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World Union of Saint Bernard Clubs

Minutes of the WUSB Assembly of Delegates on June 07th 2024, Martigny

Delegates: Ann de Laet (B), François van Leugenhaege (B), Ane Christiansen (DK), Lise-Lotte Sønderskov (DK), Anne Haapakoski (FI), Didier Basset (F), Celine Botussi (F), Annegret Splinter (D1), Ellen Waßmann(D1), Bent Brohus Christiansen (D2), Alessandro Messori (I), Ferdinando Munno (I), Andrej Djomins (LV), Austin Long-Doyle (IRE), Declan Martin (IRE), Andrejs Djomins (LV), Daiga Rutka (LV), Th. Bouwman-Boere (NL), Myriam Nelissen (NL), Manuela Scheyrer (A), Petra Mulitzer (A), Reto Wiederkehr (CH), Patricia Epting (CH), Nina Dolinsek (SI), Benjamin Zgank (SI), Kevin Young (ZA), Cathy Young (ZA), Kari Augestad (E), Javier Sainz Robles (E), Martina Ellerova (SK), Dušan Muller (SK), Milan Plundra (CZ), Jan Bendl (CZ), Cindy Valko (USA),

Guests: Christine Wiederkehr (CH), Wolfgang Ketzler (D1), Inge Ketzler (D1), Anne Martin (IRE) Dominik Barton (Translations)

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the WUSB President and determination of the number of delegates
2. Welcome by the President of the Swiss club - information about the WUSB 2024
3. Minutes of the WUSB 2023 delegates' meeting in Denmark
4. Reports of the board:
 - Report of WUSB President
 - Report of the cashier
 - Report of the auditors
5. Approvement of the Executive Board
6. Recognition of the WUSB by the FCI
7. Adaptation of show regulation changes
8. Brief information from the Czech Club about the WUSB 2025
9. Election of the judges for the WUSB show 2025
10. Election of the next WUSB shows
11. Reports from the member clubs
12. Any other business

TOP 1)

Didier Basset welcomes all delegates and guests at 10 a.m. and thanks them for travelling all this way. The invitation to the meeting was issued in due form and time. The meeting is quorate.

33 delegates and 5 guests are present.

TOP 2)

The President of the Swiss St. Bernhards Club welcomes all participants and provides information about the show on 8 June 2024. The Swiss club is proud to be hosting the WUSB and the club's anniversary show. 152 dogs from 16 countries are entered. It will be judged in 4 rings. No CAC will be awarded. He wishes the meetings good discussions.

TOP 3)

The minutes of the 2023 Delegates' Meeting are confirmed. There are no comments.



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TOP 4)

Annual Report of the President

We have gathered this year in the country of origin of our beloved breed and it is always a pleasure to come to Switzerland. Some have travelled a very long way to come to Martigny, for which I would like to thank you very much.

This year 16 nations will be presented at the event on Saturday. Registered dogs for this edition 152.

The Covid years have changed our habits and the global economic crisis is not helping our canine world.

We would like to thank the Swiss Club for welcoming us to Martigny and the Fondation Barry for making its premises available to us. The Swiss Club has taken on the challenge of organising this 2024 edition in a short space of time. We know how much work is involved in organising a WUSB event and I think we can thank them very warmly for this effort.

A brief look back at the 2023 meeting, which took place in the very north of Denmark in May. The atmosphere was excellent and the WUSB spirit was palpable throughout the weekend. Kudos go to our friends from the Danish Club and to President Liselotte Sønderskov Jessen and her whole team of volunteers.

A highlight for 2023 will remain the signing of the co-operation with the FCI. In 2022, at the Assembly of Delegates in Belgium, you voted by a very large majority in favour of applying for recognition by the international canine authorities; your committee has worked tirelessly to bring this task, which will ensure the continuity of our meeting, to a successful conclusion.

Of course, this is a big change for our shows and I hear the concerns of some for the future, but your committee is working on several new points and we will have the opportunity to comeback to this during this meeting.

Thanks to the partnership with the FCI, the comments on the standard, co-authored by 19 WUSB judges and breeders of the breed, will be available on the FCI website from June 2023. We are the only meeting in the world to have this type of document, which is an incredible opportunity. The comments have been sent by the FCI to all national federations. Now it is up to you, dear friends, to distribute this brochure, which will help us to preserve the Saint Bernard in its type as a mountain dog, as widely as possible in your clubs and to your judges.

Your Board has met three times last year via video conference and once as a face-to-face meeting.

I would also like to thank the members of the committee for their willingness, the meetings are always constructive and there is no shortage of new ideas to secure the future of our global meeting and convert our WUSB spirit.

That is a brief summary of the past year. There is a lot to do, but the motivation of the committee is still high. I wish you all a pleasant stay in the cradle of our breed.

Treasury report

Reto Wiederkehr can report a balanced budget. The clubs from the UK and EST1 are no longer members of the WUSB. There are 2-3 non-payers, but he is in contact with them.



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Report of the cash auditors

Nina Dolinsek reports on the cash audit. Everything is properly booked.

The auditors recommend that the delegates approve the actions of the Executive Board.

TOP 5)

The delegates also vote on the approval of the actions of the Executive Board. The actions of the Executive Board are approved unanimously.

TOP 6)

Didier Basset reports on the recognition of the WUSB by the FCI and the conclusion of the cooperation agreement.

He expressly thanks Reto Wiederkehr and Giovanni Morsiani for their great support in making the project a success.

The task now is to publicise the guidelines for the breed standard in the countries. The standard must now be put into practice. The guide is available on the FCI ([061g02-PRE-de.pdf \(fci.be\)](https://www.fci.be/061g02-PRE-de.pdf)). The guide has yet to be published on the WUSB homepage.

TOP 7)

The exhibition regulations are to be amended:

Point 1(3):

The show judges will be elected at this delegates' meeting. Each member club has the right to make a proposal. **The organising club nominates one judge, the WUSB Committee decides on the President of the Jury.** The other judges are elected by the delegates. The 4 judges with the most votes are appointed to judge the WUSB exhibition. The next 4 ranked judges form the reserve.

Point 4 last sentence:

Placements are to be made according to the FCI regulations.

Point 4 judges:

deleted **The President of the Jury is appointed by the WUSB committee.**

Final competitions:

Best Baby (all varieties) judged by the judge in ring 4 **or the judge of ring 5, if applicable.**

Best Puppy (all varieties) judged by **the President of the Jury the judge with the highest number of delegate votes or the judge of ring 5, if applicable.**

The rest of the main ring is judged by the President of the Jury the judge with the highest number of delegate votes.

Best Junior (all varieties) from the 4 WUSB Junior Winners **(or the judge of ring 5, if applicable.)**

The amendments were adopted by a majority (23 votes) of the delegates.



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TOP 8)

The WUSB 2025 will take place in combination with the club show for the 80th anniversary of the Czech Club in NĚMČICE from 16-18 May 2025. A comprehensive presentation on the venue is presented and flyers are distributed to the delegates present.

TOP 9)

The proposed judges fulfil the requirements of the WUSB regulations point 1 (4).

Judges	Votes
Didier Basset, F	11
Peter Wiebauer, D	14
Austin Long-Doyle, IRL	6
Myriam Winkens, NL	7
Christine Rossier, CH	12
Nina Dolinsek, SLO	20
Kevin Young, ZA	17
Javier Sainz Robles, E	11
Martina Ellerova, SK	4
Paul Bodeving, USA	10

TOP 10)

WUSB exhibitions in the coming years:

2025 Czech Republic

2026 Germany (135th club anniversary) confirmed

2027 Italy

2028 France (120th club anniversary) confirmed

2029 Spain

TOP 11)

Germany1: The St. Bernhards-Klub e.V. Germany has elected Ellen Waßmann as the new president.

Spain: also Spain has a new president, Mayte Montaña Regueiro.

TOP 12)

Didier Basset thanks all participants for the constructive discussion and closes the meeting at around 12 noon.

Didier Basset
Präsident WUSB

Ellen Wassmann
WUSB Secretary