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Minutes of the meeting of the FCI Sighthound Racing Commission

Location: Sportscentrum, Lavarone (It)

Date: 26.6. 2014

Present countries representatives:

Mr. A. Huschka	Austria	
Mr. H. Iser	Belgium	(Chairman)
Mrs. V. Kucerova Chrpova	Czech republic	(Secretary)
Mrs. K. Jansz	Denmark	
Mr. M. Nyman	Finland	
Mrs. P. Moniot	France	replaces Mr. C. Martin
Mr. H. Rischer	Germany	replaces Mr. Haas
Mr. L. Miklos	Hungary	
Mr. M. Poli	Italy	
Mrs. L. Will	Netherlands	
Mr. S. Mathisen	Norway	
Mrs. A Juszczyk	Poland	
Mrs. S. Bozikova	Slovakia	
Mrs. A. Novak	Slovenia	
Mr. J. Hedberg	Sweden	
Mr. W. Brändle	Switzerland	

Excused:

Mr. G. Jipping	F.C.I.
Mrs. I. Korshunova	Russia

Absent countries without notification:

Bulgaria
Cyprus
Croatia
Estonia
Ireland
Latvia
Lithuania
Morocco

Ad 1 - Welcome and information

Mr. Iser opens the meeting and welcomes the delegates.

He asks all delegates to accept that English is the sole language for this meeting and demands to respect colleagues and not interrupt their speech.

Together with Mr. Poli questions are answered about the parking places at the coursing fields for the delegates.

Welcome to the new delegates from Slovakia, Poland, Italy and Switzerland (details in attachment with contact information of delegates) and the replacements for France and Germany.

Notice from Sweden: no judge active at the ECC 2013 in Bitterfeld received any compensation for their expenses. The CdL delegate for this Championship encountered the same problem. Mr. Iser refers to the 2003 decision that 20% of entry fees will be used to compensate the judges.

Mr. Iser answers to a question of France that the entry-fee for reserve-dogs is only due when the dog actually takes part in the event.

Notice from Italy: If to ask for payment for reservation of campers and caravans in advance.

Slovenia asks for guidelines for the organization of races and coursings and the training of judges. Sweden will send their program for training judges to the secretary who will distribute it to the countries.

Austria demands for a standard entry form for championships. Mr. Huschka will prepare a form.

Ad 2 - Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

Ad 3 - Approval of the minutes, Bitterfeld 2013

Remark from Netherlands: In 7.e of the Germany version (line 2) the word "nicht" needs to be removed. The English version is correct.

Ad 3.1 - Revoked title deerhound Calhoun O'Cocaigne

The F.C.I. addressed a letter to the chairman with the recommendation to revoke the decision recorded in 7.e in order to prevent a lawsuit. With a large majority the delegates wish to uphold the 2013 decision.

Voting: in favour - 14
 against - 1(Netherlands)
 abstention - 1 (France)

The minutes from Bitterfeld are approved.

Ad 4 - Whippet & Italian Greyhound height

In 2013 we decided to introduce a control measurement at the F.C.I. championships for Whippet and Italian Greyhound with a 1 cm tolerance. Versoix had the scoop: more than 10% of the presented dogs were measured out of the limit.

The basic question is if we will continue these measurements at championships. Some countries already adapted their system and apart from any decision the possibility to demand an international protest measuring remains possible. Mr. Iser informed that Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands enlarged the database created after the 2013 Versoix European Championships and inserted their dogs that were

- a. (re)measured at the in the rulebook prescribed height limit during normal measuring sessions or
- b. passed a control measuring at racing or coursing events with the mentioned 1 cm tolerance.

Also is the question about amount of measurement...10 times, is it necessary? These 3 countries asking for 1 cm tolerance at control measurement and also asking for participation of higher dogs in special class at championships.

Request from Finland: this system is made to make mistakes – we need prove system with quality control and educate all national organizations with the same material for measurement. Also we need to have proved officials.

Notice from Netherland: over 40% were over size.

Request from B: voluntary bases measurement – normal with no tolerance, control with 1 cm tolerance. Database for all countries, webmaster is Henk Hendricks (B). There are 2 rows – normal and control.

Request from Austria: make a difference between normal ad control measurment.

Request from France: educate how to measure – list or guidelines.

Request from Switzerland: at national fields they run in weight categories...should be use at international rule book?

Request from Poland: give the CACIL also to the oversize category (sprinters).

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Mr. Iser: In the rule book is written that should be given only 1 CACIL per breed and sex.

Request from Sweden: combine Belgium and Finland requests and we will see in future how it will work.

Notice from Hungary: problem is in breeders – they need to breed correct sized whippets and Italian greyhounds.

Notice from Belgium: some whippets are running like greyhounds not like whippets.

Notice from Netherland: owners of racetrack dogs want be quickest ...they do not care about breeds or titles.

Request from Czech: write to commission of judges – proposal to follow the rules and standards of breeds and measure also at shows correctly.

The CdL decides as follows:

a. The secretary will write a letter to the F.C.I. to emphasise the importance of correct measurings at expositions.

Voting: in favour - 14; against - 0; abstention - 0

b. At regular measuring sessions no tolerance will be applied, at control measurings during CACIL racing or coursing events 1 cm of tolerance is respected.

Mr. Iser will provide practical guidelines.

The result of any control mesasuring will not be mentioned in the dog's license.

Voting: in favour - 15; against - 1 (Netherlands); abstention - 0

c. Only dogs that are not registered in the database will be subject for a control measuring. Voting: in favour - 16; against - 0; abstention - 0

d. The current database will be opened for all countries.

Administrator is Henk Hendricks. Only entries send by 1 designated official per country will be taken in consideration.

Voting: in favour - 16; against - 0; abstention - 0

e. A title - CdL Sprinter Champion - will be introduced at the F.C.I. championships for dogs that exceed the limit.

Entry requirements are identical. Voting: in favour - 16; against - 0; abstention - 0

f. Recommendation to the national organizations to strictly follow the guidelines of measuring.

Voting: in favour - 16; against - 0; abstention - 0

Ad 5 - Proposals from Finland

Ad 5.1 - Lure coursing pulleys

Finland presents pictures of a pulley that maximally prevent injuries and requests to recommend them in perspective to the safety of the dogs. Belgium points to the responsibility of organizers and luredrivers.

Recommendation for special attention to the use of safe pulleys and careful luring to prevent injuries. Voting: in favour - 16 ; against - 0; abstention - 0

Ad 5.2

Finland proposes to raise the entry fees for championships to € 35,-.
Notice from Belgium that this might influence the number of participants.

Entry fees for championships from 1.1.2015 :

- Racing – € 30,-
 - Coursing – € 35,-
- Voting: in favour - 12; against - 3; abstention - 1

Ad 6 - Dates and delegates for 2015

2015

Coursing Finland 6.-7. 6. 2015 delegate: Lida Will (NL)
Race Germany 5.-6. 9. 2015 delegate: Henk Hendricks (B)

2016

Coursing: the delegates of Sweden and Czech Republic will ask permission to their respective national organization to stand their candidature. Other candidatures may be addressed to the president and secretary by e-mail. The final decision will be taken after e-mail communication with the delegates.

Racing: France candidates for the organization of the World Championship in Soissons (north from Paris). Delegate will be Hubert Iser.

2017

Coursing: not yet determined.
Racing: Hungary candidates for the European Championships to be held in Alsónémedi. Delegate will be Veronika Kucerova Chrpova.

Dates for 2015 CACIL events will be send by delegates to the secretary till 15.8.2014.

Ad 7 - Various

Ad 7.1 - Question of the president of the Magyar Agar club

Hungary demands to take steps to clean up the breeds. Mr. Miklos provides information that Magyar Agar contains more than 80% greyhound blood now. There are also problems with Whippets and Afghan Hounds.

Mr. Iser points out that a German professor of genetics attempts to develop a new method to research crossbreed breeding. He needs more samples to prove the effectiveness of the method.

Mr. Iser also recommend to transfer this question to the F.C.I. scientific commission.

In Belgium the national organization conducts paternity-tests. DNA samples are collected from the parents and all puppies. The NC chooses one sample of the puppy's for a control testing. In the pedigree of this puppy is then mentioned that it is DNA tested. Maybe that should be way in all countries how to prevent cross breed breeding.

Ad 7.2 - Reconsideration of ban on closed circuits

Mr. Iser advises to lift the ban on closed circuits. It's the national organizations discretion whether they allow the use of this type of luresystem. Above all the safety of the dogs should prevail.

Voting: in favour - 13; against - 0; abstention - 3 (Danmark, France, Germany)

Ad 7.3

Sweden asking CdL for letter to VDH – sport committee of DWZRV for to asking for to pay judges fee from 2013. There must be prepared reserve money for to pay judges at the place immediately (rule book – 20% of entry fees goes to judges fees, if the judge has also running dog then only ½ will receive).

If will not be pay will be send letter (till 07/2014).

Ad 7.4

Hungary mentions the Continental Greyhound Racing Confederation, an organization not affiliated to the F.C.I. Is it allowed to let dogs run in both F.C.I. and CGRC races? Mr. Iser confirms this, European law does not allow to exclude dog owners that also race in CGRC events. However F.C.I. does not allow judges and other officials to render their service to the CGRC. The use of F.C.I. licenses for the registration of results at CGRC events is not allowed.

Ad 7.5

Notice from Italy: Ther should only be a campingspaceone teamleader for each country. If a country sends more than one teamleader than the cost for the camping should be on their own expence or on the expence of there homecountry.

Ad 7.6

Request from Slovenia: asking for training of new judges, esp. for countries with not long history of racings and coursings.

Sweden offer their document for training of judges, annex. But need to be transfer to all countries ad between judges (also old ones).

Ad 7.7

Request from Austria: entry form should be same for all championships. CdL asked Mr. A. Huschka to prepare it and send to secretary. Will be distribute to all countries. Should be same also for CACILs.

Ad 7.8

Request of Poland: asking for explanation of rules of measuring. (Will be prepared by Mr. Iser).

Ad 7.9

Request from Netherland: prepare proposal for Beauty and Performance champion and put it to next year agenda. Give it with possibility of force feedback. Mrs. Lida Will send to CdL new correct one version.

Ad 7.10

Request from Austria: put to the propositions for European and World race championships that minimum are 2 races (successful) with minimum 3 dogs at the start. Give it to the rulebook.

Ad 7.11

Belgium offers to create and finance a CdL website to have our own communication channel about racing and coursing that can be used to make a wide range of information available for all those interested.

The president thanks all delegates for their presence and contribution to the meeting.

Next meeting: 5.6.2015 in Helsinki.

Minutes taken by Veronika Kucerova Chrpova – secretary CdL.
Revised by Henk Hendricks