

Minutes of the Annual Delegates Meeting of the International Leonberger Union on the 27th September 2014

Location: Leonberg. Amber Hotel.

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

Represented were the member clubs from: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA. (So 17 voting members were represented).

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

All members of the ILU board were present, treasurer represented by Thomas Walker.

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 2013
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. Budget 2015, membership fees 2015
6. News from the member countries (reports from the member countries)
7. Discussion/vote of the draft/proposal of the new version of the “paragraph elections” in the constitution.
8. Report of the general health committee:
 - a. DNA-databank
 - b. Health seminar 2015
9. Breeding problems in the Union.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Closure.

01 Welcome:

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

The treasurer Peter Cejnek cannot do his job because of a severe illness. Peter has asked Tomas Walker to represent him as treasurer in the meeting, the necessary documents were presented. The committee had discussed the situation in its meeting of the 26/09 and asked the meeting’s consent to appoint Thomas Walker as deputy treasurer until the next elections (n 2016) or until earlier recovery of Peter.

The consent was unanimously approved.

The committee was happy that Mrs. Mayra Huber had accepted the invitation to interpret German-English in this meeting.

02: Election of keeper of the minutes:

Hein Sibrijns will keep the minutes.

03 reports:

a president Willi Güllix.

The president read his detailed report in German, it was translated into English by Mayra Huber. The original report is attached to these minutes.

On the committee meeting of 26/09, the committee has decided to donate 1000 Euros to Bern University for further LPN-research. The further genetic research must be performed on ca. 10 dogs that were tested negative for LPN1 and LPN2, but that still show symptoms of LPN. One suspects other gene-mutations. This research costs about 2500 Euro per dog. Therefore the committee asks the member clubs to participate in the costs of the research by making a donation.

b. Treasurer.

The deputy Treasurer Thomas Walker read out the report.

Not all member club have paid their dues. Thomas will take care of this.

The total revenue was 3189.91 euros.

The total expenditure was 1698.36 euros.

The excess was 1491.55 euros.

The bank balance on 23/09/2014 was 8318.21 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&2-test results.

The Union's website is as always well attended.

D. The auditors.

Säde Crivelli (CH) and Kaj Lindstedt (FIN) had reviewed the audit of the accounts of the in last year completed at 31-12-2013, as well as the bookings in the current year 2014. The audit revealed a match of the documents with clean and properly conducted accounts, for which the Treasurer Peter Cejnek and the deputy Thomas Walker were warmly thanked. The auditors requested the approval of the financial statements and the Granting of discharge of the Executive Board and Treasurer. This was unanimously granted without discussion.

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

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

05 Budget 2015, membership fees 2015:

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

06 Reports from the member countries:

A written report was handed out by nearly all member clubs. The reports are attached to these minutes.

On the occasion of 15 years membership of the Union, the Russian club presented a wood carved troika to the president of the Union, a table stand to each member club and a key ring to each representative.

07. Discussion/vote of the draft/proposal of the new version of §14 (elections) in the constitution.

The constitution committee (President Glen Ferguson (USA), Willi Güllix (D) and Denis Vernon (F)) has elaborated a draft for revision of § 14 (elections). The draft was send by email to the members before the meeting. UK and Denmark have send motions on the proposal.

Because the president is also a member of the constitution committee he asked Thomas Walker to moderate the discussion on this topic.

The constitution committee has made the draft for §14 as simple as possible, while considering the proposals received from the members in 2013.

Denmark proposed now to elect 2 committee members every 2 year instead of all 4 every 4 years, because that way continuity is better retained. This has already been discussed on the first draft of the constitution in 2003 and

2004. The conclusion of that discussion was that this is of advantage for committees with clearly more than 4 committee members. In a small committee the continuity in working is better guaranteed by electing all positions in the committee at the same time. And one doesn't have to organize elections every two years. After lengthy discussion it was decided to keep the 4 year period from, like it was proposed in the draft. Clause f was complemented with "but no later than the next annual meeting of the delegates". On proposal of UK clause g is complimented with: "only upon return email confirmation of receipt". In the new version of § 14 simple majority is changed into absolute majority. Therefore §13-8 is changed into: "Each member club has a vote. Elections and votes take place by absolute majority (50%+1 vote). Resolutions that change statutes require a 2/3 majority". The proposed changes of § 14 and §13-8, including the before mentioned additions, were unanimously decided. (Complete constitution on <http://www.leonbergerunion.com/constitution.htm>).

08. Report of the general health committee

A proposal of the health committee to build a worldwide DNA-databank had been send by email to the members before the meeting.

The meeting unanimously agrees with the proposal of the health committee to work out the practical setup of such a databank.

It was urgently recommended to make the LPN2 obligatory for breeding dogs. It must be remarked that unlike LPN1, the inheritance of LPN2 is autosomal dominant, so D/N animals are not "carrier", they are "affected" and must also be excluded from breeding.

The LPN1 has now been published:

<http://www.plosgenetics.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pgen.1004635>

The Russian club emphasises that one must pay attention to the fact that because of scientific name giving of diseases one doesn't create the impression that only Leonbergers have these hereditary diseases. The same diseases occur in many other breeds, probably even more frequently than in Leonbergers. LPN1 is not a breed specific Leonberger disease, it occurs in several other breeds.

The committee proposed to make a professional video on health topics, instead of the originally proposed health seminar. The video can be made accessible online for everybody, free of charge.

The proposal was enthusiastically received by the board and the delegates. The costs were estimated at 3500 euros. The Union will supply 1500-1800 euros. The president proposed that the member clubs will financially support the project with if possible 150 euro per club (without obligation). The Danish club remarked that 150 euros isn't much, it costs clearly more to send a representative to Leonberg for a seminar. The Union will open a special bank account where the clubs can pay the 150 euros.

9. Breeding problems in the Union.

There was no request to speak.

10 Miscellaneous

Switzerland asked to publish the requirements for stud dogs from the various member countries on the website of the Union.

14 Closure.

The President thanked all those present for their attendance and for their positive contributions.

Leonberg, 27 September 2014

Willi Güllix, President I.L.U.

- Chairman of the meeting -

Hein Sibrijns, secretary I.L.U.

-Taker of the minutes-