

Minutes

of the committee meeting held by video link on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 18.00hrs

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.

1. Apologies

Mr Robert Fagos

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 7th November

Taken as read having been previously distributed.

3. Matters Arising

New Statutes

Mr Beuks stated that they were with the Notary for completion.

4. Correspondence

Dealt with in other agenda items

5. Finance

6. Health Commission

Mrs Maritha Östlund Holmsten had written in principle accepting the invitation to be part of the health committee though she had some further questions which she said she wanted answering, the follow up letter to date asking those questions had not been received.

Mrs Desiree de Bake-van Wijngaarden raised a question about the status of the members of the previous Health committee. It was discussed that once the new health committee was fully formed the old health committee would be formally ended. There were some discussions about health issues and the challenges.

7. ATIBOX 2024 Netherlands

Letter re judges

There was some discussion about the reserve judge as a result of a publication about the Netherlands Championship show the day before Atibox show and the confusion which this had caused and thus the reason for the letter. The issues were resolved and the published judges remain unchanged.

Update on Organisation & Communication

An update was given by Mrs Desiree de Bake-van Wijngaarden. The web page will be operational next week and entries will be open in January. The venue and hotel are all organised and reservations made.

Forward Planning re Seminars etc.

It was discussed about holding a Boas seminar and there were discussions about the time available as the Dutch Championship show is during Friday and the General Assembly needs to be held Friday evening so practically the time is not available.

8. Application for Membership

Belgium Boxer Federation

Letter from Royal Boxer Club Belgium

The application from the Belgium Boxer Federation for membership was discussed in conjunction with that from the Royal Boxer Club Belgium and the comments they had made about the application from a second Boxer club from the same country. The interpretation of 'recognised' as written in the statutes and the Belgian Kennel Clubs system for new clubs acceptance was discussed. The statutes concerning applications state that when an application is received the committee can provisionally accept the application until the next General Assembly and it is for the members of Atibox to vote to accept the application or

not, there is no provision for the committee to not place the application before the members and therefore acting within the statutes the application was accepted and will be placed on the agenda at the next General Assembly.

9. General Assembly

Change in regulations to Voting rights and participation in Working Trials

There was discussion if 2 clubs from the same country are admitted by the membership should each club have equal voting rights which after discussion it was unanimously agreed they should.

It was discussed if we have 2 members from the same country then we will need to amend the regulations in the working trials to allow for 2 teams to compete from the same country and identify the teams by name, that is if the second Belgium club is approved Belgium A and Belgium B or something similar.

For further consideration and drafting of wording.

10. ATIBOX Working IPG & FH Spain 2024

The event will be held on the 8 & 9th November in Cantalejo, North of Spain.

Mr Beuks stated that even with the 200 euros that Atibox paid to Holland for this year's Working Championship the event had cost several thousand euros more and we need to be aware of the costs of such events.

11. Open Meeting

Date and Location

The conference will take place at the Senator Hotel, Barajas, Madrid on Saturday 27th January 2024

General Organization & Communication

The date and place will be communicated initially on FB and web-site and once final arrangements are finalised letters to all members and interested parties will be sent.

Agenda

This is being finalised but there will be seminars on health and the boxer standard / future challenges and ample time for discussions.

Finance

The cost of the event needs to be covered and therefore an attendance fee of 25 euros per person will be levied.

The meeting will be open to everyone.

12. Boxer Major

Date and Place

Mr Alvaro Rios Izquierdo stated that it will be on Sunday 13th October in Esquivias, at the DogQuijote, which is near Toledo. On the Saturday will be the Boxer Club of Spain's Championship show.

13. Representation at Events by President

There was some discussion about Atibox being represented at certain events and that was it fair and right that the person representing Atibox should pay all their own expenses. No firm decision was made for consideration of committee members and for future discussion and decision.

14. Web Master

Alice has informed us she will be finishing on the 31st December who will replace her? –

There was discussion about the difficulties this will cause and the necessity to find a replacement urgently, all committee members need to be active.

15. Committee Responsibilities & Communication

This item had largely been covered in the discussion of other agenda items, if considered necessary will be discussed at future meeting.

16. Any other business

Nothing was raised

The meeting was concluded at 2015 hrs.