



Association Technique International du Boxer

Minutes of the ATIBOX General Assembly on Friday, May 26th, 2023 held at

the Hotel Bosna-Austria, R8G4 I +G5P, Banjska, Ilidža 71000, Sarajevo TEL: +387-33-948-000

The following countries were represented at the meeting and fulfilled the criteria of voting rights at the assembly, named by country and person(s) representing them;

Belgium - Mr Kurt Kiekens
Bosnia & Herzegovina – Mr Mahdi Tiric
Hungary – Mr Imre Birè & Ms Gàbriella Csia
Netherlands – Mr Henry Beuks & Mrs Desiree de Bake- v Wijngaarden
Norway - Ms Lina Orlund & Tone Robertson
Portugal – Mr Pedro Bispo
Spain – Mr Nigel Rallings
Serbia – Mr Daniel Boros
Slovakia – Mr Andrej Dudàs & Ms Lenka Mlynková
Sweden – Mr Hans Åhnstrom
IBC – Mr Sascha Wolff & Ms Martina Sarwatka

AGENDA

A. Welcome address from the President.

Mr Bispo opened the meeting, welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that Mr Rallings would chair the meeting.

B. Approval of agenda of the GA 2023.

Mr Rallings asked the meeting to approve an amendment to the agenda by moving item 8 to the last item, which was unanimously agreed.

C. Election of protocol writer.

Mr Rallings was elected.

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D. Election of three persons to count the votes (voting commission)

Mr Rallings stated there was no need for a secret ballot and therefore there was no need for a voting commission.

1. Approval of the President's annual report 2022

Mr Bispo stated that since the elections last year the committee had been busy. Atibox committee is a team working together for only one aim, the improvement of the boxer, without any politics and with openness and integrity.

There has been established the Show / Judges / Health / Working / Ethics & Discipline commissions. We have updated 'How to win Atibox Title' which opens up the possibilities for more people to compete for the title whilst still retaining the working principles and character of our breed.

The Show Regulations have been updated and will continue to be reviewed

There is an updated Atibox Show Contract which will continually be reviewed, this is ensure that the Atibox World Show is run at appropriate venues and within the rules and regulations.

The Regulations to be included on Atibox Judges List have been reviewed and amended.

The details of the Atibox Judges have been updated & confirmed

This year a new venture is to take place, a show organised by the Atibox committee, to be held in partnership with a member country called the 'Boxer Major'. The Atibox World show will not change, it will continue as now. We are working this year to hold the 'Boxer Major' in the home of the breed Germany with the IBC Jharessieger on the week-end of the 28th & 29th October.

Mr Bispo briefly mentioned the new statutes and regulations being presented today as another step of breaking from the past and looking to the future.

Mr Bispo's report was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the General Secretary's annual report 2022

Mr Rallings stated that this year there had been 5 committee meetings since the new elections. All the minutes from the meetings are published on our web-site. All the new regulations for the shows and judges are published as is the list of approved judges which is continually being updated as new applications are approved. All other matters had been covered by Mr Bispo.

Mr Rallings report was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the annual report of the person responsible for Working Matters 2022

The meeting was informed that Mr Fagos was unable to travel due to a recent operation but the working Championship was held in the Czech Republic with 31 participants from 10 different countries. The working commission is working to update the trial regulations and these will be presented when completed.

The working report was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Treasurer's report for the accounts of 2022

Mr Beeks gave an overview of the financial position of Atibox and presented a power point presentation showing the various figures and income, expenditure and bank balances. The details can be accessed via the attached document after item 5.

Mr Beuks report was unanimously approved.



ANNUAL REPORT
TREASURER 2022.pd

5. Auditor's report 2022

The auditors report was presented to the meeting by Mr Beuks, it approved the accounts by the auditors and the full details can be seen in the power point document.

The auditors report was unanimously approved.



Auditor report
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6. Election of Assessor for period 2023 – 2025

Mr Rallings stated the due to family health problems and work commitments Mr Arne Haugen has tendered his resignation as an assessor and therefore there is one vacant position for an Assessor. The committee nominated Mr Anders Härnman from Sweden and as there are no other nominations approval is sought for Mr Härnman to be elected which he was unanimously.

7. Election of two auditors

Nominations were sought from the meeting, Ms Martina Sarwatka from the IBC and Mr Kurt Kiekens from Belgium were unanimously elected as scrutineer's.

8. Applications for Membership of Atibox

- a. Mexico Boxer Club
- b. IBC – International Boxer Club Germany
- c. Conselho Brasileiro Da Raça Boxer – Boxer Club of Brazil

Mr Bispo stated he was pleased to present the application for approval of the 3 clubs. Atibox should be a global organisation and the applications from Brazil & Mexico help us achieve this, he gave a brief overview of the clubs. He then stated how important it was to have a club from the home of the breed Germany. There were some brief discussions about the applications and a request that a brief resumé be supplied for new applications which was agreed upon.

All three clubs were unanimously accepted as new full members.

9. . Confirmation of the Atibox events;

- a. IGP 2024, 2025, 2026
- b. FH 2024, 2025, 2026

Spain has requested to host the IGP & FH in 2024 which was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Mr Rallings requested that if any clubs are able and willing to host in 2025 & 2026 that they inform the working chairman Mr Fagos.

10. Amendments to Statutes

Mr Rallings stated that the Committee are seeking approval from the meeting to amend the Statutes to address the historical difficulties of memberships, payments and proxy voting which have over many years in the past been the source of criticism of Atibox. These new amendments if passed will demonstrate that Atibox is an honest and transparent organisation open to all clubs who hold the same values and principles of Atibox. Mr Rallings presented the new amendments and also showing the differences from the old and new, giving an overview of the reasoning behind each amendment and what current issues it solved. He presented the following amendments to the meeting;

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

Members Article 4 - 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.

Obligations of the associated members Article 6 - 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

14. 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

Admission and Voting rights Article 14. - Suggested New Wording

14. 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.

The meeting unanimously approved the new wording for all amendments as shown in the text for;
Members Article 4

Obligations of the associated members Article 6 .1

Admission and Voting rights Article 14

11. Any other business

Ms Lina Orlund from Norway wished to speak about Mr Bispo having judged in Russia since the invasion of Ukraine, that the Norwegian Boxer Club did not consider this to be correct or appropriate. She gave an overview of the clubs view that by judging there you are supporting Russia mentioning the war, the plight of the Ukrainian people and refugees.

Mr Bispo responded that at the time he judged he had the full authorisation of the Portuguese Kennel Club and the FCI and at that time Russia was still a full member of the FCI. He defended further his position by stating that there was no place for politics in dogs, he is against the war and all it stands for. The meeting considered there was not any need for further discussion.

There were no other items for discussion.

The meeting was closed at 20.00 hrs with thanks to those who attended.