



INTERRA General Meeting of 2014.

The General Meeting will take place at NH Airport Hotel in Brussels,
14, De Kleetlaan, B-1831 Diegem - Brussels (Belgium)
on 5th December 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Agenda of the General Meeting

1. Welcome of the President and opening of the General Assembly.
2. List of presents.
3. Report of the secretary from 2014, approval of the minutes 2013.
4. Report from the treasurer from 2014.
5. Budget for 2015 by the treasurer
6. Next INTERRA show in 2017. Presentation of the Slovenian candidature made by the STK.
7. Approval of new members. New members, candidatures need to be addressed to the president and the secretary.
8. Activating committee members and country members , for issues on the web page of Interra
9. List of Specialist Terrier judges, (with their information data) from the member countries, for the webpage. Specialist judges are judges that have bred or shown successfully Terriers, and are still well into the breeds. More and more All-round Judges, not coming out of Terrier group have not any idea, how the Top line in the different terrier breeds needs to be.
10. Proposition To make correct designs from 34 Terrier breeds for the web page

11. Open discussion on Interra or Terrier subjects and some other suggestions.
12. The President will close the meeting

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 18h05.

Also, took the occasion to congratulate the Terrier Club de Portugal, for the organization of the Interra show and the seminar that was held during the dinner offered by the Terrier Club with about 100 persons, the biggest seminar of the last years.

2. List of presents.

From Belgium, Monique van Brempt, André Demullier, Anne Marie Vlieghe; from Portugal, Luis Gorjão-Henriques; from Russia Senashenko Ekaterina; from Spain Maite Gonzalbo; and from Slovenia Brigita Kremser and Maja Korosec. Mr Ante Lucin was excused and Mrs. Van Brempt presented a proxy from Croatia, Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented proxy from Romania. Sweden communicated the impossibility of presence of their delegate, and the other members didn't communicate if they would be attending or not to the meeting.

3. Report of the secretary from 2014, approval of the minutes 2013

Mr. Luis Gorjão-Henriques presented the report, and spoke about the difficulties faced by Interra with the lack of communication by the member clubs. The clubs should send more information on their activities to be promoted on the Interra's facebook page and website.

The website had to be transferred to a new server and a new webmaster had to be hired to rebuild the site as the previous webmaster, from Sweden, stopped to answer to the requests, mails and messages, both from the Secretary, as from the Swedish delegate. So the site had to be made as completely new.

Mr. Graulus from Belgium made a proposal that in order to have more clubs to join Interra, there should be made an arrangement lowering the annual fees. He made a simulation, of a plan that with the initial fee of the 250€ there should be a yearly discount of 10% per year lowering the fee to the maximum of 100€ that would be reached after 9 years. So the older the membership, the less they would pay.

Belgium was the only present country in favour of this proposal. Mr. Gorjão-Henriques said that 250€ is more or less the value of the entries of 5 dogs at a Club show, so it is easy to a Club to get that type of money, even for a small Club like the Portuguese Club. Mrs. Maité Gonzalbo from Spain also said that a Club that doesn't have 250€ as a cash fund cannot be considered a Club and that any Club can find this amount of money. Mrs. Korosec proposed that after 5 years we could discuss again if it is not possible to get more members.

Belgium also suggested that Interra could help in preventing the import of dogs from Puppy Mills. Although this should be a work for the National Kennel Clubs, all agreed that an advertise, should be published in Facebook and webpages of Interra.

The report was unanimously approved.

4. Report from the treasurer from 2013

Mr. André Demullier presented the financial status, which have a profit of € 836,16. The sum of € 25.000 was taken into a special deposit with a better interest rate.

5. Budget for 2014 by the treasurer

Mr. André Demullier distributed the report among all the presents., He also 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 of about €1000, with more or less the same expenses.

It was also presented the situation of the countries who have paid and the ones who are still in debt.

For most members, the most important question is not the amount of money that the Clubs are paying, but what can Interra do for the members.

Ideas are needed, but Interra committee must have more information from the member Clubs.

6. Next INTERRA show in 2017. Presentation of the Slovenian candidature made by the STK

Mrs. Brigita Kremser presented the candidature of Slovenia for the Interra show in 2017. She introduced herself and the Slovenian Terrier Klub, which was founded 20 years ago. They organize the Clubshow every year at Maribor, along with the 2 International all-breed shows of Maribor city. Interra show will be held on April 17th, Easter Monday, a holiday in a lot of European countries, and the two International shows will take place on the Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th. It was also made a presentation of the city of Maribor, the showground and the Club. Mrs. Senashenko said that she has already judged at the Clubshow, and there was a good entry of nice quality dogs and a very good organization.

The candidature was unanimously approved.

The PowerPoint of the presentation will be published on the website of Interra.

7. Approval of new members

Mr. Gorjão-Henriques stated that, at this time there is no official application, although Interra is negotiating the new membership with several countries, not only from Europe, but also from Latin America and Asia.

8. Activating committee members and country members, for issues on the webpage of Interra.

This subject was spoken in number 3.

9. List of Specialist Terrier judges from the member countries.

The Interra show rules state that the majority of the judges for an Interra show must come from Interra member countries and be Terrier specialists.

It was decided after a long discussion that there should be established A & B list of judges, indicated by each country, and that there is up to each Interra member -Terrier Club to decide who will integrate which one of the lists , needs to be proposed to the comitee of Interra , with the prouve .

The “A list” contains , qualified Terrier judges that are Breeders and Members of their Terrier Club, member of Interra and have bred at least 5 Terrier litters with successful results either at shows or at working trials. With successful we mean that 5 Champions have been bred by this breeder. To be proved to the committee of Interra .

The “ B list “ contains qualified Terrier judges, that not have reached the statute of 5 Terrier litters and 5 Champions , but have bred Terriers and be members of their Terrier Club affiliated at Interra . To be proved to the committee of Interra .

The list of specialist judges that were given to the Secretary will be published, soon on the website, after agreement of the Committee of Interra with a link on the Facebook page.

10. Proposition to make correct design for the 34 Terrier breeds for the webpage

There was a discussion on what must be considered a correct type. Mr. Graulus, does not agree on publishing a commented/illustrated standard, but other countries considered that this idea could be useful to help newcomers, breeders and judges to understand the traits of each breed.

Mrs. Marina Guidetti’s book is available online, so it may be possible to publish the articles from the book on the website

Mrs. Maite Gonzalbo has forwarded a link of the illustrated standard of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier that can be published immediately

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

Mr Ante Lucin, delegate from Croatia, and Interra's Second Secretary, could not attend to the meeting, but has sent a letter to the President with ideas for the development of Interra.

The suggestion of organizing the Interra annual meeting together with the Interra show was very well welcomed, but it was remembered that Interra has had this before and had to abandon the idea, not only because it is difficult for the organization to make the show, the seminar and plus a general meeting, but also for a practical reason, which is the treasurer report and the secretary report. The example given was that in year 1 the show was organized in February, in year 2 it was in November, and in year 3, it was in March. So from the year 1 to 2, the report would reflect 19 months of activity. From the year 2 to 3, the report would have 5 months of activity. It is not possible to see how the treasure of the Interra is and also the activity. Also some countries would show up on the first report as having paid 2 times the member fee for that report, but on the second report, no member fees would have been received from almost any country. Also the budget would not be correctly prepared and the secretary report would be too extended or even without any activity. That is the reason why Interra decided to make the general assembly on a defined date, same every year, so club members could prepare their delegates, and the committee has the annual reports on an annual basis. Also on the first years after this decision, the meeting used to be held in Kortrijk but also there was problems because the organization was working on the show, and a lot of the delegates were judging, and coming in and out of the meeting to go to the BIS ring, so the meetings were not so productive.

Belgium will however, check with the organization of this show if it is possible to make an agreement to make the meeting again in there, if the organization can provide transportation for all the delegates from Zaventem, together with the show judges.

Also, Mr. Lucin suggested that individual memberships could be accepted if someone that is not a delegate or member of a Terrier Club would like to join on an individual basis without the approval of the Terrier club of their country.

This poses the problem that Interra is a Federation of Terrier Clubs, and accepting individual members would have to change all the idea of Interra. It is not only a question of changing the statutes to accept this members, but changing all the idea, and making

an international terrier club, because just a few persons. So this proposal was rejected by all the members present.

It was also suggested that a local club could be a member of Interra, if it represents the Terrier breeds in that region. That idea is already accepted by the statutes, if there is no Terrier club on the country/region, or the Terrier clubs are too small and too many and without a local federation of Terrier Clubs.

Some of this propositions will be put into discussion on next year's annual meeting.

12. The President will close the meeting.

The meeting ended by 20h40.