

**Minutes of the 11th WAFDAL Meeting of delegates
on Friday 6th of September 2013 in Rostock/Germany
organised by the German Dalmatian Club (DDC v. 1920 e.V.)**

The meeting was held in the InterCity Hotel in Rostock
Chairman: Prof. dr. Tyge Greibrokk from Norway

Present:

Committee members:

Tyge Greibrokk (N), Liliane de Ridder (B), Gerhard Herbst (D-CDF), Viola Speier (D-DDC) and Annemiek Morgans (NL)

Delegates/commission members:

Inger Hagbohm and Lena Erlandsson from Sweden; Kirsti Greibrokk and Siv Merethe Kindelstuen from Norway; Lars Bjerre Christensen, Sören Thanning Jacobsen and Charlotte Jenvall from Denmark; Cindy Kerssemeijer and Rhys Morgans from the Netherlands; Markus Klever, Reinhold Ebert, Josef Fertig and Christoph Derieth from Germany (DDC); Helge Hilpert and Stephanie Langanke from Germany (CDF); Tryn E. Borckenstein and Ursula Voitle from Austria and Radana Zachova from Czechia.

Special guests:

Ake Cronander from Sweden, Michael Jäger from Germany (CDF) and Elke Riebe from Germany (DDC).

Absent:

Apologies for absence received from:

Elke Langanke from Germany (CDF); Sally Ann Clegg from France; the Italian Dalmatian Club-Gabriele Vettori; the Swiss Dalmatian Club, the Croatian Dalmatian Club 'Atila Dubac'-Ivana Bakal; the British Dalmatian Club; the North of England Dalmatian Club and the Serbian Dalmatian Club-Nenad Devic (apologies received after the meeting).

Absent without notice:

The Finnish Dalmatian Club, the Croatian Dalmatian Club HKPDP 'DALMATINAC', the Hungarian Dalmatian Club and the Dalmatian Club of Cuba.

1. Arrival of the participants. Welcome

The meeting started at 9 o'clock and WAFDAL chairman Tyge Greibrokk welcomed all participants and thanked the DDC for being host of the WAFDAL event 2013.

2. Welcome from the German Dalmatian Club / DDC von 1920 e.V.

The delegates and guests were welcomed by the chairman of the DDC, mr. Markus Kleber and DDC committee member mrs. Viola Speier. They thanked all participants for their presence and wished them in the name of the DDC a good stay in Rostock.

3. Presentation of the delegates from the member-clubs and observer-clubs

The delegates and committee members introduced themselves. The passing away of WAFDAL Honorary president Frans de Ridder en former WAFDAL committee member Arild Harjèn was remembered by observing one minute silence.

4. Chairman's report (Tyge Greibrokk) – see Chairman's report 2011-2013

The chairman gave a verbal response to his report. Most important issues for this moment are the continuing conflict with the Croatian Kennel Club concerning the new breed standard, the termination of the contract with the FCI by the FCI and the future of WAFDAL. With the arrival of a new WAFDAL president, the time has come for a new approach concerning the relation with the Croatian Kennel Club in order to be able to discuss the new breed standard and to try to reach an agreement about the contents of the standard. After 16 years of ECDC and 5 years of WAFDAL we need to find new ways of trying to reach this goal.

Markus Kleber said to have the opinion that WAFDAL as an organisation has no official legal status and insisted to check this carefully and take the necessary steps to improve this. He also criticized the WAFDAL website for containing not enough actual information and being not 'up to date'. Tyge Greibrokk underlined that WAFDAL is an international organisation, an association of voluntary members and as such has legal status. He admitted that also the WAFDAL committee is very unhappy with the current WAFDAL website and that attempts have been made to find a new webmaster.

5. Secretary's report + minutes MD 2011 (Annemiek Morgans) –see Secretary's report 2011-2013 + Minutes MD 2011 Salzburg. Written reports had been sent out before. There were no remarks and the report and minutes were agreed upon.

6a. Treasurer's report (Gerard Herbst) – see Kassenbericht/treasurer's report

Gerard Herbst presented his report. Markus Kleber asked attention for longstanding open accounts since 2007: from the French Dalmatian Club, the Croatian Dalmatian Club HKPDP-Dalmatinac, the Hungarian Dalmatian Club and the Dalmatian Club of Cuba. More or less also as a result of the very little activity of the former treasurer. Sören Jacobsen suggested to strike these clubs off the memberslist. Liliane de Ridder mentioned that after the sudden death of former ECDC-WAFDAL treasurer Alfred Ronneburg, there has been a very difficult situation. For a long period of time the committee had no access to the financial reports and bank accounts. Because of this active transactions were impossible for quite some time. At the moment the actual bank account is € 17.199,79. Still open € 1.350,00 (unpaid membership fees).

6b. Auditor's report (Josef Fertig)

Josef Fertig presented his report about the financial audit, which took place on 05-09-2013. All the amounts were found to be correct and the bookkeeping had been correctly kept and presented. Remarks: concerning the longstanding open accounts more activity is desirable. Mr. Fertig asked the delegates to give their approval to the financial reports. The meeting agreed and the treasurer and auditor were thanked for their work.

Tyge Greibrokk expressed his wish that the banksaldo does not become too high and to ask for advice as to how the money may be usefully used in the future. As far as the unpaid contributions are concerned: Markus Kleber said that the contributions are relatively small amounts of money that each club has to pay and suggested that the clubs concerned, should still have to pay or submit their payments, as they can only remain members once the contributions have been paid.

7. Membership matters

The German Dalmatian Club 'Dalmatiner Verein Deutschland' (DVD) has withdrawn its WAFDAL membership by sending a letter by the chairman Jürgen Rotsch. There have not

been any new candidates for membership. The Dalmatian Club of Brasil contacted WAFDAL but only wished to exchange information at the moment.

8. Health and Breeding Committee report (Lena Erlandsson) –see report 2013

Lena Erlandsson presented her report.

Epilepsy

Viola Speier asked about the Epidal project of Prof. Hannes Lohi at the University of Helsinki. There have been many publications about various afflictions but the Epidal project seems to be at a low activity level at the moment. Christoph Derieth: 50 individual dogs were needed for research but there were only 10 available. Lena Erlandsson: in order to draw any conclusions by epilepsy, one should be able to find the same symptoms with animals of the same age and similar pedigrees. To make it more difficult one has to deal with the different forms of epilepsy, acquired and inherited. Until now the number of cases have not been big enough. It is still very important that cases of epilepsy are reported and it is to be expected that we will have more knowledge in the next ten years.

Urate stones - LUA/NUA Dalmatians

Lena Erlandsson gave a short explanation about the principal of having a higher chance of urate stones with the Dalmatian and the LUA-project. (See website: www.luadalmatians.com and www.nuadalseurope.eu). In general by LUA-Dalmatians: the spotting is smaller in size and, when refrigerated, 'LUA' urine stays clear, whereas 'HUA' (High Uric Acid) urine becomes 'milky'. The transport gene SLC2A9, responsible for the transportation of uric acid, is in Dalmatians 10 times lower than in dogs of other breeds. There is no difference between the liver and the kidneys. By the excretion of uric acid there is a higher chance of having sediment or crystals.

Iris Sphincter Dysplasia

There is not very much known about this eye problem in Dalmatians in Europe, as there is very little testing. There was also a question about the green-blue reflection from the eye, when photos have been made with flash photography. This is not an indication as to the presence of an eye problem.

Inherited deafness

Information has been received from the Swedish and Dutch clubs. There are no new conclusions. Tyge Greibrokk suggested that using patched dogs for breeding, should be a good idea. Clubs in Germany (CDF, DVD and DZGD = Dalmatiner Zucht Gemeinschaft Deutschland) allow patches to be used.

Markus Kleber asked attention for a different way of testing special used for children. (See attached information). A discussion followed about the different methods of testing in different countries by various clinics. Annemiek Morgans: in the Netherlands the tests follow a set protocol in 3 veterinary clinics. The tests take place with light sedation after the age of 6 weeks. The results are coordinated and registered by the Dutch Kennel Club, who also issues a certificate for the owners.

Liliane de Ridder: have there still been ARDS cases reported? Sören Jacobsen: There have been no cases reported in the last years. We can call it a success story thanks to the application of the ECDC breeding recommendations. Tyge Greibrokk: the breeding

recommendations did a very good job and there are reasons to believe ARDS is no longer existent or it is at least latent.

9. Judging Committee report (Aase Jakobsen) –see report 2013

It is a short report, as there have been no activities in this committee, according Liliane de Ridder.

10. Website report (Elke Langanke)

As Elke Langanke was not present, Stephanie Langanke presented the website report (written report never received). In her report Elke Langanke gave her vision as to the applied committee strategy and made clear that she would stop with her work for the WAFDAL website as of present. Tyge Greibrokk and Annemiek Morgans said that they did not recognise the described situation. According to the chairman Aase Jakobsen was prepared to take over the care of the website and he expressed his wish to have a smooth transfer of information to the new webmaster.

Viola Speier requested to have all information in English and German on the website in the future. Annemiek Morgans said to have tried hard in the past, but that it has been a very big problem to find good translators.

11. Future of WAFDAL / WAFDAL-FCI-HKS agreement

The WAFDAL committee recommended the following voting alternative:

“The WAFDAL organisation will continue to work for the Dalmatian breed in accordance with the statutes, with or without a contract with the FCI”.

After a short discussion the proposal was unanimously accepted by all delegates.

12. Elections At present the positions are occupied by:

WAFDAL committee: chairman: Tyge Greibrokk (not re-electable), vice-chairman: Liliane de Ridder, secretary: Annemiek Morgans (not re-electable), treasurer: Gerhard Herbst and member: Viola Speier, representing the club organising ‘WAFDAL 2013’.

Auditor: Josef Fertig.

Health and Breeding Committee: chairman: Lena Erlandsson, Dominique Vincent, Sally Ann Clegg, Rhys Morgans, Charlotte Jenvall and Ursula Voitle.

Judging committee: chairman: Aase Jakobsen, Liliane de Ridder, Ivana Bakal, Christoph Derieth and Josef Fertig.

New candidates for the WAFDAL committee: Åke Cronander for president and Cindy Kerssemeijer for secretary. (See presentations)

WAFDAL committee

Tyge Greibrokk and Annemiek Morgans expressed their wishes not to be re-electable. Viola Speier’s function will be taken over by a delegate of the club, organising the next WAFDAL event in 2015.

Åke Cronander was elected as the new president, Liliane de Ridder (vice-chairman) and Gerhard Herbst (treasurer) were re-elected, Cindy Kerssemeijer was elected as secretary and Radana Zachova joined the committee, representing the next organiser of the WAFDAL event 2015. The meeting expressed thanks to Tyge Greibrokk and Annemiek Morgans for their long service to ECDC/WAFDAL.

Auditor: Josef Fertig was re-elected.

Health and Breeding Committee: Lena Erlandsson stated to have no time available to act as chairman in this commission and to prefer to stay as 'just' a member. The following members were (re)elected: Tyge Greibrokk as chairman, Lena Erlandsson, Rhys Morgans, Charlotte Jenvall, Ursula Voitle and Viola Speier. It was decided that the French delegates Dominique Vincent and Sally Ann Clegg will continue being members on condition that the French Dalmatian Club will fulfill her obligations before the 1st of November 2013. The Austrian delegate Tryn Borckenstein made objections towards the membership of Ursula Voitle, seeing the fact that she is not a committee member anymore of the Austrian Dalmatian Club. A discussion followed: According to Sören Jacobsen: WAFDAL commission members need the backing of their national breed club. According to Liliane de Ridder it depends more on the quality of the persons themselves. The meeting decided to vote and the majority elected Ursula Voitle as commission member.

Judging committee: as members were (re)elected: Liliane de Ridder as chairman, Aase Jakobsen, Ivana Bakal, Christoph Derieth, Josef Fertig and Charlotte Jenvall. Stephanie Langanke will join the commission as a member as from 01-06-2014.

Webmaster

Aase Jakobsen (not present) was chosen as the new webmaster.

13. Proposal for a change in the statutes: 'Rules and Regulations of the WAFDAL'

Current version point 8: The official languages will be English, German and French.

New version point 8: The official languages will be English and German.

The proposal was accepted with a majority of votes.

14. Health and Breeding issues

According to the report of the Health and Breeding commission there has been very little activity from the member clubs to share information about health issues. See report 2013 from Lena Erlandsson, chairman of the Health and Breeding commission. Tyge Greibrokk said that the ARDS recommendations can be removed from the WAFDAL website, seeing that in the last number of years there have not been any new cases. Information about ARDS will be stored in the archives.

15. Planned actions for next 2 years

Proposals of dates and places for future WAFDAL meetings

- 2015 in Czechia / Czech Dalmatian Club

Proposal from Radana Zachova: to have a WAFDAL event in the weekend of 2-3 May 2015 in Prague. On Friday the WAFDAL meeting, Saturday the CACIB Show, followed by the WAFDAL Show on Sunday.

- Next meeting

Candidate for 2017 is Sweden in the second week of September.

16. Diverse questions

Radana Zachova:

-asked attention for a controversial case: a bitch in Germany with incomplete pedigree gained the International Championtitle, confirmed by the FCI. A long discussion followed with an open end. As Liliane de Ridder suggested: this is a responsibility of the FCI.

Tyge Greibrokk:

-concerning expenses made by WAFDAL committee members: so far the member clubs paid their expenses in case they are also committee members in their breed club. WAFDAL exists several years now and has its own capital. It is about time that WAFDAL pays for the expenses of her own committee members. After a short discussion it was agreed upon that the expenses made by WAFDAL committee members would be paid by WAFDAL in the future.

Sören Jacobsen:

-made the following proposal concerning the choice of judges for future WAFDAL shows: The organising clubs can make proposals for names of candidate judges. No judges from their own country. The Judging commission has the right to add names to the list. The WAFDAL committee will make the final decision. Once a judge has judged at a WAFDAL show, then there must be a lapse of at least 5 years between the next WAFDAL judging appointment. After a short discussion the proposal was accepted.

17. Closing of the meeting

At 15.00 Tyge Greibrokk closed the meeting after having thanked all for their contribution in a good atmosphere.

Vollenhove, July 2014
Annemiek Morgans
Former WAFDAL secretary

PS:

This report is based on the notes which I made during the meeting. Unfortunately I have not received any additions from Cindy Kerssemeijer, as we had agreed upon before the meeting.