

## AGENDA for COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The meeting was held by video link at 20.00 hours CET.

### Present;

Mr Pedro Bispo, Mr Alvaro Rios Izquierdo, Mrs Beatrice Stocchi, , Mr Nigel Rallings, Mr Anders Härnman, Mrs Desiree de Bake-van Wijngaarden, Mr Henry Beuks, Mr Knut Brodal and Mr Robert Fagos

#### 1. Apologies

*None all committee members present.*

#### 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December

*Accepted as a true record unanimously having been distributed previously.*

#### 3. Matters Arising

*None.*

#### 4. Correspondence

*None not dealt with in other items.*

#### 5. Finance

##### a. Current balances

*Henry our treasurer distributed a copy of the draft accounts for 2023 which were discussed and approved. He will be sending these approved accounts to the auditors for examination and their approval.*

##### b. Boxer Major 2023

*There was discussion about the accounts for the show which made a loss. It was discussed why this was & how we can better manage the finances and what costs we can reduce accepting that the entry numbers ultimately decide profit or loss.*

##### c. Conference

*The conference made a loss.*

##### d. Budget for Boxer Major 2024

*The budget is being worked on and finalised, it will be presented to the committee in due course.*

#### 6. Open Meeting in Madrid

##### a. Resume

*The conference was discussed, it was agreed that it had been a success, with positive and open discussions. The presentations made on health and the Breed Standard / Judging had been both informative, interesting and interactive and very well received.*

*The Presidents meeting was positive with open and honest discussions.*

##### b. Way forward

*It was discussed how and if we continue with exploring and pushing to find a way to unite the breed.*

*It was unanimously agreed we should do all we can to continue and further discussed that any discussions would be direct with the necessary parties not through any intermediaries. Nigel the secretary has already written to Oliver Erat as Chairman of wubox who attended the conference and we await their response by 29<sup>th</sup> February.*

##### c. Future Conference's

*No firm decision was made but it was agreed that in principle this would be worthwhile.*

## 7. Health Commission

- a. Mrs Maritha Östlund Holmsten has now accepted to be part of Health Committee
- b. Who should we invite to be leader of committee.

*The health commission was discussed in general. It was unanimously agreed that Désirée would represent the committee and lead the health committee.*

*Nigel the secretary will write to all members of the committee and inform of these discussions.*

*Désirée will then contact the other members of the committee and discuss with them a strategy for the future and report back.*

- c. Old Health committee members

*Nigel will be write to - Ladislav Persic (Croatia) & Kristin Halle (Norway)*

- e. update web-page

*Nigel - secretary will update*

## 8. ATIBOX 2024 Netherlands

- a. Update on Organisation, Communication & Promotion

*The current organisation was appraised to the meeting by Désirée who stated that all the major arrangements were in place and entries were open.*

*The web-site and fb are updated and will continue to be advertised.*

- b. Arrangements for hotel / transport to from & airport.

*It was discussed that Amsterdam is the nearest airport over 2 hour's drive from the venue and that arrival times were requested in the next 2 weeks to enable transport to be arranged. The hotels reservations have been made and Désirée requested confirmation for these.*

- c. Seminars?

*As the Dutch Jharessieger will be on the Friday so practically there is not time to hold any.*

- d. Committee meeting – yes / no & if so when?

*To be held the week before by video link.*

## 9. Logo

Note – the current copy of the logo is not of sufficient quality to reproduce so do we;

- a. pay for a 'vector' copy or b. create a new logo in 'vector' copy – if so who / how

*It was discussed and unanimously agreed that it was necessary to obtain a vector copy.*

*Désirée & Pedro have contacts and will ascertain cost and report back.*

## 10. Representation at Events - Expenses

*There was a general discussion with strong views expressed, the principle of committee members working for free was discussed and will continue.*

*But it was recognised that there should be a representation at all events organised by and in the name of Atibox, so Atibox Working Championship and Boxer Major by Atibox.*

*It was agreed expenses may be paid for representation of one committee member who attends to represent Atibox at the 2<sup>nd</sup> event.*

*It was stated in fact the regulations already recognises that if a person represents Atibox at the working championship, Atibox WM IGP and/or IFH as a second event they can receive expenses authorised by the committee, so the principle was already established.*

*Henry proposed that it would be necessary to amend the Regulations to accommodate the changes agreed as when they were drafted and adopted it only covered Atibox WM IGP and/or IFH and Boxer Major by Atibox did not exist.*

*It was agreed that Nigel & Henry will work on the new wording to be presented at the next General Assembly for members to vote on.*

*The expenses for attending as a representative of Atibox in the case of Boxer Major by Atibox will be shown in the budget & expenses for the event.*

*Any expenses requested must be informed to the committee for authorisation.*

*It was agreed and confirmed that no one would receive expenses to attend the Annual Atibox Show where the General assembly is held.*

#### **11. General Assembly**

a. First notice of time , date and place for general Assembly – confirm hotel of Atibox ?

*Nigel the secretary to write to all members informing them that the General Assemble will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 20.00 hrs in the hotel -*

*Fletcher Familiehotel De Hunzebergen, Valtherweg 36, 7875 TB Exloo, Holland*

b. New Statutes - how we deal with clubs who have not paid and move to secondary members and what fees would they pay?

*Henry the treasurer stated that he already sent out the invoices for payment this year and until the final date of payment we will not be aware who will and can pay this year's fees.*

*But it was discussed that those who cannot pay will be offered the opportunity to become 'Secondary members' as defined in the new statutes. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the fee for this membership would be 25 euros.*

c. Change in regulations to participate in Working Trials for 2<sup>nd</sup> club same country needs to be addressed.

*There was discussion that the regulations to accommodate 2 clubs from the same country need to be amended. Robert our working chairman will discuss with the working committee and draft a regulation.*

d. Annual Returns – On application for membership / Annual Returns Content

*It was discussed how difficult for some countries it was to obtain some of the information needed, for example litters born and if the content was relevant to today's needs. And, if you look at the content of the submitted reports there is a lot of 'not available' responses written. The same discussions for new applications apply so should we insist on them submitting the reports for prior to membership.*

*It was agreed to place this as an item for the general Assembly.*

e. f. Consider a way of voting for clubs not present and without proxy – by what's app for example

*Deferred*

#### **12. Boxer Major by Atibox – Spain 2024**

a. Date confirmed as Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Dogquijote, Esquivias, Spain

b. Organisation

*There was some general discussion about the organisation and the practicalities of it together with costs & budget. Once the arrangements and budget are confirmed and agreed by the necessary committees then the general committee will be furnished with the details.*

#### **13. ATIBOX Working IPG & FH Spain 2024**

*Robert informed the meeting that the arrangements were progressing smoothly.*

#### **14. Atibox 2025 Czech Republic**

a. date 31<sup>st</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June

b. Location & Planning

*Robert informed the meeting that the venue was about 30 minutes from the airport with all the facilities in one place to hold the show. 2 hotels on site where the Gala dinner and General assembly can be held.*

**15. Web Master**

*Alice has agreed to continue providing it is only the secretary who contacts her for any updates to web-page or fb*

**16. Any other business**