

Signed by President - Arno Steichler

## **WSA General Assembly**

**Hotel Tränkbachtal / Frauenwald, Germany / 19th September 2015**

Opening of the General Assembly at 10.15am (the meeting was held in German and translated into English by Irene Valenkamp)

### **Topic 1**

#### **WSA Chairman welcomes members and guests. Chairman's report of the previous year followed by reports of the other Board Members**

The Chairman Arno Steichler welcomes delegates and guests. He explains the running order of the GA which includes a press conference for which he will need to interrupt the GA for half an hour. During this time Manuela Petutschnig will introduce urgent proposals that have been submitted after the agenda was issued. These will also be available to review.

The Chairman thanks the organizers of the 2015 Jubilee World Championships Mr Arnold Petutschnig and the team of RSSC Austria. Arno Steichler points to the large number of starters at the last World Championships and expresses his satisfaction with the continuous growth of the organization. He also touches on the fact that in future national quotas will have to be reduced to allow for further growth, something that will be discussed in more detail in topic 14.

He goes on to briefly touch on the activities of the other Board Members and mentions that he would like to discuss the introduction of a WSA Working Group to resolve among other items the national quota and the Eurocup issues. Furthermore, he would like to discuss the introduction of Dryland championships.

Then Arno Steichler asks everyone present to a minute's silence for Massimo Martini.

### **Topic 2**

#### **Acceptance of invitation and agenda as per WSA statutes**

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

### **Topic 3**

- **Counting of delegates and votes (See separate list of delegates and votes – Annex 1)**

Cindy van den Brink and Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber check and update the attendance list, which has been drafted prior to the GA. They establish the following number of votes:

**Delegates:** 18 delegates with 21 votes (from topic 7 onwards - 2 votes for Norway)

**Board:** 9 Board Members with 11 votes

<b>Club</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name of delegate</b>	<b>Number of votes</b>
VDSV	Germany	Marcel Kreuzig	1

VDSV	Germany	Ulrich Kuhn	1
VDSV	Germany	Anke Schiller	1
VDSV	Germany	Sonja Merbach	1
Concord	Russia	Elena Shepeleva sen.	1
Concord	Russia	Elena Shepeleva jr	1
DSO	Netherlands	Cindy Van den Brink	1
MBEL	Belgium	Rudiger de Pauw	1
MBEL	Belgium	Dasseville Xavier	1
SSV	Switzerland	Robert Schiesser	2
MCS	Switzerland	Guido Weilenmann	2
SDAS	Scotland	Mary Carter	1
SDAS	Scotland	John Carter	1
PASS	Poland	Mikołaj Waskowski	1
PASS	Poland	Mirek Waskowski	1
BMC	Czech Rep.	Stepan Krkoska	1
RSSC	Austria	Arnold Petutschnig	2
AMWA	England	Irene Valenkamp	1
WSA	Germany	Arno Steichler (Laurent Berge)	2
WSA	Germany	Michael Landau	1
WSA	Germany	Rolf Münch	1

WSA	Netherlands	Cindy Van den Brink	1
WSA	Austria	Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber	1
WSA	Poland	Jacek Włodarczyk	1
WSA	Austria	Christian Helm	1
WSA	Germany	Dr. Karsten Hesse	1
WSA	Germany	Christof Diehl (Teunis Bos)	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

A total number of 32 votes is established until topic 6. Should a country be granted membership and have a representation at the GA, their delegates will be able to vote from topic 7 onwards (this applies to Norway, which means the number of votes will increase to 34).

#### **Topic 4**

#### **Report of the Treasurer and the Financial Auditors - discharge of Board**

#### **Addition – Discharge of the Financial Controllers followed by election of two new Financial Controllers for a period of 2 years in accordance with the Statutes §20/2**

Cindy van den Brink reports on the previous financial year which ended with a loss of 304.49 euros. The bank account is in credit with a balance of 8,985.61 euros and thus as in previous years, balanced books can be presented to the GA. According to Cindy van den Brink, the small loss is incurred due to a combination of additional travel expenses to the IFSS Dryland Championships and Askino/ Slovakia not paying their membership fees.

The Financial Controllers Irene Valenkamp / Great Britain and Elena Shepeleva / Russia are both present at the meeting. Irene Valenkamp reports that all receipts have been checked and appear to be in order and the bank account balance is correct. Furthermore, the Financial Controllers commend the exemplary book keeping and propose to discharge the Treasurer and the Board.

The Swiss delegate requests that going forward the financial statement will be made available with the agenda ahead of time. This is endorsed by the Assembly and subsequently the Board and the Financial Controllers are being discharged unanimously.

As there are no new nominations for the role of Financial Controller, the President proposes to elect Irene Valenkamp and Elena Shepeleva for a further period. They agree and are being re-elected unanimously

## **Topic 5**

### **Askino Slovakia and SAFFS South Africa will become inactive members**

Arno Steichler reports that for several years the member clubs Askino Slovakia und SAFFS South Africa have been in arrears with their membership dues. Both clubs don't respond to emails and are inactive to the best of his knowledge. The President proposes to vote on whether to expel them following a final written request to pay their outstanding dues within 4 weeks. The proposal is adopted by a majority.

## **Topic 6**

### **Membership applications of Norway, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine and Ireland (single membership David Lynch)**

#### **Addition at the GA – Urgent applications of Finland and Serbia**

The Chairman reports that from the following countries have submitted complete membership applications: Norway, Ukraine, Estonia, Belarus and Ireland (single membership David Lynch). Finland and Serbia have submitted incomplete applications with missing documents to follow.

The following applications are approved by a majority:

Norway (full member)

Ukraine (full member)

Estonia (full member)

Belarus (full member)

Ireland - David Lynch (single membership)

The Assembly decides that following receipt of the complete documentation Serbia and Finland can be granted temporary membership by the Board. This will enable competitors from these countries to start at the World Championships. The Assembly will vote on a full membership of these countries at the next GA. This proposal is agreed by a majority.

*Addition 1: Finland withdrew its application on 22 September 2015*

*Addition 2: Serbia has supplied the complete documentation and has been granted temporary member status until the GA in 2016*

## **Topic 7**

### **Official appointment of Justyna Janecka from Poland as an International Race Judge. She has met all requirements and should be added to the judges list and website**

The Chairman reports that Justyna Janecka has met all conditions. From personal experience he can say that she completed her tasks exemplary while working alongside him in the start area during the last World Championships. He proposes that she is being appointed as an International Race Judge, which is approved unanimously. The Director Public Relations will create a profile and an email address for her on the website.

## **Topic 8**

**Championship contract – a clause should be added to state that a rescue snow mobile for dogs and mushers has to be available in the start/finish area for the duration of the event. Equally, a tent should be at the disposal of the vet team in the start/finish area**

In the spirit of „learning by doing“ the Chairman states that the above is proven to be very useful. Therefore, it is already part of the draft contract with Frauenwald and has been acknowledged as such by the organizers. He requests formal confirmation of this proposal, which is being approved unanimously.

### **Topic 9**

**A paragraph needs to be added to the prologue of the Race Rules stating that only original FCI paperwork is being accepted**

Following legitimate objections of some members, it's being agreed unanimously to add the following sentence to the Race Rules: *Only original versions of FCI compliant documents (no photocopies) will be accepted.*

### **Topic 10**

**A paragraph needs to be added to the championship contract stating that a telephone list of all team leaders has to be drawn up. All member associations have to provide the WSA with the email address and the telephone number of their team leader at least one month prior to a championship**

The Assembly decides to change the wording to the following: A list with telephone numbers of all team leaders has to be created. For this purpose all member clubs of the WSA must no later than one month prior to a championship provide the phone number and email address of their team leader to [racedata@wsa-sleddog.com](mailto:racedata@wsa-sleddog.com) upon receipt of which they will receive their login details for the championship. This proposal is adopted by a majority.

### **Topic 11**

**A pool rule for Mid-Distance should be added to the Race Rules**

**DL 3-6 dogs from a pool of 7 dogs & DU 7-14 dogs from a pool of 14 dogs**

Following a discussion of the pros and cons of this topic, a majority votes in favour of the introduction of a pool rule. The exact wording will be determined by the previously announced WSA Working Group.

### **Topic 12**

**Starting order at championships**

Following a short overview by the President of the starting order previously in place, the proposed new starting order in which the Mid-Distance teams will start after the Sprint classes is approved by a majority. The order in which the classes within Sprint and Mid-Distance start remains at the discretion of the race organizers.

### **Topic 13**

**The behaviour of Sebastian Astelbauer during the championship in Scharnitz. He was disqualified because he used tape to change his race number: I love FISTC, WSA was crossed out, etc, because he disagreed with a decision of the race judges**

The Chairman proposes to proceed in the same way as in a similar case two years ago. At the time, a warning was issued and the musher was told that a repeat offence would result in a temporary ban. The proposed warning is adopted by a majority.

## **Topic 14**

### **Limitation of the number of competitors at championships in Sprint/ MD to 250 (200/50) and for Frauenwald to 200 (160/40)**

After a lengthy discussion and following a proposal of one of the delegates the Assembly votes on whether the quotas for the 2016 World Championships should be derived by deducting a percentage from the currently valid quotas that are published in the Annex to the Race Rules. This will enable members to get an understanding of what is required. This proposal is adopted by a majority. The following list with Sprint quotas was then printed and distributed:

Member	Contingent as Annex	Coningent Frauenwald based on160 plus 10 %
VDSV	28	11
NSHK	23	9
FFST	23	9
SPHK	23	9
SSV	23	9
Concord	23	9
PASS	23	9
RSSC	23	9
SDAS	23	9
MCS	17	7
GSA	17	7
SZPZ	17	7
MBL	17	7
ASKINO	17	7
DSO	17	7
LSCST	11	4
SVL	11	4
SAFSS	11	4
RFEDI	11	4
BMC	11	4
AMWA	11	4
SDNZ	11	4
Andorra M	11	4
Belarus	11	4
Estonia	11	4
Serbia	11	4
Irland	1	1
	<b>436</b>	<b>177</b>

Given the many open questions and in order to shorten the debate, the President proposes that this topic too should be passed for further debate to the WSA Working Group. The Group will be tasked to find a fair solution. In the meantime it is agreed that all members will be contacted and asked how many competitors they would like to send to Frauenwald and how many places they would be willing to forgo. The result of this enquiry will then determine the final quotas. The proposal is adopted by a majority.

## **Topic 15**

### **Proposals from Member countries / Board Members**

#### **Annex 2 Proposals Netherlands**

Proposals DSO for the GA in Frauenwald at the  
19th of September 2015

1. Because of the growing amount of members in the WSA the DSO would like to propose to make a separate Championship for the MD mushers. Because of the good job the WSA is doing we get new members every year. This is very good but it also reduces the starting contingents of the other members. If we separate the Sprint and MD than we also have more place for new members.
2. In order to make it easier to achieve proposal 1 we propose to increase the membership fee. Each WSA member should pay € 1,00 per musher and above that they pay € 100,00 per vote that they have in the GA. (for example Holland has 54 mushers and 1 vote so they pay € 154,00)
3. Decrease the time limit from 140% into 135 %
4. If proposal 1 is not accepted we at least want to propose to let the MD mushers on Friday and Saturday start after the sprint mushers and have their awards ceremony together with the sprint mushers on Sunday. If we want a championship together than we should also have a ceremony together!



### Proposals RSSC for the GA in Frauenwald at the 19th of September 2015

1. Because of the growing amount of members in the WSA and the fact that it is always harder to find places for such big championships the RSSC would like to propose to make a separate Championship for Sprint and the MD-Distance. Because of a good job the WSA is growing and also new members sign in every year. This is very good for our sport but it also reduces the starting contingents of the other members. If we separate the Sprint and MD than we also have more places for new members and it will be easier to find places for Championships. As we heard from Frauenwald and as we know from our Championship in Austria, the most organizers have a big problem with such a big mass of starters - so in our opinion it could be better to separate it and not to reduce the contingents as well as in Sprint as also in Mid-Distance - we also see the problem that we help with this step only to bring some starters back to FISTC and this should be not our way.
2. Clear down written rules for Eurocupraces. In 2013 there was the decision that there cannot be 2 Eurocupraces take place in one term so our Race in Angerberg was not counted. In this year Unterjoch was first cancelled than the term was moved on our Eurocuprace. We as the RSSC already told before that we will not pay our Fee if the Race in Unterjoch will be counted - so we want a final decision for this. In the fact that Unterjoch will be counted the RSSC want the Eurocupfee which we already paid for Angerberg back.
3. To make it easier to coordinate Race-Dates we would like to propose that there should be an Racecalender on the WSA-website where all the national Races from our Member countries should be written down (maybe also with a link to the Race to make it easier for our Mushers to register

Proposals 1 and 2 are also withdrawn by Arnold Petutschnig, the representative of RSSC Austria. Proposal 3 is put to the vote and is adopted unanimously.

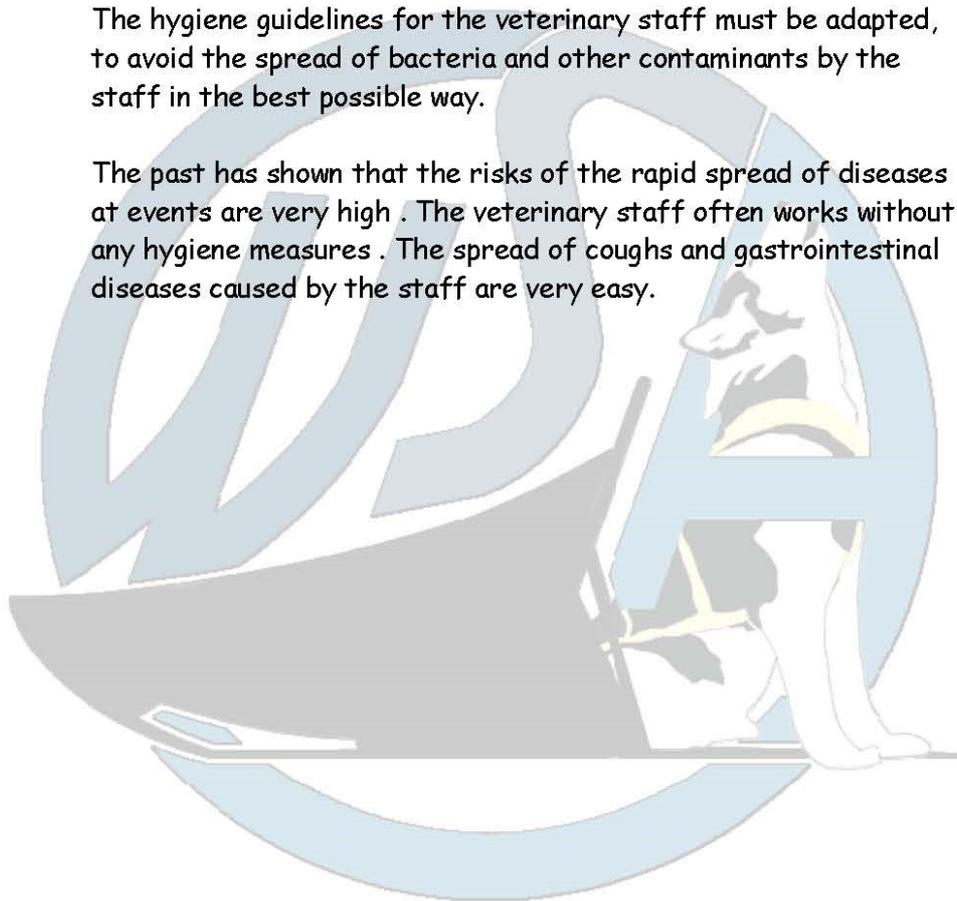
#### **Annex 4 Proposal Switzerland**

Proposals SSV for the GA in Frauenwald at the  
19th of September 2015

1. Supplement to the Regulations a guideline for hygienic measures

The hygiene guidelines for the veterinary staff must be adapted, to avoid the spread of bacteria and other contaminants by the staff in the best possible way.

The past has shown that the risks of the rapid spread of diseases at events are very high. The veterinary staff often works without any hygiene measures. The spread of coughs and gastrointestinal diseases caused by the staff are very easy.



## **Topic 16**

### **Applications for the Championships in 2017 and 2018 and applications for Eurocup Races in 2015/16**

- **Norway 2017**

Norway's bid for the 2017 championships is adopted by a majority. However, it is noted that Sprint and Mid-Distance need to take place on the same date. Furthermore, Norway has been asked to provide early on and in writing details of the requirements that dogs have to meet in order to be able to travel to Norway.

- **Todtmoos / Germany 2018**

Arno Steichler reports that Todtmoos is interested in putting together a bid for the World Championships 2018. Also, Pian Cansiglio in Italy has shown an interest. Until formal bids have been received no decision will be taken.

### **Applications received so far for Eurocup Races 2015/16**

- **Inzell**
- **Zuberec**
- **Todtmoos**
- **Langtaufers**
- **Pian Cansiglio**

All of the above races are confirmed unanimously. As the WSA Working Group will review the Eurocup rules, it is decided that the deadline for potential further candidates to come forward will be extended

## **Topic 17**

### **Any other business, future changes and items for the agenda of the next GA**

- **Board elections due next year; with prior statute change to reduce number of Board Members**

The President explains that previously, he was in favour of a reduction of the number of Board Members. However, because of the increase in the membership and the number of competitors, a loss of professionalism due to reduced resources, and the increase in scope through topics such as the introduction of Dryland championships, he has now changed his mind. He shares his delight that at the Board meeting all Board Members agreed to stand for a further period, testament to how well the team works together.

- **Eurocup model for Sprint and Mid-Distance**

As previously mentioned this will be discussed by the WSA Working Group.

- **ONS point system versus Norway point system**

A large majority comes out in favour of using Norway points to assess races.

- **Quotas for Member countries**

As decided as part of the discussion about Topic 14, the WSA Working Group will not only come up with a proposal for Frauenwald but will also present the 2016 GA with a general proposal for the distribution of quotas.

- **Qualification through Eurocup**

The Assembly passes this too to the WSA Working Group as part of the broader Eurocup debate with a view to vote on a proposal at the next GA.

- **Setting up working parties for Eurocup and quotas**

As previously mentioned, the President proposes the formation of a WSA Working Group. It is proposed that the Working Group consists of:

1. 5 Board Members
2. 5 Member representatives
3. Supported by – without voting rights –

Chairman Arno Steichler and Vice-Chairman Laurent Berge

The Assembly proposes the following candidates:

1. Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber, Cindy van den Brink, Christoph Diehl,

Jacek Wlodarczyk and Michael Landau as Board representatives

2. Elena Shepeleva, Line Löw, Robert Schiesser, Arnold Petutschnig and Rudiger de Pauw as Member representatives

The above candidates are being elected unanimously and will start work immediately on the topics covered in the minutes of the GA.

- **Email addresses to cancel or change categories at championships**

In order to facilitate the coordination, the WSA will set up email addresses for all members. These will be used exclusively to change classes and withdraw competitors. This proposal is adopted by a majority.

### **Topics that were added as Urgent Proposals and that were available for review during the press conference**

- **Introduction of a WSA email address for all countries to facilitate communication (Chris Helm, Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber)**

All Members receive login details that enable them to access their WSA email address. From here they can also set up forwarding to their personal email addresses. Members that aren't represented at the GA will receive their login details via email from the Director Public Relations.

- **Set-up of a WSA Shop from where WSA branded merchandise as well as souvenirs of the various championships can be ordered (Christian Helm, Arno Steichler)**

The set-up of such a shop by the Director Public Relations is adopted by a majority.

- **Introduction of Dryland Championships and preparation of Dryland Rules (Arno Steichler)**

The introduction of Dryland Championship is supported by a large majority and work on the preparation of Dryland Rules will commence imminently.

**Levy of a fee to support the veterinary care at championships and penalties for organizers that don't comply. Both measures are designed to improve the quality of the veterinary care**

- 1) Jährlich zusätzlich 50,- Euro pro Mitgliedsland erheben, diese separat verwalten und zu 100% dem Ausrichter von europäischen- oder welt-Meisterschaften zur Begleichung von tierärztlichen Kosten zur Verfügung stellen.
- 2) Im Falle einer mangelhaften tierärztlichen Versorgung erhebt die WSA 500,- Euro von dem verantwortlichen Veranstalter und führt diese dem Sondervermögen für Veterinärmedizin zu.

**Begründung:**

*Während meiner bisherigen Zeit als VET/DCO der WSA konnte ich 3 Meisterschaften mit guter bis vorbildlicher (sorgfältige Kontrollen vor dem Rennen, mindestens 2 erfahrene Tierärzte vor Ort, vernünftige Räumlichkeiten für tierärztliche Arbeiten, 24 Std. Erreichbarkeit) erleben. Meiner Ansicht nach sollte dies die Normalität sein. Leider habe ich aber auch 2 Erfahrungen gemacht, die schlecht waren (kein Tierarzt während des Rennens vor Ort, schlecht ausgerüstete Tierärzte, keine Erfahrung mit der Behandlung von Sporthunden, keine Erreichbarkeit). Meiner Meinung nach wurde am falschen Ende gespart! Dies geht zu Lasten unserer Hunde und unseres Ansehens. Mit dieser Lösung kann die WSA die Veranstalter bei den Tierärztkosten mit ca. 1200,- Euro unterstützen.*

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The proposal is adopted by a large majority. The Treasurer Cindy van den Brink will levy the fee.

- Urgent proposal VDSV – Support for Ethics Code



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**Eilantrag des VDSV an die GA der WSA:**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

Antrag des VDSV an die GA der WSA:

Die Delegierten der GA mögen beschließen, das vorliegende Ethikpapier als festen Bestandteil einer jeden Rennanmeldung zu etablieren, so dass es automatisch von jedem Teilnehmer anerkannt werden muss.

Request of VDSV to the GA, the WSA:

Dear Sirs,

the delegates of the GA may decide to establish the present paper ethics as an integral part of each race registration, so it must be automatically recognized by each participant.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen  
Best regards

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## HUNDESSPORT

Das Wohlbefinden und die Gesundheit des Hundes verbietet jegliche Aktivitäten, die seine Lebenserwartung und seine Lebensqualität stark beeinträchtigen oder gefährden. Eine größtmögliche Harmonie zwischen Mensch und Hund zu erreichen, ist das Ziel jeder Form von Hundesport.

### Ethische Grundsätze:

Die Verantwortung für einen Hund beginnt am ersten Tag und dauert bis zum Lebensende, wobei die Lebenserwartung eines gesunden, mittelgroßen bis großen Hundes im Durchschnitt zwischen 12 und 14 Jahren liegt.

Oberste Priorität hat die Erhaltung und Förderung der physischen und psychischen Gesundheit des Hundes. Neben den Grundbedürfnissen Nahrung, Pflege und Auslauf gilt es ein verhaltensgerechten und weit möglichst gewaltfreien Umgang mit dem Hund zu erlangen.

Neben der Grundversorgung gehören regelmäßige Gesundheitschecks, Impfungen, Maßnahmen gegen Endo- und Ektoparasiten und ärztlichen Untersuchungen zu einer verantwortungsvollen Hundehaltung dazu. Die Haltung des Hundes muss seinen natürlichen Bedürfnissen angepasst sein und der dringend notwendige soziale Kontakt zu Artgenossen, zu fremden und zu Bezugs- Menschen muss gewährleistet sein. Gerade in der Schlittenhund-haltung ist die Anzahl der Hunde nach den persönlichen, finanziellen und zeitlichen Gegebenheiten und dem zur Verfügung stehenden Platz zu richten, weil oft die eigenen Möglichkeiten übergangen werden und dann Folgeprobleme auftreten.

Die Grunderziehung eines jeden Hundes, auch und vor allem in Rudelhaltung(!), ist gelebter Tierschutz und unumgänglich, um jedem Hund einen sicheren Handlungsrahmen zu gewähren.

Die Zwingerhaltung ist derartig zu praktizieren, dass ausreichend Raum für Bewegung garantiert wird und ein guter Witterungsschutz gegeben ist. Kettenhaltung wird abgelehnt. Der Hund oder die Hunde sollten seinen/ihren Anlagen und seinem/ihrer Leistungsvermögen entsprechend bewegt und beschäftigt werden. Sein Bewegungsdrang, seine Lernfähigkeit, sowie die übrigen Anlagen des Hundes müssen gefordert und gefördert werden. Ebenso muss neben angemessener Beschäftigung für genügend Auslauf, vorzugs- weise im Freilauf(!) gesorgt werden. Hierzu sind die o.g. Maßstäbe an die Grunderziehung eines jeden Hundes zu Grunde zu legen.

Hervorragend zur angemessenen Beschäftigung geeignet ist ein gelebter Schlittenhund- sport und ebenso die verschiedenen Möglichkeiten des Hundesports überhaupt.

Es besteht die ethische Verpflichtung, den Hund für seine Aufgabe ausreichend zu erziehen und auszubilden. Wobei vor allem moderne Methoden des Trainings, die wissenschaftlich kynologisch getestet und für gut befunden sind, eingesetzt werden

sollen. Eine Steigerung des Leistungsvermögens durch medikamentöse und nicht tiergerechte Hilfsmittel ist strafbar und absolut abzulehnen. Ebenso widerspricht einem notwendigen ethischen Bewusstsein, Leistungen von einem Hund zu verlangen, die er aus verschiedenen Gründen nicht erbringen kann, da ihm die Fähigkeiten hierzu fehlen.

Ein verantwortungsbewusster Musher wird nur mit gesunden, gut trainierten und leistungsfähigen Hunden an sportlichen Veranstaltungen verschiedener Art teilnehmen. Aus wirtschaftlichem Interesse und falschem Ehrgeiz vorgenommenen Manipulationen, zur Leistungssteigerung, sind mit ethischen Grundsätzen nicht zu vereinbaren.

Vor allem ist es undenkbar, die Lebenszeit eines Hundes aus fehlenden finanziellen Gründen, aus Platzgründen und vor allem auch weil er keine sportlichen Leistungen mehr erbringen kann, zu verkürzen. Die Tötung von Wirbeltieren ist im Tierschutzgesetz eines jeden Landes geregelt und verbietet ein Töten aus o.g. Gründen ganz eindeutig.

Dem Hund einen angenehmen letzten Lebensabschnitt zu gewähren, der seinem Gesundheits- und Alterszustand entspricht, ist für nach ethischen Grundsätzen handelnde Menschen eine Selbstverständlichkeit und zeigt seine Dankbarkeit gegenüber dem Hund als Partner in seinen jüngeren, leistungsstarken und lebhafteren Zeiten.

**ZUSATZ:**

*Die Kettenhaltung ist leider in manchen Ländern erlaubt, dennoch sollten alle Schlittenhundeverbände auf nationaler wie auch auf internationaler Ebene diese Haltung ablehnen und auf die betroffenen Musher einwirken. Ziel muss es sein diese Haltungsart abzuschaffen.*

*World Sleddog Association*

The above addendum has been added by the WSA and was not part of the original proposal.

The Ethics Code is adopted by an absolute majority. All members are to adopt this policy and it should add to its invitations to events.

- **Urgent proposal Christoph Diehl and Michael Landau**

**Urgent application Dir. Sprint and Dir. Mid-Distance for the GA in Frauenwald at the 19th of September 2015**

- 1) Every country should name minimum one sprint and one MD-race as eurocup race and give a short exact description of it. Countries with many mushers should name two sprint races. Countries who have no chance to organize races in their homeland may cooperate with countries with many races.
- 2) Starting places should be given to countries 33% by own qualification, 66% by placement at eurocup races taking part before the yearly championship. Quotes in each class will be officially placed on the website of WSA.

**Substantiation:**

Good quality races with international competitors will give much better possibilities to get sponsors and will give much better qualification mode for the competitors. Competitors will get much better concurrence. The race-circuit is much more interesting !

Countries with good mushers have the chance to place more mushers over EC-ranking than they would have normally if they have more teams in qualification ranking than usual starting places. Teams from EC-ranking are subtracted from normal contingent.

- 3) At the championships there should be a possibility to make a team-ranking. So every company / Kennel / other ideas can name three teams who get points after a special system and get ranked before nations cup.

**Substantiation:**

This is a good possibility to find new sponsors and get sponsor money for WSA and organizer of the race. For example starting fee is 750.-€ and WSA gets 250.-€, organizer 500.-€ and team gets place for advertisement.

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Proposals 1 and 2 are withdrawn as the WSA Working Group has been tasked with them. Proposal 3 is presented and adopted by a large majority. Christoph Diehl will coordinate this initiative and is available for questions.