

**Report of the Delegates-meeting 2015
Friday, 26th of June 2015, 10H00
at the Rantasipi Airport Congress Center**



Agenda:

1. Greeting and words of welcome, note of the delegates of each country
2. Welcoming speech from the president of the Finnish St Bernard Club
3. Information about the WUSB Show 2015 by the Finnish Club
4. Presentation of the WUSB Show 2016 by the Portuguese Club and vote of the 7 judges
5. Report of WUSB 2014-Alsfeld
6. Reports of the Board (followed by a debate)
 - The president
 - The vice-President
 - The secretary
 - The treasurer
 - Report of the Auditors
7. Discharge of the board
8. Determine an election manager and

Election of the Board:

- a) President
- b) Vice- President
- c) 1. Secretary (German or same language as the president)
- d) Treasurer
- e) 2. Secretary for the 2nd Language
- f) 3. Secretary for the 3rd Language
- g) 2 auditors
9. Reports and news of the member clubs
10. Sundries

Delegates present at the meeting:

Ann De Laet and Jessy Pieters	B	Anne Long-Doyle	IRL
Reto Wiederkehr and Rudolf Thomann	CH	Hellen and Rick Vanebo	N
Milan Plundra	CZ	Romy and Jean Prim	L
Annegret Splinter and Wolfgang Ketzler	D 1	Andrejs Djormins	LV
Lothar Knebelau	D 2	Alexandre Bruno	P 2
Jesper Thode and Ane Christiansen	DK	Dr. Martina Ellerowa	SK
Kari Augestad	E	Tom and Vi Brown	USA
Kaie Lööke	EST I		
Christian Tessier	F		
Taina Nygard	FIN		
Maureen Gwilliam and Chris Pack	GB		

And many others guests of different countries

Excused: A. Haapakoski ; O. Vondrous; N. Sousa and C. Rodrigues; K. Young & H. du Plessis, Austin Long-Doyle; H. Linser and C. Janes; M. Nelissen-Franssen and T. Bouwmann, G. Morsiani and his wife.

TOP 1

The WUSB-president Wolfgang Ketzler welcomes all delegates. He ascertains the assembly is valid and quorum. He introduces the president of the Barry-Foundation Mr Ruedi Thomann and the new President of the German St Bernardclub e.V. Mr Wolfgang Splinter.

Those present rise to honour the members who passed away in the last year, including our friend and Honorary Member Roland Hans. The meeting observed a minute's silence. Vreni, Mr Roland Hans' wife, thanked for the wreath of the WUSB at the funeral of her husband.

TOP 2 und TOP 3

Mrs Nygard excuses the Finnish president Mrs Anne Haapakoski, because her bitch is giving birth at that moment. She welcomes all attendees in the name of the Finnish St Bernard Club. This year the WUSB show is aligned to the 40th

anniversary of the Finnish Club. They reported that 138 dogs from 10 countries were enrolled. The exhibition takes place in an outdoor area. In the evening, a barbecue will take place with 160 registered participants.

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Mr Alexandre Bruno of the Portuguese Club introduces the venue Maia near Porto and invites all members of the WUSB to visit the exhibition in Portugal on 11 June 2016. The participants receive flyers about the venue and the entry forms.

Election of the judges for 2016

26-voting delegates are present

Annegret Splinter (fixed) **P 2** **Head Judge**

Carl-Otto Mastrup (fixed) **P 2**

Proposed and voted in a secret ballot

Kevin Young	ZA	22 votes
Christine Wiederkehr	CH	20
Reinhold Welsch	D 1	19
Didier Basset	F	18
Marianne Ruß	D 2	18
Paul Bodeving	USA	16
Austin Long -Doyle	IRL	(15) after run-off vote 14

Ersatz

Otakar Vondrous	CZ	(15) after run-off vote 11
Satu Ylä Mononen	FIN	13
Maria Kuster	NL	8

First Austin long-Doyle and Otakar Vondrous had 15 votes. The run-off vote resulted in 14 votes for Austin Long-Doyle and 11 votes for Otakar Vondrous, so Mr Vondrous is first alternate candidate.

TOP 5

There are no objections to the minutes of Alsfeld/Germany 2015

TOP 6

Report of the President

Last year ran smoothly after the excitement of the last WUSB in Denmark.

The WUSB Board met last November in Geneva for the preparation of this year's meetings. Everything else happened by e-mails or by phone in great unanimity. Therefore, thanks to the fellow board members!

After the death of Roland Hans and the cancellation of 2 reserve judges, Maureen Gwilliam from England is judging on Saturday.

About our request to the Swiss Kennel Club SKG, concerning the image in the Standard text, there is no news. Except if the Swiss delegates can tell us news today. The same happened for the revision of the Standards, by which we also haven't heard an announcement in the last year.

As I wrote you, I'm not running for WUSB president again. That's why I thank all, who have supported me and the Board over the years. However I want to give you, as the representatives of the member clubs, something to think about.

My term can be divided into 3 sections:

At the beginning there was the consolidation with the revision of the statutes, then the reception and integration of many new members, since the beginning of the century the intensive occupation of the standard and more recently also the study of breeding and the health of our St. Bernard. There were ups and downs, progress and standstill.

Here an interesting review on the used judges in the exhibitions since 2005.

Between 2005 and 2015 90 judges were used in 11 shows; 9 times in 4 rings, twice in 5 rings. These judges came from 23 clubs; Belgium, Portugal 1 and Australia sent no judges in this time. 90 judges were 54 different names in reality. 33 were used only once, the rest at least twice.

WUSB winner „Best in Show“ in 2005 - in 2014

Ever twice from Germany, France and Czechia, ever once from Spain, Denmark, Austria and the Netherlands; 6 times a dog, four times a bitch, 6 times a short hair, four times a long hair.

Today, I want to set following five requests to you:

- 1) I wish that all clubs, as in the founding of WUSB agreed, finally come together to the common uniform interpretation of the standards. Because that could not be realized despite our intense work: in the meetings with the judges there were agreements about the standard, but then at home, or even in WUSB exhibition, judgements were like usual. This has to change. Please commit your judges to more training and togetherness.
- 2) I've always occurred for the membership of England and the United States in the WUSB, although they don't belong to the FCI. Only if we discuss this matter, we can make a difference. That was also the reason for my visit to the national exhibition of the American clubs in the last year. Let us put an end to the discussions about the

supposedly correct standard. These do not bring any progress! And so far, the standard texts are not so different from one another. More important is the uniform interpretation and the explanation by the clubs and the judge in the ring. Furthermore the breeder must be better trained in the standard.

- 3) The health of the breeding in the interests of animal protection is becoming increasingly important. But many clubs have not even responded to my various questions to the breeding. The standard is important to us "Experts" of the breed, but for the interested and amateurs the health and longevity are decisive criteria to decide on a specific breed of dog. I ask you to clarify this at home with your clubs and your breeders.
- 4) I wish that the WUSB is recognized as the internationally recognized interlocutors concerning of our breed, especially with the FCI. Switzerland, as the country of origin of our breed, should help us.
- 5) I wish that the WUSB will grow together as a large family, in which all clubs really work together for the good of the breed. In celebrating the WUSB is great, but what about the enforcement of agreements at home? For this, more commitment is required.

I have invested a lot of time and passion in the WUSB. And even though I'm resigning, I will always stay connected with the WUSB. I'm sure Ruedi Thomann will continue the work with the same conviction. I ask you today to elect him, in great unanimity, as the new President.

Mr Wiederkehr explained that the raised questions about the standard are still in deliberation.

Then Mr. Ketzler gives an interesting look back at the exhibitions since 2005. Between 2005 and 2015 90 judges have judged in 11 exhibitions; nine times in 4 rings, twice in 5 rings. 90 judges were in fact only 54 different persons, which 33 judged only once, the rest at least twice. These judges came from 23 clubs ; Belgium, Portugal 2 and Australia didn't send any judge in this period.

The WUSB Winner "Best in Show" 2005 - 2014 came twice from: Germany, France and the Czech Republic, ones from Spain, Denmark, Austria and the Netherlands. Six times won the male, four times the bitch, of which six times Shorthair, four times Longhair.

Report of the Vice-Presidents

The WUSB has the intention to consolidate the Swiss standard in the member countries. Member countries need to train their judges in the standard and guide them to judge to the standard. The exhibition tomorrow must be a synthesis of the standards, and the Winner should elevate the standard.

Mr. Tessier is aware of the problem of the different languages. But he thinks that the French language was the language of diplomacy. For him, the standard must not "be interpreted" but needs to be applied.

Report of the 1st Secretary

The work of the secretary is, above all, to do the administrative things like the invitations of the bodies, the log management, updating address lists, etc.. and she supports the WUSB-President in his work. Furthermore the secretary thanked the delegates for the cooperation in the past 10 years and is no longer candidate for the post of 1st secretary. In the meeting, the address list of currently known delegates passed around with their addresses in order to update.

Report of the Treasurer

Reto Wiederkehr reads the financial report and notes a solid cash position.

Reports of the 2nd and 3rd Secretaries:

They translate the protocols in their language and translate at the meetings.

Report of the Auditor

Dr. Ellerowa, as one of the two auditors, reported that the documents were all correct and were complete, as well as the documents and reports. The audit firm has confirmed a proper cash management.

They therefore applied for the discharge of the Board. Hans Wiebauer, as second auditor, has unfortunately not reported.

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Discharge of the Board

The Board is unanimously relieved.

TOP 8

The Assembly determines Wolfgang Ketzler and Annegret Splinter unanimously as the Election Committee because they both don't run again for a function. 26-voting delegates are present.

President

Rudolf Thomann is proposed, no further candidates.

The result of the election: 23 votes - 2 abstentions

He accepts the voting and is therefore new President of WUSB.

Vice President

Christian Tessier stands for re-election, no further candidates.
The result of the election: 23 votes - 1 abstention.
He accepts the election and thus is re-elected as Vice President of the WUSB.

1st Secretary

Ann de Laet is proposed, no further candidates.
The election result: Unanimous election.
She accepts the election as thus is elected as 1st Secretary of the WUSB.

Treasurer

Reto Wiederkehr is standing for re-election, no other candidates.
The election result: Unanimous voting.
He accepts the election and is re-elected as treasurer of the WUSB.

Secretary for the English Language

Ane Christianssen stands for re-election, no other candidates.
The result of the election : Unanimous election
She accepts the election and is re-elected as secretary for the English language

Secretary for the French Language

Jean Prim is standing for re-election, no other candidates.
The result of the election : Unanimous election
He accepts the election and is re-elected as secretary for the French language

Auditor

There are proposed: **Dr. Martina Ellerova und Kari Augestad**. Maureen Gwilliam rejects.
Dr. Martina Ellerova und Kari Augestad are unanimously elected as auditors and accept the election.

The new WUSB-President Ruedi Thomann thanks everybody for his election and invites Mr Ketzler to lead the Assembly until the end.

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Kari Augestad informs those presents that the Spanish Club has a new board, the new president is Nicolas Castro.
The Irish Club has conducted a special Seminar for group-judges, with great success.
Mr Tom Brown, from the USA, sends many greetings from Karen and Paul Bodeving. They can't be present this year because they have a big litter with Parvo-disease to take care off.
Annegret Splinter informs the presents about the "Epilepsie-Projekt" in Germany.
She is grateful for the support from the surrounding WUSB countries.

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Mr. Ketzler invites again for to the second session for breeders and breed-responsibles on 15 August 2015 in Martigny, organized by the WUSB together with the Barry Foundation.
In the last week Italy has requested for WUSB in 2017 or 2018. WUSB in 2017 has been allocated last year to Switzerland, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the WUSB. The voting for Italy as venue for the WUSB 2018 can only be decided officially in the next delegates' meeting in Portugal, because the application wasn't submit in time from CISB, according to the statutes for this year. The WUSB 2018 will be reserved amicably for Italy, because so far there are no other applications. France shows interest to organize in 2019 and England for 2020.
Vice-President Christian Tessier proposes the Assembly to appoint Wolfgang Ketzler as Honorary President, for his longtime services as WUSB-President and to appoint Annegret Splinter as honorary member of the WUSB.
The delegates approve this proposal unanimously and with great applause.
Both honorary members warmly thank the Assembly.
Ruedi Thomann promises to do everything for the WUSB. He once again thanked the previous Board and closes the meeting.

Martfeld, July 2015

signed Wolfgang Ketzler
Chairman of the meeting

signed Annegret Splinter
1. Secretary

Seen and approved by Rudolf Thomann, WUSB-President

Report of the Judgesmeeting 2015
Thursday 26th of June 2015 – 15h00
In the Rantasipi Airport Congress Center



Order of the day :

1. Word of welcome
2. Short information about WUSB-show 2015
3. Report of the judgesmeeting 2014 in Germany
4. Recent information from the membercountries
5. Future plans for the next judgesmeeting 2016 in Portugal
6. Varia
7. Evaluation of Wusb-Show 2014
8. Conference and discussion: The Standard (Taina Nygard), head and Noblesse (WUSB-board)
9. Discussion: Have we gone too far with the "light working type? In the standard is written: the 2 varieties are of considerable size and impressive general appearance.
10. Discussion: Saint Bernards are described by BSI (Breed Specific Instructions) as 'a Breed with increased health risk'. Scandinavian judges are demanded to fill out a form after their judgement about this matter.

Then : Conference of the judges with the judges who will judge the WUSB show 2015

Participant:

M. König	CH	K. Mustonen	
M. Plundra	CZ	P. Heikinnen-Leakowen	
A. Splinter	D 1	H. Leakowen	
J. Mayer	D1	T. Okkola	
Marianne Ruß	D2	H. Salohalla	
Max Ruß	D2	A Al-Bachy	
K. Klysner	DK	T. Eerola	
K. Augestad	E	T. Savolainen	
C. Tessier	F	H. Jokisilpp	
T. Nygard	FI	J. Palosaari	
A Paloheimo	FI	H. Tast	
S. Vakkilainen	FI	S. Laakso	
S. Ylä-Mononen	FI	M. Jäwentölä	
M. Gwilliams	GB		
J. Prim	L		
Dr. Martina Ellerowa	SK		

Excused: U. Eisner, B. Léger; M. Kuster; O. Vondrous; K. & P. Bodewing; C.-O. Mastrup, Dr. G. Morsiani, L. Waßmann, R. Welsch, E. Brummel, A. Fütterer, H. Wiebauer, G. Holm, M. Kipinnä, J. Putkonen, P. Muggelton, Austin Long-Doyle,

TOP 1

THE WUSB president Wolfgang Ketzler welcomes the present Judges. There are fortunately many Finnish all-round judges to take part of this meeting. He confirms the proper invitation and quorum of the meeting.

TOP 2

Mrs Nygard excuses the Finnish President of the Club, as her bitch is whelping at that moment. She warmly welcomes those present on behalf of the Finnish St. Bernard Club. The year's WUSB show is aligned to the 40th anniversary of the Finnish Club. 138 dogs from 10 countries were entered. The exhibition takes place in an outdoor area and in the evening, a barbecue will take place with 160 registered participants.

TOP 4

There is no objection to the minutes of the last judges meeting 2014 in Alsfeld, Germany.

TOP 5

A list with topics is made for the next judges meeting by the present judges :

- Issue of crossing Longhair x Shorthair (do too many shorthair become heterozygous in the hair variety?)
- Different perceptions in the movement, pacing
- Pigment problems
- Tail carried to high or carried over the back
- Too short croup

- **Dental problems**
- **Feet, too long toes**
- **Increase of dogs with roach backs**
- **What is too much? (loose skin, wrinkles, eyelids)**

Judges 2016:

(Information for the report, because the judges shall be chosen later in the delegatesmeeting)

Annegret Splinter Dean of judges	P 2
Carl-Otto Mastrup (set)	P 2
Kevin Young	ZA
Christine Wiederkehr	CH
Reinhold Welsch	D1
Didier Basset	F
Marianne Ruß	D2
Paul Bodeving	USA
Austin Long -Doyle	IRL

Ersatz

Otakar Vondrous	CZ
Satu Ylä Mononen	FIN
Maria Kuster	NL

TOP 6

Mr Ketzler presents a short summary of the last 10 shows. For example 90 judges have judged during this period. There were 54 different persons, 33 have judged once, the others at least twice. Finally, he gives an overview of the "Best in Show" dogs in the last 10 years.

TOP 7

Mr Ketzler presents photos of the WUSB-winner 2014. These will be discussed again in the Assembly. They all had the required proportions and were consistent with the standard.

TOP 8, 9 and 10 are treated together

Christian Tessier presents the proportions of the 'head'.

Then, Taina Nygad holds her lecture about the standard. Initially she tells, what a Saint Bernard shouldn't have: St Bernards are not "cute" or cuddly, don't have a round body, don't have short legs, they are not plain white and are not tri-color. It means : only black shadings, but no black pelt in the coat.

In the Nordic countries (Sweden and Norway), there are unfortunately often breeders who don't breed according to the FCI standard. A Saint Bernard is impressive and stately, shows its masculinity or femininity. The head is impressive, the expression is smart and serious and NEVER aggressive. He is friendly with good temperament. A youngster may be a bit more lively.

With the use of images she explains clearly her approach. She has noticed that many Saints today have little teeth. She discusses the bite and the question whether reciproke standing teeth have to be disqualified. All answer: No. The dogs shall be well-balanced and of good proportions.

The questions posed in the invitation: "Have we gone too far with the "light working type"?" and the discussion of the BSI (Breed Specific Instructions) are unfortunately not complete.

Martfeld, July 2015

signed **Wolfgang Ketzler**
WUSB-President and chairman of the meeting

signed **Annegret Splinter**
1. Secretary