

Minutes of the Annual Delegates Meeting of the International Leonberger Union on the 28th September 2013

Location: Leonberg. Amber Hotel.

Time: 28 September 2013, 10 am-2.30 pm.

Represented were the member clubs from: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA. (So 16 voting members are represented).

Apologies were received from the member clubs in: France, New Zealand and Spain.

All members of the ILU board were present.

Chairman of the meeting was Willi Güllix, President of the ILU.

Notes for the minutes were taken by Hein Sibrijns, secretary of the ILU

Agenda:

1. Welcoming introduction / check on presence of quorum / approval of the agenda / approval minutes 2012
2. Election of the keeper of the minutes.
3. Reports:
 - a. of the President
 - b. of the treasurer
 - c. of the secretary
 - d. of the auditors
4. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the committee
5. Election of a reserve auditor
6. Budget 2014, membership fees 2014
7. News from the member countries (reports from the member countries)
8. Report of the general health committee
9. Update and discussion with delegates regarding amendments to the Union Constitution (proposal USA)
10. Addition to the constitution / how to handle breeding ability tests (proposal Czech Leonberger Club)
11. Breeding problems in the Union.
12. Request for membership of the Union of an Estonian Leonberger Club (Eesti Leonbergerite Klubi)
Discussion/vote
13. Miscellaneous.
14. Closure.

01 Welcome:

The President, Willi Güllix, opened the meeting at 10.10 clock and welcomed the attendees. It was noted that the General Assembly had been convened in due time and in proper form.

The Board proposed to swap agenda points 5 and 12, in order to enable Estonia to participate as a full member in discussions and voting on the still following agenda points.

It was also proposed to swap agenda points 9 and 10.

The changed agenda was unanimously approved.

02: Election of keeper of the minutes:

Since no other proposal was made, the board proposed Hein Sibrijns, he was unanimously elected.

03 reports:

a president Willi Güllix.

The president read his detailed report in German. The English version was read by vice-president Per Andersen. [Click for the report.](#)

b. Treasurer Peter Cejnek.

The Treasurer read out his report.

The financial report had been checked by only one auditor (Säde Cravelli), the second auditor (José -Maria Itturalde) was unable to attend due to serious health problems in the family.

The Union consists of 21 member clubs, with a total of 8300 members.

The total contribution in 2012 was 2564.04 euros

The total expenditure in 2012 was 1965.11 euros

The cash forecast for 31-12-2013 was 7200.00 euros.

C. Secretary Hein Sibrijns.

The main job of the secretary is:

- 1) To update the website of the Union.
- 2) To publish the results of club shows and extraordinary results on dog shows.
- 3) To update the international club show calendar.
- 4) Keeping the health pages updated, including publication of minutes of meetings of the Health Committee.
- 5) Keep the list of LPN1-test results.

It is regrettable that we cannot get the LPN1-test results directly from the universities.

In this context, it is likely that a number of dog owners only send the result if it is N / N.

Unfortunately, Bern university is not willing to improve the application form on two points. This improvement is necessary to maintain a correct LPN1 list. A cooperative communication with Dr. Drögemüller would be welcome.

The Union's website is as always well attended.

D. The auditor.

The President pointed out that the accounts could not be checked by two auditors in compliance with the statutes because the second auditor was not present due to serious health problems in the family. The 2012 General Meeting had also neglected to elect a reserve auditor.

The President invited the assembly to vote on whether it was acceptable that the accounts had been checked by only one auditor. The General Assembly decided unanimously that an audit by one auditor was acceptable.

Säde Crivelli (CH) had reviewed the audit of the accounts of the in last year completed at 31-12-2012, as well as the bookings in the current year 2013. The audit revealed a match of the documents with clean and properly conducted accounts, for which the Treasurer Peter Cejnek was warmly thanked. The auditor requested the approval of the financial statements and the Granting of discharge of the Executive Board and Treasurer. This was unanimously granted without discussion.

4 Discussion of reports and formal approval of the actions of the board.

There were no requests to speak. The Board was unanimously approved.

5 Request for membership of the Union of an Estonian Leonberger Club (Eesti Leonbergerite Klubi)

The delegates of the Estonian clubs left the room.

The necessary documents for admission as a member were timely delivered to the President by mail.

They have been carefully examined by the Board and found to be in order. The objective of ELK are consistent with the objectives of the Union. The ELK declared to accept the constitution of the Union.

Since all pre-conditions are met, the Board proposed to accept the ELK as a full member of the Union. During the discussion, it was further proposed to accept ELK for the first two years with observer-status only, The President made clear that in this case one can only vote for acceptance as full member or rejection. The example of Ireland that had observer status for the first two years was brought up. The President explained that Ireland could only get observer status because they were not yet full member of the Irish Kennel Club. Thus, the pre-conditions of full membership in the Union were not met. The Leonberger Club of Estonia is a full member of the Estonian umbrella organization. After discussion, it was voted on acceptance as a full member of the Union, the ELK was accepted with 15 votes in favour and 1 abstention. Vote with abstention.

The President congratulated the delegation of the ELK with the acceptance as a full member of the International Leonberger Union.

06 Budget 2014, membership fees 2014:

The financial situation is good. The membership fee is left unanimously to the basic amount of € 50.00 plus € 0.20 per club member.

07 Reports from the member countries:

The **Austrian Club** presented a "Puppy membership" as a new idea.

Nowadays all clubs are struggling with significant membership losses.

In ÖCLH puppy buyers must be registered by the breeders of their dogs for 2 years as "puppy member" of the club.

The difference between puppy- and full member, is that the contribution for puppy members is only € 50.00 for 2 years and the puppy members are not entitled to vote.

The **Canadian Club** held its first ever National Speciality in June of this year. The Specialty Show was held in conjunction with the Ontario County Kennel Club in Orono, Ontario. Registered entries for the Saturday event totalled 22 Leonbergers. The judge for the specialty show was Paulaq Heikkinen-Lehkonen from Finland. BOB was the male De'mos Löwe v. Blumengarten, owned by Zsuzsanna Gasper.

BOS was the bitch Ch. Heronviews View Go Go Dancer, owner Iivi Silliaste.

Best puppy was the bitch CR Katies Keepsake, owner Cindy Hunt.

Trophies were provided through the generous donations of the club members. Additional prizes and gifts were gratefully accepted from other Leonberger fanciers.

The LCC has currently 50 members with 10 of those members involved in breeding.

There is a second breed club in Canada, the Leonberger Club of Ontario also promotes the breed.

A Leonberger rescue organisation has been formed, this organisation has special charitable status registered with the Canadian government. This status allows the club to issue special income tax deduction receipts to people who make a financial donation to the organisation.

In 2012 there were 24 Leonberger litters, totalling 140 puppies, registered with the Canadian Kennel Club.

As of June 30, 2013, there have been 7 Leonberger litters registered with a total of 83 puppies.

The Leonberger Club of Canada has presented a revised Leonberger Breed Standard to the Canadian Kennel Club for approval. The current breed standard lacks some definition and clarity for judges to be able to recognize the proper appearance and structure of the Leonberger breed.

Guido Perosino read the report from **France** on behalf of the President of the French Club.

In 2013 the selection requirements for the levels were reviewed, mainly for level.

As of 01-01-2014 the requirements for level 4 are:

The requirements for level 3 plus:

Genetic identification.

HD- A or B

Elbow dysplasia 0 or 1

2 Excellents on the national or a regional club show or Championnat de France

TAN (Temperament and endurance test)

TRR (breeding ability test based on the German ZTP).

LPN1 and glaucoma testing is recommended but not obligatory because the diseases have a low occurrence in France and the test are not reliable enough.

For 2014 eleven regional club shows have been planned with 11 different judges. a TRR (=ZTP) will be organized in conjunction with each club show.

For 4 of these shows two judges will be invited, a French judge and a foreign judge. The foreign judge will be chosen from the list of special judges on the website of the Union.

In this way the French breeding selection will come closer to what is usual in Europe.

Many dogs were imported from Scandinavia, Russia, Hungary, Poland and Holland.

The French Club proposes to relocate in the future of the Union session on the afternoon, followed by dinner. In France this is done so.

A statement on the review of the constitution of the Union will be read later under agenda point 10.

The **Italian Club** announced that in April 2013 was held the General Assembly for the renewal of the board which elected the new president Mrs Stephanie Palumbo. The former president Mrs Stefania Bonati has been elected vice-president.

The club celebrated the 25th anniversary in 2013 and has scheduled the next championship show on 4 May 2014.

The Italian club would like to emphasise that in recent years the Union has established an atmosphere that has little to do with the harmonious and healthy development of the breed in the countries of breeding. The attitude that has come to create is more related to a competition between small groups of power rather than a real will to work together to improve both the breed and our relationships.

Although our organisation is not official and is not recognized by any national or international body, it is loaded with bureaucracy and an excessive formality and formalism.

The fact that we meet only once a year cannot be provided with any real continuity in decisions and actions put in our program.

In our view, therefore, the constitution should be amended to emphasize the spirit of an open collaboration and sharing upon which our organisation is mainly based. The goal of education and information, sharing of general strategies for the promotion of a homogeneous vision of the breed and breeding should be the main interest that keeps us together.

The Italian club wishes to raise an alarm about the quality of the dogs that you see in the rings today around the world: there is a lowering of the elements of type; on the other hand there is a too little decrease in anatomical and functional defects, which are also related to the health of the dog.

We believe there is an important and immediate need to assess this problem through the search for greater uniformity of judgement by the judges.

The club announces the assignment of the Leonberger Millennium Award 2014 to Mrs Tone Mosby (Norway) for the following reasons:

“For being and having been one of the leader breeders in Europe looking for the right blend of a show and technical approach”.

To the note of Perosino about the loss of type in conjunction with the health of the Leonberger, the President added that type and health are two different shoes. Both factors, type and health must be in the proper balance with each other. What is the use very typical dogs that only have a short life expectancy, in the future they may not get older than 5 years? Who would then still decide to take a Leonberger? Decreasing demand means = decreasing puppies sales = less breeders, hardly any movement in the breeding, declining membership in the clubs, that would be the result of ill-considered action for a long time. We must turn our view for the future outside the box. The focus of our international effort must be the health of our breed, of course, under the consideration of “Type"! This is the mission we all must fulfil in order to enable the generations after us to enjoy the Leonberger. A representative of Switzerland asked what type, the president says that the French type is not often found anymore, French dog win abroad.

Thomas Walker emphasizes that we are an educational organization.

The **Russian Club** reads his report.

In 2013 Russian Kynological Federation addressed the national breed clubs to check translations of the breed standards and make any comments/ adjustments. Russian Leonberger Club has formed the group working at the standard, involving specialty judge, all-rounder judges, experienced in professional translation from German and English into Russian. Previous version of the standard in Russian has been translated from English and had some inaccuracies. As a result of group work, corrected version of translation closer to the German original has been presented to RKF.

There are 8 regional sections in Russian Leonberger Club, 7 specialty shows are in the Club calendar per year. We esteem the number of puppies born in 2013 till end of August about 120. For the first time the litter has been born in the Asian part of Russia, near Baikal Lake. We hope that Leonberger breed will expand to the new regions now.

LPN 1 testing is still not available for majority of the Russian Leonberger owners due to the fact that methodology is not published and no laboratory in Russia can make the test. Sending blood samples and biological materials out of the country is prohibited.

Overall we see the increase of the breeders and owners' interest to participating in the international shows abroad to learn more about the Leonbergers in other countries and compare their dogs at the shows with higher competition than in most of Russian regions.

In **Ireland** all is quiet.

The Leonberger Club of **Great Britain** continues to be well supported and we have 300 memberships. Last year approximately 350 puppies were registered with the UK Kennel Club and the Leonberger population within the UK remains stable.

The club held two successful shows in the past year, the 11th Championship Show in November 2012 and our Open show in March 2013. Entries for shows in the UK are lower than they have been, mainly due to increasing fuel costs and concern regarding judging. Our show in November celebrates 25 yrs of recognition for the club by the Kennel Club.

Water work and Draught Work continue to be supported regionally by club members and many dogs have successfully undertaken Water and Draught Tests.

There has been some unrest within the club during the past few months but this has been of a personal nature. A number of committee members have resigned and we anticipate some proposed changes to our club rules and code of ethics following our AGM in November. A second club is being formed within the UK but this has yet gain Kennel Club approval.

Work regarding Leonberger Health has continued throughout the year. The club has worked with the Kennel Club, The British Veterinary Association and the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in setting up a research project regarding Goniodysgenesis. The project requires a target population of between 200 and 300 Leonbergers to have gonioscopy in order to diagnose affected dogs. 80 – 100 tests have been carried out at LCGB supported events and a further 100 – 120 have been examined by ophthalmic specialists. A preliminary report was presented to an Ophthalmology Conference in Barcelona. The club has also noted worrying trends with the temperament of some Leonbergers.

The club continues to do well financially and has good funds available to support the welfare of our dogs. Our gene pool has been widened by the import of a number of dogs from Europe. Our thanks go to those breeders who have allowed their puppies to come to the UK. It will be interesting to see the results of their offspring in the years to come.

The **Swedish Club** read its report.

Unfortunately it has been a turbulent year. This is the first time in the clubs history when we have had to call together for a new general meeting. This has meant that the club lost momentum in the first half of the year. But well, there was a lecture about dog bones & joints at the beginning of the year.

The club also has a lot of focus on our forthcoming revision of the RAS to be Swedish Kennel Club provided at the beginning of 2014. Several surveys have gone to breeders and other members to answer what they consider important in our breeding. Meetings have also been arranged for the breeders, where breeders could meet and discuss the breeding and rearing. The club sees a downward trend in X-rays of hips and elbows and even eyes and mental descriptions drops. We try to find solution on how to approach this, since it's such an important piece to have statistics to lean on.

The club has arranged five club shows during this year and our Leonberger get nice placements on the Swedish Kennel Club shows, many have been placed in like 2 o 3 placement in groups.

It also has been going very well for our working lions, four of them have qualified for Swedish Mastership in water! The club will again apply for permission to be granted championship in water. Other Nordic countries get this now.

Cancer Project is progressing and LPN1 sampling takes place on two of our club shows this year.

During the winter there will be a breeding conference, where focus will be — in front of breeding.

The club had at the end of June, 903 members. The number of members is quite stable in the first half of the year.

The club shows have had less entries this year than previous years, but it is the same on the exhibitions Swedish Kennel Club stage. So it's probably overall lower entries at the shows.

Norwegian Leonberger Club 2013 Report.

Show news.

The club has held four special shows from the North to the South.

We have organized an annual show for all breeds where all groups are represented enabling a good income for the club.

It was held water training with a test in southern Norway in the summer of 2013.

NLBK held a two day Leonberger Special Show together with the Swedish Leonberger Club at Morokulien; on the border of Sweden and Norway, with judges from the UK and Portugal. The number of dogs attending shows nowadays is going down and therefore we agreed that working with our close neighbour in Sweden this would be good for the economics. The club has also arranged a show in the summer with Southern Newfoundland Club which was again a two day event. Our judges again were International judges.

Litter information.

There were 9 litters born in 2012 of which there were 65 puppies.

The total number of dogs registered with the NKK for 2012 was 81, of which 16 were imported. The country of origin being imported was Sweden. Our experience tells us that unfortunately the over productive breeders in Sweden are selling puppies to Norway for low prices. We are sorry to say that we are not seeing new breeders and some of our older breeders have stopped breeding which we can only see as being a problem in Norway.

Members/Club information

Membership at the end of the year was approximately 385 members.

The club continues to have relatively strong accounts which is thanks to the shows that we arrange.

Thankfully with our accounts so strong we can organize courses for our owners to attend. It also allows us to refund the veterinarian costs for the LPN blood samples.

NLBK have also started working on R.A.S (Specific Breeding Strategy) which should be finished by the beginning of 2014. This will hopefully encourage breeders to work with new goals over the next 5 years. These goals need to be developed together so that everyone knows which goals we can live with and those with which we need to breed against.

We have also attached a Health Questionnaire on our homepage for people to complete, to enable us to understand the health on our Leos. We received 177 questionnaires back and once we have collated the information we will issue these results to the union health committee as soon as the date is available.

The **Finnish Leonberger Club** has 659 members and as such it's a midsized breed club in Finland.

In 2012 33 litters was born with 250 puppies, 13 puppies was imported.

In May 2012 the Club organized its first MH-temperament test. As a result the Club is now discussing how to do the testing in the future. As the test is set up in Finland it's very expensive to organize and it's almost impossible to end up in a + - 0 result.

In 2012 the Club got a new President for the Breeding Committee when Anna-Maria Melkas decided to retire from the position after 10 years. New President is Viktotia Rätty, a second generation breeder in the breed.

Last year a DLA test was done in the breed and initial results are ready. Sadly the readiness is not on a level that there is any information to share. Main reason for this is that Genoscooper, the service provider, changed

their test to include also most common diseases in dog breeds. The Club accepted the changed offer and that has led to a delay in reports.

The biggest challenge for this year is to review and partly re-write the Breeding Guidelines for the breed. Current program has been valid for last 4 years and the Kennel Club requires a report on the program and an update on rules and measures for the breed. New program should be submitted to the Kennel Club for review and approval latest 1st of April 2014. Before that it needs to be approved in the general meeting of the Club. A new dimension to the work is that new program must include stipulations of the Finnish Kennel Club's new breeding strategy for all breeds.

The German Club. The number of members has remained stable over the last year at about 2240 members. The training for "VDH Licensed Dog" will also be available from the German club for Leonberger. Future DCLH trainers will be licensed by the VDH.

In and near the clubhouse, the energetic modernization measures have been largely completed. At the AGM it was decided to support the bone cancer study at the University of Uppsala. The members were informed through the club's newsletter that the University of Bern passes through the blood samples to the University of Uppsala. Today and tomorrow we are again offering free blood sampling by Dr. Scherer which are then sent to the University of Bern. During 2013 until September 499 puppies were registered in the Stud Book, in 2012 it were 632. The DCLH changes its newsletter from "Der Hund" to "Unser Rassehund" (VDH).

The Belgian Club organized a ZTP for the 13th time in June 2012, 8 dogs were entered. On the same day there was the 10th young dogs day with 15 entries.

For the 2012 club show 140 dogs were entered.

In December 2012 the club had 188 members. The breeders have been asked to pay the first year's membership fee for their puppy buyers.

There were 27 matings, 4 bitches didn't conceive, in the 23 litters 207 puppies were born of which 184 were alive.

Two breeders are responsible for more than half of puppies born in the club.

The club is of the opinion that these breeder do not breed in the spirit of the club. In our breeders meeting it was decided that the club no longer referenced to commercial breeders.

Therefore, the breeding regulations, that hadn't been changed since 20 years, have been amended. In paragraph 1, the word "fancier" was replaced by "casual", in Belgian law "casual breeder" is defined as a breeder with less than 3, so no more than 2 litters per year..

As of 1 July 2013 LPN1 and eye tests are required for breeding.

There is a question about the "Disqualifying faults" in the standard in respect to curled or too high carried tails.

Over 80 % of the dogs have a curled or too high carried tail. If the judges continue to place these dogs this fault becomes standard and one must take this fault out of the list of disqualifying faults because nobody disqualifies a dog for it.

Another eliminating fault is "aggression / anxiety".

In Germany and other countries, this is respected, but in France, this fault will be recorded only as» "Timid". France should pay more attention to the temperament.

One would like to know in which countries LPN1 D/N dogs are excluded from breeding. What should one think of such an exclusion while the veterinary scientists who have developed the genetic testing explicitly indicate that carriers should be used for breeding in order not to limit the gene pool too much.

The report of **New Zealand** that had been send by mail, was read.

It is with regret that we cannot attend today's meeting, as you know the distance is great, but our hearts are with you all.

It has been another solid year for our club and this is greatly due to the commitment and drive of the committee.

We now have more experience in organizing and running a successful Championship show. The numbers of our 'show' entries is perhaps on the decline due to increasing ages of the dogs but our enthusiasm is still there and a few young pups are currently learning the ropes.

We keep actively supporting a social momentum for our club members despite the geographical challenges. I make mention of these social events to help understand that the majority (90%) of our members are non-show people. We find that having assorted social gatherings throughout the year creates a healthy and cohesive environment, helps keep our membership numbers stable and fulfils all of the objectives in our club Constitution.

We use our newsletter as a fantastic communication medium to keep members informed of both national and international Leonberger updates. It is produced quarterly and leans towards a more informal approach including articles submitted by our members themselves, photos, poems and news from a variety of sources. Of course the invitation is open to you all to join our little club and via our newsletter you too can keep in touch with what is happening in New Zealand.

We continue to make LPN1 testing on breeding stock mandatory and to date all tests have returned clear. Our gene pool remains in need of help and we would gladly consider any offers of stud or points of contact you may be able to direct us to.

The American Club is pleased to report that our membership continues thrive with approximately 1100 members. We are eagerly anticipating our 2014 National Specialty which will be held in Vermont this year, April 23rd - 27th. In response to member feedback, we are adding a second regional AKC show in addition to the national specialty AKC show, as well as our Club show. We are happy to continue to honor the Club show system of written critiques and are even happier that our members continue to support the Club show with entries that equal or exceed the AKC pointed show.

This year, our Club judge will be Daniela Pavloska.

The LCA now has a seated Delegate in the AKC which has been a long time coming. Don works in distributing information on AKC issues that affect the club and the breed. His reports can be found on the LCA website under the Delegate's Corner.

The Leonberger Health Foundation has created an award in honor of LCA co-founder Waltraut Zieher. They will be announcing the first recipient of the award soon.

Pursuant to the original board decision, two years into the policy, the LCA board will be reviewing the policy for mandatory LPN1 testing. We will be soliciting input from membership and the Leo Health Foundation.

The club created a new Puppy Buyer welcome program that provides our breeders with LCA branded tote bags to put their puppy buyer information in, as well as a letter from the board. A second letter with a copy of the Leo Letter is sent about 6 weeks after the puppy has gone home. Feedback from the breeders has been very positive.

The first U.S. LCA leonberger competed in the World Show in 2012. It was a long trip to make but it was exciting to see the U.S. leos compete in the world show.

The Czech Club has a problem with the dogs living in Czech Republic that show health related faults that exclude from breeding, can successfully pass a breeding ability test (ZTP) in another country where they get the allowance to be used for breeding. To this end, see further under agenda item 9

The Dutch Club had a successful club show on 22/9/2013 with 170 entered dogs.

On the occasion of a young dogs day blood samples for LPN1 testing was offered free of charge. The breeding regulations must be reviewed on behalf of the Kennel Club.

From 01-06-2014, the parentage of all registered puppies will be checked by means of DNA samples, these samples will be stored and will be available for future scientific research.

The Swiss club had only 56 puppies born in 2012. Several mating did not bring any puppies.

A health committee has been founded. Our first big result was the collaboration with the University of Bern developing the European Leonberger Health Questionnaire.

We are also planning a health booklet. The breeders will give it to the puppy buyers and ask them to take it every time to the vet and so get every visit and action reported directly from the vet. It will take years but we hope to get better informations this way about the health of our breed.

It would be interesting to hear from other countries, how many litters are born with Caesarian? Last year we had 50 % surgeries. A rather worrying fact. Is it because of the wallet of the veterinary or is it an upcoming weakness of the dogs?

8 Report of the General Health Commission

The detailed report was sent to delegates in advance and was published on the website of the Union:

<http://www.leonbergerunion.com/health/iluhc.htm>

It was noted that the main focus in breeding must be type and health.

Improvement of the gene pool is good, but the result should not be loss of type.

In the board meeting it had been decided to ask the Health Commission to plan and organize a health seminar for 2015.

The proposal from the Health Commission to do a feasibility study of a Leonberger DNA bank was rejected because the Commission is not mandated by the General Meeting but by the Board.

The President instructed the Commission to present next year an accurate indication of the feasibility and the costs required.

From Russia, and from some other countries - except Europe / America - it is very difficult or even forbidden to send blood samples for the test LPN1 to Switzerland or Minnesota.

9 Addition to the constitution / how to handle breeding ability tests (proposal Czech Leonberger Club)

The proposal of the Czech Club was read ([click for the proposal](#)).

The Czech Club makes it clear that the proposal is not meant as a proposal to amend the constitution off the Union.

The club wants to define binding guidelines, which governs the procedure of testing breed ability uniformly among clubs. In particular, when a dog is excluded from breeding in a country for an eliminating fault, but is declared fit for breeding in another country when the ownership is transferred to a co-owner in that country.

The issue was discussed in detail at the board meeting. The Board is clear that this machination is unfortunately a reality, we would like to change this, but we cannot change!

Breeding regulations and breeding ability tests are "National Regulations" of the respective member countries. The Union is not able to make it compulsory to have uniform breeding regulations and requirements for breeding ability. Because of this the proposal was unanimously rejected.

10 Update and discussion with delegates regarding amendments to the Union Constitution (proposal USA)

The President of the Committee, Glen Ferguson is absent, he had to go back to the US for compelling reasons. The second committee member, Denis Vernon could not be present due to work commitment.

The third committee member, the president of the Union, made the following clear: The Committee did not work as it should work. Proposals of member countries were announced in the Committee, but not discussed in the Committee before the AGM. Germany has already submitted a draft to the election paragraph at the AGM 2012, this has also been forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee by email. This would have been a basis for discussion. A recommendation for proposals has not been established. Irrespective of the fact that our mission, according to the resolution of the General Assembly was to draft the paragraph «elections», but not to revise the entire statute.

In the 2013 annual general meeting was again determined mandate of the commission is to review only the paragraph elections.

Italy (and after written indication also France) want a general revision of the statutes.

Upon approval by the General Assembly (13 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions), the Committee is once again commissioned to perform its work consistently.

11 breeding problems in the Union.

The Belgian club asked in which countries LPN1 carriers are excluded from breeding.

In most countries, carriers may only be bred with N/N.

In Czech Republic carriers are excluded from breeding.

The Belgian Club asked the breeding supervisor of the German clubs which requirements must be met by a foreign stud to be used for breeding in Germany. The breeding supervisor checks if all requirements from the German breeding regulations (like HD and LPN1 test and so on) are met and communicates the authorisation to use the stud to the breeder.

12 Election reserve auditors

Kaj Lindstedt was unanimously elected as first reserve auditor, Thomas Walker was unanimously elected as 2 reserve auditor.

13 Miscellaneous

The Board has, at its meeting on Friday, fixed the agenda for the planned "International Judges Seminar" on to be held 3 November 2013.

The agenda points are:

PowerPoint presentation / Willi Güllix: canine crowding

PowerPoint and DVD Demonstration / Willi Güllix: movement / motion

Presentation with pictures / Wolfgang Mayer: anatomical faults and defects, the weighting and evaluation in connection with the rating (PowerPoint presentation)

Lecture Thomas Walker / tail and tail carriage, where does the journey go, what are the causes.

Denis Vernon is to be asked, to do his presentation on the temperament, which had already been planned for previous seminar.

The member countries found the scheduled date - 03.November - in too short term, it was asked to postpone the judges seminar until March 2014. The Board agreed. The exact date will be announced by mail to the member countries.

14 Closure.

The President thanked all those present for their attendance and for their positive contributions. Much topics have been discussed.

Leonberg, 28 September 2013

Willi Güllix, President I.L.U.

- Chairman of the meeting -