

Minutes of the Annual Delegates Meeting of the International Leonberger Union on the 24th September 2016.

Location: Leonberg. Amber Hotel.

Time: 24 September 2016, 10.10 am-2.00 pm.

Represented were the member clubs from: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Spain, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA. (So 19 voting members were represented).

Apologies were received from the member club in:Canada and Italy..

All members of the ILU board were present.

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 of the minutes 2015.
2. Election of the keeper of the minutes / election of electoral commission.
3. Reports:
 - a. of the President.
 - b. of the acting treasurer.
 - c. of the secretary
 - d. of the auditors
4. Discussion of the reports and discharge of the committee.
5. Election of a new committee.
6. Election of the auditors.
7. Budget 2017, Membership fees 2017.
8. News from the member countries (reports from the member countries).
9. Breeding problems in the Union / report of the Health Committee.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Closure.

01 Welcome:

The President opened the meeting at 10.10 and welcomed the attendees, especially the newly elected president of the Swiss club Daniela Lutz, the newly elected president of the Belgian club Chris Aelbrecht and the delegate who made the longest travel Rob Lyon from New Zealand.

It was noted that the General Assembly had been convened in due time and in proper form.

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

The minutes of the 2015 meeting were unanimously accepted.

02: Election of keeper of the minutes / election of electoral commission:

Hein Sibrijns will keep the minutes.

On proposal of the board Mayra Huber was unanimously elected as election supervisor.

Daniela Lutz and Jérôme Cuny were proposed and unanimously elected as members of the election commission.

03. reports:

A. President.

The president thanked Peter Cejnek who retired last year from his post as treasurer for his engaged commitment to the Union. He presented him a framed copy of the foundation charter of the Union. The president read his detailed report in German, it was translated into English by Mayra Huber.

[Click for the report.](#)

B. Treasurer.

The acting treasurer Thomas Walker handed the financial report out.

The report is attached to these minutes [click here](#).

C. Secretary.

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 very well attended.

D. The auditors.

Såde Crivelli (CH) and Kaj Lindstedt (FIN) had reviewed the audit of the accounts of the in last year completed at 31-12-2015, as well as the bookings in the current year 2016. The audit revealed a match of the documents with clean and properly conducted accounts, for which the Treasurer Thomas Walker was warmly thanked. The auditors requested the approval of the financial statements and the granting of discharge of the Executive Board and Treasurer.

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

The Danish delegate requested the treasurer to produce a detailed financial report, like it is usual in clubs. One cannot discharge the board on the basis of the presented report. The financial report must also be send to the delegates before the meeting instead of being handed out during the meeting.

The treasurer answered that one can come and check the receipts now if one wishes to do so. The auditors have checked and approved the financial report.

The Swedish delegate asked for what the money was spent.

The Estonian delegate asked who pays for the webhosting. The domain "leonbergerunion.com" is registered in the name of Hein Sibrijns. The Union is a non-registered association who therefore could not register a domain.

Hein Sibrijns pays the webhosting out of his own pocket since the year 2000, he will continue to do so. He will leave the domain to the Union in his will.

The Swiss delegate also requested a detailed financial report like it is usual in clubs.

Per Andersen proposed to attach a detailed financial report to the minutes. The treasurer promised to establish such a report that will be attached to the minutes. [Click here for the report](#)

Next year a detailed report will be send to the delegates before the meeting.

The French delegate asked what is the legal status of the Union.

Hein Sibrijns explained:

After the constitution came into force in 2003, we wanted to register in the register of associations at the county court in Leonberg. The county court had a few objections which had amongst others to do with the fact that the association is not composed of natural persons, the big majority of members are foreign registered legal bodies, only one member is registered and active in Germany.

Because registration isn't an obligation they recommended non-registration of the association.

At that time the Union was meant to be a platform for talks between the member club, which didn't want to acquire property or wealth. Therefore there was no real need of registration. In the AGM 2004 it was decided not to register. [Click here for minutes 2004](#)

The money of the Union is on a subaccount of the Austrian club, to which Thomas Walker, Willi Güllix and Michaela Wolf have access.

Because one is now thinking about having to acquire property, for example in the form of a databank, we can now rethink if registration may be possible or necessary. Legalisation can have changed in 13 years.

The New Zealand delegate urged to move on.

Peter Cejnek proposed to discharge the board.

The board was unanimously discharged.

5. Election of a new committee.

The election supervisor Mayra Huber took the chairmanship over.

For each office one candidate has been correctly nominated within the period prescribed.

All nominated candidates agreed to accept the office when elected.

The candidates were elected by secret ballot. 19 voting members were represented.

Willi Güllix was elected president with 18 yes and 1 no vote.

Per Kristian Andersen was elected vice-president with 19 yes votes.

Thomas Walker was elected treasurer with 19 yes votes.

Hein Sibrijns was elected secretary with 19 yes votes.

6. Election of the auditors.

Niels Steinmetz (NL) and Chris Aelbrecht (B) were unanimously elected as auditors for the next 4 years.

Ginny Bartholomay was unanimously elected as reserve-auditor for the next 4 years.

07 Budget 2017, membership fees 2017:

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

A discussion emerges on §17-1 of the constitution *“Business year is the calendar year.”*

The treasurer thinks that the year runs from annual meeting to the next annual meeting, he likes to communicate the actual account balance during the meeting. Others think that **“the calendar year”** runs from 01/01 to 31/12. If one lets the business year run from meeting to next meeting it isn't possible to send out the financial report before the meeting, like it was promised under point 4.

After short discussion it was decided that the business year should run from 01/09 till 31/08 of the next year.

It was noticed that one has never acted after §17-5 *“The treasurer settles all financial matters of the IULH and provides the annual balance sheet. This is to be submitted to the auditors no later than 01 April of the following year for examination”*.

The treasurer was commissioned to work out a proposal to change §17 in the next AGM.

08 Reports from the member countries:

With exception of Sweden all members had send written reports which had been transferred to the delegates by email before the meeting. [Click for the reports](#)

The report from Sweden was read out by the Swedish delegate.

09. Breeding problems in the Union / report of the Health Committee.

[Click for the report of the IUL-HC](#)

Sharon Springel requested to send blood samples on account of the call for samples from Uppsala ([click for the call](#)). A Biobank run by the Union would have been helpful.

The English version of the on behalf of the Union produced video was ready. Versions with German and French subtitles will be produced soon.

The video has been shown to the delegates after lunch. Sharon Springel had already uploaded on Youtube.

The Russian delegate observed that it isn't correct to upload to a public site before the contracting authority (= the Delegates meeting) has approved publication.

[Click for the video](#)

Last year Sharon had talked with Thomas Walker and Willi Güllix on the subject of the legal capacity of the Union. Since she didn't hear anything from Thomas and Willi. The president again explained to Sharon that the Union isn't registered as association with the county court in Leonberg, like he had already explained last year. Therefore, the Union doesn't have legal capacity and cannot claim ownership. The question still is if the Union should own a Databank or Biobank. Bern has opened the possibility that the Universities can hand over blood samples to the Union and they can save the data for example on a server owned by the Union.

The owner of the dog is owner of its blood sample. A permission for future research given to Bern, doesn't mean that Bern automatically has the right to pass over the sample to other institutes or persons.

After a visit to Bern for a talk with Dr. Drögemüller it was clear that Bern will keep and store the blood samples themselves, research data are managed and saved in Bern.

In some member countries DNA-banks are already being setup, because a DNA-profile of all breeding dogs or even all puppies born must be made and deposited.

Mrs Wolf says that Austria has this year started to set up a blood sample bank for the future. When we speak about an international joined databank, we must first set up the conditions. The data of the individual member countries should be stored in their own databanks, which can be combined into a Union owned databank.

It was stressed that at least an international pedigree database is important.

Because She was very tired and also had no time to work on the committee due to problems in the family.

Sharon Springel retired from the Health Committee.

The president replied that in relation to privately kept databases or their financial support, the theme ownership and legal capacity was only subject of serious discussion in the last year. In this context the problem of legal capacity was already clearly explained, also in the talk with Sharon Springel on the bio-database last year.

After long discussion it was decided that the board should again try to have the Union registered as an "e.V". The health committee should work out a structured plan for a databank/biobank.

10 Miscellaneous.

Anita Treichler has informed the board that she wants to retire from the Health Committee. She recommended her successor in the Swiss Leonberger Club for her replacement in the committee.

The board has discussed the proposal in its board meeting on 23/09/2016 and decided to appoint Daniela as member of the Health Committee. Daniela accepted the appointment.

Because Sharon Springel announced her withdrawal only today, the board cannot yet appoint a replacing committee member. The board will appoint a replacement as soon as possible, after consultation with the Health Committee. The member clubs will be informed of the board's decision by email.

14 Closure.

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

Leonberg, 24 September 2016

Willi Güllix, President I.L.U.

- Chairman of the meeting

Hein Sibrijns, Secretary ILU

-Keeper of the minutes