

Minutes from General Assembly in Marianska, Czech Republic 18 + 19th of June 2011

1) **Welcome.**

The president welcomes all participants to the 26th GA of FISTC and thanks our friends from the Czech Republic for organizing the meeting.

He informed that all board members were present except for Marco Visconti, who was excused for personal reasons.

2) **Definition of the participants and list of votes.**

The number of votes at the beginning of the GA is **20**.

Austria	Klaus Bäuml	SSVÖ	2x
Belgium	Harry Braekmans		2x
Czech	Roman Habasco Milan Petruzelka		2x
Denmark	Jan Pedersen	DPHK	1x
France	Chantal Godimus	FFPTC	4x
Germany	Andreas Wiatowski	SSD	2x
Hungary	Andrea Der	AsESZKSE	1x
Italy CIS		CIS	
Italy FIMSS	Massimo Bassan	FIMSS	1x
Netherlands	Frans Weischer Roderick Glastra	MHSC	2 x
Slovakia	Pavel Thoma Ivan Vasko	SK Donly SAJPS	1x 1x
Slovenia	Matjaz Ovsenek		1x
Switzerland			
New members: Russia - 2 Romania - 2 Luxembourg - 1			
Total number of votes			20

3) **Adoption of the agenda**

— During the Board Meeting before the opening of the GA a few things were added and changed:

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

4) **Approval of the minutes of the last GA in Chiomonte Italy**

The Board regrets a mistake in the minutes from Chiomonte as the Mid/Long distance

Championship was announced to take place in Oravska Lesna and this is not the case.

As a consequence of this we have for the time being no place for this championship.

Because of this we are open for suggestions.

The approval was given unanimously

5) **Reports of**

- President
- Vice President
- Veterinarian
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Technical Director Sprint
- Technical Director MD / LT
- Technical Director Cart/Animal Welfare
- Report of the financial controller.

All the reports were read by the relevant Board members except the one from Marco Visconti, Technical Director for Sprint. This one was read loud by the President.

The financial controller stated that the accounting was perfectly correct.

The reports are attached to these minutes.

6) **Discharging the members of the board.**

Voting results: against: 0; abstentions: 0; in favour: 20

7) Admission of new members: Luxemburg, Romania (4Fun), and Russia

Luxemburg got its final admission after two years of provisional membership,

approved unanimously;

For Romania, a second club, named 4Fun has requested to become Member of the FISTC. All documents are in order and they also participated successfully to Donovaly.

The membership is approved unanimously;

Russia made a request for Membership (Borealis Club), all documents being in order and having also very successfully participated in Donovaly, they are unanimously accepted as new Members

The membership is approved unanimously;

Poland had applied for membership as well but a few days before the GA the Board received a mail informing us that they immediately want to withdraw from the FISTC.

In addition no Polish mushers will be accepted in FISTC Championships in future until Poland has been accepted as a FISTC Member at the GA.

The Board decided unanimously:

As in 2011, at the WC Donovaly the Polish wanted to participate they applied for provisional membership confirming they were not members of the WSA and paid the fee in order to participate. In their mail received two days before the GA they wrote that the club Durango in reality is a member of the WSA.

This leads to the exclusion of the Polish Club from the FISTC, and the Board also decided to disqualify and give five years of exclusion to the participating Polish mushers, as they should not have entered the race. All Polish titles won are cancelled and all Polish mushers will be removed from the Final List of Results.

As a consequence of this decision we congratulate the new Champions:

In Class A1: Champion Jürgen Stolz – GER, Vice Champion: Roderick Glastra, NED, Bronze Medal: Litvaj Maros,SK

In Class C1: Champion Andrei Broz, Cz, Vice Champion Stefan Krkoska, Bronze Medal: Martini Massimo,ITA

In Class C2: Champion Zapletal Martin,CZ, Vice Champion Laurent Blot, FRA, Bronze Medal: Sepp Brugger,AUT

In Class D1: Champion Christian Rotter, AUT, Vice Champion: Alexander Karpov, RUS, Bronze Medal: Damien Langlois, FRA

The General Assembly noted the sanctions

8) **Request and proposals from the Board and Member countries.**

Proposals from the Board

A. Amendments to race rules.

1. Statement that will apply to all races, cart, sprint, middle and long distance:

Any musher who, at FISTC Championship, gives back his starting number to the race marshal, the organiser, or any of their assistants will immediately be considered as being definitively out of the race. In no way at any moment, will he be allowed to get his starting number back and continue the race.

(This proposal derives from experiences in Oravska Lesna and Ospitale di Fanano)

This amendment to the rules was adopted unanimously.

2. Modification of the Cart race rules, Item 9, team size.

It is proposed to add a new sub-item “12” that should read:

In case of the organisation of a junior class in Cani Cross 1, this class must be split into two different classes “Junior A” for children from 11 to 14 years old and “Junior B” for young mushers from 15 to 17 years old. No separation between boys and girls.
(This proposal derives from the experience in Reingers)
This proposal was adopted unanimously.

B. Proposals for adjustments to the Pure Breed Check.

3. The Board would like to introduce and use the modern methods available for determining the parenthood of dogs. This is because breeders in more and more countries are obliged to have DNA testing. The board wants to open the possibility for our members to VOLUNTARILY join a FISTC DNA database.

The DNA test will prove without doubt the parents of dogs. The advantage for the musher is important. If a dog through the DNA identification shows to be the puppy of two purebred dogs authorised for breeding and in the limits of the standard, it will be allowed to participate at FISTC championships.

PS: The Board will announce how to handle the database and can inform that DNA results already in a country’s database can be transferred to our database.

During the discussions the proposal was slightly amended and the version as shown in these minutes was **accepted unanimously**

4. Nothing will be changed to the decision taken in Chiomonte about the checking of dogs by a judge or the “Good”. However, in some cases, for dogs who cannot get a “Good” in a dog show for various reasons - either a problem of size, weight or type -, (like missing teeth or a castrated dog for example) it is proposed that the owner gets a special form approved and signed by a FCI judge. That special form will be seen attached.

[THIS IS NOT A NEW REQUEST FORM FOR A DOGPASS, just a form for dogs who cannot get the right minimum level (Good), for reasons that are other than type, weight or size]

This procedure and the subsequent form **were adopted unanimously**

New Form:

FORM TO BE USED FOR THE REQUEST OF A FISTC DOG PASS
For a dog that cannot be seen in a dog Show

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH THE PEDIGREE AND THE CHIP NUMBER

REQUEST (To be filled in by the owner of the dog) :

I, the undersigned certify that I am the owner of the dog identified hereafter and ask that my dog is examined in order to be allowed to participate in the sled dog races organised by the F. I. S. T. C.

NAME..... **FirstName**.....

ADDRESS.....

ZIP CODE..... **CITY**.....

Email Address.....@.....

Phone number Mobile Phone

BREED: **PEDIGREEN**° :

Name of the dog

Date of birth Sex: Male Female

Colour of the coat

Chip N° : (or sticker)

Signature of the owner :

Size:cm Weight.....kg

I, the undersigned..... expert or judge of my National Kennel Club,

certify that I have checked the dog identified above and declare:

Is **ACCEPTABLE** **This dog could not go to a dog show for the following reason**
(Examples: castrated dog, missing teeth):

But the dog is in **Size, Weight and Type** according to the standard of its breed.

Is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** for the following reason(s).....
.....
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Location..... Date.....

Signature of the expert:

This form was also accepted by all 20 votes, and because of this, the Board shall release a new Information clearly showing how to do in the process of having dogs accepted via our various ways.



France 1: To be dealt with under: other issues

Chantal GODIMUS
F. F. P. T. C.

Suzy, le 14. juli 2011

The French National Team presents his most sincere and warm thanks to Olivier FAVRE for all his professional work carried out to find and prepare the trail at the European Championship FISTC that have taken place in OSPITALE DI FANANO.

Snow has fallen in very great quantity and despite everything Olivier traced the trail ingeniously.

Great thank you Olivier!

The French mushers thank also the person who has come especially from PIAN CANSIGLIO with his small machine for preparing the trail. The big machine was getting stuck in the snow.

Thank you very very much.

France 2:



Chantal GODIMUS
F. F. P. T. C.

Suzy, le 14. juli 2011

Question from France:

Is it possible to include on the FISTC race rules that all mushers must respect the quiet for the night and that firstly they must stop the generators engines between 10:00 pm until seven o'clock in the morning?

Was changed to: from 11 pm and shall now read:

All musher must respect quietness for the night and also stop generators from 11 pm.

- and then **accepted by all 20 votes**, with the consequence that this will be added to the Race Rules.

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For the FISTC General Assembly

Dear Friends,

We would like to suggest you:

- The plus weight which is needed to be added to have the specified weight (you can find in regulations) has to be fixed to the rig on European Championships. Sandbag, etc. can not be used.

- The race rigs have to be checked randomly at the finish line.

In accordance with a similar Austrian proposal, it was decided that all carts at FISTC Championships will be controlled at the finish line.

This was accepted unanimously

If you accept our invitation, we would like to organize the next FISTIC General Assembly. It would be held in June 2012 at the Lake Balaton.

See under: Other issues

We have a big plan:

We would like to organize the FISTIC European Championship Cart in November 2014 in shire Komarom-Esztergom, Hungary. Of course if you approve it.

See under: Other issues

Best wishes



Andrea Dér

Proposal from Slovenia:

Slovenski klub vodnikov vlečnih psov (SKVVP) and

Community Medvode

Turistic organisation Smlednik

Turistic organisation Hrase

Turistic organisation Dragocajna

We are suggesting organisation of FISTIC European championship Cart in Smlednik, November, 17. – 20., 2011.

For SKVVP

Matjaz Ovsenek

The Slovenian delegate Matjaz Ovsenek informed the General Assembly about the conditions at the Stake Out area as well as those of the camping place and then the suggestion to have the 2011 Cart champion ship in Smlednik.

This was accepted unanimously.

NETHERLANDS:

Proposals from the Netherlands Mushing Holland Sled dog Club

1. We need for next GA all proposals sooner, so we can discuss those issues at our Club meeting.

As this is already in our statutes we have to receive any proposals six weeks before the GA being able to present all proposals to the delegates four weeks before the GA.

2. Minimum distances for EM and WM, we fully respect lots of work the Dutch club had because of extreme bad weather conditions at the last WM championship but we need to follow the minimum distances for championship.

Answer:

Always whenever this is possible - when weather and geographical conditions are taken into account. This will be decided finally by the Race marshal and his/her staff.

This subject was widened to a discussion about trails for Carts, as we in Reingers had too much asphalt to the opinion of many mushers, and it was decided to have a maximum of 5% asphalt on the trails.

The Race rules will be changed accordingly.

3. We think the time is right for all mushers to use a helmet at Championships

As no middle-distance nor long trail mushers could accept such a proposal, this was changed by Mushing Holland to:

We think the time is right for all mushers to wear a helmet at Sprint Championships and then to be voted on.

The votes were: 10 against, 2 abstentions, and 8 in favor.

The following rest of the Dutch suggestions were withdrawn.

Austrian Proposals

Request no. 1 (was totally redrawn by the Austrian delegate.)

For repeal of the decision on dog-passes adopted by the GA 2010 in Chiomonte.

In our opinion the decision adopted in Taxenbach in 2009 has to be valid for two years according to the FISTC-rules.

Dog-pass release:

- 1) Doesn't exist a "dog-pass release" rule/set of rules, the dog-pass is released by the FISTC members that are meantime checked and inspected by themselves. Sometime this "hole" of the rule creates confusion and suspects: we are pleased to remember that run with dogs not in conformity it is a "sporting fraud". In order to avoid it, we propose a specific point of rule/set of rules that have to be foreseen:

. Clear guidelines for the dog-pass release;

Guidelines about dog passes and how they should be released will be attached at the minutes of GA

. every FISTC member has to communicate the person/persons delegate to sign the dog-passes

. sign an assumption of responsibility from the member and the dog-pass' release delegate:

1. In case of at least two dogs not in standard with a dog pass-signed from a person, that

person cannot release dog-passes anymore;

2. In case of at least four dogs not in standard, the FISTC member will be suspended for one

Year

In this case the club will be fined (€ 300)

See extract from the FISTC Statutes:

S 10 Members' rights and duties

3.1 Practice d

Dog sledging sport only with pure breed sledge dogs, having the corresponding documents established by an association in connection with the F.C.I.

Request no. 2:

At the Cart European Championship the carts shouldn't be weighed one day before the race but after each race in order to prevent any subsequent manipulation.

Was withdrawn, as we dealt with it already in the Hungarian proposals.

9) **Race-calendar for the season 2011/2012 and future FISTC Championships Cart and Distance**

2011/12

EC Cart sprint and mid. distance in Smlednik, Slovenia 18 – 20 November, with arrival on Thursday 17 Nov.

EC Sprint 10 -12 Feb. 2012, in Tarvisio. (Length of trails were accepted by the delegates)

EC Mid and Long distance --- for the time being the place has not yet been determined. (Italy – Czech Republic and Austria will return shortly)

2012/13

EC Cart in Farra d'Alpago, Italy 3rd weekend November

WC Sprint in Chiomonte, Italy 2nd weekend in Feb. 2013

WC Mid/Long distance in Feb./March 2013 – maybe in Switzerland.

2013/14

EC Cart in Belgium, 3rd weekend November

EC Sprint, we have no location yet.

EC Mid/Long distance, we have no location yet.

2014/15

EC Cart Sprint in Hungary, 3rd weekend November (Close to the Austrian border)

WC Sprint in Tarvisio, Italy in February – and

EC Mid/Long distance whenever possible in the following weekend – no location yet.

2015/16

EC Cart in Denmark, 3rd weekend November

WC Sprint and EC Mid/Long distance – no locations yet.

10) **Establishment of the national contingent for the next championships**

	Cart 2011	Sprint 2012	MD/LT 2012
Austria	5	15	2
Belgium	1	1	1
Czech	1	8	4
Denmark		3	-
France	10	20	10
Germany	5	20	2
Hungary	-	2	-
Italy CIS	5	12	3
FIMSS	3	8	2
Netherlands	40	10	1
Romania	-	3	-
Slovakia SAJPS			
Slovakia DONLY	-	10	8
Slovenia	2	2	1
Switzerland CSCPT	?	?	
Luxembourg	?	?	

11) **Place of the next General Assembly 2012**

Two places were candidates for the organisation of the next General Assembly: Farra d'Alpago in Italy, where the EC Cart will be organised the following season and Hungary with a place at the Balaton Lake. The voting gave the following result:

9 in favour of Italy, and 11 of Hungary.

The next general assembly of the FISTC will be organised in Hungary near the Balaton Lake, third weekend of June

12) Establishment of the number of mushers by the member countries. Each member will give his number of mushers of last season.

Austria	50
Belgium	27
Czech	60
Denmark, DPHK	19
France	502
Germany	174
Hungary	20
Italy CIS	40
FIMSS	50
Netherlands, MSH	40
Slovakia Donly	15
Slovakia SAJPS	77
Slovenia	9
Romania 1	15
Romania 2 – 4Fun	
Switzerland CSCPT	?
Luxembourg	?
Russia, Borealis	17

13) Other Issues

FROM AUSTRIA:

Under "other matters" I would like to raise the following points:

In 2007 the following was decided:

2) We would also propose that any team that has been warned by the Animal Welfare controller for his boxes should be disqualified before the start of the Championships if hi did not change or improve the travelling conditions of his dogs the following year.

Vote results: against: 0; abstentions: 0; in favour: 20

Question 1:

Is there a list of warnings and if so, where is this list published or how can it be consulted?

Answer From Animal welfare – Guust Zagers:

Today the only way to see it is on the final list of results from every Championship, but it will be made clearer and it will be made public on the Website.

Question 2:

How does FISTC handle the rule according to which categories with less than three starters on the first day are not considered for the score? In 2010 this rule was applied in Donovaly and Oravska Lesna while in 2011 it wasn't applied at the MD European Championship in Ospitale de Fanano.

Answer: The FISTC always applies to the same rule. A title can only be delivered when there are minimum three starters on the first day in the class.

Question 3:

Where can this rule be found and why is it applied apparently arbitrarily?

Answer: It's a long lasting rule that derives from a GA decision many years ago. More precision of which year that was taken will be given as soon as possible.

Question 4:

Why is FISTC looking at private Homepages and commenting on them?

Answer: The Board was not looking on your website as such. We were contacted by members who felt offended and asked us to do something about it, and we do not consider your website as private. Being published on the Internet makes it an open book – Public, and anyone can comment on it.

From Hungary:

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This was accepted and is in the Timetable above.

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From the Netherlands:

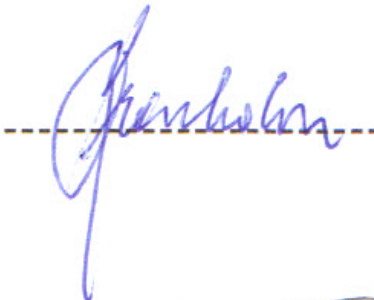
Roderick Glastra asked if the Board had progressed in taking contact for talks with WSA, as he was aware of a mail correspondence had taken place.

Answer from the President:

Yes – such a correspondence exists and at the Board meeting Friday evening it was decided to give a positive answer to WSA for a meeting. A mail will be sent in a few days and will suggest 2 or 3 dates and 2 possible places where such a meeting could take place. The result of this will of course be published directly to all delegates as well as announced on our website.

After this the President closed the meeting at 8.30 pm thanking again our hosts for the excellent organisation of the meeting and all delegates for all the positive efforts put into this GA.

Signed by: Secretary Gert Kronholm



President Franco Mannato



Date: 2011.07.14