

WSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Aschau/Zillertal on 22.09.2012

Opening of the Assembly at 16.15 hrs (Assembly language: English)

Point 1

Welcome of the Delegates and Report of the President

Welcome

Arno Steichler reports on the 2012 World Championship in Zuberec/Slovakia and extends his thanks once again to the organizing committee.

He also reports briefly on the activities of the board members, demonstrating that the WSA is on the rise again.

Point 2

Acceptance of the Invitation and Agenda According to the WSA Statute

The agenda is accepted unanimously.

Point 3

Number of Votes Delegates and Board Members

Delegates: Germany (5 votes), Russia (2 votes), Netherlands (1 vote), Poland (2 votes), Austria (2

votes), Switzerland SSK (2 votes), Switzerland MSC (1 vote), Italy (2 votes), Slovakia (1 vote), Czech Republic (1 vote)

After point 10 – Great Britain (1 vote)

After point 11 - Italy (1 vote)

Board: President (1 vote), Vice President (1 vote), Director Sport (1 vote), Secretary (1 vote), Treasurer (1 vote), WSA Anti-Doping Officer (1 vote), Director Skijoering-Pulka (1 vote)

After point 8 – Director Public Relations (1 vote)

Point 4

Treasurer Report, Auditor Report and Election of Auditor

Cindy van den Brink delivers the financial report for the past year during which the WSA made a profit.

The Auditors Christian Langer/Switzerland and Roderick Glastra/Netherlands are being represented at the GA by Christian Langer/Switzerland. He reports to have checked the books having received all documents from the Treasurer. The current bank balance and all documents are correct.

The Assembly discharges the Board and the Treasurer unanimously.

Point 5

Election of an Auditor for a Further Year

Christian Langer/Switzerland is re-elected as Auditor for a further year by a majority vote.

Point 6

Election of a Vice President, Initially for the Duration of one Year

Due to the resignation of our Vice President Sandra Makkreel for personal reasons as per her letter dated 04.07.2012, a new Vice President needs to be appointed initially for one year. The President proposes Laurent Berge/ France for this role. Laurent Berge introduces himself and is confirmed as Vice President by a majority vote.

Point 7

Change/ Extension of Statute § 6.2 Bodies of the Association/ Extended Board

The President explains the need for a change of the Statute as the need for a webmaster becomes ever more apparent. The Assembly decides unanimously to change the paragraph as follows:

- *6.2 Bodies of the Association/ Extended Board*

From the technical directors (Director Sprint/Director Distance/Director Skijoering-Pulka/Director Off Snow) and the Association's Vet/Anti-Doping Officer, are also openly elected for a period of 3 years and also have the right to vote. The members of the Extended Board each have only 1 vote even if they fulfil more than one function. More than 2 functions are not allowed.

To the following wording:

..... the technical directors (Director Sprint/ Director Distance/ Director Skijoering-Pulka/Director Off Snow/ Director Public Relations/Webmaster) and the Association's Vet/Anti-Doping Officer, are also openly

elected for a period of 3 years and also have the right to vote. The members of the Extended Board each have only 1 vote even if they fulfil more than one function. More than 2 functions are not allowed.

Point 8

Election of a Director Public Relations/ Webmaster

The President proposes for this role Christian Helm who has already built the WSA website. Christian Helm introduces himself and is being confirmed by the Assembly as the Director Public Relations/ Webmaster by a majority vote.

Point 9

Issues with Member Clubs (treatment of member clubs whose membership dues are overdue or who are not contactable)

The Assembly decides with a majority vote that the WSA membership of member clubs whose membership dues are overdue for the past three consecutive years will automatically be terminated to enable other active clubs to join the WSA.

Point 10

Membership Application of Alaskan Malamute Working Association of Great Britain

Following a brief introduction of the Alaskan Malamute Working Association and based on the fact that currently no other active British club is a member of the WSA, the Assembly approves the membership application unanimously.

Point 11

Membership Application of Lucky Sleddog Club South Tirol as Second Italian Club in Conjunction with §7 Point 2 of the Statute

Lucky Sleddog Club South Tirol is being asked by the President to introduce themselves and to answer questions of the members. Due to disputes between the two Italian clubs, the President requests a secret ballot. The ballot is being counted by Bernd Reif and Cindy van den Brink and results in a majority approving the membership application of Lucky Sleddog Club South Tirol taking into account §7 Point 2 of the Statute.

Point 12

The Slovakian Federation would like to join the WSA. They have been invited to explain their situation and why they would like to join the WSA given that the Slovak club Askino is a longstanding WSA member club.

The Slovakian Federation is represented by its president Michael Kuvik who explains their situation. After an open discussion a secret ballot about the membership application is held resulting in a vote against the Slovakian Federation joining the WSA. The President suggests as an interim solution to issue the Slovakian Federation with 10 wild cards. A majority is in favour of this proposal.

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Point 13

Confirmation of Honorary Membership of Former President Bernd Keusemann by a 2/3 Majority

In Zuberec, the Board awarded Bernd Keusemann Honorary Membership. For this to be effective confirmation from the General Assembly is required. The vote is done by show of hands and results in an

absolute majority.

Point 14

Requests from Member Clubs

- **RSSC-Austria**

The requests of RSSC Austria are being voted on by show of hands.

Request 1

Common qualification system for all member clubs based on the Eurocup Model - rejected.

Request 2

WSA member clubs are not allowed to schedule national championships on the same date as international WSA championships – accepted

Request 3

Change of Time Disqualification rule

7.8 Time disqualification.

The time disqualification shall be effective if a team's performance is more than 150% of the fastest three (3) running times by heat and class.

Change into:

7.8. Time disqualification

The time disqualification for sprint mushers shall be effective if a team's performance is more than 150% of the fastest three (3) running times by heat and class.

The time disqualification for distance mushers shall be effective if a team's performance is more than 200% of the fastest three (3) running times by heat and class.

accepted

Request 4

Member clubs organizing races in countries of other member clubs have to always coordinate dates with the local club to avoid diary clashes – accepted.

Point 15

Suggestions for Eurocup Races for the Upcoming Season

RSSC Austria, Askino, VDSV, DSO and the new Italian Lucky Sleddogclub have registered their interest in organising at least one Eurocup Race. The President will accept requests per email until early December at which time he will inform the clubs whether their request was successful.

Point 16

Suggestions for Hosting the World Championship 2014 and the European Championship 2015

As until now no proposals for the hosting of the World Championship 2014 have been received, member clubs have been asked to work on proposals and submit them to the President by early December.

Point 17

Incident Claudio Ferrari – Sanctions

The Assembly suggests to ban the above mentioned musher for 2 years before reassessing the situation. This suggestion was accepted by an absolute majority.

Point 18

Official Commendation of Arno Steichler as Race Marshal and Rolf Münch and Patrick Leonhardt as Race Judges, as they have met all requirements

The Assembly accepted the commendation of the above-mentioned persons with an absolute majority.

Point 19

Any Other Business

The President requests all member clubs once again to look for venues for the 2014 World Championship. Furthermore, he asked the Italian clubs to find a consensus and wished everyone success for the upcoming season.

End of Assembly 19.30 hrs

Minutes: Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber, Secretary WSA

Signed: Arno Steichler, Chairman WS