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Minutes of the FCI General Committee Vienna, July 28-29th, 2009

Attendees :	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 J.Hindse (DK)	Delegate of the European Section
	Mr M.A.Martinez (RA)	Delegate of the Americas and Carib Section
	Mr T.Nagamura (J)	Delegate of the Asian Section
	Mr Y.De Clercq (B), Executive Director	
	Mr I.Awashima (J), Interpreter	

1. Opening

At 9.00 am, Mr Müller opens the meeting and welcomes all the attending members in Vienna. He thanks the OeKV and Mr Reisinger for arranging the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting in Luxemburg, March 2009 : approval

A question is raised about point 5, page 5 : *agreement about the KC judges* : Mr Müller informs that the KC has suggested to the FCI to draw a similar list of « top FCI judges ». Further consideration will be given although it seems hardly feasible and realistic.

The minutes are approved unanimously without any amendment.

Follow-up of the meeting

Report by Mr Nagamura on his meeting with the Australian National Kennel Council

Mr Nagamura hands over copy the correspondence he had with the President of the ANKC further to his meeting him in Taipei on the occasion of the General Assembly of the FCI Asia and Pacific Section. The ANKC asks for a 3-year delay to adjust their activities to the FCI views. The main two problems which they are faced with are :

1. Organisation of CACIB shows : it is however noted that under the presidency of Mr Head, ANKC was conducting CACIB shows. This should therefore not be a major problem.

2. To adopt the FCI standards

The ANKC will hold its General Assembly next October and this point will be addressed.

The FCI General Committee decides to wait for the results of the meeting and should there be a real wish from the ANKC and its basis to abide by the FCI Statutes and Standing Orders, the General Committee will therefore agree with the requested 3-year delay. Mr Nagamura will keep the Committee informed.

Mr Nagamura adds that Australia and New-Zealand would like to apply for being considered the country of patronage (development) of the Border Collie which currently is under the KC. The General Committee will wait for the application.

Requirements to create a commercial FCI branch

Mr De Clercq reports on the 3 different options which he got from the legal advisors.

1. To run commercial activities within the FCI is hardly possible for fiscal and legal reasons
2. To create a separate commercial company requires the FCI to have shareholders.
3. To create a foundation.

Several members of the General Committee indicate that their own kennel club, although registered as non-profit making organisations, sell goods. This is acceptable provided that the benefits are used to serve the purposes described in their statutes.

Mr De Clercq is asked to turn to an expert in this field to possibly find a solution which would be legally acceptable.

Mr Järvinen points out that to develop such activities will require more staff at the FCI.

Mondioring and CACIT

MM Müller and De Clercq inform about a letter from the SCC (Société Centrale Canine) and SRS (Société Royale Saint-Hubert) where both organisations support Mondioring and recommend its approval. All the members agree that the demonstration they have seen in Luxemburg was truly exciting and interesting, with excellent dogs. However they still believe that the moment is not appropriate to approve this sport. The green parties are very active in Europe and the dangerous breeds issue still is on the agenda of the European Union. The members think that to accept Mondioring would not be a good signal to the world.

Mr Nagamura however points out that the JKC is considering the possibility to organize Mondioring competitions at national level.

Docking and Cropping : centralization of the national data

Mr De Clercq indicates that only 27 members, in total, reacted to the two circulars which have been sent. Before publishing any information online, it is essential to have a bigger response. The circular will again be sent.

Société Centrale Canine and Fédération Canine du Canada : reciprocal agreement

It is noted that it would be desirable to have a common puppy-registration procedure which could be applied in countries like England, USA and Canada where our « partners » (KC, AKC and CKC) do not recognize all the FCI breeds.

Mr Reisinger expresses a long-term wish : the FCI should have an office in those countries to take care of the registration of these breeds.

Mr Fischer suggests that the parent countries of the breeds concerned are allowed to register the puppies born in these countries, which is basically what the SCC is doing in Canada for a couple of French breeds not recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC).

The members appreciate Mr Reisinger's suggestion but do believe that a clear concept should be prepared before possibly submitting this to the General Assembly in 2011 or 2013.

The General Committee accepts the agreement between the SCC and FCC provided that as soon as the breeds concerned are recognized by the CKC, the SCC stops registering the puppies.

Protection of the FCI logo and the CACIB-RCACIB

Mr De Clercq reminds once again that the FCI logo is protected within the EU. Some members indicate that their kennel club registered it nationally : Argentina, Puerto Rico, Slovakia.

Mr De Clercq reports on his talks with the president of the FCI legal commission, Dr Scheibler. The costs for the worldwide protection by the FCI can hardly be reduced whatever the solution we choose.

Mr Järvinen comments that the FCI could sign a contract with its members stating that it is up to them to protect the logo and the brands « CACIB » and « RCACIB » nationally. Should the cooperation between the FCI and a member stop, then the rights on the logo and these brands would automatically be transferred to the FCI.

In the light of all these information, it is decided to re-consider Dr Scheibler's document at a next meeting.

Partnership contract : Kyrgistan

Mr Reisinger informs that the partnership contract is about to be signed. It includes 2 judges allowed to officiate at CACIB shows outside Kyrgistan and the new club commits itself to organize a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 CACIB shows a year.

Situation in Moldavia

Mr Hindse reports on the situation. The meeting was positive and the documentation handed over very convincing. However, to be fair and to be sure to make the right decision, it is decided to meet with the former President in September. A final decision will be made in October on the occasion of the next meeting.

Situation in Bosnia

Mr Hindse informs that a meeting will take place in September with representatives of all the clubs involved. A report will be communicated in October.

3. Minutes of the commissions meetings : comments

Continental Pointers, Osuna, Feb 2009

The General Committee is happy to see that the commission opens the participation of ALL dogs (not only European) to the European Cup. No other comment.

Earth Dogs, Zürich, Feb 2009

No comment

Utility Dogs, Gmunden, Mar 2009

The General Committee is informed that the former president of the commission, Mr E.Strasser, sadly died a couple of weeks ago.

It is noted that the Mondioring does not seem to be unanimously approved within the commission.

Legal, Winterthur, Apr 2009

No comment

Standards, Vienna, Apr 2009

No comment

Scientific, Vienna, Apr 2009

No comment

Standards and Scientific, Vienna, Apr 2009

No comment

Spaniels, Roma, May 2009

The General Committee is sorry about the scarce participation (3 delegates). No more comment.

Sledge Dogs, Budapest, May 2009

This commission is particularly appreciated in Scandinavia. No comment.

Rescue Dogs, Zatec, Apr 2009

No comment.

4. Report by the Treasurer : budget 2010

The 2010 budget (operating income of 1.335.750 € - operating charges 1.266.300 €, final profit of 76.950 €), realistic and taking the current economic crisis into account, is approved and will be presented to the General Assembly.

5. Partnership contract applications

Mauritius Islands

Mr Reisinger reports in detail on his visit to the kennel club. Further to examining all the information he was given, he finds it too early to sign a contract with this club. The SCC (France) is the club with which the Mauritius KC has most contacts. The SCC will keep helping this club to develop.

Viet Nam

Mr Nagamura reports that the registration process of the club is now completed. A show will take place in December where Mr de Santiago will officiate as a judge. Mr Nagamura will meet with the representatives of the club at that time and then report to the General Committee.

Turkey

Mr Reisinger indicates that after 3 years of intensive talks and negotiations, he will travel again to Istanbul in November. He now has the feeling that the club will be ready by Spring 2010 for a partnership contract.

6. Preparation of the FCI General Assembly

The agenda is thoroughly studied, point by point and several comments are brought. The final agenda is approved.

7. Proposals of the commissions

Earth Dogs : FCI VGP (FCI Vollgebrauchsprüfung – FCI Test Regulations for Dachshunds)

The regulations are approved with minor amendments.

At 5.00 pm, Mr Müller closes the first part of the meeting.

At 9.30 am on the next day, the meeting resumes with the same participants.

Scientific Commission : International Anti-Doping Regulations

The General Committee approves but does not find it appropriate to consider them as regulations as several members will most probably have no possibility to implement them. This document will therefore be published as Recommendations and the members will be asked to apply them to the greatest possible extent.

Scientific Commission : Nomenclature of Coat Colours by Prof.Denis

The members underline, once again, the excellent book written by Prof.Denis, "Standardized Nomenclature of Coat Colours in Dogs" and particularly appreciate the summary which was made of it. It is decided to approve this summary as the official coat colours reference which anyone can consult in case of doubts. The current breed standards will not be amended according to this breed nomenclature but amended standards and new ones will be asked to possibly comply with this nomenclature. It will be published by the FCI.

Standards and Scientific Commissions

Proposal 1: Addition to FAULTS clause for all FCI hunting and working breeds.
Approved.

Proposal 2: Instructions and editorial amendments to the FCI Model Standard.
Much appreciated and approved with amendments (for example : the illustration can be a drawing or a photo to be provided by the club ; these illustrations are then revised by MM Fischer and Jarvinen).

Proposal 3: Educational Illustrated Breed Standard Compendium on the FCI website
The FCI General Committee will wait for an estimate and the 3-5 pilot cases before approving the request.

Proposal 4: Addition to the rules for the recognition of “new” breeds.
The General Committee would prefer a different prerequisite such as for example the obligation to provide a DNA test showing that the breed for which recognition is applied is different from any “similar” breeds.

Proposal 5: International strategies to enhance canine genetic health
The General Committee thanks for this proposal. They will wait for a “concrete” action to be taken on basis of this presentation.

Standards Commission

Amended or deeply revised standards

Dutch Shepherd Dog (Mr Järvinen points out that he is much in favour of having only one CACIB for all three varieties as the gene pool for this breed is small ; the varieties could therefore be crossed), Norrbottenspitz, Chihuahueño, Schipperke, English Setter, Gordon Setter, Pointer, Curly Coated Retriever, Flat Coated Retriever, Golden Retriever, Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Field Spaniel, Welsh Springer Spaniel.

For all these standards and for the ones to come, the expression “disqualifying faults” instead of “eliminating faults” will be used.

Continental Pointers : Amendments in the Rules

The amendments in the International Rules for Field Trials are approved.
In addition, the delay to send the proposals of CACIT, CACIL, CACIOB, CACIAG to the FCI Office will be officially set to 3 months after the trial took place. A circular will be issued.

Rescue Dogs : Amendments in the Set of Specifications for the Organization of the FCI World Championship for Rescue Dog Teams

It is pointed out that on one hand, dogs taking part in rescue operations usually have no official or complete papers but save lives and on the other hand, in a world championship, we cannot take the risk that dogs out of the breed standards (and supposedly not pure-bred) win the competition. The FCI General Committee cannot meet the request of the commission for rescue dogs but recommends that, as is allowed for Agility, an Open Championship be organized where all dogs would be allowed to compete (FCI judges are allowed to officiate but the FCI name cannot appear on the documentation about this event).

8. Proposals of the countries

Finland : to exempt the native Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish breeds from the CIE

This debate will take place on the occasion of the General Assembly as a similar proposal is on the agenda of the latter.

KUSA : to define clearly the boundaries of the African continent

The General Committee thanks the KUSA but considers it a bit premature to take an official position on this point. We shall be waiting for further developments to take place on this continent.

9. Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Report by Mrs Rossier on the European Section Show in Budapest, October 2008

The General Committee thanks Mrs Rossier for an excellent, clear and objective report.

10. Any Other Business

Meetings will be organized between the president of the FCI European Section and the representatives of several countries to investigate the situation of some judges who moved from one country to another and to have a clear view on the judges education system in those countries.

Mr De Clercq will turn to the Kennel Club of Bahrein. Although they are member of the FCI, there is absolutely no communication with the club.

11. Next meetings

24-25 Feb 2010 : place to be determined

4-5 Oct 2010 : Celje (Ljubljana)

At 3.30 pm, Mr Müller closes the meeting and thanks all the participants for an excellent session.



H.W.Müller
FCI President



Y.De Clercq
FCI Executive Director

Outstanding points

- Page 1, report (if available) by Mr Nagamura upon the ANKC Conference
- Page 2, report by Mr De Clercq on the commercial branch
- Page 2-3, FCI offices in non FCI-countries
- Page 3, report by Mr Hindse on the Moldavian situation
- Page 3, report by Mr Hindse on the Bosnian situation
- Page 6 : report by Mr Hindse on the talks with the different national kennel clubs (judges matters)