



17th IFR-Congress 23th May 2013 in Rodding/Denmark

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

1. Opening of the meeting by the 1st President

Mr. Dieter Hoffmann thanked all delegates for showing up and the Danish Rottweiler-Club for hosting the Congress.

2. Confirmation of the presence and the validity of the delegates

Following 21 members were represented:

Country	Name of the delegate
Argentina	Vinicio Italo Di Paolo
Australia	Mick Svaljek
Belgium	Dirk Vandecasteele
China	Zhao Dongmin
Denmark	Jacob Foght
Estonia	Liina Ristikivi
Finland	Jaana Laitila-Niskanen
Germany	Anton Spindler
Great Britain	Kurt Schwentek
Lithuania	Erika Stepanauskiene
Netherlands	Yvonne Bekkers
Russia	Anna Wildelau-Avilova
Spain	Pedro Pujals
Sweden	Yvonne Brink
Switzerland	Hans Paul Zangerl
USA	Bryan Vice

By proxy:

Indonesia
Latvia
France
South Africa
Italy

3. Election of the chairman and his deputy

Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele was elected as chairman and Mrs. Erika Stepanauskiene was elected as deputy.

4. Approval of the agenda

After thanking the Meeting for its trust, Mr. Vandecasteele went through the agenda that was unanimously approved:

- Opening of the meeting by the 1st President / Eröffnung der Sitzung
- Confirmation of the presence and the validity of the delegates / Feststellung der Anwesenheit und Wahlberechtigung

- Election of the chairman and his deputy / Wahl des Versammlungsleiters und seines Stellvertreters
- Approval of the agenda / Genehmigung der Tagesordnung
- Decision of Admittance of new members / Beschlussfassung über die Aufnahme neuer Mitglieder
- Report of the executive board for the expired period / Berichte der Vorstandsmitglieder über die abgelaufene Periode
- Report of the auditors / Bericht der Kassenprüfer
- Discussion on the reports / Aussprache über die Berichte
- Relief of the Board / Entlastung des Vorstandes
- Treatment of the proposals of the members / Behandlung der Anträge von Mitgliedern
- Determination of the host country for the next IFR show /delegates meeting / World Championship / Festlegung des Gastgeberlandes für die nächsten Aktivitäten
 - IFR World Show 2014 : Italy
 - IFR IPO World Championship 2014 : Switzerland
 - IFR World Show + Delegates meeting / Weltschau 2015
 - IFR IPO World Championship / IPO Weltmeisterschaft 2015
 - others /sonstige / Year 2016
- Suggestion and Introduction of the candidates as board member / Vorschläge und Vorstellung der Kandidaten für den Vorstand
- Discussion and decision on activities, which shall be done by the board/ Diskussion und Entscheidung über Aktivitäten, die vom zu wählenden Vorstand ausgeführt werden sollen
- Election of the board / Wahl des Vorstandes
- Determination of membership fee / Festlegung des Mitgliedbeitrages
- Miscellanous / Verschiedenes

5. Decision of Admittance of new members

South Africa was already approved as a member at the Delegates Meeting in 2011 in Moscow.

Mexico, Ecuador and Bolivia have applied, but haven't sent all required documentation and/or information. Their application cannot be taken into consideration but may be renewed in the future.

Venezuela: Mr. Vandecasteele read out loud their application and after short discussion the Club from Venezuela was accepted as a member by the Delegates and welcomed by the chairman.

Mr. Vandecasteele pointed out that more and more countries are interested in becoming member of the IFR and that several new contacts exist. Essential is in his opinion the awareness of the fact that the IFR is slowly starting to work (seminars, show) and of the potential importance of such an international organization now that it becomes more and more clear that more homogeneity in breeding/keeping the Rottweiler is necessary.

6. Report of the executive board for the expired period

IFR Show 2011/2012

IFR IPO World Championship 2011/2012

Board Meetings – contacts

Numerous international contacts

Update Website

Helper Seminar 2012 / 2013

Pienkoss book: English, German and Chinese edition!

Annual judges seminar

Breed-warden seminar

The minutes of the Delegates Meetings in 2011 in Moscow are accepted with the following corrections /additions: the Worldshow 2014 will be organized in Italy, the IFR IPO-World Championship 2014 in Switzerland and Latvia was accepted as a member in the IFR.

Highlights in the report by the chairman were:

Mr. Vandecasteele underlined the importance of the decisions taken in Moscow, especially

- Obligatory organizations of tests of social behavior, for instance the BH.
- Every member club is obliged to have breeding regulations, including a Breed Suitability Test and rules concerning basic health-issues (HD).
- The possible organization of regional events within the IFR so more clubs / breeders / amateurs can be reached.

Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele also referred to the lecture in Moscow by the Russian professor Yerusalimsky, who discussed the FCI-breed standard and more precisely in detail where the breed-definition holds quantified definitions of harmony in the Rottweiler's physical characteristics, with one exception (personal opinion of the professor) namely the length of the upper thigh. The lecture was especially interesting in the light of the present evolution of the Rottweiler (clearly based on current judging at dog-shows) as it leads to discussion/thoughts and therefore possible new insights, incl. the difference between the show-dog and the working-dog and the definition and interpretation of the breed-standard of the Rottweiler as such.

The illustrated power point presentation by Mr. Vandecasteele further went into detail on the organization and the winners of the World Shows 2011 - 2012 in Russia and Spain and the world-championships 2011 – 2012 in Italy and Germany.

IFR Show 2011:

Host country: Russia

Location: Moscow

Judges: Mrs. Kathleen Vos (Belgium)

Mr. Dieter Hoffmann (Germany)

Mr. Pedro Pujals Prat (Spain)

Mrs. Helena Kholinova (Russia)

Entries: 205

Best youth male: Ismey is Rojaus Slenio

Best youth female: Fama vom Hause Rotvis

Best male: Santo vom Kalenborn

Best female: Cherniy Kumir Krashkina Doch

IFR Show 2012:

Host country: Spain

Location: Castellar del Vallés-Barcelona

Judges: Mr. Uwe Petermann (Germany)

Mr. Christian Bernbacher (Austria)

Mr. Vinicio Italo Di Paolo (Argentina)

Mr. Antonio Rojo Fajardo (Spain)

Entries: 336

Best youth male: LeroySarataz

Best youth female: Asia Elite Rotts

Best male: Burning des Princes d Aragone
Best female: Fibi van Gorgar

IFR IPO World Championship 2011:

Host country: Italy
Location: Vigolzone
Judges: Mr. Xavier Bruna (France) Section A
Mr. Dusan Majtas (Slovakia) Section B
Mr. Daniele Peres (Italy) Section C
Participants: 53
Nations: 16
Best Teams: 1. Italy 850 points
2. Finland 806 points
3. France 781 points
Best Tracking: Balu vom Türnleberg 100 points
Handler: Greta Marani, Italy
Best Obedience: Balu vom Türnleberg 98 points
Handler: Greta Marani, Italy
Best Protection: Lorna 94 points
Handler: D'amico Paolo

IFR IPO World Championship 2012:

Host country: Germany
Location: Rottweil
Judges: Mr. Robert Markschläger (Austria) Section A
Mr. Hans Graf (Switzerland) Section B
Mr. Richard Berning (Germany) Section C
Participants: 56
Nations: 18

Individual competition:

1. Greta Marani (Italy) – Balu von Türnleberg – 283 (97/96/90)
2. Melanie Krüger (Germany) – Bulli von Türnleberg – 282 (98/89/95)
3. Jan Kuncl (Czech Republic) – Arco Fei z Benáteckého dvora - 280 (93/96/91)

Team-competition

1. Germany
2. Denmark
3. Italy

Best track : Melanie Krüger – Bulli von Türnleberg (Germany)
Best obedience: Jan Kuncl – Arco Fei z Benáteckého dvora (Czech Rep.)
Best defense: Anu Vehviläinen – Drago vom Taneneck (Finland).

On behalf of the IFR, the chairman expressed his gratitude towards the organizing clubs.

It has been agreed between the IFR and the FCI that the IFR World Champion is now automatically elected for the World Champion for all breeds. Mrs. Greta Marani represented our breed at the FCI IPO World-Championship all breeds 2012 in Hungary. On behalf of the IFR, the chairman expressed his gratitude towards her for doing.

The first breed warden seminar was organized in 2011. Contrary to what some outstanders think, this was not a seminar for breeders but a gathering of breed-wardens!

As a first try-out, the organization was a success (15 people / 11 clubs responded to invitation). The initiative is to be repeated after period allowing all member-clubs to create and/or impose breeding regulations that include attention towards health issues (HD minimal) and a BST (Breed Suitability Test) that aims at the preservation of the breed-specific characteristics of the Rottweiler.

On the agenda of the Breed-warden seminar 2011 was:

- the obligation to have minimal breeding-regulations in every IFR-member-club.
- the making of an inventory by the IFR of the respect and efforts by member countries towards the FCI-breed-standard : BST (breed suitability test) on character + conformation
- the IFR offering seminars and education when requested
- member-countries that do not cooperate: revision of membership

The seminar led to a free and very open discussion on existing situations and plans.

Afterwards an inquiry-form was sent to all member-clubs concerning the existing situation conc. breeding-regulations and BST.

19 member-clubs responded as follows:

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| • Test social behavior : | 15 |
| • Obligatory Breeding-regulations : | 15 |
| • HD-appreciation : | 16 |
| • ED-appreciation : | 11 |
| • Obligatory BST : | 13 |
| • Regional activities IFR : | 15 |

The first careful conclusions about the existing regulations that include HD and/or a BST are that these rules are sometimes existing but not always obligatory (yet) and that in some countries these are in preparation (example: the British club that has now introduced a test).

Suggestions by member clubs towards the IFR were:

- that the IFR would make and distribute (if possible illustrated by a video) the content of a BST to insure more homogeneity.
- that a BST should not necessarily include biting a sleeve to prove that a dog is “good-natured, placid in basic disposition and fond of children, very devoted, obedient, biddable and eager to work and that his appearance is natural and rustic, his behavior self-assured, steady and fearless”.

The chairman explained that it is clear that these are issues to be worked upon further and inventory is to be made, appreciated and then discussed.

The chairman regretted the refusal of German Rottweiler-club to cooperate as it is the ADRK that holds the breed-standard and defines the breed. When breeding regulations and/or BST's are discussed and/or suggested to ensure the preservation and the homogeneity of the Rottweiler's characteristics, he finds it necessary that the ADRK would be leading the research and/or the appreciation or would at least guide and appreciate.

He referred to the fact that this work can have an important influence towards the quality and the homogeneity in breed-selection (show / BST / ...) but also the interpretation and/or even the making or adaption of a breed-standard (ex. UK where the British Kennel Club has opened the possibility to change its national breed-standard).

Judges seminars 2011 and 2012.

The chairman explained that these seminars were well visited, never meant to teach or lecture but with the purpose of offering an open forum for specialist judges. They will in the future be repeated on annual basis but on other basis (more practical, in presence of dogs). The seminar has already treated many various topics, especially based on the experience of judges and the need they experience to have specific attention to certain problems. The chairman presented the topics that were already discussed and illustrated this with slides that were used during past seminars.

Helper seminars 2011 and 2012.

The chairman expresses thanks to Jörg Bungarten, the director of these seminars, on behalf of the IFR. He raised the question however: "are the right people reached by this annual seminar?" He explained that the participants are coming from countries where the IPO program is well known and where people have a great experience with the sport while the seminar was founded to reach those countries where such is not the case. Therefore it might be more useful to organize the seminars on regional levels, for instance in Asia and/or South America in order to help educate the helpers of these countries to work the Rottweiler with respect to his characteristics. It is his opinion that the next board should be able / willing to organize such seminars and to give financial aid to the organizing clubs.

Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele reminded the Delegates to announce their national events on the IFR website. He also reminded the Delegates to answer any questions from the IFR as soon as possible. A good communication is necessary, even essential.

Mrs. E. Stepanauskiene was thanked for her efforts to give the IFR-website a new and more modern lay-out. The chairman reminds the Delegates that the website can only be as complete as they want it to be and asked them to send in all useful information for publication on the site.

The book "The Rottweiler" by Mr. Pienkoss is revised and published in English, German and now also in a Chinese version. The Spanish version is in great measure prepared (translated) and the chairman suggested that the next board should look into the possibility to publish it on a digital version. This would save printing costs and would allow easy and quick updating.

Financial report: The treasury of the IFR showed a very positive balance. This result was also received by sponsorship in the amount of 27.000,00 Euro. This work was carried out by Mr. Dieter Hoffmann.

The status per 31.12.2012 was:

Saving account	38.267,44 Euro
Giro account	9.898,52 Euro
Cash	618.60 Euro
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7. Report of the auditors.

A written report on the bookkeeping was given by one of the auditors Mrs. Makomaski.

The Board wanted to hear the opinion of a second auditor and thus the appointment to audit the bookkeeping as Mrs. Jennifer Larsen, the second elected auditor, was absent.

The delegates elected Ms. Yvonne Bekkers to audit the book keeping.

The treasurer, Mrs. Ursel Hoffmann went through the headlines of the accounts. After a break Ms. Yvonne Bekkers gave a statement on her audit, which didn't draw any remarks from the Delegates.

The conclusion by both auditors was read out loud to the Meeting of the Delegates. Summarized the conclusion was that the financial report was correct, based on correct bookkeeping and founded by all necessary documentation.

8. Discussion on the reports

No remarks were expressed by the present Delegates, only by Mr. Vandecasteele as delegate of the Belgian Rottweiler-Club who did express his feeling that the IFR should in the future show more ambition. He regrets the fact that the IFR was inert for such a long time and "missed the train" that other organizations such as the WUSV took and which now enables them to have an important influence on education and/or choice of judges, the appreciation of HD, breeding-regulations and thus even on the issue of pedigrees.

He referred to pending and even already existing legislation (Belgium, Hungary, ...) that regulates or threatens to regulate the breeding of dogs and even the issuing of pedigrees, including imposing breeding-regulations that influence the selection of breeding-animals.

After the publication of a movie showing extreme characteristics of show-dogs, people and authorities became aware of the fact that this highly unwanted evolution is reality and is harmful for the health of whole dog-breeds, causing distress also on humans living together with dogs. More than this, the awareness exists that genetic defects have entered dog-breeds, causing anomalies and deceases. Because of the gene pools becoming more and more limited (line-breeding), it is clear that these deceases therefore threaten to have a highly unwanted but important and permanent influence on the dog-population. While it is clear (personal opinion of Mr. Vandecasteele) that the first mentioned evolution is caused by faulty judging and is to be corrected by judges taking up their responsibility instead of looking for popularity and more invitations, it is also clear that the latter evolution – if existing - cannot easily be solved. Therefore, in Belgium (Flanders) but also other countries, first research programs have started up and first conclusions do refer to a too limited gene pool. The Belgian study also mentions the Rottweiler. The Flemish government has issued legislation that allows it to recognize kennel-clubs and/or breeders-associations that issue pedigrees, thus to interfere in the issuing of pedigrees and the conditions that dogs have to answer before being able to breed, including the need for genetic research and identification and the possibility to impose limitations or breeding prohibitions.

Mr. Vandecasteele asked if it would not be wise to act pro-actively instead of waiting until third parties will tell us how to breed the Rottweiler.

Mr. Vandecasteele also proposes to contact the FCI with the request for more information on HD and AD appreciation as the last study by the FCI (done in Denmark) is said to have led to the conclusion of extreme differences, if not in method than in results.

Mr. Bryan Vice requested on behalf of the USRC to be allowed to read a letter by its president, Mr. Chuck Wilson. The letter refers to the situation in the USA, more precisely the fact that the USRC is the only Rottweiler club in the US that has adopted the FCI standard completely. The problem concerns the fact that in the USA it is not forbidden to dock the tail and that many breeders still do. By refusing those dogs to participate USRC-shows, the USRC-events are unable to “compete” with other events. FCI/ADRK judges who are invited to judge in the other American clubs that still allow docked tails, accept these invitations. This is very harmful for the USRC and threatens to bring them in a situation where it will be very difficult if not impossible to maintain the rule that no docked dogs can be shown. The USRC requests the help of the IFR to prevent this and to ask FCI/IFR judges to accept only invitations by the USRC.

Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele first sketched the situation/landscape in the USA (AKC-ARC, USRC, ARV, RKNA, Independent clubs ...) and then pointed out that:

- there is no such thing as IFR-judges
- The IFR has no jurisdiction on FCI judges, only the national cynologic authorities (kennel clubs) do.
- The IFR regulations do not forbid allowing docked dogs to participate a show. They only demand that the IFR–members forbid their individual members/breeders to dock the tail. At the show, it is up to the judge to decide if he/she respects the FCI/ADRK breed-standard and breed-definition or prefers or accepts to judge according to another breed-definition.
- The same question already arose at the Meeting of the Delegates in Moscow where on behalf of the USRC it was pointed out that before the ADRK agreed to accept the USRC as an IFR-member, the USRC had to change its breed-standard to make it identical to the FCI/ADRK breed-standard while the ADRK is now supporting an organization (RKNA that imposes its members to follow the Canadian breed-standard, which is not aligned with the FCI standard and differs on more points than just the docking of the tail.

Mr. Vandecasteele suggests that the next IFR board would send a letter to all IFR-members and also to the judges on the list (website of the IFR) requesting their help for the USRC or at the least to show respect for the FCI/ADRK breed-standard and to judge according to this standard only. In a later phase the IFR might consider removing from its published list of specialist judges the name of the judges who keep judging without respect for the FCI/ADRK standard. As far as the question by the USRC is directed towards the ADRK, he suggested that the USRC would contact the German club directly as only this club can answer for itself.

Mr. Bryan Vice then asked the German delegate, Mr. Anton Spindler, why the ADRK allows its judges to judge in competing clubs in the US and then more precisely the RKNA. Mr. Anton Spindler argued that this was decided because it was unclear in which way the USRC was going. He thinks that the situation has now changed, and wants to help. Further discussions have to be organized between the USRC and ADRK – even though Mr. Anton Spindler pointed out that the ADRK will not interfere in national topics, which he thinks this topic is. He said that the ADRK will take this issue very seriously.

9. Relief of the Board

The chairman asked the Meeting for relief of the Board. This was given without any remarks. He thanked the board for the pleasant cooperation during the period since the Meeting of the Delegates in Moscow.

10. Treatment of the proposals of the members.

The German club sent in 5 motions that are meant to change the constitution of the IFR.

- **Motion 1.**

- 4. Membership Fees

- 4.1 The members shall pay annually a fee, based on the number of members in their organization.

- The following distribution key is applied: Up to a number of 500 members a basic fee of 150 EURO is to be paid; from 501 members on extra fees of 50 EURO for each 50 members commenced are added.

- The level of the contribution is determined at the General delegates meeting for the following period.

- **Motion 2 and 3**

- To have the connection to the motherland (country of origin) the first president will be provided or nominated by the ADRK-board. ...

- Alternative proposal (nr, 3):

- ... He will preferably but not necessary be accepted by the Meeting of the Delegates as first president. + Members of a national Rottweiler club who are not mandated by its board can not be elected to a function of the IFR-board or of an IFR-committee. During the congress the approval can be given by the delegate of this club as well.

- Alternative proposal (nr. 3) :

- ... He will preferably but not necessary be accepted by the Meeting of the Delegates as first president + ADRK-members who are not mandated by the ADRK-Board can not be elected to a function of the IFR board or of an IFR committee. During the congress the approval can be given by the delegate of the ADRK as well.

- **Motion 4**

- The number of votes of each country on the delegates meeting depends on the number of the represented members of this country, who are also taken into account by calculating the membership fees. The distribution key is as follows: 1 vote for each 500 members commenced.

- **Motion 5.**

- Addition to art. 7.1

- The invitation to the delegates meeting together with the announcement of the agenda and of the proposed motions is issued four weeks in advance of the meeting. Motions must be sent in eight weeks in advance of the meeting in written form to the IFR-secretary.

Mr. Spindler presented the motions on behalf of the ADRK.

Mr. Zangerl suggested that the motions no. 2, 3 and 4 should be withdrawn because they are not prepared well enough and might lead to a text that is no longer coherent. He recommended that the board should form a group to work on the topic so if a new constitution is needed, it would at least be complete and consistent.

Ms. Yvonne Bekkers and Kurt Schwentek expressed the opinion that the motions seemed to be a “politically inspired game” and only aimed at getting rid of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann as first president, respectively treasurer, of the IFR. During the discussions, Mr. Spindler asked to forget all passed discussions and email-exchanges but to work towards the future and he ensured that the ADRK is willing to cooperate with the IFR.

Motion no. 1 was postponed to topic no. 15 on the agenda of the Meeting but not to be treated as a proposal to change the constitution but as an application of the existing text: the determination by the Meeting of the annual membership fee.

Motion no. 2 was withdrawn by Mr. Spindler and so was motion 5.

Concerning the withdrawal of motion 5, it is to be noted that the motion was inspired by a misunderstanding based on the fact that the text of the article 7 is not identical in the English and German version. The part containing the deadline of 1 month before the Meeting to send in proposals by the Delegates is missing in the German version. The chairman, Mr. Vandecasteele, therefore demands that the whole text of the translation will be checked so future misunderstandings and mistakes are avoided and he underlines the need to do this as quickly as possible and to publish the correct version on the website.

Motions no. 3 and 4 were put to a vote.

The voting was carried out in secret/in writing. Two persons were appointed to count the votes: Mrs. Yvonne Brink and Mrs. Erika Stepanauskiene.

The conclusion of the vote was:

Motion 3: Rejected by 15 votes, 6 votes in favor

Motion 4: Rejected by 20 votes, 1 vote in favor

The motions were thus not accepted.

11. Determination of the host country for the next activities of the IFR (Congress, world championship, show and other)

World Show:

2014: Italy

2015: Czech Republic - including the organization of the Meeting of the Delegates

2016: the application from Lithuania was accepted

World Championship:

2014: Switzerland

2015: no candidates as far as now.

2016: Application from Finland, which was accepted.

12. Proposal and presentation of the candidates for the election of the executive board

The following persons were proposed:

Mr. Dieter Hoffmann, Germany

Mr. Anton Spindler, Germany

Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele, Belgium

Mrs. Anna Wildelau-Avilona, Russia

Mr. Mick Svaljek, Australia

Mr. Jacob Foght, Denmark

Mrs. Erika Stepanauskiene, Lithuania
Mr. Vinicio Italo Di Paolo, Argentina
Mrs. Jaana Laitila-Niskanen, Finland
Mr. Pedro Pujals, Spain
Mrs. Carla Lensi, Italy
Mrs. Yvonne Brink, Sweden

13. Discussion and decision on the activities to be executed by the executive board that is to be elected

Mr. Vandecasteele: suggests the making of an illustrated breed-standard and its presentation at an international IFR-congress, open for all amateurs of the breed. He suggests that an active contribution by the ADRK needs to be sought for. He suggests to contact the FCI to ensure the possibility for national kennel clubs to recognize the IFR-titles and to mention them on pedigrees and also to give permission to national judges to judge in the USA even if the inviting club (USRC) is not affiliated to the AKC (= contract-partner to the FCI). He suggests the organization of activities (show/seminars) on a regional level.

- Mrs. Yvonne Brink: Attention for Mental tests/social behavior tests and health issues.
- Mrs. Anna Wildelau-Avilova: Seminars on health issues and a website-page on how genetics work (Mr. Vandecasteele agrees to write such a page but said that it would be a basic text for all to understand, not the text by a genetic scientist); an illustrated breed standard should add comments on the importance and need of the Rottweiler's details for its health and utility; the education of people to recognize excellent dogs from faulty dogs.
- Mr. Mick Svaljek on behalf of the Indonesian Rottweilerclub: The installation of a committee and a show for the Asian members.
- Mrs. Erika Stepanauskiene: Publication of reports from the judges seminars if possible.

14. Election of the executive board:

All votes were carried out secretly and in writing, with the exception of the appointment of additional members and the auditors.

- Election of the President
The candidates were: Mr. Dieter Hoffmann and Mr. Anton Spindler
Mr. Dieter Hoffmann was elected as 1. President (18 votes in favor)
- Election of the Vice-President
The candidates were: Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele and Mr. Jacob Foght
Mr. Dirk Vandecasteele was elected as Vice-president (18 votes in favor)
- Election of 4 members of the board
The candidates were: Mrs. Anna Wildelau-Avilona, Mr. Mick Svaljek, Mr. Jacob Foght, Mrs. Erika Stepanauskiene, Mr. Vinicio Italo Di Paolo, Mrs. Jaana Laitila-Niskanen, Mr. Pedro Pujals, Mrs. Carla Lensi, Mrs. Yvonne Brink.
Mr. Spindler declared that he would not be a candidate as a board-member and withdrew his acceptance of having been proposed as such.
The 4 board members elected were: Vinicio Italo Di Paolo, Yvonne Brink, Jaana Laitila-Niskanen, Erika Stefanauskiene.

- Eventual appointment of additional members of the board. At the suggestion of the chairman, motivated by the need for as many people helping the board as possible, the appointment of additional board members was discussed. At the suggestion of the chairman, Mrs. Ursel Hoffmann was accepted as no present Delegate was opposed to the suggestion. He then asked if more additional members could be accepted and at the suggestion of Mr. Zangerl, the two (not elected) candidates with the most votes were appointed as additional board members, namely Mr. Pedro Pujals and Mr. Jacob Foght.
- Election of two auditors
Ms. Yvonne Bekkers and Mr. Mick Svaljek were appointed

15. Determination of the Membership fees

Motion no. 1 from Germany was put to the vote, not as a proposal to change the current constitution but as an application of the existing constitution as it stipulates that the Meeting of the Delegates decides on the annual fees to be paid in the years until the next Meeting of the Delegates (obligatory topic on the agenda of the Meeting).

The conclusion of the vote was 11 in favor and 10 votes against.

This means that the annual membership fee for the following years, until changed by the Meeting of the Delegates, will be calculated as follows: up to a number of 500 members a basic fee of 150 EUR is to be paid; from 501 members extra fees of 50 EUR for each 500 members commenced are added.

The chairman thanked the Meeting for its trust and cooperation.

The Meeting was then closed by the First President, including his gratitude towards the Danish club for the organization of the Meeting and the IFR-world-show, the hope and wish for a fruitful cooperation with and amongst all IFR-members and the joy that the delegate of the ADRK, club of the country of origin of the Rottweiler breed, has expressed the same wish for a good cooperation.

Minutes done by Eva Bülow Nielsen/Dirk Vandecasteele

Signed by Dieter Hoffmann, President IFR