



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs

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MINUTES OF THE RULING COUNCIL 30 May 2012 at 9.30 a.m. – Padenghe sul Garda (Italy)

Agenda

1. President's address
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Ruling Council, Denmark 2010
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and membership fees
5. Application for membership by the German Irish Wolfhound Club
6. Application of the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland
7. EIWC Congress and show 2014 by Finland
8. EIWC Congress and Show 2016 (proposal Germany)
9. IW WORLD Magazine
10. Articles of Association : proposals for changes in Art.9.1, 9.4, 19.b, 23.2, 27
11. Proposal by M. Daubenfeld about EIWC activities for the year between the Congresses
12. Election of Board members
13. Closing words of the President

1. President's Address

Jim Behan gives a warm welcome to everybody present (Attachment I)

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Ruling Council, Denmark 2010

The Minutes and Attachments of the Ruling Council 2010 were sent to all the delegates on the 8th of August 2010. As the Secretary didn't get any remark or objection afterwards she presumed that the delegates of the member clubs agreed and the text has then been put on the EIWC website as usual.



3. Chairman's Report

Pernille Monberg welcomes everybody to this Meeting and reads her report. The text is attached to the present Minutes (Attachment II).

4. Treasurer's Report

Marcello Poli distributed copies of the accounts to each delegate (Attachment III) and reads them to the assistance. The financial situation of the Federation being sound, he recommends the Council to adopt the financial report, which is done.

The Board having rejected a proposal to raise the membership fee (point 3 – Minutes of the Management Committee), it will remain as it is for the next two years.

5. Application for membership by the German Irish Wolfhound Club

The German Irish Wolfhound Club (IWC e.V.) is a member of the German Kennel Club VDH / FCI since 30.10.2008. The club sent all the documents requested in accordance with our Articles of Association and the Board recommends the delegates to accept this affiliation. It is done so with unanimity.

The delegate of the club, the Chairman Jürgen Kuhless thanks the assembly for their confidence. He states that they are a young club in full expansion (some 120 members today) and that they are looking forward to cooperate very actively with the Federation.

6. Application of the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland (IWSOI)

The Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland has been established in 2008 and was accepted as a fully affiliated member of the Irish Kennel Club in December 2011. The Society, having complied with the obligations of affiliation according to our Articles of Association, the Board recommends the delegates to accept their affiliation. It is done so with unanimity.

John S.Potter (Treasurer) on behalf of the Chairman of IWSOI, Ann O'Keeffe, thanks the assembly for their confidence. He states that the club is very proud to have been allowed to organise their first club show with GS on 22 of July in Northern Dublin and he invites everybody to attend.

7. EIWC Congress and Show 2014 in Finland

Markku Mahönen outlines their project as he did before the Board, with a short Power Point presentation. The event would take place in Mustiala, on 14-15 June. The Council hopes that concrete proposal as to the organisation, topics of the lectures and judges invited will be available by the end of 2012.



8. Congress and Show 2016 (proposal by Germany)

Julie Hübner once more reassures the intention of the DWZRV to organise the event in 2016. She will present concrete proposals at the next meeting in Finland.

The Slovakian delegate, Vlastislav Vojtek, requests leave to speak and states that their club should like to take an option for organising the Congress in 2018.

The Chairman thanks all these clubs for their engagement which assures an effective continuousness for the future of EIWC.

9. IW World Magazine

Pernille presents Vol.IX of the magazine, which is ready for the Congress due to joint efforts of Larisa Blaghevicha and Julie Hübner. Both did a great job and she is confident that the national delegates with their respective clubs and members will now make any effort to promote and subscribe to give them a chance to continue this enterprise. They should also contribute with sending articles and show reports, as well as advertise to help financially.

10. Articles of Association : Proposals for changes in Art.9.1, 9.4, 19.b, 23,2, 17.

The Chairman asks the Secretary to present the proposals which are projected on the wall at the same time for a better understanding.

- Art. 9.1 reads: “Each member must also be a member of its own country’s national dog association **as recognised by the FCI.**”

This should be changed into **that is a member of the FCI.**

- Art. 9.4 reads: “Irish wolfhound Clubs **outside Europe** can be associate members without any voting rights.”

As this does not in fact reflect the actual situation with the IWClub of England and Northern Ireland being within Europe and associate members, the article should therefore be corrected as follows: **of countries not under FCI jurisdiction.**

As we have regularly visitors from overseas countries, which proves the interest EIWC awakes, we shall encourage these clubs to join the Federation as associate members.

- Art. 19.b reads: “approval of the Management Committee’s **annual** report (including the reports of the special committees), and of the **annual** statement of accounts.”

As our activities take place every two years, it would be logical to change **annual** into **bi-annual**...



- Art. 23.2 reads: “The Management Committee shall comprise a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7; the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, together with any other member The **Irish delegate** is always member of the Management Committee.”

- The total number of member clubs having increased over the years, and in order to give the opportunity to one more club to enter the Board, it proposes to take another delegate into the Board, raising the number to 8.
- Now there is a second Irish club affiliated to EIWC, the position of Irish delegate needs clarification and the Board proposes to change the wording into **the delegate of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland**. It also states that it is the IWC of Ireland which holds the breed Standard.

These five proposals are accepted without objection by the delegates.

11. EIWC activities for the year between the Congresses

Pernille thanks Monette for the organisation of the educational Seminar in Luxembourg, June 2011. Whereas the project was an interesting and useful one, unhappily it didn't meet the success it would have deserved. A great number of judges had been invited but the feedback was disappointing, and it is clear that, compared to the work involved and the expenses engaged we must try to find other ways to reach our educative goal. The project of an illustrate booklet, for judges, breeders and owners, maybe with a CD, that could be widely distributed is encouraged. Pernille states that she will take up it again, in cooperation with Betty Murphy and Espen Engh as a Sighthound specialist.

12. Election of Board Members

This year the mandate of two Board members are ending: Pernille Monberg and Julie Hübner both elected for a four-year period in 2008 in Slovenia. No new candidate having declared himself, both stand up for reelection. An additional position – the newly agreed upon 8th member – being vacant, the delegate of the Dutch Club (IERDIE), Jon Jansen stands up for election. So the three above-mentioned delegates are proposed for a four-year period which is approved by the Ruling Council. On behalf of the Board, Pernille gives a warm welcome to the new elected member, Jon Jansen.



13. Closing words of the President

Jim Behan thanks those present for a constructive and successful meeting and hopes to meet everybody again in two years, in Finland.

End of the meeting at 12.15

Composition of the Board elected for the next two years :

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| President: | Jim Behan |
| Chairman: | Pernille Monberg |
| Vice-Chairman: | Monette Daubenfeld |
| Secretary: | Denyse Maurer |
| Treasurer: | Marcello Poli |
| Member: | Julie Hübner |
| Member: | Charles Webb |
| Member: | Davor Marijanovic |
| Member: | Jon Jansen |

Denyse Maurer
Secretary

P.S. The delegates of the following countries were present:

Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the representatives of the associate members from England and North Ireland.