

## **Report of the vice president and veterinarian**

This year we had to change the location of the sprint race to Donovaly, and I want to start with making the organizers there a compliment for the very good race they were able to organize for us.

But a more important issue of this year is a doping case in France, that reminds us of the necessity of our doping controls! I'm proud to say that our doping controls of this year were negative again. But this does not mean that we can sit and relax, in contrary we have to be active and protect our sport from this problem. Therefore I'm in contact with several laboratories, to find out how we can intensify the controls at a reasonable cost! Things that have to be taken in account is that we will be using the WADA list and that it might be possible that we might return to urine testing. I hope the GA will support this plan of doping control.

Another item that is worked on, is the new European regulation about transporting more than 5 dogs. I have been in contact with the Dutch authorities and they ensured me that sleddogs are able to travel across europe without problems, but as the FISTC we want to be sure and wait until we have this on paper and we can make a document to be used before travelling ,throughout europe consisting the chipnumbers of all dogs, running or no running.

So for next year : let your mushers be aware of these intensified dopingrules, let them watch our website to follow the developments around the transportation of our dogs and see you at our next race .

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