

## Minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 online.

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

### Agenda

1. **Apologies**  
None as all committee members were present.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January**  
Taken as read having been previously distributed.
3. **Matters arising**  
None raised
4. **Correspondence**  
Letter from Mr Arne Haugen re his request due to family health and work commitment's for suspension from the committee until 2024 when he would hopefully be able to be commit the time necessary to be involved. After discussion It was agreed to accept the request with continued contact to review the ability for future involvement. The committee wished Mr Arne Haugen's family better health in the near future.  
*Action – Knut / Pedro to liaise with Arne*
5. **Finance**
  - a. **membership payments**  
Henry stated that 9 countries have to date paid their subscriptions for the coming year.
  - b. **Boxer Major Budget**  
Pedro stated that the budget was being worked on and would be finalised soon.  
*Action – Pedro to complete budget and inform all.*
6. **Health Committee – Appendix letters attached from;**
  - a. **Désirée**
  - b. **Belgium**  
It was unanimously agreed that the matters concerning health should be deferred until the next meeting in Bosnia. It was requested that all committee members consider the whole health issues and arrive at the next meeting with a strategy on what needs to be done to address this.  
*Action – Nigel to place item on agenda for next meeting and to inform Belgium.*
7. **Working Commission & Matters**  
Letter from Michael Bayer requesting an invitation of a wild card for the working championships, this raised the question of how do we treat non IBC members from Germany in respect of wild cards.  
There was discussion on this matter, it was agreed that if a person lives in a country which is a member of Atibox, but the person is not a member of that club, then approval of the member club of that country must be given in order for the invitation of a wild card to approved. An amendment to the IGP & FH regulations will be made to stipulate this and once the wording is approved by the committee all member clubs will be informed.  
*Action – Regulations to be amended and member countries informed.*
8. **Shows Commission & Matters**
  - a. **Atibox Bosnia 2023**  
There was some discussion about the forthcoming show, the cost and structure of the entry fees for this year's and in future years shows. For future discussion and decisions.
  - b. **Boxer Major**

Differed until Bosnia

Action – to be placed on agenda by Nigel

9. **General Assembly Bosnia- 2023 .**

a. Items to be included on the agenda from the committee

**Amendments to Statutes**

**Members Article 4 - Current wording**

Membership of Atibox is only open to national boxer clubs which are 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) and its Articles of Association at least include several objectives which match Atibox's objectives, while the remaining objectives are not contrary to Atibox's objectives

**Suggested New Text**

*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.*

## **Obligations of the associated members Article 6 . - Current Wording**

1. The associated members are obliged to pay an annual contribution, the amount of which is to be determined by the General Assembly. The annual membership fee must be paid before the annual General Assembly in the respective association year. Any engagement of ATIBOX is exclusively to be covered by the assets resulting from the fees.

### **Suggested New Wording**

1. The associated members are obliged to pay an annual contribution, the amount of which is to be determined by the General Assembly. The annual membership fee must be paid before the annual General Assembly in the respective association year *until 14 days before the date of the annual General Assembly. Payment will only be accepted and valid if it is made from an account in the name of the associated member(s) or directly from the account of a member of the committee.* Any engagement of ATIBOX is exclusively to be covered by the assets resulting from the fees.

## **Admission and Voting rights Article 14. - Current Wording**

4. Each associated member may cast its vote by proxy, delegated to another associated member in possession of a written authority from the associated member of proxy

### **Suggested New Wording**

4. Each associated member may cast its vote by proxy, delegated to another associated member in possession of a written authority from the associated member of proxy. *An individual delegate can only cast a maximum of 2 votes.*

All the above amendments have been discussed previously, it was unanimously agreed to place on the agenda.

#### 10. **b. New memberships**

##### **c. There are no proposals from member countries submitted**

*Action – Nigel to place on agenda for forthcoming General Assembly*

#### 11. **Bosnia Week-end**

##### **a. Judges briefing**

This will be carried out by the Judges Committee after the General Assembly

*Action – Time and place to be established and judges informed by Nigel*

##### **b. Seminars**

After discussion it was agreed that there will be no seminars this year. There will be produced on line seminars on a number of topics in the future to appeal to the Boxer family and be accessible by all who wish to participate.

*Action – for future discussion*

#### 12. **Web- Page / FB**

Henry raised the matter of publishing Annual Reports, Nigel stated that he intended to forward to Alice all when received but this would be before the General Assembly.

*Action – Nigel to forward annual reports to Alice*

#### 13. **Any other business**

Nigel Stated that there would be a committee meeting in Bosnia before the General Assembly, the place, time and agenda would be notified in due time.



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