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## MINUTES

WSA General Assembly  
16 June 2018, 10.00 a.m.  
Mudau-Reisenbach/ Guest house "Zum Grund"  
Im Grund 3/ Germany

### Topic 1

#### **Welcome of members and guests by the WSA chairman – report of previous year followed by reports from other Board members**

WSA chairman Arno Steichler opens the GA at 10.29. He reports from the previous year and is very happy to tell that he could be present at all three major WSA events.

Arno Steichler reports about the well-organized dryland world championships in Italy which unfortunately had to struggle a little bit with the warm temperatures, which could finally be solved by shifting the starting times. The president would like to thank the Italian members for the great organized event, with which they set a good example how such an event should be organized.

Arno Steichler reports in the context of the sprint WM in Sveg that he also visited the distance WM in Sarna together with Rolf Münch and Teunis Bos, he also visited a checkpoint which showed him a completely different view of the sled dog sport, the complete hustle and bustle of the sprint races had been exchanged here by peace and sufficient time. He also congratulates the Swedish organizers for the great event in a pleasant atmosphere and hopes for the continuation of this event.

Finally, the president reports about the sprint world championship in Sveg, which was very well organized with many varied trails. Here he would like to thank especially Niklas Anderson who has brought this great event to WSA and is looking forward to see all again in Sweden soon.

Finally Arno Steichler announces that he is very pleased about the still increasing membership numbers, but also explains that the coming year is for him the year for reformations, he thinks about some changes to the statutes and announces that he will be for re-election with a new team.

### Top 2

#### **Acceptance of the invitation and the agenda according to WSA statutes**



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The invitation and the agenda are accepted unanimously.

### Top 3

- Counting of delegates and votes (see separate list of delegates and votes - Appendix 1)

- attendance list

After verifying by Cindy van den Brink and Manuela Petutschnig-Gruber and updating of the data, the following number of votes is determined:

Board: 8 votes  
Delegates: 20 votes

Club	Country	Name of delegate	Number of votes
WSA	Germany	Christoph Diehl	1
WSA	Germany	Michael Landau	1
WSA	Germany	Arno Steichler	1
WSA	Netherlands	Cindy Van den Brink	1
WSA	Austria	Manuela Petutschnig Gruber	1
WSA	Poland	Jacek Włodarczyk	1
WSA	Scotland	John Carter	1
WSA	Germany	Karsten Hesse	1
		<b>IN TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>
Club	Country	Name of delegate	Number of votes
VDSV	Germany	Dagmar Wojcik	2
		Maik Müller	2



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PASS	Poland	Jacek Włodarczyk	1
Concord	Russia	Elena Shepeleva Elena Shepeleva jr	1 1
DSO	Netherlands	Cindy Van den Brink	1
MBEL	Belgium	Rudiger de Pauw Freddy Guillaume	1 1
Lucky Sleddog	Italy 2	Andy Bordiga Sebastian Bordiga	1 0
SSV	Switzerland	Alain Hauert	2
BMC	Czech Rep	Stepan Krkoska	1
CSSB-N	Romania.	Damaschin Berende	1
RSSC	Austria	Arnold Petutschnig	2
SDAS	Scotland	John Carter	1
SPHK	Sweden	Teunis Bos	2
GUEST	Germany	Leo Leonhart	0
		<b>IN TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

The absolute majority shall be 28 votes.

## Top 4

### Report of the Treasurer and Report of the Auditors - Discharge of the Board

Cindy van den Brink reports on last year's account movements, the WSA hadan income from the Dryland Championship and the Sprint World Championships in Sveg as well as the Distance World Championships in Sarna so there was an saisonal plus income.



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The cash auditors Elena Shepeleva and Mary Carter have checked the books in advance and thank the treasure Cindy van den Brink for her great work and ask the assembly to discharge the Trasure. The Treasure is discharged by an absolute majority. Arno Steichler then asks the meeting to discharge the Board, but reports in advance that due to new technical regulations the Board is not entitled to vote, so the Board is discharged with 20 votes of 20 entitled votes.

## Top 5 membership applications of the countries

### 5.1 Latvia

The papers were examined by the Board, President Arno Steichler asks for a vote. unanimously accepted by the Assembly - Welcome Latvia to the WSA.

### 5.2 Australia

The papers were checked by the Board, President Arno Steichler asks for a vote. unanimously accepted by the Assembly - Welcome Australia to the WSA.

### from Individual Members

### 5.3 of Slovenia -----

Unanimously accepted by the assembly - Welcome [redacted] to the WSA.

### 5.4 from Denmark -----

Unanimously accepted by the assembly - Welcome [redacted] to the WSA

## Top 6

### 6.1 Dryland Championships 2018

For the Dryland Championships 2018 there is an application from Slovakia who unfortunately could not attend the meeting but submitted a complete presentation. After the presentation was seen and certain details were discussed, the Dryland Wm goes per voting to Slovakia..

### 6.2 Snow Championship 2019



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Since there is unfortunately no venue for the Championships on Snow so far, the VDSV declares itself willing to step in and host the Championships in Haidmühle if it is possible, but Michael Landau President of the VDSV emphasizes emphatically that Germany can not always step in and hold the other members on to host championships in the future. Haidmühle is unanimously accepted as organizer and Michael Landau tell that he will inform the WSA and the member countries by 31 July 2018 to confirm the championship.

## Top 7 Presentation of new statutes and discussion

Arno Steichler presented a new draft for the statutes with the request for input, some things were very positive welcomed by the members others not. For certain points even a voting was already able.

Inputs from member countries and board members

**Ad §2/1** - Canadian Eskimo was apparently recognized by the FCI - if that is like that the Canadian Eskimo Dog will be also accepted in the WSA.

**Ad §2/4** - new class Ski Jöring 2 dogs - it was thrown in that there should be no separation between man and woman

**Ad §6/2** - Secretary/Public Relations - it has been argued that the majority of people believe that this is too much of a task and that Public Relations should not be in the Executive Board.

**Ad §6/2** - Race Judge Committee - the present proposal was rejected by a large majority and through discussions the proposal was worked out that at each event 5 member countries would be drawn which would then have to nominate a competent person and these would form the committee so 3 and 2 reserve, should 1 or 2 countries be affected the reserve have to come in. With this proposal the large majority has agreed.

**Ad §10/1** - Increase membership fees - was not criticized by the member countries.

With the further points was not gone further into the detail. Arno Steichler reminds the member to submit their wishes and suggestions promptly.

## Top 8 Applications Dryland Venues and Winter Championships



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**8.1** For the Dryland there is no application yet the member countries which cannot host winter championships are encouraged to host a Dryland championship.

**8.2** For Winter 2020 there are two proposals: Sweden and Austria. After a short telephone call with Niklas Anderson he leaves Austria the right and makes the request for 2021. So both is voted 2020 Austria / 2021 Sweden both was accept with an absolute majority.

## Top 9 General information

**1)** Letter from Andreas Hörlund concerning inconsistencies of the vaccination regulations in the race rules. Here Karsten Hesse makes an urgent request to remove the veterinary issues completely from the race rules and to summarize them in an annex so that this can no longer happen. It is also easier to keep it clearer and easier to stand. The urgent motion is accepted for voting out of the meeting and accepted with an absolute majority.

**2)** Arno Steichler proposes an external allocation of the homepage as well as its maintenance against payment. Here it would like to be waited from the meeting still and be obtained further offers. In principle, the idea of maintenance is very well accepted externally - but the homepage should be designed more professionally. Deadline for further suggestions is 31 July 2018. Furthermore, the member countries ask for a description of the area of responsibility, here Arno Steichler throws in that a contract is in preparation.

**3)** From the meeting the urgent request was made that due to the accession of Australia and the fact of advertising attractiveness no European Championships but only more World Championships will be held. The urgent motion is granted and accepted by an absolute majority.

**4)** Urgent request by John Carter Reduction of the age of juniors - the urgent request will be voted on after some discussions as follows - Reduction of the age from 10 to 15 years. The motion is rejected with 10 yes votes / 11 no votes and 7 abstentions.

**5)** e-Mail addresses and WDL are a legal clarification according to the new data protection is demanded.



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**6)** By the resignation of Christian Helm after the last GV Irene Valenkamp was co-opted into the board, the president asks the assembly for official confirmation from Irene Valenkamp. Irene Valenkamp was confirmed as followed with 12 Yes 12 abstentions and 4 No.

