

Minutes of the annual delegates meeting of the International Union for Leonberger Dogs on 25 September 2021.

Location: Leonberg. Stadthalle. and on Zoom Conferencing.

Time: 25 September 2021, 10.02 – 12.31.

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Presence:

The delegates of the member clubs in:

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

(So 20 members with voting rights are represented).

Excused: The member club from Canada.

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

Chairman of the meeting: Points 1-7 Willi Güllix, president of the ILU.

Points 9-11 Guido Perosino, new elected president of the ILU.

Taker of the minutes: Hein Sibrijns, Secretary of I.L.U.

Agenda:

1. Welcoming introduction / check on presence of quorum / approval of the agenda / approval of the minutes 2019.
2. Election of the keeper of the minutes / election of electoral commission.
3. Reports:
 - a. of the President.
 - b. of the acting treasurer.
 - c. of the secretary d. of the auditors
4. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the committee.
5. Budget 2022, Membership fees 2022.
6. IULH World Championship Show.
7. News from the member countries (reports from the member countries).
8. Election of a new board.
9. Election of the auditors.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Closure.

01. Welcome.

The President opened the meeting at 10.02 a.m. and greeted those present.

It was ascertained that the general assembly was convened in a timely and formal manner.

Hein Sibrijns was unanimously appointed as taker of the minutes.

Thomas Walker was unanimously named election overseer.

Louise Baldwin and Ivan Branders were unanimously named election helpers.

02. Reports:

a. of the President

The President's report was read out in German.

The translation into English was carried out by the interpreter Niels Steinmetz.

[Click for the report](#)

b. of the treasurer

The financial report was emailed to delegates on September 14th.

The Treasurer, Thomas Walker, explained: All member clubs have paid the dues. Due to COVID, there were no other costs apart from the account management fees. Thus the Union saved 3467.97 euros in the 2020/2021 period. It can be seen that the membership of our member clubs is constantly falling. We must therefore expect lower income.

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c. of the secretary

Hein Sibrijns reads out his report.

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d. of the auditors.

Niels Steinmetz (NL) and Ginny Barthelomay (USA) checked the bookkeeping of the finances of the past financial year of the association.

The audit showed that the documents corresponded to a clean and properly kept bookkeeping, for which the treasurer Thomas Walker was warmly thanked.

03. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the board

The Executive Board was unanimously discharged.

04 budget 2021/22, membership fees 2019

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

05. Reports from the member countries

The member countries have submitted written reports.

The reports were emailed to the delegates by the secretary and can be read on the home page. [Click here](#)

06 IULH World Championship Show.

The first Leonberger World Winner Show (on September 18, 2021, in Cluny) was a success.

The show had been planned for 2020, because of COVID it was postponed to this year.

The 2019 Delegates Meeting had unanimously selected St. Petersburg as the venue for the second IULH World Championship Show, because the club in the country where the World Dog Show 2021 was planned (Spain) didn't want to organize a World Championship show in conjunction with a WDS in Madrid. Since as well the show in Cluny as the WDS in Madrid were postponed for one year and because the Russian club had offered to postpone for one year in case Cluny had to be postponed, the St. Petersburg show is supposed to be planned in 2022.

The FCI World Dog Show will take place in Geneva (Switzerland) in 2023. Switzerland was asked if it would like to organize the IULH World Championship Show. However, Switzerland refused because they have to catch two Club Shows. The German Club for Leonberger Dogs is ready to hold the IULH World Championship Show 2023 in Leonberg as an alternative.

If St. Petersburg cannot host the IULH World Championship Show in 2022 due to COVID measures, the DCLH / Leonberg would be ready to swap. St. Petersburg or Leonberg will be definitely decided in February 2022.

08. Election of a new board

10 member countries with voting rights were on site in the Leonberg City Hall, 10 member countries with voting rights were connected online via Zoom. Those present casted their votes on ballot papers in the hall.

Voting President:

Guido Perosino stood for election: result 13 yes, 6 no and 1 abstention.

Guido Perosino was elected.

Voting Vice President:

Valérie Bontems, Daniela Lutz and Natalia Romanova stood for election.

First voting: Daniela Lutz 10, Natalia Romanova 3, Valérie Bontems 7.

Second voting: Daniela Lutz 13, Valérie Bontems 7.

Daniela Lutz was elected.

Voting Treasurer:

Niels Steinmetz stood for election.

Niels Steinmetz was elected unanimously.

Voting secretary:

Rob Lyon and Hein Sibrijns stood for election.

First voting: Rob Lyon 10, Hein Sibrijns 10.

Second voting: Rob Lyon 10, Hein Sibrijns 10.

Third voting: Rob Lyon 11, Hein Sibrijns 9.

Rob Lyon was elected.

The assessor on the board of the IULH is not elected by the general assembly. A representative of the German Club for Leonberger Dogs is a permanent member of the board (currently Wolfgang Mayer).

The newly elected members of the board are:

President: Guido Perosino (IT), Vice President Daniela Lutz (CH), Treasurer Niels Steinmetz (NL), Secretary Rob Lyon (NZ), Assessor DCLH Wolfgang Mayer (DE).

09. Election of the auditors.

Glen Ferguson and Hein Sibrijns were unanimously elected as auditors.

10. Miscellaneous

Daniela Lutz announced that Bern, Minnesota, Upsala, are also continuing to do research, including LPN, bone cancer and complete genome decoding.

Cord Droegemueller (University of Bern) reports a possible increase in issues with Kidney conditions in young Leonbergers. He suspects this may be a possible recessive gene condition.

Also there are possible signs of a Gene Marker for Osteosarcoma in Leonbergers but it is still too early to be sure. Bern and Minnesota can use the available LPN blood samples for this purpose. Since the LPN test is cheaper in other laboratories than in Bern, fewer and fewer blood samples are sent to Bern for evaluation. In the cases where other laboratories test, Bern asks whether blood samples can also be sent to Bern at the same time. Storage is free. In Switzerland the shipping costs are also covered by the club. Ms. Lutz regrets that the Austrian Club is not sending blood samples to Bern, but to the Feragen laboratory.

Tarmo Room asks if the new board will appoint a health committee.

Guido Perosino replies that committees are coordinated by the board, committees must be set up.

Ms. Wolf said: Ms. Lutz mentioned Austria in connection with the fact that blood samples are not sent to Bern but to the Feragen laboratory. The following are listed below:

Dr. Perosino and Mrs. Lutz see genetics as an important point in their work.

Austria is of course able to take part in interesting breed-specific research projects with blood samples.

As a relatively small association with little financial leeway, we started the DLA / ARRAY project in Feragen with the support of breeders (who pay for the blood draw and analysis themselves) because it was not available anywhere else. There is no competition between Mean Kinship or DLA / Array profiles.

It is not an Austrian project, but an international one.

DLA / Array Profiles are an additional work tool that is used for each individual pairing.

To serve the population, every single mating counts.

An aid that serves to strengthen the immune system in the offspring, which hopefully prevents further occurrence of e.g. autoimmune diseases, should be used.

Therefore we ask the ILU board of directors and the clubs to familiarize themselves with the topic and to inform the breeders about it for the benefit of our breed.

After all, that's why we're all here together. Kristina Truedsson says that Zoom can be continued well in the future.

Tarmo asked if the procedure for Electing Board Members should be changed to avoid a repeat of the situation where repeated votes for the same position ended in a draw. Glen Ferguson replied that the system could be changed but that the current Election System was "working as intended" and did produce a result.

11 Closure.

The new President thanked everyone present for their participation and contributions; He also thanked the previous members of the Board for the great work done, the President Gullix and in particular the Secretary Sibrijns.

He congratulates the newly elected Directors with the best wishes for their work.

He adds a grateful greeting to Honorary President Gerhard Zerle.

Leonberg, September 25, 2021,

Willi Gullix,
Chairman points1-7

Guido Perosino
Chairman points 9-11

Hein Sibrijns
Keeper of the minutes