



Minutes of the International Dobermann Club (IDC) Congress held on Friday, 1st September, 2006 in Seregélyes, Hungary

1.1. Welcoming by the President – Mr. Hans Wiblishauser

Mr. Wiblishauser officially opened the Congress at 10h00 and welcomed all countries represented. He thanked the Dobermann Club of Hungary and in particular their President, Mr. Tamas Dohoczki for hosting the IDC Congress and the Show, combining hospitality, friendly organisation and competence. In addition Mr. Wiblishauser paid tribute to Mr. Hensel who attended the Congress whilst suffering still visibly, from the effects of a serious operation.

1.2. IDC Office Bearers

President	-	Mr. H. Wiblishauser (Germany)
Vice President	-	Mr. F. Striby (France) (Not Present)
Secretary	-	Mr. H. Redtenbacher (South Africa)
Treasurer	-	Mr. R. Beunekens (Belgium)
IDC Breed Warden	-	Mr. W. Hensel (Germany)
IDC Working Trials Warden	-	Mr. R. Friedrich (Germany) (Not Present)

2.0. Countries represented and eligible to vote

The following countries were represented:

- Austria - Inge Eberstaller
- Belgium - Roland Beunekens
- Brazil - Gris Goncalves
- Check Rep II (DKCR) - Jaroslava Sykorova & Tomas Hubka
- Denmark - Allan Berling Christensen & Anders Fridolin
- Finland - Hannu Asumaa
- Germany - Hans Wiblishauser
- Hungary - Tamas Dohoczki
- Iceland - Unnar Mar Magnusson
- Italy - Pierluigi Pezzano
- Romania - Csaba Majoros
- Serbia - Dejan Malbasa & Jelena Popovic
- Slovakia - Wolfgang Freyer
- South Africa - Helmut Redtenbacher
- Sweden - Thord Byström
- UK - Dave Anderson & George Connolly
- USA II (ADA) - Roberto Zorzi

3.0. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following countries:

- Mr. F. Striby (Vice President)
- Holland
- Mexico I
- Portugal

4.0. Minutes from the 2005 Congress held in Bratislava, Slovakia

The minutes from the previous IDC Congress held on 2nd September, 2005 in Slovakia were made available to all member countries before the Congress and were unanimously adopted.

5.0. Secretarial Office

- 5.1. **Email Addresses:** The Secretary re-iterated his previous appeals for informing the Secretarial Office about changes to the email addresses, particularly of persons representing their country in IDC.
- 5.2. **Distribution of Minutes:** The minutes were distributed to all Member Countries for which correct email addresses were on record.
- 5.3. **Membership Forms:** Despite repeated appeals there are still delegates who do not register their attendance with the Secretarial Office and/or complete membership renewal forms.

6.0. Finance

The IDC Treasurer, Mr. Roland Beunekens, presented his report as follows:

- 6.1. At the time of the meeting, the total of all IDC funds was EUR 28 389,88.
- 6.2. There were no membership contributions in arrears for the year 2005 and only one (Estonia) in arrears for 2006, according to information from Mr. Beunekens.

7.0. IDC Membership

7.1. APPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1. The Great Britain Dobermann Club made application for IDC membership and after being deferred at the 2005 Congress for rediscussion in 2006, were unanimously accepted into the IDC.
- 7.1.2. Application for membership was received from a second Club in Mexico, viz. The Dobermann Club of Mexico (Mexico II). The Azteca Dobermann Club (Mexico I) from Mexico was accepted into the IDC at the 2005 Congress. The Dobermann Club of Mexico (Mexico II) was unanimously accepted into the IDC.
- 7.1.3. The Romanian Dobermann Club submitted a late application for membership and were unanimously accepted.
- 7.1.4. The application for membership from Iceland, deferred from the 2005 Congress, was rediscussed and accepted conditionally for 1 year.

7.2. RE-INSTATED MEMBERSHIPS

There were no applications for membership re-instatement.

7.3. TERMINATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

There were no terminations of membership.

7.4. RESIGNATIONS

A letter of resignation was received from the Secretary of The Dobermann Club of Luxemburg informing the IDC of their inability to continue with IDC Membership. The IDC Secretary acknowledged Luxemburg's resignation and expressed the hope to be able to welcome Luxemburg again in the IDC in the future.

8.0. Annual Report by the IDC President – Mr. Hans Wiblishauser

The following is an extract from Mr. Wiblishauser's report and highlights the main aspects of his address:

In the year under review, Mr. Wiblishauser referred to the very successful IDC weekend in Bratislava and the IDC World Championships in Italy. With over 40 participants from 12 countries in Telgate, very good results were achieved with Germany the overall winning team. The individual results were Sweden 1st and Germany 2nd and 3rd.

As a consequence of our cooperation agreement with the FCI, we are now in a position to present our concerns at the highest level and the forthcoming FCI Congress in Mexico in May 2007, will afford us the opportunity to address the ongoing problems with litter registrations by Canine Authorities of countries which serve as a post box residence for the Breeders in question, thereby facilitating the bypassing of existing Breed Regulations of the countries where the litter is born and where the Breeder is resident. Let me therefore re-state the terms of this agreement which are quite clear and unambiguous:

- 1. The implementation and maintenance of the worldwide sphere of validity for the FCI Standards for the Breeds fostered by this World Association in compliance with the standard requirements of the country of origin of the Breed;*
- 2. Worldwide guarantees for the maintenance of the character and working attributes as demanded in the Breed Standards;*
- 3. Worldwide maintenance of the working ability;*
- 4. Worldwide guarantees for the maintenance of the health aspects of the Breed;*
- 5. Co-operation in fundamental cynological issues, particularly in those which are of national or international political importance;*
- 6. If necessary, to formulate the aforementioned aims in an additional Breed Specific agreement with detailed regulations.*

The realisation of the above aims is the obligation and the intention of all parties and I appeal to all IDC member countries to further the achievement of this agreement. Please keep in mind that on the part of the country of origin of our Breed, everything possible is being done to support all IDC member countries and to secure your right of participation in the decision making process.

9.0. Annual Report by the IDC Breed Warden – Mr. Walter Hensel

The IDC Breed Warden, Mr. Hensel presented his annual report and emphasised the following main points:

- 1. As already indicated last year, the ZTP with the possibility of the ‘Starter ZTP’ is being well received and results are being reported to our Head Office and subsequently recorded on our database. Only Italy still delays the forwarding of information and consequently we are experiencing many queries in this regard.*
- 2. According to a decision of the Annual General Meeting of the Dobermann Verein, a Cardio-Myopathy assessment has been instituted initially for a period of 2 years. As from the 1st July, 2006, all dogs newly provided with Breed Permission and used for breeding will have to undergo the relevant tests. A corresponding assessment will also be required from dogs from beyond our borders if used for breeding in Germany. First indications are that the alarming reports, particularly from America, are not confirmed by our results in Germany.*
- 3. I shall respond to the various proposals when they are being discussed. Tail anomalies have been dealt with in the 2005 Minutes. More information regarding the cardio assessments, including the general regulations (copies of the assessment forms and results procurement), are available upon request. Should you have any further questions, I will gladly answer them wherever possible.*

10.0. Annual Report by the IDC Working Trials Warden – Mr. Rainer Friedrich

The IDC Working Trials Warden, Mr. Friedrich was unable to attend the Congress for personal reasons and he will include relevant matters of the 2006 Working Trials in his report at the forthcoming Congress in Desio, Italy.

11.0. Proposals

- 11.1. USA II (ADA):** *Proposes a “IDC Universal Sieger” Champion Title. This is a continuation of the 2005 discussion and motivation and rules were presented at the Congress. This proposal was unanimously accepted in principle but the criteria for this title are still to be finalised.*
- 11.2. Finland:** *Finland proposed that every IDC member country should institute the following:*

- i) A Breeding Programme similar to the one followed by the Finnish Dobermann Club (refer to 2006 Agenda - Appendix B);
- ii) Local Breeding regulations and restrictions be published on member country websites;
- iii) Local Health Results (HD; PHTVL/PHPV; vWD etc.) be published on member country websites;
- iv) The DV should accept one candidate from each member country to do a ZTP apprenticeship and become a qualified ZTP judge for each IDC member country.

In his reply, Mr. Hensel informed the Congress that most Breeds in Germany are preferring the “Dog Base” evaluation (Zuchtwertschätzung) which comprises the compilation of various aspects such as health, temperament and exterieur. Regarding the request for a qualified ZTP judge for each IDC member country, Mr. Hensel, in a strongly worded response, informed the Congress that in order to prevent the watering down of the ZTP, stringent control by the DV is essential. Only countries which show a broad commitment to the ZTP and which have a genuine problem with ZTP events can be considered for qualifying a ZTP judge.

- 11.3. Austria:** Austria requested specific reference to the certification of litters which are not born in their respective countries and where consequently no verification is possible and/or made by the relevant local authority. However, the subsequent issue of an export pedigree obliges FCI member countries to record such progeny in their own Breed Register. Mr. Wiblishauser confirmed the importance of maintaining control of locally born litters and he is continuously monitoring the matter. A modification of the FCI statutes regarding this matter will be tabled at the forthcoming FCI Congress in Mexico in May, 2007, with a threat of a termination of FCI membership of those countries which continuously default in this regard.

12.0. Venues for future IDC Events

The following venues have been approved by the Congress and where indicated dates are also confirmed:

- IDC Congress & Show 2008 – Hosted by the Dobermann Club of Sweden (in conjunction with the World Sieger Show in July, 2008)
- IDC World Championship 2008 – Hosted by Dobermann Club of Austria
- IDC Congress & Show 2009 – Hosted by Dobermann Club of Poland (to be confirmed)
- IDC World Championships 2009 – **OPEN**
- IDC Congress & Show 2010 – Hosted by Dobermann Club of Slovakia
- IDC World Championships 2010 – Hosted by Dobermann Club of Slovakia \ / 30th Anniversary

13.0. General

- 13.1.** The Secretarial Office again appealed to all IDC Member Countries, not currently on the email address list, to forward without delay, their email addresses to the Secretary, whose email address details were made available to all present.

14.0. Closing address by The President

In his closing address, Mr. Wiblishauser once again thanked all delegates for their constructive co-operation and participation in the discussions and wished everybody two pleasant days at the Show and lots of fun in Hungary.

The meeting closed at 13h30

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