

Minutes of the General Assembly held in Ottenschlag, Austria

on 4 th & 5 th June 2016

On the behalf of the Board, Franco Mannato apologies that we didn't send a message to all Delegates the day our treasurer and friend Walter Treichl died. It was a big shock for all of us.

The sad news was on our home page within 24 hours, but once again we apologise to the Delegates.

Before the start of the meeting the General assembly respects 1 min. silence in memory of our friend Walter Treichl.

1) Welcome. The president welcomes all participants to the 31st GA of FISTC, and thanks our friends from Austria, SSVÖ, for organizing the meeting.

2) Definition of the participants and list of votes. The number of votes at the beginning of the GA is 19 from 11 clubs.

Austria Erich Astelbauer

SSVÖ 2x

Belgium Siegfried Bomon F.B.M.F 2x

Bulgaria Ivelin Todorov 2x

Czech Roman Habasko

CMSKSP 2x

Denmark

Jan Pedersen

DPHK 1x

Estonia

France Roland Cabanski

FFPTC 2x

Germany Wolfgang Speer SSD 2x

Hungary Andrea

ESZKSK 2x

Italy Marco Visconti

CIS 1x

Italy Laura Ravaschio

F.I.M.S.S 1x

Luxemburg

Netherlands

Romania

ASAMB

Romania FORFUN SLEDDOG Serbian

Slovakia Branislav Slany

SZPZ 2x

Slovenia SKVVP

South Africa SAFDSS

Switzerland CSCPT

Total number of votes

19

3) Adoptions of the agenda

AGENDA FOR THE FISTC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 4st & 5 st June 2016 Ottenschlag,
Austria

1) Welcome.

2) Definition of the participants and list of votes.

3) Adoption of the agenda.

4) Adoption of the minutes of the last GA in Ebeltoft, Denmark

5) Reports of President Vice –president Secretary and Webmaster

Treasurer Technical Director Sprint Technical Director MD / LT Technical

Director Cart Veterinarian Animal Welfare Coordinator

Report of the financial controllers.

6) Discharging the members of the board.

7) Admission of new members.

8) Election of Board Members

- Election of the President - Election of the Vice-president - Election of the Secretary - Election of the Treasurer - Election of the Technical Director sprint - Election of the Technical Director MD/LD - Election of the Technical Director Cart - Election of the Animal Welfare Coordinator - Election of the Veterinarian

9) Request and proposals from the Board and Member countries.

10) Race-calendar for the season 2016/2017 and future FISTC Championships.

11) Establishment of the national contingent for the next championships.

12) Place of the next General Assembly 2017

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

14) Other Issues

The board would like to have a discussion of the member fee, and this will be under number 8b) on the agenda

The agenda with the inclusion of 8b), was unanimously adopted with reference to our Statutes § 13 and 15.

4) Approval of the minutes of the last GA in Ebeltoft, Denmark

The minutes were approved unanimously

5) Reports of a. President b. Vice President c. Secretary d. Treasurer e. Veterinarian f. Technical director sprint g. Technical director MD/LT h. Technical Director Cart i. Animal Welfare Coordinator j. Report of the financial controller

Unfortunately it was not possible to have a report from the treasurer, but as soon as the new treasurer will have collected all documents from Walter's family and will have been able to call for membership fees and prepare the accounts, a financial report will be sent to all participants.

The rest of the reports were read by the relevant Board members. The reports are attached to these minutes

6) Discharging the members of the board

Voting results; against:0; abstentions: 0; in favour: 19

The board is unanimously discharged for the work done over the year.

7) Admission of new members Russia Moldova Netherland – Mushing for all Holland

The President introduces each of the new countries as well as Mushing for all Holland, a second club for The Netherlands.

All three new members were unanimously approved by the GA

8) Election of Board Members

A commission for the elections is elected with two members: Jan Pedersen (DK) and IvelinTodorov (BG).

- Election of the President – Franco Mannato, only candidate : 18 votes in favour 1 abstension, Elected - Election of the Vice-president – Marco Visconti : 16 votes in favour 2 abstentions, 1 unreadle (nil), Elected - Election of the Secretary – Heidi Schmölz: 19 votes in favour, Elected - Election of the Treasurer – Sabine Klein: 17 votes in favour 2 abstentions, Elected - Election of the Technial Director sprint: 3 candidates : Roman Reistetter 0 votes, Roland Cabanski 7 votes in favour, Laszlo Nagy 12 votes in favour, Elected - Election of the Technial Director MD/LD – Olivier Favre: 19 votes in favour, Elected - Election of the Technial Director Cart – Gerald Schinzel: 19 votes in favour, Elected - Election of the Animal Welfare Coordinator – Harry Braeckmans: 19 votes in favour, Elected - Election of the Veterinarian – Laura Ravaschio 19 votes in favour, Elected.

8b) Member fee

In a discussion with Walter Treichl, some ytime ago, he was indicating that the FISTC needs more money as income has been declining due to a lower number of participants on the Championships and a lower number of members in the clubs. So the board believes that it is time to raise the member fee. At this time we pay 125 € for each vote and 3,50 euro each active member. It can be a challenge for the small clubs to pay much more, and after a small discussion the GA decided to raise the member fee only in increasing the cost of each vote to 150€.

9) Request and proposals from the board and Member countries

>From the board

Modifications of the Middle Distance Race Rules.

It is proposed to modify the MD racing rules as follows:

Paragraph B) Distances

Distances for MD Championships are:

D, C and SJ Women = 25km (+/- 5km)

B, Pulka and SJ Men = 35km (+/- 5km)

A and O = 45 km (+/- 5km).

The reason is that when the rules were drafted there was no Ski-Jöring. **Vedtaget**

Paragraph D) Mandatory Equipment according to the racing categories:

- "Pulka" Class: drop the neckline (useless in Pulka) and leave all other items. **Vedtaget**

Add a new class:

- "Ski-Jöring" Classes : One spare harness, a complete set of booties for each dog, First aid kit for the skier and first aid kit for the dog(s), one cable line with two carabineers.

Recommended; One spare ski stick (telescopic) **Vedtaget**

Please think that on the MD it's difficult to have 3 competitors in each class.

Open each cat, with one competitor (like we did on our last MD championship) We know it is a pity but every competitor needs to be allowed to participate in these disciplines and that will also help the organisers. **Vedtaget**

Proposal from Austria

We would like to file an application to the FISTC to re-accept category MD Bike 1 Dog and category MD Bike 2 Dogs during further Cart Championships. Conditions:

A minimum of 3 Starters in each of the categories Separate assessment of Men and Women only if 3 starters in minimum per sex Separate assessment between Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes/Samoyed Dogs/Greenland Dogs only if 3 starters in each of the categories. **Vedtaget med en prøveperiode på 3 år**

Proposal from Denmark

1) The club, who is going to organizing a FISTC championship, must have the correct contract before they say yes to a FISTC championship. **Normalt har klubberne kontrakten 6 mdr. før løbets afholdelse. Ønsker man den før er det blot at spørge efter den.**

2) Raise the entry fee for FISTC championship . **Løbsgebyr hæves med 5 euro. De 5 euro vil gå til klubben der afholder løbet. Altså 45 euro til klubben og 35 til FISTC.**

3) To a FISTC championship the competitors should pay the Musher dinner for them self.

Forslaget nedstemt. Mushermiddag skal være gratis for musher og hvis det er muligt også for en handler.

4) The organizer should receive their part of the entry fee before the event.

Dette var generalforsamlingen enig i og det er blot at spørge.

5) The juniors have to pay half price for the race . **Dette var generalforsamlingen ikke enig i, men man besluttede at fremover betaler juniors 20 euro som går til klubben.**

6) The junior have to pay the Musher dinner for them self . **Ikke vedtaget**

7) The race rules for each type of race must contain all the classes. **Arbejdet er i fuld gang.**

Text in red is old text, text in green is our proposal for new text.

§ 17 Executive Board

Fédération Internationale Sportive de Traîneau à Chiens

1. The Executive Board will be composed of Members, **they are elected for 3 years.** **They are elected for 4 years.**

a) The Chairman b) The Vice Chairman c) The Treasurer d) The Secretary e) The Technical Director for Sprint races f) The Technical Director for Middle Distance races and for Long Trail races g) **The Responsible for the FISTC Magazine (informations FISTC) the public relations, the press and the medias** h) **The technical director for Cart** i) The Veterinary j) Animal welfare supervisor

2. The Members of the Executive Board are elected by secrete vote for **3, 4 years.** **As from GA 2016, The Chairman, The Secretary, The Technical Director for MD and LT races and the Technical Director for Cart races, are elected for 2 years, and then 4 years. The Vice Chairman, The Treasurer and The Technical Director for sprint, areelected for 4 years.** Members from a) to g) are compulsory, h) and i) are not. Members of the Executive Board can remain at Executive Board, eventhough they are not more representatives of their country, if the importance of their functions as well as the work they are doing contribute to the Federation development and continuity. Reelections are acceptable.

Isn't it on time to implement what we decided 2013 in Seckau, among other in the race rules. Please let us know which of the board members that want to continue in the bord. The explanation is, why should we use time and energy to find new board members, if

we are fully satisfied with those who already are in the board ? **Det var den siddende bestyrelse ikke så vild med. Præsidenten mente endda at det var en uskreven regel, at alle i et internationalt udvalg er valgt samtidig og på valg samtidig, og at DPHKs tidligere formand helt sikkert kunne bekræfte det. Man var også bange for rissikoen for at der kom nogle i bestyrelsen som de øvrige ikke kunne samarbejde med. Efter min mening noget vås, bestyrelsen har allerede i dag officielt ingen indflydelse på hvem der bliver valgt.**

Præsidenten var også af den opfattelse, at udgangspunktet for forslaget, FISTCs love, er en gammel udgave som ligger på hjemmesiden. Enden på det blev så at jeg, Andrea Der fra Ungarn og Angelika Vasko fra Østrig, skal forsøge over de næste par år, at finde hoved og hale i FISTCs love, og komme med evt. forslag til ændringer.

There was a proposal from Hungary that was coming to late and Delegates had no chance to talk with their organization about it and therefore it cannot be discussed and must wait until next year.

10) Race-calendar for the season 2016/2017 and FISTC Championship's 2016 and future

2017 Season 17-20 November 2016

EC - Cart Ottenschlag, Lower Austria. **Kan varmt anbefale til danske mushere. Kuperet terræn i skov med gode faste grusveje og tæt på overnatning.**

20-22 January 2017 WC - Sled sprint Annaberg, Austria **Er siden ændret til 9-12 feb 2017, Milligrobbe I Italien. Ca 150 km fra Østrigs grænse.**

27-29 January 2017 EC - Sled MD/LD Annaberg, Austria. **Ændret til samme sted weekenden efter.**

2018 Season 16 – 19 November 2017

EC-Cart Selvazzano Dentro Italy

February 2018 EC - Sled sprint Millegrobbe, Italy

February 2018 EC - Sled MD/LD Millegrobbe, Italy

2019 Season November 2018

EC_Cart Abertamy, Czech Republic

2019 WC – Sled Sprint Slovakia

2019 EC – Sled MD/LD Slovakia

2020 Season November 2019

EC – Cart Hungary

Note : In case Annaberg cannot confirm the 2017 Championships by end July, they may be moved to Millegrobbe (I) in 2017, probably in February.

11) Establishment of the national contingent for the next championship's

Cart 2016 Sprint 2017 MD/LD 2017

Austria 25 15 5

Belgium 3 3 3

Bulgarian 5 2 0

Czech 30 5 0

Denmark 5 3 0

Estonia

France 12 12 10

Germany 5 10 0

Hungary 15 5 3

Italy CIS 3 10 2

Italy F.I.M.S.S 3 10 2

Luxemburg

Moldova

Netherlands MHSC

Netherlands

Romania ASAMB

Romania FOR FUN SLEDDOG

Russia

Serbian

Slovakia SZPZ 10 7 5

Slovenia GERONIMO

Slovenia SKVVP

South Africa SAFDSS

Switzerland CSCPT

12) Place and date for the next GA 2017

The next General Assembly will take place on 13 – 14 May 2017 in Selvazzano Dentro, Italy. In 2018 it will be held in Czech Republic

13) Establishment of the number of mushers by the member countries

Austria 40

Belgium 28

Bulgaria 23

Czech 60

Denmark 35

Estonia

France 350

Germany 99

Hungary 54

Italy CIS 22

Italy F.I.M.S.S 22

Luxemburg

Moldova

Netherlands MHSC

Netherlands

Romania ASAMB

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Russia

Serbian

Slovakia SZPZ 28

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14) Other Issues

The organizer for the EC cart in November 2016 in Ottenschlag will try to find rooms where dogs can be accepted, for the competitors that need such arrangement.

There are new rules from the government in Austria containing special rules for sled dogs and sizes of transport boxes. Apparently, the new rules is only mandatory for events lasting more than three days.

Remember that validity of Vaccination against rabies in Austria is only 1 year.

Nyt siden GF. Man vil i Østrig godkende at vacc. holder i 3 år. Men kun hvis bogen er udfyldt korrekt fra dyrlæge. Varighed af vacc. udderskrift og stempel fra dyrlægen.

As there were no other issues to be discussed, the president closes the General Assembly and thanked the participants for the good meeting and Austria SSVÖ and Erich Astelbauer for the perfect organisation of the whole event.