

Minutes of ATIBOX Annual Assembly on Friday, May 27, 2011 in Santa Maria di Sala, Italy

Beginning of the ATIBOX Annual Assembly: 18:15h

Present: 27 countries (34 representatives):

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Danmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Holand, Hungary, Italy, Letonia, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, USA

Absent: Byelorussia, Kazakhstan, South Africa (Full list of the participants in the attachment No. 1).

Present members of the Committee: Knut Brodal, Prof. Dr. Milos Lucic, Norbert Zawatzki, Dr. Iwona Magdziarska, Andreja Cucnik, Robert Fagos, Knut Persen, Winfried Bonn **Absent:** Günter Karg, Sergey Vanzha

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome speech
- 2. Report on the ATIBOX activities during the last year from the president, chairmen for working dogs and treasurer
- 3. Discussion about the future status of ATIBOX
- 4. Various

1. Welcome speech

President Prof. Dr. Milos Lucic gave the welcome speech and welcomes all of the national representatives of member countries.

2. Report on the ATIBOX activities during the last year from the president, chairmen for working dogs and treasurer

Prof. Lucic reported on all of the general activities in the last year, including ATIBOX World Boxer Show in Poland, 29-30.05.2010, ATIBOX FH in Finland, 1-3.10.2010 and ATIBOX IPO in Austria, 15-17.04.2011 thanking to all of the event organizers for an excellent work. Regarding the 60 years ATIBOX jubilee book, Dr. Milos Lucic thanks to Dr. Iwona Magdziarska and her team for the great effort in making the publishing possible, as well to Mrs. Andrea Cucnik for the great persistance in communication with the member clubs. Then he gave the word to Mr. Robert Fagos who reported on the current work of the Committee for Working Dogs (attachment No. 2). Prof. Lucic thanks to Mr. Persen then for the great effort regarding to the ATIBOX account changes, and gave him the word. Treasurer Knut Person also gave the report, which all representatives already received before the Assembly (attachment No. 3). Mr. Persen said that after the opening of the new ATIBOX account in Austria, there had been a lot of difficulties to transfer the money to this new account. After hearing the report, Mrs. Ginette Hufschmid (Switzerland) has reported to the Assembly that this has been not her fault, and that she did everything in her power to enable that the personal change of ATIBOX treasurer passes without any major

complications and that the main reason for the certain difficulties mentioned were connected to the required new signatures authorization. Prof. Lucic thanked to Mrs. Hufschmid for her comment, saying that in the report names had not been indicated, so there were no need to recognize anyone in the text of the report. Mr. Henning Egeblad (Denmark) marked that the national representatives received the financial report just before the beginning of the Annual Assembly session.

Prof. Lucic replied that the common habit during the last period to receive the financial report just on-site at the Assembly shall be changed and that the treasurer Mr. Person will take care of that in the future. The reports have been accepted by the Assembly with one sole vote against.

3. Discussion about the future status of ATIBOX

Prof. Lucic informed the Assembly that ATIBOX has not been registered as an association for decades and briefly presented the idea to change the status of ATIBOX in the upcoming period, brought to the ATIBOX Committee at the initiative of Mr. Karg and Mr. Zawatski. He informed the Assembly that on the Committee has the idea to register ATIBOX in Austria, because of its central European position and the appropriate legal regulations. Mr. Joao Vasco Pocas (Portugal) suggested that the registration of ATIBOX could be done in France (in country where ATIBOX has been founded) or in Germany (the country of boxer origin). Mr. Ernst Eder (Germany) is of opinion that the changes of the status and the convention are necessary and he kindly offered the headquarters of BK München as available for the future ATIBOX headquarters, with all of the infrastructure (office, telephone number, etc.). Bernard Kafka (France) supported the idea that ATIBOX could be registered in Germany. Asa Daniellson (Sweden) implies that it is very difficult to discuss about this topic because we do not know all the costs of the registration and we should also consider the benefits of registration and is there a need for it at all. Mr. Persen reminds that we would also need to engage the lawyer for the legal preparation, and that the finances for that should be also available. At the end of discussion, Assembly concluded with one sole vote against that all of the options should be considered, and the pro and contra for the registration of ATIBOX should be considered, including the precise financial plan for that action before making any decision. ATIBOX committee should reconsider the options and inform the member countries in a due time.

4. Various

Considering one of the important topics from the previously held ATIBOX judges round table, a discussion regarding the ear cropping and tail docking emerged. Therefore Prof. Lucic asked for the opinion of the Assembly delegates upon that issue and would it be applicable and useful to ban the participation of the cropped dog on ATIBOX shows in the future. Dr. Ana Bogucka (Poland) is of opinion that we should not act hastily. There are still counties where it is allowed to crop and also to show cropped boxers, so that boxers from those countries must not be discriminated. Mr. Joao Vasco Pocas (Portugal) said that though he comes from a country where the cropping and docking is still allowed as well as showing of cropped boxers, he thinks that it is about time to start to respect the changes of the standard. Asa Daniellson (Sweden) said that we should not make any decision about show ban for the cropped and docked boxers, because it requires the more extent consultation among the member countries. Ulla Granholm (Norway) said that she has the same opinion and that there is no sense in making hasty decisions. Prof. Lucic concluded the discussion saying that the opinions that we've heard were extremely useful and that it has not been an idea to make any decisions now, but only to get the idea of the prevailing opinion in the member countries. Therefore ATIBOX will raise the question on that in the close future in the form of the round table. In the mean time, ATIBOX committee will send a short questionnaire to all the member countries regarding the opinion on the ATIBOX shows ban for cropped and docked dogs, and it will be discussed later.

End of the ATIBOX Annual Assembly: 19:50h

The minutes written in German by Helga Bonn e.h. and in English by Andreja Cucnik, ATIBOX secretary general