

# Meeting of the Delegates 2016 in Portugal

## 1. Greeting and counting of the delegates

Participants of the meeting: 29 delegates and 9 guests

Rudolf Thomann & Reto Wiederkehr	CH	Jean & Romy Prim	LUX
Ann De Laet & Kris Maeght	BE	Didier Basset & Christian Tessier	FR
Kate Brand	AUS	Maureen Gwilliam	UK
Alexander Bruno	PT2	Annegret Splinter & Wolfgang Ketzler	DE1
Austin Long-Doyle	IRL	Karen & Paul Bodeving	USA
Otakar Vondrous	CZ	Kaie Looke	EE1
Ane Christiansen & Kaj Klysner	DK	Kari Augestad	ES
Carlos Rodrigues & Nuno Sousa	PT1	Bent Brohus Christiansen	NO
Kevin & Cathy Young	SA	Lothar Knebelau	DE2
Taina Nygaard & Anne Haapakoski	FIN		

- a. The president, Ruedi Thomann, welcomes everyone. In particular he thanked Mr. Wolfgang Ketzler, who was President for 17 years. He has helped us a lot when we had forgotten something or when there was something special. And now further to the agenda.
  - b. The following points have been omitted from the agenda: 6b, 6c and 6e. Also, we are happy to inform you concerning point 9: we can elect now for the upcoming years 2018 and 2020 as well.
2. Ruedi Thomann introduces Elisabete Ferreira from Portugal and he adds that until now everything has gone amazingly. She starts with a small joke. Small women in Portugal are compared with sardines.
  3. Information about the show: it starts tomorrow at 10 AM. The showgrounds are very close to the hotel and it is possible to walk there. The ceremony starts at 9.30 AM with the 8 judges. There are only 2 rings, first the dogs will be judged and second the bitches. She, Mrs. Ferreira, hopes we will enjoy the next couple of days in Porto.
  4. Following some brief information about the WUSB Show 2017 in Switzerland. The showground is the same as in 2009. As well as last time, it is possible for campers to reside at the camping site close to the show hall.

Election of the judges of 2017:

<b>Bernard Lèger</b>	Swiss St Bernard Club (CH)	Für Schweiz.		
<b>Annegret Splinter</b>	Estland 1	19	Neu Wahl	1
<b>Carl Otto Mastrup</b>	Danmark	17		2
<b>Taina Nygard</b>	Finland	16		3
<b>Reinhold Welsch</b>	Germany1	14		4
<b>Christian Tessier</b>	France	14		5
<b>Kari Augestad</b>	Norway	13	18	6
<b>Jean Prim</b>	Luxemburg	13	15	7
<b>Karen Bodeving</b>	USA	13	13	Res1
<b>Max Russ</b>	Germany2	9		Res
<b>Ann Long-Doyle</b>	Ireland	9		Res
<b>Milan Plundra</b>	Czech Republic	9		Res
<b>Javier Sainz Rolles</b>	South Afrika	8		Res
<b>Antonio Alenda</b>	Spain	7		Res
<b>Maureen Gwilliam</b>	England	4		Res
<b>Maria Taborda</b>	Portugal	3		Res

5. Nothing to add to the minutes of Helsinki, just the absence of Christina Wiederkehr wasn't mentioned in them.
6. Message from the president:
  - a. This year his report is not in writing and not added to the agenda. This will be changed for 2017.

A review of the show in Finland, 2015, is entirely positive. It was very well organized.

In April, the board had a meeting in Luxemburg. And the day before today's meeting, the board met for the second time. The board begins to organize itself and to become productive. We already have some projects started, concerning for instance the homepage and the working group "breeding". The board is optimistic for the future, but of course as the saying goes, Rome wasn't built in one day.

Mr. Thomann hopes that the show in Portugal will be an attractive event, especially since it is Mr. Thomann's first show as president. The judges bear a great responsibility.

The board will meet again in September in connection to the Swiss show. It is intended to produce a brochure for the anniversary show. The board would like to update the show regulations for the WUSB. The revised version will then be presented to the delegates. Furthermore, we also reviewed and worked on the homepage; The goal is to make it work well, to make it complete, attractive and up-to-date.

- b. / Supressed
- c. / Supressed

- d. From Mr. Reto Wiederkehr: the financial report is read and explained. He notes a solid cash position. Mr. Wolfgang Ketzler asks a question concerning who the members are who didn't pay. Mr. Wiederkehr answers that this is not a big issue that he doesn't want to discredit anyone. A second question is asked relating to the sale of pins here in Portugal, the treasurer answers that unfortunately there are no pins to be sold in Portugal. After the reading and questions the financial report is accepted by the delegates by acclamation.

7. Discharge of the board by acclamation.

8. Taina Nygard from Finland: They were very pleased with their WUSB show and organization. There was an excess of € 420 counted. Back then they had 235 members.

Wolfgang Splinter from Germany (1): He tells us more about the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. Related to this event there will be 2 more big shows organized.

Paul Bodeving from USA: Having received a lot of sponsoring, they were able to initiate some Health Projects. The Epilepsy project has already started. The inquiry that was performed identified issues like heart disease, gastric dilation and epilepsy as problems to work on.

Annegret Splinter from Germany (1): She informs that they have already worked around epilepsy problems with a big budget. They were supported and helped by a University who funded the project, seeing the students of the university worked for free.

From Belgium: In October, there will be a special breed show held. Brochures related to that show were handed out.

Kevin Young from South Africa: He thanks both the Delegates from Germany and the USA for their concern and work for the health of the Saint Bernard. With the South African Saint Bernard Club being only a small club, they unfortunately cannot afford such projects or inquiries.

9. Election of future WUSB shows:

- WUSB 2018: Italy
- WUSB 2019: Luxemburg
- WUSB 2020: France

The UK will be asked if they can organize the WUSB show in 2021.

10. Ruedi Thomann comments that money might often be a stumbling-block. That's why he asks at this meeting to give notice to the board when they know a club is interested in organizing the WUSB show.

Wolfgang Ketzler asks if the compensation for the Swiss club can be doubled next year considering that it is also the anniversary show. Kari Augestad thinks that's a marvelous idea. Lothar Knebelau believes they won't need the extra compensation. Reto Wiederkehr from Switzerland says this will be mentioned at the next meeting but believes that the extra compensation won't be needed.

Bent Brohus Christiansen wants to discuss how the dogs will be handled in and outside of the show ring. Since he saw how a dog at the WUSB show of Finland was treated badly which contradicts with the exposition rules. The Finish delegates agree and say that these were Russian people. Annegret Splinter from Germany says that at national and international expositions the rule is applied to be disqualified in such cases. Norway asks to have such a ruling as well and maybe a punishment of prohibition of entering at the next WUSB show.

Wolfgang Ketzler wishes to hear about Barry. The new president of Barry Foundation, Claudio Rosetti, is present for the second time at a WUSB Show. He gives us more information about the foundation. It is an ambitious project called "Barryland".

The first project is a renovation of one level of the museum for families and dogs. An enlargement of the exterior park will follow, with enlarged enclosures for the dogs and a building for training dogs and educating the public. Furthermore, they have been working on the mountain pass on improving the living conditions for the dogs. It may be possible that the pass can be further developed in cooperation with UNESCO. Ruedi Thomann is very excited to hear this and hopes Mr. Rosetti can present this at the next WUSB and keep the delegates informed on the development at the Fondation Barry.

1. Sekretärin

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