

Minutes of the Reunion of Judges of the WUSB 2016

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Hotel Premium Aeroporto in Maia



Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Short information about the WUSB show 2016
3. Minutes of the last reunion of judges 2015 in Finland
4. Up-to-date information from the member countries
5. Requests for the next reunion of judges 2017 in Switzerland
6. Other business
7. Review and evaluation of the WUSB show 2015
8. Presentation and discussion

Participants:

Christine Wiederkehr	CH	Otakar Wondrous	CZ
Maureen Gwilliams	GB	Austin Long-Doyle	IRL
Ann Long-Doyle	IRL	Poul Bodeving	USA
Karen Bodeving	USA	Max Russ	D2
Marianne Russ	D2	Kay Klysner	DK
Kari Augestad	E	Didier Basset	F
Kevin Young	ZA	Taina Nygard	FIN
Satu Ylä-Mononen	FIN	Johannes Mayer	D
Annegret Splinter	D	Silva Ricardo	P
Taborda Maria Amelia	P	Alenda Antonio	E
Sainz Aavier Robles	E	Bent Brohus Christiansen – Ausbildung	DK
As guests			
Wolfgang Ketzler	D	Lene Klysner	DK

1. Ruedi Thomann welcomes everyone and states that the judges have a significant influence on the breed. In judging they interpret the standard. How the judge judges influences the mindset of breeders. This is why these reunions of judges where almost the entire world of Saint Bernards is represented are so influential.

The organizers of the WUSB in Finland are once more thanked for the wonderful event. It is hoped that Portugal will be just as wonderful.

The president then invites the organizing Portuguese club to the podium.

2. The president, Elisabete Ferreira, presents the schedule of WUSB 2016.
 - a. She gives a warm welcome to all in the name of her club and wishes us an interesting and wonderful time in Maia near Porto. She also welcomes the members of the board and the honorary president, Mr. Wolfgang Ketzler. She thanks all those who have helped in organizing the event.
 - b. Today will be the reunion of judges, tomorrow the meeting of delegates, followed by two presentations on canine reproduction and nutrition.
 - c. A sight-seeing tour in Porto is offered for participants on Friday afternoon. And as we are all aware, there is lots going on in town, and Saturday is a special day, a holiday in honor of Saint Paul. At this occasion, there is a meal outside. She would therefore like to know how many would like to sign up for that dinner.
 - d. At the WUSB show there will be about 80 dogs exhibited. They come from Portugal, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy and yes, even from Finland with 35-17-3-3-13-2-2 dogs from these countries, respectively. The show will take place indoors to warrant comfort for dogs and handlers in the current climatic conditions. There are even kennels for the dogs. There are parking spots reserved for exhibitors and spectators near the building in which the show takes place.
 - e. She again wishes all a pleasant experience.
3. The minutes of the reunion of judges of the past year are accepted without amendments.
4. Kevin Young from South Africa informs us that the number of births in his club have severely declined. Last year, only 64 puppies were registered instead the usual 200. The 64 puppies have been bred by only 6 breeders. The club has offered some seminars without much success. His club is grateful that Wolfgang Ketzler and Christian Tessier traveled to South Africa. The club perceived this as a pleasure and as supporting their cause.

Kari Augestad presented two new judges from Spain. Both are breed judges and know the Saint Bernard very well. One of them will be proposed tomorrow as judge for the WUSB show 2017.

Paul Bodeving from USA apologizes once more for not having been able to participate at last year's WUSB. He acted as judge at another show. He hopes that someone from Europe will be able to go to the USA for judging and for participating in shows.

Annegret Splinter announces the 125th anniversary of the first German club in September of this year. There will be 2 shows on one weekend. Annegret Splinter also mentions that Johannes Mayer is the new club officer in charge of breeding.

5. If anyone would like to submit items for the reunion of judges 2017 , please contact Ane Christiansen.
6. Annegret Splinter informs that the club has obtained a new standard from the VDH. (June 3 – FCI Standard 61). It is not entirely clear, where the changes came from. After a lengthy discussion it appears that nothing fundamental has changed. The new standard has only now been published. The representative of the Swiss parent club agrees with the changes.
Ane Christiansen will make copies of the standard available for the following day. What may be of significance in the new standard are changes concerning the eyes. A member of the Portuguese club is on the FCI standard commission. She explains that there are minor changes in the standard that had been decided upon 4 years ago, but were only published now. One reason for the delay were problems with translation.
Annegret Splinter feels that a word is missing, just as in the old version.
The second German club wonders how it is possible that the SKG effects changes without the knowledge of the Swiss parent club. Johannes Mayer states his opinion that the Swiss club should always be involved in changes to the standard.
7. Judging in Finland was correct. It was a beautiful show and the winners were happy 😊😊
8. Christian Tessier gives a presentation with new illustrations on aspects of the standard. To obtain a CD, please contact Ane Christiansen or Christian Tessier by e-mail.

Responsible for minutes:

Ane Christiansen