



World-Union of St. Bernard-Clubs

Minutes of the delegates-meeting 2013 on Friday, 31st 2013, 10 a.m. in the Fårup Skovhus (Saltum/Danmark)

Agenda:

1. Greeting and note of the delegate-numbers
2. Words of welcome of the president of the "Danish St. Bernard Club"
3. Piece of information of the Danish club about the WUSB Show 2013
4. Invitation of the German club for the WUSB Show 2014
and election of 7 judges
5. Minutes of Mlada Boleslav 2012
6. Reports of the Board-members (in the connection to a report immediate debate)
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Kari Augestad about the "Barry Digital"
7. By-election of a secretary for the English language (must also speak German!)
8. Election of a substitute cash auditor
9. Motions
10. Reports of the member clubs
11. Election of the club for the WUSB 2016
12. Sundries

Delegates present:

Anne de Laet u. François van Leugenhaege	B	Dr. M. Ellerowa u. C. Pack	GB
Christine Wiederkehr u. Annemarie Brunner	CH	Fabrizio Martinengo u. Andreas Fütterer	I
Milan Plundra u. Otakar Vondrous	CZ	Romy u. Jean Prim	L
Annegret Splinter u. Wolfgang Ketzler	D 1	Andrejs Djormins u. Daiga Rutka	LV
Lothar Knebelau	D 2	Nuno Canella d' Assuncá Sousa u. Carlos Viera Podrigues	P 1
Jesper Thode u. Ane Christiansen	DK	Alexandre Bruno	P 2
Kari Augestad	E	Milan Vozar u. Marek Ostrozovie	SK
Christian Tessier u. J.F. Martin	F	Karen u. Paul Bodeving	USA
Anne Haapokoski u. Taina Nygard	FIN	Kevin u. Cathy Young	ZA

TOP 1

First – welcome to all the delegates from the president, Wolfgang Ketzler. Then he announce, that the assemble is valid and quorum.

Then all the delegates are standing one minute in silence for the members who have passed on in the last year.

TOP2

Jesper Thode presents himself as the new president of the Danish Club – and wish all who has taken the long way to Denmark welcome. He hopes that we all will have some very god days here with interesting meetings and a god Show.

TOP 3

Mrs. Christiansen gives a short brief summary of the following days and remembers everyone of the Bantket at 18.30 at Fårup Skovhus the evening before the show. There are 142 dogs entered from 13 different countries. The commune of Jammerbugt has been much supported to the arrangement and has also sponsored a lot. Especially tree banners for the WUSB show. These banners are made without any year on – they will be passed on to WUSB for the next years to come.

TOP 4

The WUSB 2014 will be in Germany. It will take place in Alsfeld – just in the middle of Germany. The president of the German Club presents the „show leader“ Wolfgang Splinter. Then we are looking at a presentation of the WUSB 2014 on the screen and we are all given entry forms and some flyers

Options for the judges 2014 (unfortunately – Unfortunately, there were not many written proposals)

There are 33 voting delegates present

Nominated and elected were:

Werner Schmid	D 1	For Germany
Carl-Otto Mastrup	DK	29
Karen Bodewing	USA	27
Kevin Young	ZA	27
Hans Wiebauer	I	24
J. Francois Martin	FR	23
Jean Prim	LU	23
Christine Wiederkehr	CH	23

Reserves

Max Ruß	D 2	21
Maureen Gwilliam	P 1	13
Susan Wardle	GB	13

Head judge: Reinhold Welsch

TOP 5

There were no objections to the record from Mlada Boleslav 2012.

TOP 6

Report from the President.

Objections from WUSB to the Crufts 2012, was sent at the English Kennel-Club and to FCI. There were no reaction.

Currently from last week:

Protest from the English St. Bernhards-Club at WUSB according to the criticism on Facebook over the winner at Croft, who was judged according the English standard and not the FCI standard. The WUSB is not the right place to complain and they will not interfere in the English and the American judgements.

But this means anyway, that we don't want the influence of the "American type" in the European breed of the Saint Bernard.

The illustrated comments from WUSB were sent at FCI, SKG and VDH. No reactions.

In the member clubs there was a positive reaction to the standard comments. But unfortunately we still see dogs with too short legs and incorrect proportions be placed at the front in shows.

In spring 2013 we got news from Switzerland. The Swiss St. Bernhards-club has at the 27.01.2013 decided, that the club won't make any contractual agreements with organisations, neither in Switzerland nor abroad.

By the way this is going to a request from the WUSB member of honour Roland Hans from 2012 back. How will this influence the WUSB membership?

In the spring 2013 there was some uprising meanings about the breeding of „Mini-Bernards“ in America. But this breed is without pedigree and membership of the American Breeder-club. WUSB are not able to do anything about this – we can only inform and explain if someone asks.

In Mai 2013 there was a big commotion according to the judgments and BOB at FCI-World-dog show in Budapest. The proportions were not according to the FCI standard.

The meeting for the breeding responsible from WUSB which took place in Martigny in August 2012 were according to contents very successful with a lot of pleasing experience, but unfortunately the international attendance was low.

WUSB board meeting in Luxembourg at 27.10.2012. It wasn't in Denmark due the costs. Preparations of WUSB 2013.

Carl – Otto Mastrup has step back as English secretary – there will be a new election today. It was stated that the elected cash auditors in 2012 was substitutes for delegates from another club.

Unfortunately – because we changed the date - there is another arrangement in this weekend. The Championat de France des SCC.

This was all negative – but it might show the state of WUSB. Everyone want to complain to something or someone – but no one are willing to do something themselves.

Now something else.

The judgments:

The WUSB are not able to affect the judges, this is only every club itself. WUSB are only able to offer help, for example with illustrations ore with comments to the standard. We have the CD and the book from last year – but which clubs has ordered any of this ?????

America and England: You are happily on the WUSB, but you have another standard, on which the WUSB has no influence. Our job is to promote the FCI-standard – not to condemn others.

Breeding.

It is remarkable, that most of the clubs hasn't answered to any of the two inquiries from the WUSB president about breeding information's. Are you interested at all??? The breeding is as important as the judgments – if not more. Only if there are some healthy and standard completely binding dogs – we can judge them in the rings.

With short words:

Like this – the WUSB has no future according to the WUSB-President. The attitude of the clubs must change fundamentally. We all have to work active and bring some thoughts and ideas and suggestions to the WUSB – otherwise it will die. If you only participate once a year – at WUSB-Show – then it is not enough!!!

Discussion:

We had a talk about what has come up during the meeting.

The delegate from Switzerland tried to explain the decision of the Swiss club against other organizations.

Poul Bodeving from America wants to reject the notion “American type”. According to his opinion this concept doesn't exist.

About the result at World-dog show in Budapest there is a fixed opinion among the delegates, that the judgments not was according to the FCI-standard and that WUSB has to do something.

Report from the Vice-President.

Mr. Tessier has taken the question of the standard on his shoulders. The delegates and the Clubs must see to, that the FCI standard is implemented in their countries.

The CD with the standard illustrations can be bought of everyone who has the interest for 10 Euro.

Report from the 1. secretary.

The work for the secretary is mostly administration according to the invitations of the assemblies, taking reports, updating the address lists and so on.

She urgently asks for notifications, if addresses, telephone numbers or e-mail addresses are changed.

That is the main reason why she is sending a list around – so you all can correct and update for your delegates. She also helps the WUSB-President in his work.

Report of the treasurer

Mr Wiederkehr is unfortunately absent at WUSB this year due to work.

The financial report is presented and discussed.

Some of the clubs still has to pay for the 2013. (*this happened after the meeting*) If Hungary doesn't pay for the present years, they have to be excluded.

The report of the auditors is available. The cashier was examined by Dr. Ellerowa and Mr. Wiebauer. They propose a discharge of the board.

The board was unanimously discharged.

Report of the Barry Digital

Kary Augestad is unfortunately not able to give a positive report, because she has not got any articles from the Clubs. That is why Barry Digital has stopped. She also has regards from Manuel Ortega. He hopes that he soon will be able to come to WUSB again.

TOP 7

Since Carl Otto Mastrup has resigned as 2. Secretary there will be a new election for his term.

Proposed were:

Paul Bodewing	11 votes
Ane Christiansen	12 votes
Anne de Laet	9 votes

This means: Mrs. Christiansen is elected for 2. secretary and the English translations.

TOP 8

As deputy auditor Mrs. de Laet is proposed and unanimously elected.

TOP 9

Instead of a protest letter to the FCI against the judgment and the judge at the FCI World Show, the President proposes to issue a widely held opinion. He has found that the sketch is no longer displayed on the proportions of the standard on the official site of the FCI. This he wants again.

However, not the FCI, but the SKG is the right place for the WUSB, so the delegate meeting proposed that the WUSB President officially asks the Swiss St. Bernard Club to ensure that the sketch will be published again.

Voting: 25 votes yes – 6 against.

The Swiss delegate Christina Wiederkehr promised to take the issue to the border and follow-up.

Postscript to the report:

On 11.06.2013 the following text was sent to the President of the Swiss club from WUSB President:

*„An
den Vorstand
des Schweizerischen St. Bernhards-Clubs
Sehr geehrte Frau Leibundgut,*

in der diesjährigen Richter- und Delegiertenversammlung der WUSB wurde wieder einmal über das Richten diskutiert. Dabei wurde übereinstimmend festgestellt, dass es leider immer noch Richter gibt, die die Proportionen, wie sie im Standard festgelegt sind, nicht beachten:

- Angestrebte Proportion Widerristhöhe zu Rumpflänge (gemessen vom Buggelenk bis zum Sitzbeinhöcker) - 9 : 10.
- Angestrebtes Verhältnis Widerristhöhe zu Brusttiefe : siehe Skizze.

Gemeint ist hier bekanntermaßen das Verhältnis 45 - 50 % Brusttiefe zur Widerristhöhe. Das heißt: Die Brusttiefe ist kleiner als die Hälfte der Widerristhöhe und hat höchstens die gleiche Länge, darf aber nie größer sein..

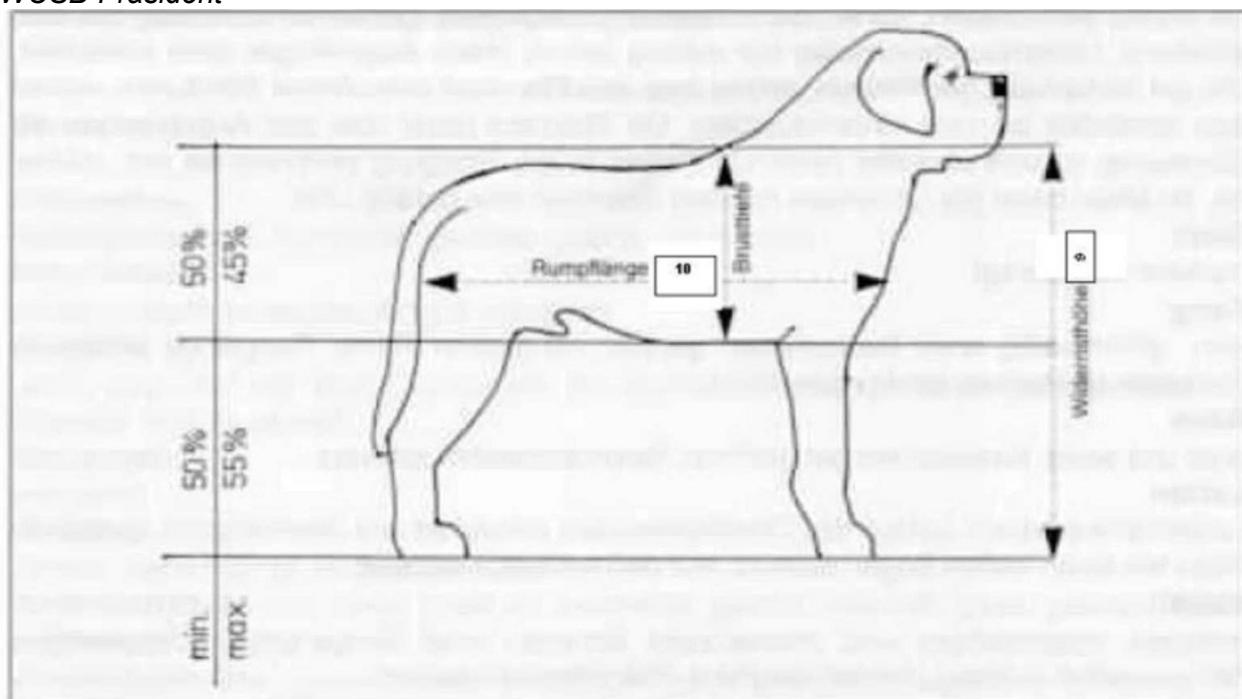
Und gerade diese Skizze, die früher im Standardtext enthalten war, fehlt jetzt, wie wir beim Herunterladen von der FCI-Website feststellen mussten. Dort aber informieren sich die Zuchtrichter, wenn sie sich auf eine Ausstellung vorbereiten; dort ist der aktuell gültige Standard einer Rasse hinterlegt bzw. veröffentlicht.

Die WUSB und ihre Mitgliedsclubs bitten daher den SSBC und die SKG ganz eindringlich, sich bei der FCI dafür einzusetzen, die Skizze (wie z.B. im Anhang) wieder in den Text zu integrieren. Getreu nach dem Motto: "Ein Bild sagt mehr als tausend Worte!"

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Wolfgang Ketzler“

WUSB-Präsident



Top 10

France

The club had a problem with the treasurer, because of that Mrs. Lafay has resigned. Until next election Mr. Tessier has taken over.

USA

At 22 to 28 September there is a big show-week in Nebraska, - all are welcome. They now have about 1000 members and 57 breeders. They are studying illness at the Saint Bernard – for example “stomach turn around”. They are also studying blood samples different illnesses’ for example epilepsy. Sometimes – maybe within a few years – they hope to have decoded the genetics of epilepsy.

Australia

The Saint Bernard-Club of New South Wales has now 57 members. Of these there is a lot without dogs. They are working towards an umbrella organisation for Australia with the other Australian Club.

South Africa.

The club has 35 members. There have been two breeder seminars. They also had a seminar for the all-rounder judges. The aim was to publish the real standard of the Saint Bernard.

Switzerland

Club Swiss has there Club Show at the 30. september. Everyone is welcome.

England

Chris Pack would like, that all bad comments about dogs who wins in other countries are omitted of any discussion between the presidents of the clubs. This discussing belongs in WUSB auspices.

TOP 11

After WUSB 2012 there was a disagreement with Italy. They insist, that WUSB 2015 should be in Italy and they felt unfairly treated. This year Italy has the World Dog Show in Milan and the FCI-World dog Show. According to the President of the Italian Club – Mr. Giovanni Morsiani it was a super opportunity to represent our breed.

But WUSB 2015 was already in 2008 given to Finland. That means Finland has to step back.

After his explanation the president of WUSB gave the finish delegates time to consider what they want. They hold on to WUSB 2015. They have already spent a lot of work and money for WUSB 2015 – and were handing out flyers with information's for 2015. Nor would the delegates – so the decision for WUSB 2015 in Finland remained firm.

WUSB 2016 should be decided.

On the question from President Mr. Ketzler, if Italy would like to compete alongside Portugal 2, the delegate from Italy had a phone call to Italy, and answered negative.

The Clube Português do Cão de São Bernardo“ makes its application with a presentation – but the place and the date for the show is still open.

The delegates agree unanimously on Portugal 2016.

In the context, Swiss reminds of there wish – because of the 50th anniversary of the Swiss Club – that they would like to have 2017. There is general agreement.

Postscript to the report:

Even during the weekend Mr. Morsiani complained in a very angry E-mail to Mr Ketzler. Mr. Morsiani means that Italy has been boycotted by WUSB and he threatened with some consequences (for example exit from WUSB – complaint to FCI).

2014 Germany 1

2015 Finland

2016 Portugal (2. Club)

2017 Switzerland (request)

TOP 12

Our member of honour Ray Horlings send his best regards, and want everyone to remember, that there is only one breed of Saint Bernards.

The WUSB President closed the meeting and wishes you all some lovely days.

gez. Wolfgang Ketzler
Leader of the meeting and WUSB-Präsident

Ane Christiansen
2. Secretary