

INTERRA GENERAL MEETING OF 2024

Interra General Meeting of 2024 was held on December 13th 2024 in Holiday Inn Brussels Airport hotel.

From the Board present were Monique van Brempt, the President, Ante Lučin, second Secretary and Andre Demullier, the Treasurer.

Present were also three members from the Royal Belgian Terrier Club and one member from the Spanish Terrier Club.

The meeting was opened with a welcome speech of Interra's President Mrs van Brempt.

There were no new member applications to be approved, so we think it would be good to send a letter to all Terrier Clubs again and ask them to join Interra, specially to Germany and Holland who contacted Mr Gorjao-Henriques about joining.

Report of the Secretary from 2024 and the minutes from 2023 were approved.

Also the report of the Treasurer for 2024 was approved. Mr Demullier said it was not easy to plan the budget for 2025, but his general opinion is that the income and the spendings will be as usual. Some member countries need to be reminded to pay the membership till the end of the year, specially Slovakia which is organising the Interra World Terrier Specialty next year in June in Nitra.

It was voted for the Interra show to be held in Sintra in Portugal in 2027.

There was a discussion about the new "Terrier" breeds and it was concluded that we would not like for Biewer to become a part of the Terrier group in the future. After the meeting we shortly spoke to Mr

Jorge Nallem from the FCI's Standard Commission and he said no one has still applied to have Biewers and American Hairless to be recognised by the FCI. On the other hand, many National kennel clubs allow Biewers to be shown at the International shows in the FCI group 11 and at the National shows in the FCI group 3, including Belgium.

In the open discussion few things were mentioned and discussed.

Mr Ante Lučin pointed that it would be good already to confirm that the General Meeting of 2025 will be held in Brussels on December 11th so countries can be informed in time and Board members should book this date and try to be present. This is Thursday as next year Brussels shows will be held for three days, starting on Friday. Interra European Terrier Specialty will be held on December 12th in Brussels. List of the judges will be soon sent for approval, but all the judges will be from the Interra list. Mr Lučin also urged to make an official statement in the beginning of the year stating that also individuals can be members of Interra and it was discussed to have a membership fee of 10 EUROS per year for the start. Like this more people would be allowed to attend the General meeting (obviously without the possibility to vote) and also judges whose National clubs are not members of Interra could be Interra judges (of course if they are involved with Terriers as breeders and/or owners) and listed at the website. Like this we could finally ask the organisers of the Interra shows to follow the rules about the judges as at the moment so very few countries are members and it is not possible to use all the time same people.

Mrs Maite Gonzalbo said that she thinks if Interra wants to survive it urgently needs to start spending some of the money from the account for the promotion and education. She mentioned that it would be of a great help to organise twice a year online seminars about Terrier related subjects. Mr Lučin said he would be willing to organise that and asked only the expenses of the person who would

do the technical work to be paid by Interra. Members of the Terrier clubs who are members of Interra would get a code to access the seminar for free and also the individual members. Others would not be allowed to watch it. Like this we would give something very significant to our members.

Slovakian Terrier Club sent a proposal to organise the World Terrier Congress in Nitra in June, but they asked Interra to cover the expenses for it and it was estimated that the Congress would cost more than 5000 EUROS. This proposal was denied also because only one Board member will be in Nitra for the Interra show and that will be Mr Norbert Tibay who will also be our delegate. The list of the judges was approved, even if only three judges out of 9 are from Interra countries, but this will be the last time that this will be approved. BISS judge will be from an Interra member country. With individual members it will be easier to choose judges from the Interra list and maybe there can be just a special rule for the judges not coming from the FCI member countries.

Mr Lučin suggested to approve 1000 EUROS of donation from Interra to the Slovakian Terrier Club and the Royal Belgium Terrier Club for the organisation of the seminars the day before the Interra shows in 2025. The Clubs would get a refund of 1000 EUROS after sending the bills that prove that this amount was spent for the organisation of the seminar.

As only half of the Board members of Interra were present, it was decided to discuss this by email and voted by email till the end of this year by the six Board members.

Mr Lučin and Mrs van Brempt closed the meeting and wished to everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.