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INTERRA General Assembly of 2013.

The General Assembly will take place at Novotel Off Grand' Place,
120, rue du Marché aux Herbes, B-1000 Brussels (Belgium)
on 7rd of December 2013 at 3.00 p.m.

Agenda of the General Assembly

1. Welcome of the President and opening of the General Assembly.
2. List of presents.
3. Report of the secretary from 2013, approval of the minutes 2012.
4. Report from the treasurer from 2013.
5. Budget for 2014 by the treasurer
6. Next INTERRA show in 2016. The proposition-candidates for Interra shows can be sent till 1st of December 2013 to the President. Candidates that have already sent the proposition are Puerto Rico, Slovenia and Russia.
7. Election of a new Second Secretary. Candidatures must be sent till the 1st December 2013 to the President.
8. New members, candidatures need to be addressed to the president and the secretary. Appreciation of the candidature of Spain as a new member
9. Russell Terriers:

- a. Separating for judging of the Jack Russell smooth coat, wire and broken coat: 1 CAC for each.
 - b. Separating for judging of the Parson Russell smooth coat, wire and broken coat: 1 CAC for each.
 - c. The possibility must be given anyway to breed them still together.
 - d. It will stay one CACIB for the different varieties together, F C I will not separate the breed in three different breeds.
10. Discussion on the problem with the standard of the Brazilian Terrier, regarding the topline.
 11. Discussion on Irish Terrier breeds sizes (Kerry Blue, Irish Soft Coated & Irish).
 - a. Although the sizes are clearly established in the standards, most of the show dogs are oversized.
 12. Complementary points and review of the Interra show rules.
 - a. It was suggested that there should be an amendment regarding the nationality of the judges at Interra shows, which must be from an Interra member country.
 13. Proposal to create an illustrated presentation with the comparison / differences between Brazilian – Japanese - American Toy – Ratonero – Tenterfield - Gos Rater, Terriers
 14. Situation of the letter of understanding with F.C.I.
 15. Open discussion on Interra or Terrier subjects and some other suggestions.
 16. The President will close the meeting.

Please let the President, Mrs. Monique van Brempt (monique.vanbrempt@skynet.be) and the Secretary of INTERRA Luis Gorjão-Henriques (secretary@interra-terrier.com), know before the 26th of November 2012 how many persons from your club will join the meeting.

The member fees should be paid before the meeting starts, but can also be paid on place. For further information, contact the Treasurer, Mr. André Demullier by andre.demullier@skynet.be

Also it is indicated that you may reserve a room at the Hotel, well situated in the centre of Brussels, telling that you are a member of Interra, and will participate at the Assembly.

Here the hotel's e-mail address : H1030@accor.com

1. Welcome of the President and opening of the general assembly.

Mrs. Van Brempt welcomed all the present members, and declared the session open at 15h30.

2. List of presents.

From Belgium, Monique van Brempt and André Demullier, from Portugal, Luis Gorjão-Henriques and from Russia Senashenko Ekaterina and Nazarikhina Svetlana. Mrs. Van Brempt presented a proxy from Sweden, and Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented proxys from Croatia, Slovenia, Romania and Puerto Rico. Other members didn't communicate if they would be attending or not to the meeting, so this caused a felay on the start while waiting for them.

3. Report of the secretary from 2013, approval of the minutes 2012

Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented the report, previously sent to the member clubs, and spoke about the difficulties faced by Interra with the lack of communication by the member clubs. Russia asked that the members that do not reply for the GA, should be contacted directly, even if by phone, asking them to be present or to send a reason to be excused. Also it could be thought to make the meeting by Internet conference call. Russia also regretted that so many members were absent from the GA without giving a reason for that.

4. Report from the treasurer from 2013

Mr. André Demullier presented the financial status, which have a profit of € 2363. For the next year, the sum of € 25.000 will be taken into a special deposit with a better interest rate.

5. Budget for 2014 by the treasurer

Mr. André Demullier said that it is difficult to make an exact preview of the next year expenses but it is still expected to have also a positive status.

6 and 12 – At this point, Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques proposed that the amendments f the Interra show rules were discussed and voted before the voting for the next shows, as the Club that will organize the shows will have to follow the changed rules.

This proposal was unanimously accepted, and so the proposals that were received by the board and distributed at the GA, were read and explained.

It was presented the following proposal:

“Proposal of amendment to Interra Show Rules

In the years that the FCI World Show and the FCI European Show are organized by two countries that are members of Interra, and if both those members apply to organize the Interra Show, it can be granted an extra Interra show, called Interra Euro-Winner to the applying member whose country is organizing the FCI European show.

Every three years it can be granted to our members in Latin American the possibility two organize the Interra Americas Winner.”

Mrs. Senashenko proposed that on the second paragraph, instead of “Every three years” there should be written “In special occasions”, and that it should be proposed to Puerto Rico the organization of an Interra Americas Winner show on an experimental basis for the years of 2015 or 2016. Then other countries of the same region could know the idea and see the event, and join Interra.

For the first paragraph it was unanimously agreed to accept this situation, and Mrs. Senashenko also proposed an amendment that “for those years were there are two shows, there should be on the second show a Supreme BIS gathering the winners of the BIS and Junior BIS of the both shows”, meaning that the BIS and the BIS junior of the Interra Winner show will compete on this Supreme BIS with the BIS and BIS junior winners of the Interra Euro-Winner show.

It was agreed that Interra should pay the show entries and the Hotel (4 stars) for the winners of the first show that must attend to the second show. The traveling expenses should be paid by the exhibitors.

So the Interra Show Rules, will have a new Article 4, with the following statement:

In the years that the FCI World Show and the FCI European Show are organized by two countries that are members of Interra, and if both those members apply to organize the Interra Show, it can be granted an extra Interra show, called Interra Euro-Winner to the applying member whose country is organizing the FCI European show.

In the year that these two shows are organized, there should be organized with the second show, a “Supreme BIS” gathering the BIS and Junior BIS winners of both shows (Interra and Interra Euro-Winner). Interra will pay for the show entries and Hotel expenses (4 stars) of the BIS and Junior BIS winners of the first show at the second show. Travelling expenses are paid by the exhibitor.

On Special Occasions, and by request, it can be granted to our members in Latin America the possibility to organize the Interra Americas Winner.

The following articles should be renumbered, so the previous number 4 will now be 5, and so on.

Also regarding the previous number 4, now article number 5, it was noted that the nominated judges for Interra should be Terrier specialists, which means that they should breed or have bred/owned/handled Terrier breeds successfully.

For article 13, previously article 12, it should be noted that the organization should also provide a stand for Interra, and a person to give information about Interra activities, next events and members.

For article 17, previously 16, the words “we ask” should be removed, and it must be stated that professional photos made be made at the show by the organization, and provided to Interra for the website.

These changes were approved unanimously and will be sent to all members and published on the website.

6. Next INTERRA show in 2016. The proposition-candidates for Interra shows can be sent till 1st of December 2013 to the President. Candidates that have already sent the proposition are Puerto Rico, Slovenia and Russia.

Candidatures from the following countries were received by the board: Belgium, Puerto Rico, Slovenia and Russia. It was noted that both Russia and Belgium will organized the FCI World Winner and FCI European Winner shows in 2016.

Russia prepared and presented a very nice PowerPoint presentation, which will be published on the website, but before that Mrs. Senaschenko Ekaterina explained what as the situation with the Russia Terrier Union that was ended.

In Russia, with the new RKF rules, it is only allowed the have breed clubs and not multi-breed clubs. The situation was a bit difficult for the several multi-breed organizations that have ended with these rules. So RKF understood that the need to maintain a highly competitive status and more diversity there should be some conditions, and accepted the creation of the “The Kennel Union Of Russian Federation For Amateur Breeding” including the more important breeders in several breeds. Mrs. Senashenko Ekaterina is the breeder responsible for the coordination of the Terrier Breeders members of this organization, and now member of Interra replacing RTU. The 20 Terrier Clubs existing in Russia are now under the supervision of this organization.

In the presentation Russia preview the participation of at least 1700 Terriers that can be more if the negotiations with the Russian Government on an exception for the participants to obtain a traveling Visa to enter Russia are accepted. Also agreement with Hotels will be done in order to accommodate all participants.

Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented the candidature from Slovenia, with a PowerPoint about the city of Maribor and Maribor show, where the Terrier Club shows are normally organized. Maribor is very close to the Austrian border and a very well-known for Tourism city, so all exhibitors will have excellent conditions.

Mr. André Demullier from Belgium said that Belgium would like to apply, but still it is not sure that all the conditions for the organization can be granted as the halls are too expensive and cooperation with the organization of the FCI European show is not yet established. Other facilities close to the show are difficult to find, and an outside show on a hippodrome or football field are not easy.

The voting was made and it was approved the candidature for Russia to organize the Interra Show 2016 which will take place at the same venue and dates of the FCI World Show.

It was decided that it would be let the opportunity to Belgium be voted next year for the Interra Euro-Winner and Supreme Interra show, if the conditions to organize will be gathered.

Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques made a voting declaration stating that for the year of 2017, Portugal will support the candidature of Slovenia, and no other. All the present members agreed that Slovenia that has applied for the last years to organize the show should be supported for the year of 2017.

7. Election of a new Second Secretary.

Mr. Ante Lucin was the only candidate, with the support of the Croatian Terrier club. His candidature was unanimously accepted.

8. New members, candidatures need to be addressed to the president and the secretary. Appreciation of the candidature of Spain as a new member

The situation with Spain is not yet clarified regarding a new board on the Club, so the candidature will be again appreciated in the next year.

At this point Mrs.Senashenko Ekaterina, noted that some countries that have been members or are not yet members of Interra should again be contacted. It was decided

that the General Secretary should look for the contacts of the clubs in several countries and send them a presentation letter. Mrs. Senashenko offered to help on providing contacts.

9. Russell Terriers

This situation was already discussed and approved last year, but a letter to the several Kennel Clubs of the Interra member countries should be made, asking them to allow that smooth coats Russell Terrier should be judged on separate classes within the breed from the wire and broken coats, on CAC level, as for CACIB all varieties of coat compete for the same, as it is the same breed.

10. Discussion on the problem with the standard of the Brazilian Terrier, regarding the topline.

Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented the problem that was posed by some Brazilian Terrier breeders in Europe that are in discussion with breeders of the country of origin of the breed.

The FCI standard states “body of square appearance with clean curved lines that distinguish him from the smooth Fox Terrier with square lines” and the image of the breed reflects this description. However when it gets to the description of the top-line, the FCI standard has, “Firm and straight” which is a contradiction.

Interra has already spoken about this subject with Mrs. René Sporre-Willys from the FCI Standards Committee, who suggested that an official letter should be sent to the Committee about this subject. Interra should also contact Brasil about this subject. It was also noted that if a change is to be made on the FCI Standard, questions about teeth, chest depth, ticking on the coat and angulations (less than moderate) should be clarified.

11. Discussion on Irish Terrier breeds sizes (Kerry Blue, Irish Soft Coated & Irish).

Mrs. Van Brempt raised the question that a the Irish Terrier breeds, like the Irish Soft Coated, the Irish or the Kerry Blue have small size on the standard, and a dog fitting the standard looks small in the rings for a high legged Terrier. Should it be changed to a bigger size, or should judges start to penalize the bigger dogs?

Mrs. Shenashenko, breeder of ISCT, said that in her opinion, they look bigger because of the coat, but if measured most of them are in the standard limits, which was not an unanimous opinion. It was suggested that, for statistical reasons, Terrier judges should start measuring the dogs judged, and send the data to Interra (without names/pedigrees

– Example: show “x”; total of dogs measured “20”; measures: “3 with 45 cms, 5 with 46 cms...”). Also Airedales should be measured for statistical reasons.

12. Complementary points and review of the Interra show rules.

Check between points 5 and 6.

13. Proposal to create an illustrated presentation with the comparison / differences between Brazilian – Japanese - American Toy – Ratonero – Tenterfield - Gos Rater, Terriers

Mr. Dan Ericsson from Sweden has sent this proposal, and offered to make these drawings. It was agreed that it was an excellent suggestion and that the drawings should be published on the website with a at Interra’s Facebook page.

14. Situation of the letter of understanding with F.C.I.

Interra should insist with FCI in order that this subject should be sent to the Committee to be approved.

15. Open discussion on Interra or Terrier subjects and some other suggestions.

Interra should ask FCI why the change of the Standard of the Smooth Fox Terrier in 2011 removed the maximum high on this breed. It’s noted that for the Wire there is still a limit of 39 cms. The weight limit in the Smooth is not enough to evaluate a correct size. Also the theme of colour was raised, as there should be remembered by all Terrier judges that white should predominate.

The question already spoken about inviting new members to join was remembered and the General Secretary will work on a formal letter of presentation to be sent to other countries.

Also for the countries that are organizing in the future the Interra shows, a form made by Interra need to be signed by the elected candidate for the future Interra show , with the agreement to follow the INTERRA SHOW RULES.

The website must be more active, and have an historical page. Not only the updates should be online, but the previous versions and pictures. There should also be a links section not only for the member clubs, like there is at the moment, but also for interesting articles on Terrier breeds.

A list of Terrier Specialist judges should be published by Interra. As it is stated in the rules, only Specialist of terrier breeds should be allowed to judge at Interra shows, so this

list is of utmost importance. If the member clubs don't send the list of names of Specialist judges, the Interra board is allowed to give some names from member countries for the list.

The Interra Statutes should now preview that Interra can create sections for the Americas, Asia, or others, allowing members from these parts of the world to join and have their own activities, supervised and under authorization of the Interra board.

16. The President will close the meeting.

The meeting ended by 19h45.