

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2022 – 1900 hrs CET

Present; Mr Pedro Bispo, Mrs Beatrice Stocchi Mr Nigel Rallings, Mr Alvaro Rios Izquierdo, Mr Henry Beuks, Mr Knut Brodal, Mr Robert Fagos (left the meeting at 2040 hrs)

1. Apologies - Received from;

Mrs Desiree de Bake-van Wijngaarden and Mr Arne Haugen

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 14th July – taken as read having been previously distributed.

Unanimously agreed they were a true record

3. Matters Arising – matters from previous meeting not covered in items of this agenda

a. Health committee – the meeting was informed that this committee will meet in 2 weeks' time and will report at the next meeting.

b. Working committee – the meeting was informed that all their efforts are and have been occupied towards the forthcoming working championship and all the necessary elements for an excellent event are in place.

c. Ethics & Discipline committee – it was discussed that the show and judges regulation will need to be amended to show the change in procedures for any ethic / discipline matters.

Action – Nigel our secretary to review and amend.

4. Correspondence

a. Management off - it was agreed that only the secretary would answer any correspondence and that the treasurers email account would remain active for financial matters only, the sending of invoices etc.

b. Correspondence distribution – it was agreed that matters agreed in the committee and communicated by the secretary to third parties would involve the committee receiving a copy of that communication.

5. Finance

Henry our treasurer reported that he had paid € 4000 euros earlier this week to CZ Boxer Klub of Robert for organizing WM IGP and WM IFH 2022. The Bank account balance was now € 37190.78

6. Member Countries;

a. Membership - Changes in Statutes – The meeting was reminded that to solve the historical problems of some countries not fulfilling the criteria for membership of Atibox it is necessary to change the wording of the membership criteria. There was a discussion about the wording of the proposed changes as shown in the *appendix document no. 1 -item no.2*. After discussion the text was amended, the following changes to the statutes / internal regulations will be recommended by the presidium at the next General Assembly by a unanimous vote.

Membership of Atibox is only open to Boxer Clubs which are;

- I. Recognised by their National Kennel Club, provided that the National Kennel club /cynological supervisory body (organisation overseeing all cynological associations of a given country) is a member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).
- II. Boxer Club whose National Kennel Club / cynological supervisory body (organisation overseeing all cynological associations of a given country) rules do not allow them to recognise an individual breed club providing the National Kennel Club is a member of

the FCI and the activities of the Boxer Club are held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FCI.

- III. Boxer Clubs whose National Kennel Club / cynological supervisory body (organisation overseeing all cynological associations of a given country) has an agreement of understanding or a reciprocal agreement with the FCI and the activities of the Boxer Club are held in accordance with the rules and regulations of their National Kennel Club.
- IV. Boxer clubs who have had previous continuous membership of Atibox but are no longer able to fulfil all of their obligations.

Boxer clubs who have had previous continuous membership of Atibox but whose National Kennel Club / cynological supervisory body (organisation overseeing all cynological associations of a given country) has during this period left the FCI or terminated the agreement of understanding or a reciprocal agreement with the FCI. These clubs will have the opportunity to remain in Atibox as 'Associate members', on payment of a lesser fee, the amount determined by the Presidium. As an associate member they will not have voting rights, be able to nominate persons for the Presidium or be awarded an Atibox World Show or event.

If an 'Associate member' becomes able to fulfil the criteria as set out in I. / II. / III. then they will automatically revert to being a full member on payment of the appropriate full membership fee at the beginning of the next financial year.

The Boxer Clubs must have Articles of Association that are in accordance with the principles and objectives of Atibox, while the remaining objectives are not contrary to Atibox's objectives.

Action – Nigel our secretary to place on agenda at General Assembly.

6. Member Countries;

b. Fee's - There was some discussion about the level of fees at present and what fee was appropriate for the new 'Associate Membership'. It was unanimously agreed to not change the current fee of 200 euros for full membership and implement a fee of 50 euros for 'Associate membership.

There then followed a discussion about the historical and previously accepted practise where a person pays directly the membership of a number of countries. It was unanimously agreed that payments made must come direct from the account of the member country.

c. Annual Reports – change in content or not necessary. After discussion it was agreed to consult with the health committee to ascertain if the content could or should be amended and then used to assist in health matters. *Action – Health committee to review.*

d. New Applications for membership – IBC Germany have been accepted as a provisional member subject to confirmation of the General Assembly.

Action – Nigel our secretary to place on agenda at General Assembly.

7. Judges – appendix document no.3 - minutes from Judges committee

a. Changes in criteria for inclusion on the Approved Atibox Judges List - changes as indicated.

I. **Remove** The judge must have judged a minimum of 300 boxers.

II. **Insert** A judge who has previously judged at an ATIBOX World Show will on application be automatically approved.

b. Changes in criteria for inviting judges – member/ non- member countries

Insert. - The organizer has the right but is not obligated to invite a maximum of 25% of the judges from their own country. A maximum 25% is permitted from a non-ATIBOX country.

Therefore 75% of the invited judges will be from ATIBOX member countries.

c. Show Regulations re judges & club approval – appendix document -1 item no. 3

In the show regulations it states; The judges committee will seek the opinion and or the approval of a member country if the judge holds its licence in a country which is a member of Atibox.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to remove from the show regulations as the judges licence belongs to the National Kennel Club not the boxer club.

Action – Nigel our secretary to amend regulations..

8. Shows – appendix document no. 4 – minutes from Show committee

a. - Bosnia 2023 venue approvals etc.

There was some general discussion about the show in general, it was agreed that the show commission should continue to have close contact with the Boxer club of Bosnia to assist where possible. The information as required in the contract for the show and approved by the show commission was accepted.

b. - Boxer Major It was unanimously agreed to run this show in 2023, the show committee suggested that it could be run on the day after the IBC show on the Sunday, some preliminary discussion having taken to explore this possibility which are favourable.

Action - Show commission to develop.

c. Changes to classification to win Atibox title – appendix document no 1 – item no. 5

There was discussion initially as the reason why change is necessary, that being the false working certificates obtained by exhibitors in order to fulfil the criteria to be eligible to win the Atibox title. The possibility of demonstrating the validity of the working certificate by testing was discussed and advice taken from the FCI, it became evident from the advice that this would not be possible. It was therefore agreed to seek other solutions to solve this problem and after further discussion it was unanimously agreed that from Atibox 2023 in Bosnia it will be possible to become Atibox World Champion from;

The intermediate, Open, Working & Champion class provided the exhibit (boxer) have passed a 'ZTP' selection (or the equivalent, that is in Spain SEC for example) providing the test is public and organised by a Boxer Club

Action – Nigel our secretary to amend regulations, publicise and inform member clubs.

It was further discussed and unanimously agreed to develop a Atibox ZTP and work with our members to hold Atibox ZTP events during the year with an aim of introducing the Atibox ZTP as the classification to be able to compete for the Atibox World title. Atibox ZTP would have the additional requirement of health tests.

Action – Show and Working commissions to develop regulations and consult with member clubs.

d. - Online dog system - appendix document 5

After a brief discussion this item was deferred to a later meeting as Desiree was not present.

9. Updates for inclusion in Contracts/ Judges / Show Regulations - appendix document 1 - item no.5

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to include the following in the necessary regulations.

Insert - If one of the nominated judges is unable to fulfil their appointment then the organising country must invite the reserve nominated judge.

Insert - Announcements at the shows and in the individual rings must be made in English and at least one ring steward in each ring must be fluent in English.

Action – Nigel our secretary to amend regulations.

10. Atibox Bosnia – What Seminars will be organised & by whom – Deferred to next meeting

11. **Web- Page / FB - appendix document 6 – Deferred to next meeting**
12. **Showing / Judging at wubox appendix document 3 item no. 5**
There was some discussion about this, this only applies to the presidium members of Atibox who unanimously agreed to not show or judge at a wubox show to demonstrate their commitment to Atibox.
13. **Update on current position re action being taken against Mr Rafa Hernandez.**
Deferred to next meeting
14. Any other business – None raised

Meeting was concluded 2120 hrs with Pedro thanking all for their attendance, their contribution and commitment to working together to have a positive impact for the improvement of the Boxer.

Appendix documents

No.1



Appendix
document - no.1.doc

No.2



Henry.docx

No.3



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Judge Commission /

No.4



show commission
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No.5



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