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## Minutes of the FCI General Committee Meeting Luxemburg, March 26-27, 2009

<b>Attendees :</b>	Mr H.Müller (CH)	President
	Mr K.Reisinger (A)	Vice-President
	Mr R.de Santiago (PR)	Treasurer
	Mr U.Fischer (D)	
	Mr K.Järvinen (FIN)	
	Mr S.Stefik (SK)	
	Mr M.A.Martinez (RA)	Delegate of the Americas and Carib Section
	Mr T.Nagamura (J)	Delegate of the Asia and Pacific Section
	Mr Y.De Clercq (B),	Executive Director
	Mr I.Awashima (J),	Interpreter
	<b>Excused</b>	
	Mr Hindse (DK)	Delegate of the European Section

### 1. Opening

At 9.00 am, Mr Müller opens the meeting and welcomes all the attending members in Luxemburg. Mr Hindse informed that he was unable to attend due to health reasons. The Committee expresses its deepest sorrow at the death of Mr Martínez' father. He also informs the Committee that the former vice-president of the Board, Mr KG Fredricsson died end of January. The Committee expresses its condolences to his family. Finally, Mr Fischer informs that he will not stand for re-election at the 2009 General Assembly. All his colleagues thank him very warmly for the remarkable job he did during all these years.

### 2. Minutes of the General Committee meeting, Zurich, November 2008 : approval

The minutes are approved by the General Committee.

#### ***Follow-up of the meeting in Zurich***

☐ *FCM (Mexico) and German Shepherd Club in Mexico* : Mr Martinez reminds once again about the background of the problem. SV-WUSV judges officiate at events held by a currently dissident club in Mexico.

It is resolved to call for an urgent meeting between representatives of WUSV/SV, VDH and FCI.

*FCI Observer for the 2011 World Dog Show (Paris)* : Mr Denayer has accepted the task.

*Reciprocal agreement on judges from the KC and the Nordic Kennel Union* : the agreement complies with the FCI rules. The part of the agreement dealing with national events is no FCI business. Mr Martínez however indicates that he does not understand why the members should have bi-lateral agreements while we are all FCI members.

*KC CC awarded at FCI events* : it was underlined, by the KC, that this initiative is not against the yet to be signed agreement between the FCI and KC. The General Committee thanks the KC and asks if a report can be given on these two events. Mr Järvinen adds that this could be only a start and that we could have many similar events in the future.

*FCI and Eukanuba* : Mr De Clercq informs that the cooperation agreement has been signed and that some other projects are under construction.

Mr Stefik gives some explanations about the ½ final of the Eukanuba World Challenge. This ½ final will take place in Bratislava, in the frame of the World Dog Show, and will give a chance to 3 countries which were not among the list of the selected countries, to take part in the event in Long Beach. The General Committee agrees.

*Situation with the Canadian Kennel Club* : Mr Martínez presents the solution he has suggested to the CKC. The CKC has accepted this solution. The FCI General Committee approves it too and thanks Mr Martínez for the excellent job he has done. Details of the agreement will be sent to the members. From April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the CKC judges will again be allowed to officiate at FCI CACIB events provided that the conditions agreed upon in the agreement are met.

*Situation with Bosnia-Herzegovina* : Mr De Clercq indicates that our former partner has sent a membership application, which is complete and correct from the administrative point of view. However, the organization includes the same people and does not seem to have changed. Consequently, it is decided, at the club's request, to have an FCI's representative (the president of the FCI European Section) meeting with the leaders of all the parties involved in the domestic cynological scene to consider the application. It is made clear that the first step would, again, be a partnership contract.

Mr De Clercq then informs about a letter from the HKS (Croatian Kennel Club). It is agreed that Bosnian born puppies can be registered with the HKS (or by the KSS – Serbian Kennel Club) and that the dogs with a pedigree issued by our former member in Bosnia-Herzegovina BEFORE the date of the termination of the contract can be shown at international FCI shows.

*Situation with Moldavia* : an FCI's representative (the president of the FCI European Section) will meet with the parties involved as the FCI received an official notification from the Moldavian Supreme Court stating that the results of the elections were correct.

### **3. Minutes of the meetings of the commissions : comments**

*Standards, Montevideo, Nov 2008*

No comment

*Scientific, Montevideo, Nov 2008*

No comment

*Standards and Scientific, Montevideo, Nov 2008*

No comment

*Show judges, München, Feb 2009*

Page 3, point 7, “especially important is this for judges moving to a non FCI country” : Mr De Clercq informs that these judges have then no possibility to be educated and approved under FCI rules for more breeds.

Page 3, point 8, decision, last sentence : Mr De Clercq informs that this ruling applies to all-breed and group judges from federated members exclusively.

*Shows, München, Feb 2009*

Page 3, point 6, Junior Handling : Mr De Clercq indicates that the website includes Junior Handling Regulations. These regulations are the only ones which were approved by the FCI General Committee.

Page 4, point 7 : Mr De Clercq indicates that the Show Regulations already provide for such a possibility.

*Shows and show judges, Amsterdam, Feb 2008*

Page 3, point 6 : the General Committee recommends that the sections write and talk to each other. Once the other sections have decided to add the names of their own judges, whatever the agreements between the sections, the FCI will consider it as the FCI Judges Directory.

*Utility dogs, Louvain-la-Neuve, Sep 2008*

No comment.

Mr De Clercq informs the General Committee about the legal case regarding the name “Mondioring”.

*Rescue dogs, Zatec, Aug 2008*

No comment.

*Hounds, Nyköping, Nov 2008*

No comment.

*Agility, Helsinki, Sep 2008*

No comment.

*Obedience, Amsterdam, Oct 2008*

No comment

*Retrievers, Hyvinkää, Nov 2008*

No comment

#### **4. 2008 Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Accounts – 2009 Budget**

Mr de Santiago makes a clear report about the 2008 Balance Sheets. The FCI ended up the year with a benefit of 109.799,39 €. Mr de Santiago then presents the 2009 Budget. The Balance Sheets, the Profit and Loss Account (2008) and the 2009 Budget are approved. Mr de Santiago's clear report is particularly appreciated. The Committee also thanks Mr Reisinger for the financial contribution he managed to get from Eukanuba.

It is stated that most of the FCI incomes come from the CACIB fees, which could be dangerous, specifically in crisis periods as now. It might be appropriate to create a commercial branch of the FCI which would allow us to develop different activities. A report will be made at the next meeting.

#### **5. Proposals of the commissions**

##### **FCI Commission for Utility Dogs : CACIT awarded at Schutzhund tests**

This problem will be discussed with the president of the FCI commission for utility dogs, Mr Jansen, on the occasion of the Mondioring demonstration which will take place tomorrow. A report will be made at the next meeting.

##### **FCI Commission for Rescue Dogs**

###### ***FCI Guidelines to award the CACIT at international Rescue Dog Tests***

The proposal is approved.

###### ***Set of specifications for the organization of the FCI World Championship for Rescue Dog Teams***

The set of specifications is approved with one amendment about what dogs are allowed to take part (studbook vs appendix).

###### ***Guidelines for the pool of judges for FCI World Championships***

Guidelines approved.

##### **FCI Commission for Herding Dogs**

Mr De Clercq inquires about the FCI position with regard to International Sheep Dog Society (ISDS) judges. It is made clear that ISDS judges are NOT allowed to officiate at FCI international trials for herding dogs but are allowed to do so at national events. It is also reminded that ISDS pedigrees are accepted exclusively if they are accompanied by a certified export pedigree from the KC and if the dog is born in the United Kingdom.

###### ***FCI Commission for British Continental Pointers : official FCI participation in a symposium about Gundogs (organized by the International Council of Hunt and Safeguard of the Game)***

The FCI General Committee is much in favour of the proposal made by the president of the commission and will send one or two representatives who will give speeches. Once more information is available, the General Committee will designate its speakers.

### **Show Commission**

#### ***To make the World Junior Handling Winner and Section Show Junior Handling Winner official titles***

The following titles are approved : Junior Handling Winner of the World Dog Show 20XX and Junior Handling Winner of the ..... Section Show 20XX.

#### ***To ask the General Committee to take actions against Germany and other countries where there are classes for bi-colored poodles***

The VDH is required to change the name of the so-called bi-coloured poodles. Indeed, this colour is not recognized by the FCI and the dogs can therefore not be called "poodles". A circular will be issued.

### **Show Judges Commission**

#### ***Basic education from dog lover to a dog loving FCI judge***

The General Committee appreciates the efforts made. They however consider this set of rules as rather complicated and believe that the FCI already has enough rules.

#### ***It is unacceptable to live in a country and to be educated in another. Ask the General Committee to look into these matters and react against the countries that will make this kind of unacceptable judges' education***

The General Committee states that they have no objection to a judge being **educated** in another country if the KC of this judge (where the judge has his/her main residence) agrees. The General Committee asks the commission to prepare a file with different cases which would be problematic, indicating :

- What countries are involved
- What circumstances (why was the judge educated in another country and how did this education take place ? Did the judge have a second residence ?)
- Is there a possibility to provide the dogs of the breed for which the judge wants to be educated ?
- Etc.

Considering the above, the General Committee asks the show judges commission to reformulate their proposal if it has been misunderstood.

#### ***Ask the General Committee why English judges are allowed to judge breeds at FCI shows that they are not allowed to judge in England while FCI judges are turned down in England to judge breeds that they are approved to judge by their national kennel club.***

The General Committee understands and agrees with the proposal. The Kennel Club will be approached, informing them about the wish for change in the circular 52/2008 if no counterpart is given by the KC

***Ask the General Committee to tell the Swedish Kennel Club that their new rule (FCI judges have to have judged a breed three times before they can judge it in Sweden) is not acceptable to the FCI and cannot be implemented.***

The Swedish KC has in the meantime cancelled their new rule.

### **Joint (Shows and Judges) Commissions**

***It is important to re-send the letter about national legislation and regulations about showing cropped and docked dogs***

Mr De Clercq informs that this circular has already been re-sent. A report will be made at the next meeting with the available information.

## **6. Proposals of the members**

### **Email (20 January 2009) from KUSA about the title of CIB and CIE**

The members indicate that KUSA is not a section on its own as a Section has to include a minimum of 5 federated members. They however agree that KUSA-registered dogs (residing in South Africa) have to comply with the same requirements as those from the Asia and Pacific Section (and Americas and Caribbean Section) to be eligible for the title of CIB and CIE.

### **ANKC and FCI agreement (associate membership)**

Mr Nagamura indicates that historically, JKC and Asia and Pacific Section have always been very close to the ANKC. Mr Nagamura appeals for tolerance and diversity ; he is in favour of the proposal forwarded by the ANKC, reminding that this Club is “only” an associate member.

It is noted that the Asian members are getting closer to the FCI despite a traditional relation with the Kennel Club (England). It is added that we are a world-wide organization and need “FCI minded” members.

Finally, it is decided that Mr Nagamura will have talks with the ANKC representatives on the occasion of the next meeting of the Asia and Pacific Section to be held in June in Taiwan. A report will be made to the General Committee.

### **Letter of the DKK (Denmark), 11 January 2009, Freestyle and Heelwork to Music**

The General Committee meets the DKK request : the DKK is allowed to hold an official World Championship in Freestyle and in Heelwork to Music in 2010 in the frame of the World Dog Show and according to the rules which were forwarded to the General Committee.

The General Committee is interested in getting some feedback about these events. The titles which will be awarded are “Winner of the Freestyle Competition of the 2010 World Dog Show” and “Winner of the Heelwork to Music Competition of the 2010 World Dog Show”.

## **Letter of NKK (Norway), 12 Feb 2009 : Brukshundprove and CACIT**

The General Committee agrees that the CACIT be awarded at the Norwegian Brukshunprove.

### **7. Report from the working group for “health and breed standards”**

The FCI General Committee takes note of the excellent report on the activities of the FCI ad hoc working group (standards vs health) and thanks Mrs Sporre-Willes. The Committee will be waiting for the results of the talks at the next meeting of the Standards Commission about the proposal for the education of judges and breeders.

### **8. FCI 100 years (November 2011 : Cynological Congress, Champion of Champions, Gala Evening, Hotel Accomodation for the members’ representatives, Catering)**

The budget presented by MM Müller and De Clercq for the activities to be held in November 2011 for the 100-year anniversary as well as the measures about the FCI staff are all accepted. The total amount, to date, is 250.000 €. It is pointed out and approved that the former members of the General Committee –who are still alive- will be invited on FCI expenses (trip and accommodation).

### **9. Recognition of the South Eastern European Shepherd Dog**

Further to the agreement between the Romanian and Serbian Kennel Clubs, the new breed “Southeastern European Sheepdog” is approved. The standard of the breed used to be approved by the General Committee a couple of years ago.

### **10. Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

#### ***Canine Federation of Canada (CFC) and SCC : agreement on CFC dogs registration by the SCC***

The FCI will turn to the SCC for more information.

#### ***Worldwide registration and protection of three marks : FCI Logo, CACIB and RCACIB***

The FCI has to be the “owner” of these marks, not the kennel clubs. If not, the kennel clubs have to sign a document stating that the FCI has all the rights on these brands. Mr Martínez suggests that the FCI should require, whenever a country applies for membership/partnership, the protection of the marks in the country in the name of the FCI. Mr De Clercq will meet with Mr Scheibler, President of the FCI legal commission, early April. The total estimate of the costs is considered far too high (approximately 516.000 €)

#### ***Breed specific instructions to judges***

This document was provided by Mrs Sporre-Willes for information only. It is considered an excellent work which, combined with Mr Fischer’s paper (health vs breed standards), will be very helpful in the ambitious task of the FCI to amend all the breed standards to prevent hyper-typed and unhealthy dogs.

***Mr Haas' email (December 17, 2008) to the FCI, President of the FCI Sighthounds Commission : possibility to organize an FCI jubilee race in 2011 (2011 FCI Jubilee Winner)***

The General Committee approves but insists that this opportunity has to be offered to all the FCI commissions.

***Members which did not apply for CACIB events for 2009***

A couple of countries did not apply to hold CACIB events for 2009, which is against the new Statutes. Mr De Clercq will send them a strong warning.

At 5.30 pm, Mr Müller closes the first part of the meeting.

The second meeting-day starts at 9.00 am with the same people attending.

Coming back to point 5 of the agenda, the General Committee decides to discuss about :

**5. Proposals from the commissions : standards and scientific**

It is pointed out that the FCA (Argentina) has translated all the proposals into Spanish, which will be very helpful to the FCI Office. The General Committee expresses their warm thanks to the FCA.

**Standards**

***French standards and brief historical summary***

The GC approves the proposal. However, the breed standards approved at the last meeting and the one presented at this meeting will remain unchanged.

***Cross breeding between breed varieties (& CACIB)***

Both commissions are asked to prepare a proposal for the General Assembly (to be considered by the Committee next July) taking into account the circular prohibiting this breeding and the circular where they were allowed under some conditions. Both commissions are asked to prepare a breed-specific (breed per breed) proposal taking into account the importance of coat colours, sizes and coat texture varieties

***HD as disqualifying fault in standards***

The General Committee does not wish to amend the standard of the German Shepherd Dog (with regard to hip dysplasia) for the moment. A bigger operation will be launched : on basis of the documents submitted by R.Sporre-Willes (instructions to the judges) and by U.Fischer (health vs breed standards), and the "preliminary statement" (see minutes of the meeting of September 2008), the FCI will write to the countries of origin concerned and ask them to clearly identify in their standards what faults are "eliminating" (breeding) or "disqualifying" (shows). Once in possession of all these info, the standards will be amended accordingly.

***Not approved amendments in some British breeds***

The General Committee wants to have some clearer explanations.

***Additional text under “FAULTS”.***

The General Committee agrees with “... upon the **FUNCTIONAL** health ...”. However English breed standards will not be amended.

***Disqualifying Faults versus Eliminating Faults.***

This matter will be discussed once the answers at the above point “HD as disqualifying faults” in standards will be sent by the members involved.

***“Preliminary Statement”.***

This matter will be discussed once the answers at the above point “HD as disqualifying faults” in standards will be sent by the members involved.

***Exception from the 5-year-change rule in standards (to be allowed to change a standard before 5 years if the amendment is about health)***

The General Committee agrees.

***General clause under “Nose” for brachycephalic breeds***

The General Committee agrees. The standards commission is asked to provide the list of the breeds concerned to the FCI Office.

***Revised nomenclature (FCI Group System)***

The General Committee discusses this point for quite some time. They take note of the interesting suggestion but do not find the time adequate and appropriate to start such a huge project.

***Summary of “Coat colours in Dogs” from the book by Bernard Denis : joint proposal*** The GC is impressed by this huge work and finds it most interesting. They accept to adopt the summary which was presented as the official guide for “coat colours in dogs” if however no other summary, a bit longer, is proposed by both commissions after their April meeting, as announced.

***Breeds allocated with extra CACIBs to breed varieties***

The General Committee takes note of the interesting suggestion but does not find the time adequate and appropriate to start such a huge project.

**Amendments in existing standards**

***Swedish Vallhund*** (Västgötaspets Nr 14) : the amended standard is approved.

***Pekingese*** (Nr 207) : the amended standard is approved and particularly appreciated because of the health aspects taken into consideration.

***Shetland sheepdog*** (Nr 88) : the amended standard is approved.

***English Toy Terrier*** (Nr 13) the amended standard is approved.

**Amendment under TAIL:** “Customarily docked” to be changed to “**Previously customarily docked**” in a couple of English breed standards. Approval by the General Committee :

Airedale Terrier (Nr 7), Fox Terrier (Smooth) (Nr 12), Fox Terrier (Wire) (Nr 169), Lakeland Terrier (nr 70), Parson Russell Terrier (Nr 339), Sealyham Terrier (Nr 74), Welsh Terrier (Nr 78), Yorkshire Terrier (Nr 86), Clumber Spaniel (Nr 109), Cocker Spaniel (Nr 5), English Springer Spaniel (Nr 125), Field Spaniel (Nr 123), Sussex Spaniel (Nr 127), Welsh Springer Spaniel (Nr 126)

**Foxhound** (Nr 159) : the amended standard is approved.

**Danish-Swedish Farmdog** (Nr 356) : the General Committee approved the amendment although 5 years did not yet elapse since the last amendment. However, according to Pr Triquet, there was a contradiction which HAD TO be corrected.

**Pyrenean Sheepdog – Long haired** (Chien de berger des Pyrénées à poil long) (Nr 141) : the amended standard is approved exceptionally (no 5-year transition since last amendment was approved and historical summary including names of the translators)

**Australian Shepherd** (Nr 342) : the amended standard is approved exceptionally (not 5 years since last amendment was approved)

### Scientific Commission

**International doping rules** : Mr De Clercq reminds about the circular issued last year whereby all the countries have to apply anti-doping measures at any FCI event. The General Committee adds that this excellent work by the scientific commission could be recommended to be followed as guidelines but they find it important that before giving such instructions, the anti-doping system used by the CDL (Sighthounds Races Commission) be inserted into the text which was submitted.

**Information for our members on the website** : the General Committee approves. It is however reminded that the Commission had committed itself to sending lots of publications for the website, which has never been done. Mr De Clercq informs that the Power Point presentation made by Dra Duran still has to be put online. The FCI Office waits for the info which the Commission wants to see online.

**HD Protocol** : the text is approved and will be published.

### **12. Any Other Business**

- The General Committee approves, 6 yes, 3 noes, that San Marino conducts a CACIB show on the Italian territory with the approval of the ENCI.
- Mr Stefik reminds about the schedule for the 2009 General Assembly, World Dog Show, etc in Bratislava

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, arrival of the delegates
  - October 4<sup>th</sup>, morning, General Committee meeting
  - October 4<sup>th</sup>, afternoon, Sections meetings
  - October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, FCI General Assembly
  - October 7<sup>th</sup>, free day
  - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, World Dog Show. The official opening ceremony will take place on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. The official Banquet will be given on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Next meeting**  
Date confirmed : 28-29 July, 2009  
Change of place : Vienna instead of Brussels
  - **FCI observer for the 2009 Américas and Caribbean Section, Quito, April 2009**  
Mr Martínez suggests that Mr Frascino acts as observer. The General Committee approves.
  - **Mr Järvinen informs that the Finnish Kennel Club** will celebrate its 120 years.
  - **Visit by Mr Reisinger to Kyrgystan**  
Mr Reisinger gives a very detailed report on the club he visited lately. Further to his report, the General Committee feels that a partnership contract can be signed with this club, Union of Cynologists of Kyrgistan, which will be part of Europe. Mr De Clercq will get in touch with the leaders of the club to determine the number of judges allowed to judge CACIB shows outside the country (maximum : 20 breeds) and the number of shows the club will have to organize yearly.

At 1.00 pm, Mr Müller thanks all the members for their very active cooperation and wishes all of them a safe return home.

### Outstanding points

- Page 3 : requirements to create a commercial FCI branch : report by Yves De Clercq
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