

Minutes of the annual delegates' meeting of the International Union for Leonberger Dogs on 29 September 2018.

Location: Leonberg. Amber Hotel.

Time: 29 September 2018, 10:03 am - 3:30 pm **Presence:**

Present the member Leonberger Clubs from:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

(So there are 17 members with voting rights).

Apologies: The member clubs from Canada, Denmark, and Slovakia.

Not present: The member club from Italy.

From the board of I.L.U. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were present. The assessor / DCLH had apologized.

Chairman of the meeting: Willi Güllix, President of the I.L.U.

Agenda:

1. Welcoming introduction / check on presence of quorum / approval of the agenda / approval of the minutes 2017.
2. Reports:
 - a. of the president.
 - b. of the treasurer.
 - c. of the secretary.
 - d. of the auditors.
3. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the committee.
4. Budget 2018/19, Membership dues 2019.
5. News from the member countries (reports from the member countries).
6. Breeding problems in the Union / report of the Health Committee.
7. Proposal English to be the official language in the yearly delegates meeting (see attachment "Proposal point 7").
8. IULH World Cup (see attachment "proposal point 8").
9. Discussion on the use of a uniform template for the reports from the member countries (see attachment "Proposal point 9").
10. Proposals mean kinship (see attachment "Proposal point 10").
11. Proposal to vote the members of the Health Committee (see attachment "Proposal point 11").
12. Proposal meetings should be recorded on phonograms (see attachment "Proposal point 12").
13. International Leonberger Welfare and rescue (see attachment "Proposal point 13").
14. International judges seminar.
15. Miscellaneous.
16. Closure.

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01.Welcome:

The President opened the meeting at 10.03 am and welcomed those present, in particular the newly elected Club Presidents: from France Valérie Bontems and from Finland Sanna Roste-Torniainen, as well as the new representatives from Holland and Austria Carla Dusseldorp and Drs. Anja Geretschläger.

It was noted that the General Assembly was convened on time and in form.

At the request of Daniela Lutz agenda point 12 "Request for a meeting to record to sound recordings" was preferred. As a consequence of the new Data Protection Act in Europe, conversations may not be recorded on phonograms. The entire board of the Union is against recording

The Board was pleased that Ms. Mayra Huber is again available as interpreter "German-English"

At the request of Mrs. Wilma Kroon, her email circular of 20.11.2017 was attached to the 2017 minutes as a comment on the contents of these minutes.

02. Reports:

a. of the president

The detailed report of the President was read in German (original report attached). The translation into English was made by the interpreter Mayra Huber. **b. the treasurer**

Financial reports and budget had been sent to delegates on 20.09.2018 by email.

The Treasurer, Thomas Walker, explained that if members of the Union board judge at the DCLH's club show the next day, the DCLH will pay half of the travel expenses. Member countries can now pay via PayPal. All member clubs have paid the membership dues.

The financial report, the budget and a balance sheet are annexed to these minutes. **c.**

of the secretary

The homepage was, as always, very well visited. **d.**

the auditors.

Niels Steinmetz (NL) and Chris Aelbrecht (BE) have audited the finances of the past year and completed it positively.

The audit found a correspondence of the evidence with the clean and properly kept accounting, for which the treasurer Thomas Walker was sincerely thanked. **03. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the Board**

The Executive Board was unanimously discharged.

04. Budget 2018/19, membership fees 2019

The draft budget was submitted to the delegates on 20/09 sent by email.

The base amount of 60 euros, plus 0.30 per member of the member clubs remains unchanged.

Starting with the finance year 2018/19 additionally a balance sheet is added. - With the 1th of September 2018 an opening balance sheet was made (see attachment) with reservations / Deposits for health, education (judges seminar), special projects / research.

05. Reports from the member countries

All member countries except Italy have submitted a written report.

06. Breeding problems in the Union / report of the Health Committee.

The report of the Health Committee was sent to the delegates on 20/09 by email. **07.**

Proposal English to be the official language in the yearly delegates meeting

It was being voted on; 10 voted for English as official language with necessary translation, 7 were against.

08. ILU World Cup.

The committee appointed last year drew up and revised the draft regulations for the implementation of the ILU World Cup. This was emailed to the delegates on 15/08.

With 16 votes and 1 abstention the draft of the regulations ILU World Cup was approved.

Clubs can apply to host the show.

To be sure that the prerequisites for hosting the show are fulfilled, the applicant must submit an event schedule to the board. The board examines and decides whether the preconditions for proper implementation are met, Natalia will send a mail to the member countries with which the clubs can apply.

09. Discussion on the use of a uniform template for the reports from the member countries.

Rosemarie Lyon has assembled statistical data from reports of the last years in an Excel file.

One should record the existing data of the last calendar year. It

was decided to apply the schedule in the next year.

10. Proposals mean kinship.

Niels Steinmetz once again read out what the Mean Kinship calculation means. Rob Lyon said that the "MK-Tool" can be seen as an additional tool for selection.

At the suggestion of Thomas Walker, was fifth point is added to the proposal: " Clubs stay open for further research and tools which help to improve genetic diversity in the breed "

The complete proposal 10 (including point 5 / Thomas Walker) was voted on as a package: 9 votes were favor, 6 votes against, 2 members abstain.

11 Proposal to vote the members of the Health Committee.

If the members of the Health Committee are to be elected, the constitution of the Union must be changed. The board cannot admit proposal 11 to the agenda, since the election cannot be carried out without a corresponding change of the existing constitution.

At the vote "elected or appointed by the board" 5 votes casted on appointment, 12 voted for elections. In order for elections to be held, the constitution change must be made first.

12. Proposal meetings should be recorded on phonograms. This point has already been dealt with under agenda point 1.

13. International Leonberger- Welfare and Rescue

Louise Baldwin works for a Facebook group "LEOMIX NETWORK", founded by Edith Stephane, for rescue of Leonberger and Leonberger lookalikes. She has already found an adoption family for several dogs. We will link her Facebook group page to our HP.

[Http://www.facebook.com/groups/1797819123603683/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1797819123603683/) Louise asks the member clubs to do the same.

14 International Judges seminar.

The International Judges seminar with interesting topics and discussions is scheduled for 25/11. The invitation with agenda has been sent to the member clubs. 3 judges / candidates can participate per member club.

Due to the new data protection regulation, the seminar cannot be recorded on video.

Whether PowerPoint presentations can be made available to third parties, lies in the decision of the moderators.

Beyond the PowerPoint presentations, there will be discussions on important topics that are not public beyond the circle of judges / candidates.

New Zealand asks why they pay if they cannot get a video.

15. Miscellaneous

Daniela Lutz notes that amongst others that a mating by a stud dog from Germany on a foreign bitch, which is fit for breeding according to the breeding order of her country, but does not meet the requirements of the DCLH-breeding rules, cannot be approved by the DCLH. The Union has no influence on the breeding rules in Germany.

16.Closure.

The President thanked all those present for their participation and contributions. It was discussed very democratically, vividly and constructively.

Leonberg, 29 September 2018,

Willi Güllix,

President I.L.U.,

Chairman of the meeting

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