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IWK - World Association

Minutes to the first meeting of the country representatives on 15 November 2024

Dear friends and colleagues

Thank you very much for your numerous participation. With 19 persons taking part, it shows how important our grey friends are to us all. The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at around 10.00 pm.

During the meeting, we talked about our common goals and wishes for our global organisation.

We had an open discussion about urgent needs and also about possible long-term developments.

It became clear that we value the points of character and performance that are also important for the FCI standard in the mother country Germany. We talked about the importance of tests for young dogs (without much influence from the trainers). The tests VJP (spring test), HZP (autumn test) and VGP (master test), which are common in Germany in the JGHV (German Hunting Dog Association), were discussed and highlighted by almost everyone as important or as an important basis.

The importance of the „WESENSTEST“ (‘character test’), which is common in Germany and shows the dog's behaviour in stressful situations with persons, on an object left behind or in the so-called circle test, was also discussed. It has become clear that this will be an important topic for international breeding exchange.

As the chairman of the meeting, I tried to emphasise that we naturally want to breed all performance dogs according to the FCI standard. I also tried to make it clear that we should have an open attitude towards all country-specific tests and the characteristics of our dogs that can be recognised from them.



I hope that we will all move and speak openly from the start. 'Promote instead of prevent!' should be our motto and "To be open minded" a basic attitude - without forgetting what our FCI standard is and without neglecting the experience of the national organisations.

The next milestones are:

- Creation of the legal basis by the end of January / February 2025, including the articles of association
- The next online meeting is currently planned for : **Wednesday 22.01.2025 - 7 pm** (Online access and invitation via Teams to the persons named here in the distribution list)
 - ⇒ The aim 1 here is to present the articles of association for the association to be founded and to discuss them together.
 - ⇒ 2. the Definition of the (at least) seven founding associations
- 12-14 September 2025 International event and celebration German regional group NRW
- **15 September 2025 --- Foundation with the founding member associations, formalities and first official meeting of the IWK**
- Follow-Up Meeting - I think digitally way in the next 1-2 months: Finding and defining working groups, e.g. on topics such as 'Health and Genetics' or 'International Tests / Events' etc.
- Spring 2026 - First international event // possibly at one of our IWK partner clubs and its anniversary
- 2027 – Weimaraner Klub e.V. – Deutschland, gegründet 1897 => 130 Jahre !

We also talked about possible costs and budgets for running a world association. As I said: 'Money isn't everything, but without money everything is nothing!' Of course we need a certain amount. The initial expectation at this meeting was 750 - 1,000 euros as an initial contribution and then for subsequent years a contribution of 250 euros + a surcharge to reflect the size of the club. We want to have a final discussion on this during the January meeting.

We have already discussed the specific collaboration and the need for a quick exchange. It also became clear how important the international committee of the IWK World Association will be, so that it can talk quickly and at an early stage with authorised persons, for example about the development of illnesses, if necessary on a confidential basis. This will enable solutions and investigations of possible problems to be carried out very early on. Establishing committees that know each other and have contact details will help us.

It is clear and I have made it clear. The task of the IWK will not be to make rules for the countries. The autonomy of the national organisations in their kennel clubs (such as the VDH in Germany) will remain untouched.



We will certainly be able to develop recommendations for action, harmonisation of tests and breeding issues for international cooperation – if it is useful and necessary. However, these will probably be recommendations for action.

For international exchange, something like an agreement could be developed that makes it impossible to quickly fall back on stud dogs or breeding bitches if it is wanted.

There could also be guidelines for the information and recognition of various topics. For making information of an international nature available, there could be an archive that we could perhaps jointly provide access to on a usable IT basis.

I think it became clear to all of us during the meeting that what we actually knew was that the world federation is long overdue.

The benefits for our members, whether they are dog handlers, breeders or fans of the breed, are considerable.

If we work together, we can achieve what unfortunately politics sometimes cannot. We can support common goals together and stand up for each other in difficult cases. We can talk to each other and then act before we have to react.

Thanks again at this point for your active participation.

I feel, we had a very enjoyable meeting that was blessed with lively participation. It was great and I look forward to further meetings.

So I hope I have succeeded in capturing all the key points in the minutes. If anything is missing or if you have any additions, please send them to my Weimaraner e-mail address or to the German office.

To all those who were not able to attend this meeting, please feel free to comment on the items in the minutes. We will include these points in the foundation working group and discuss them at the January meeting at the latest. 'We can only do it together!' - that's my motto and I hope you all share it.

If you have any questions contact us via our office, Mrs. Jeschke, by e-mail: geschaeftsstelle@weimaraner-klub-ev.de or phone +49 8629 9850347, or contact me personally by e-mail: vorsitzender@weimaraner-klub-ev.de or phone +49 171 3361007.

May I now wish you all a blessed Christmas season,
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay healthy with your dogs, enjoy your winter hunts,
best wishes from Germany,

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