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Minutes of the meeting of the FCI Sighthound Racing Committee

Venue: Abor Hotel, 40280 Mont de Marsan (F)
Date: Friday, 31 August 2012
Begin: 09:00

Delegates present:

Belgium	Mr. H. Iser	
Denmark	Ms. K. Jansz	
Germany	Mr. M. Haas	(President)
Finland	Ms. M. Ruotsalo	(standing in for Mr. M. Nyman)
France	Mr. J-L. Brassat-Lapeyriere	
Netherlands	Ms. A. Will	
Norway	Mr. S. Mathisen	
Austria	Mr. A. Huschka	
Sweden	Mr. J. Hedberg	
Switzerland	Mr F. Jordi	(standing in for Mr. K. Allemann)
Czech Rep.	Ms. V. Kucerova-Chrpova	
Hungary	Ms. J. Szanka	(standing in for Mr. L. Miklos)

Excused:

Ireland
Poland
Slovakia
F.C.I. Mr. G. Jipping

Absent without notification:

Bulgaria
Cyprus
Croatia
Estonia
Italy
Morocco
Cyprus
Russia

Minutes taken by Mr. H. Hendricks

1. 1. Welcome and information

On behalf of the French national association, Mr. Brassat-Lapeyriere welcomed the delegates in Mont de Marsan. Mr. Haas thanked him for organising the meeting, welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Beringen meeting (02.09.2011)

Comments / supplements:

- Mr. Jipping had also sent notification that he would not be attending the meeting.

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- Mr. Iser (B) would like to see all items to be dealt with contained in the agenda sent out to delegates. Otherwise delegates were unprepared for discussing them. He also wanted to see who had discussed what and the results of any votes in the minutes.

This stance arose out of the abolishment of closed-loop lure lines at coursing events. He had had enough of the major countries dictating to the minor countries what was to be done. In his view, the arguments had wrongly focused on animal safety considerations.

- Mr. Martin (F) asked for it to be explicitly stated in the minutes that the proposal to stop allowing closed-loop lure lines had not been submitted by France.

- Mr. Hendricks replied that agenda item 7 dealt with "proposed modifications to the FCI rule book". In preparation of the meeting, all delegates had been sent the revised rule book. In it, different colours had been used to mark which changes came from the FCI General Committee, which ones had been proposed by the "Rule book" working group, and which ones were just corrections of bad translations or spelling mistakes.

He went on to explain how the proposal regarding closed-loop lure lines had come about.

- Agenda item 4 - 2012 event calendar:

With Mr. Iser (B) no longer wanting to act as CdL delegate at the 2013 European Coursing Championship, the president proposed that the task be taken over by Mr. Steinar Mathisen (NOR). The proposal was accepted by the delegates and Mr. Mathisen agreed to take on the task.

- Agenda item 6 – Proposal from Belgium: Organization of FCI championship races:

The minutes listed 16 votes, although only 15 delegates had been present at the meeting. Mr. Hendricks promised to record the correct voting results in his documents.

Footnote: The correct result was 9 ayes, 2 nays and 4 abstentions.

- Agenda item 10 - Miscellaneous:

Ms. Will requested that the minutes contain a statement saying that only team leaders entered by their national kennel club could take part in Chefs d'Equipe meetings at racing or coursing championships.

The minutes of this meeting were approved without further amendment.

Ms. Will (NL) asked whether everything was now clear with regard to agenda item 8 of the minutes of the Rabapatona meeting (03.09.2010). She still had no clear idea how and with what means other FCI commissions organised seminars.

In reply, Mr. Haas said that he had contacted the FCI on this issue and that their answer was that there was no budget available for seminars for judges. Seminars were being held in Germany, but participants were paying for them out of their own pockets.

Mr. Martin (F) said that training for officials was well organised in his country and he wondered whether and how training could possibly be harmonised.

According to Mr. Hedberg, 2-day seminars were held in Sweden. These started with rule book discussions, followed by joint work out on the coursing field. This work was then discussed. This applied to both judges and "lure" operators.

There seemed to be general consensus that DNA testing needed to be introduced as quickly as possible to put a stop to undesirable practices in the breeding of pedigree dogs. The best thing to have would be a common DNA profile. Perhaps one could request the support of the FCI Scientific Commission in this matter.

3. 2013 event calendar

Mr. Hendricks handed out the draft schedule, pointing out that he had unfortunately not received any official proposals for dates from Hungary. As always, he had sent reminders to all countries late in submitting their dates, whereupon all countries except Hungary had replied.

For many years now, the deadline for submitting event dates had been 15 August, enabling the secretary to come up with a draft schedule for presentation at our meeting. There was general consensus that an example needed to be made, meaning that any country submitting its event dates too late in the future would not feature in the event calendar.

Over the last few years there had been many other complaints also involving Hungary. Mr. Jipping would be sent a list of these and requested to discuss them in the General Committee and to inform the MEOE.

Year	Event	Country	Commission delegate
2013	European Coursing Champ.	Germany	Mr. Mathisen (NOR)
	European Racing Champ.	Switzerland	Mr. Martin (F)
2014	European Coursing Champ.	Italy	Mr. Allemann (CH)
	World Racing Champ.	Finland	Ms. Will (NL)
2015	Coursing	Finland	Mr. Hedberg (S)
	Racing	Germany	tbd

Mr. Hendricks touched again on the procedure for modifying the rule book, saying that we weren't giving ourselves enough time to come up with practical rules covering everything. This was also the reason why the new rule book had only come into effect on 1.7.2012.

To avoid such problems in the future, he suggested that all future CdL meetings be held in conjunction with the FCI European Coursing Championships. Looking back at the 2012 Coursing Championship, we could see that there were great advantages to be gained through having more delegates present at CdL meetings, allowing certain decisions to be taken and ensuring that meetings took place without a hitch.

The delegates approved the following:

- Future CdL meetings are to be held in conjunction with European Coursing Championships.
- Agenda items for these meetings are to be submitted at least 3 months in advance;
- Dates for international races or coursing events for the coming year are to be submitted to the CdL secretary by 15 August.

4. 2012 European Coursing Championship

Ms. V. Kuverova-Chrpova (CZ), CdL delegate at this European Championship, read out her report.

Mr. Hendricks had also sent his comments in writing to the president. Moreover the Swiss CdL delegate, Mr. Allemann, had submitted an official complaint listing the numerous errors and irregularities. Mr. Jipping had asked for the CdL delegates' reports to be sent to him. The crux of the matter was that this European Coursing Championship had been poorly organised. There had been repeated problems over the last few years, and delegates were of the opinion that everything needed to be done to reverse this trend.

After numerous errors had been found in the computer programme for processing points awarded, all judging results were re-entered into a proven programme where they were re-processed. The new rankings, this time twice checked, had been sent to the delegates. In both the mixed Azawakh and the male Saluki races, it turned out that the wrong dog had been awarded the European Championship title - the result of a misinterpretation of the results when dogs had gained the same number of points. In the face of these extraordinary errors, the CdL had decided that both the "old" and "new" European champions were to be awarded the title and the CACIL. In both these categories, no RCACIL was awarded.

The CdL president would be requesting the FCI to publish this decision in its newsletter. He would also report the above-mentioned CACIL decision to Mr. De Clercq.

5. Prerequisites for holding European Coursing Championships (checklist for delegates)

In the run-up to this year's European Coursing Championship Mr. Hendricks had drafted a checklist for CdL delegates. It contained the main points needing to be checked. The latest occurrences constituted an occasion for reviewing the checklist and adding more details where necessary.

6) Motion tabled by Switzerland: the introduction of a sand-track "Champions League" as an FCI title

The proposal had already been sent to delegates prior to the meeting. The proposed method with its points system was similar to the previous EuroCup system. Mr. Haas (D) said that he had not yet been able to reach consensus with the German racing clubs on a clear position; it remained to be seen whether the idea would be supported by other clubs.

Delegates' opinions diverged greatly. The decision was taken to set up a working group looking into the idea and reporting back to the CdL. The group would be made up of the following delegates: Ms. Will (NL), Mr. Schmidt (D), Mr. Martin (F) and Mr. Allemann (CH)

7. Rule book: questions, answers, interpretations (various topics)

As time was running out, Mr. Hendricks would be gathering up and going through the documents available, answering any questions, in certain cases revising the rule book or otherwise dealing with the questions. All would be done in conjunction with the FCI.

8. Miscellaneous

The rollers used in coursing:

Both Finland and France had:

- put forward their concerns regarding the dangers emanating from the rollers used on the course; and
- set forth in writing their ideas on ways of improving safety, illustrated by pictures.

The delegates agreed that top priority had to be given to ensuring dogs' safety. At the same time however, delegates were of the opinion that no general problem existed and that it was not just the material but also the quality of the lure technical service that played an important role.

It would not be easy in practice to dictate a standard roller model, and even if such could gain general acceptance, it would obviously take a long time to introduce it.

The delegates agreed to circulate the documents submitted by Finland and France in their home countries and to a revision of the texts for the rule book. Mr. Mathisen would be taking on this task, sending the revised text to the secretary on completion.

9. Next meeting

Scheduled for Friday, 21 June 2013 in Greppin (D)

Agenda:

1. 1. Welcome and information
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2012 Mont de Marsan meeting
3. 2014 event calendar
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- 5.
- 6.
7. Miscellaneous

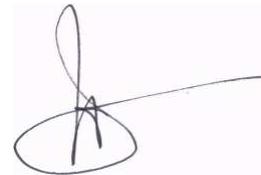
**Further agenda items to be
submitted by
21 March 2013.**

Wuppertal, 1.11.2012



Martin Haas, CdL President

Schaffen, 1.11.2012



Henk Hendricks, CdL Secretary