database is also in the hands of Melitta Kuhless. We thank Melitta for her work.

Planned activities for the next 2 years

The first E.I.W.C. activity of the next two year period is taking place right now. We *are* in the middle of the congress. The board wishes to thank Marcello Poli and his team from the Italian Sight hound Club for hosting us this year. It is obvious that the organizers have worked long hard hours while staging this event.

Our next congresses in Finland in 2014 and Germany in 2016 are already on the drawing table.

Having experienced the planning of such an event, leaves one in awe of those who did so well in the past and of those who voluntarily undertake the task in the future.

It should be nice to repeat the breeders and judges seminar, however it would have to be under slightly different circumstances, since the EIWC does not generate enough of an income to accommodate arrangements comparable to the one in Luxembourg every 2nd year, however we should not give up on the idea, but instead put on our thinking caps on in order to create educational seminars at a cost effective level. A possibility is to stage such activities in conjunction with national breed clubs among our members.

We have an illustrated judge's guide to the interpretation of the breed standard on the agenda; hopefully this will be a project next in line to materialize within the next 1-2 years.

One of the great responsibilities of the E.I.W.C. is to inform about the breed. In general, this is best accomplished by connecting nations and enhancing increased communication flow. We are hopeful that our members will feel a desire to help carry some of this responsibility by sharing ideas and suggestions with the board and through IW World with all of our members.

Pernille Monberg, Chairman