



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

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Minutes of the Ruling council meeting of the EIWC,
Nörten-Hardenberg, Germany, Friday May 27th 2016

The meeting was visited by 29 delegates, 7 board members, the president attending via Skype and more than 20 people attending Congress. Everyone attending the Congress was welcome to this meeting, only official delegates were allowed to vote.

1. President's address

Opening by the President Jim Behan (via Skype) beginning 10h 45. He opens the meeting with a warm welcome to all attending the ruling council.

Jim presents the new revised standard; see as attached as **an addendum**.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Ruling Council, Finland 2014

Julie Huebner promises to publish the minutes of 2014 very soon on the website.

3. Chairman's report

Pernille Momberg reports the following topics over 2015: The EIWC has 26 clubs, which belong to 22 countries and UK, NI and USA Associate clubs. IWCA wants to join as an observer; which is officially granted by the board. The IW Club of Mexico wants to join also, as this country is a full member of FCI they should be also have the opportunity to become full member of the EIWC. Some discussion is still left because some changes will have to be done; for example the European status of the EIWC should be expanded to a worldwide Federation.

The EIWC had a very successful congress in Finland; the show had more than 250 dogs.

Jim Behan let us know that Ireland gave the heritage status to the Irish Wolfhounds. The heritage status has been granted by the Irish Government and application has been made to UNESCO. The recognition by UNESCO is send out, but this will take time.

Jim suggests to have a board meeting every non-Congress year at Crufts.

4. Treasurer's report

Marcello Poli presented the treasurer's report.

The annual income is somewhat declining because of the declining features of members in the national clubs. This results in 500 euro less income in the year 2015. The ruling council has no questions. The report is attached as **an addendum**.



5. Introduce new delegates, Observers and Clubs

Pernille welcomes new delegates: (IWCB Belgium) Paul D'Hooghe, (Slovakia) Martina Holbrova, (Finland) Minna Vaisasvaara and (Sweden) Inger Högborg.

New observers: Dagmar Kenis for IWC of UK / Eugene Hunter, current delegate of IW Club of USA / Tim Finney for IW club of Northern Ireland, affiliated to KC UK.

New Clubs: Mexico. Presentation of the IW club of Mexico by Aldebaran Contreras-Rivera. There are 4 breeders in Mexico. They try to put together a connection between the club of Peru and Colombia. Development of the breed in tropical conditions.

Lietuvos Kurtu Savinku klubas is also a new club in the EIWC; Lithuania and Ausra Jonikaite is the new delegate.

6. Update on projects being supported by the EIWC

Longevity study by Pernille and Evita. More than 3000 veterans are entered in the database of this study already. The congress will focus also on this project.

Website The website is new, save and under the good hosting of Annick de Smedt to whom we cannot be grateful enough. Jim thanked Annick for putting it up in such a short time.

6. a. Update on projects NOT being supported : Outcross question of NL

Gosewien van Klaarbergen – board member 'Health /& Breeding' of Ierdie Wolfhound Club in the Netherlands explains the situation. The Netherlands have two Irish Wolfhound Clubs. One Ierdie (the oldest club and member of the EIWC) and the other one the NIWC (a younger club and not a member of the EIWC). This NIWC has started a outcross project (on paper) with Alaskan Malamutes. The project is not at all official because it needs support from Ierdie and from the Irish Kennel club of Ireland and the Dutch Kennel Club (Raad van Beheer).

All three are very much against an outcross like this. The board of EIWC was updated last year on this topic and stimulated many members to respond with formal letters to Ierdie to support them in their battle to prevent this outcross plan. Ierdie is very thankful for that. Until now the project could not proceed; which is very good in the opinion of all attending the ruling council.

6. b. Update on projects NOT being supported : Australian sire without pedigree

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7. Congress 2018 / 2020 / 2022 (Proposal France, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary)

Every two years EIWC will organize a Congress. Every 4 years in advance we will decide during the ruling council who will be the next organizer. The Congress 2018 in France was elected in 2014 in Finland.

For 2020 the board has received a proposal from Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary. These country's present themselves during the meeting.

The ruling council, delegates, decides by voting majority that in 2020, Czech Republic is winning the vote and so will be organizing the congress in 2020.

8. Cooperation with the Irish Wolfhound Health group

The Irish Wolfhound Health group, presented by Marion Finney, wants to be closer to the EIWC and will continue to write articles in the IW World magazine. The board is very pleased with that, because it unites all members in their efforts to make the Irish Wolfhound a healthier breed.

9. IW World magazine

A big success; a stand will be open during the show. The 8th volume of the magazine IW World is out. Thanks to Larisa Blaghevicha. The clubs are invited to promote the magazine and to give as much info to Larisa as they can get, like reports on Club matches.

10. Proposal from the delegates of Luxembourg and Slovenia

11. Election of Board Members / Chairman and Secretary

Two new members are elected in the board by the ruling council: Julie Hübner and Larisa Blaghevicha. Charles Webb is elected Chairman and Jon Jansen Secretary (with assistant Secretary Gosewien van Klaarbergen). Pernille is going to step down because of her focus on doing projects; she can be re-elected in 2 years.

12. Miscellaneous

13. Closing words of the President :Closing of the ruling council at 12h 15.

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UPDATE

Conclusion to litigation relating to Irish Wolfhound registrations

Monday, 27 November 2017

On Wednesday, 22 November, Dogs Victoria successfully resolved two Magistrates' Court proceedings commenced against us in 2014 by a group of current members and Irish Wolfhound breeders. Dogs Victoria is relieved to have achieved a final conclusion to over five years of litigation relating to inaccuracies contained in applications for litter registration made by a previous member of Dogs Victoria of two Irish Wolfhounds in 2007, resulting in those dogs wrongfully being entered onto the ANKC Main Register and therefore wrongfully entitled to the benefits of registration.

In their claims, the plaintiffs alleged that Dogs Victoria had breached its duties and obligations under legislation and our Rules in the decisions made to address the inaccuracies in the original litter registrations, which also affected the progeny of those litters. The plaintiffs also complained that Dogs Victoria were negligent in the decisions we made. We have and continue to deny these allegations, and have been required to spend considerable resources defending the claims and the integrity of our internal governance.

On 8 June 2016, Magistrate Smith ruled that an unregistered dog known as 'Murphy' was the sire of the dogs that were entered on to the Main Register in 2007, and that those dogs were to be removed from the Main Register. Following this, the plaintiffs asked the Court to have 'Murphy' entered onto the ANKC Main Register to reinstate the dogs initially registered in 2007.

At a hearing on 24 October 2017, Magistrate Smith agreed with submissions made by Dogs Victoria that Murphy was ineligible for registration on the Main Register. Following this ruling, Dogs Victoria and the plaintiffs have settled the litigation. On 23 November 2017, the Magistrates' Court dismissed the members' proceedings with no order as to costs.

The legal costs of these proceedings have been predominantly recovered under Dogs Victoria's insurance. A final reconciliation will be available within the annual reports.