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Dear members, dear dog dancer,

on behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to take the opportunity to address a few words to you at the beginning of the year.

The exceptional year 2020 presented us all with great challenges. Our club also had a lot of difficulties to cope with, but looking back we are very happy about many small successes.

For example, we were able to hold our annual general meeting in June as a live online meeting so that members from more distant regions could also attend the meeting. Our Italian friends in particular were present in large numbers for the first time and were able to actively contribute. Due to the positive response, we are aiming for this online solution again for 2021.

Due to the exceptional pandemic situation, many organizers were only able to allow their on-site tournaments to take place in 2020 under adapted circumstances or even not at all. But the creativity and commitment of the organizers, starters and judges was unbelievable! Umbrellas as spacers, masks as welcome gifts and freezer bags as microphone protection at the face-to-face tournaments were only some of the solutions to the problem. We also received many requests to be able to hold some tournaments online, so that we could release our protected fun evaluation forms for many great projects. Many of our dog dancer found the online tournaments to be a real enrichment in dreary days and we are very grateful to the organizers for the many ideas.

The first tournament dates are now up in 2021, and nobody knows for sure whether they can take place. We keep our fingers crossed that one or the other on-site tournament can be held without the risk of infection. But not only that, we are also trying to find appropriate solutions for our judge training.

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The updated **regulations from 2021** are in the starting blocks. Due to my extraordinary health situation since October, the publication is unfortunately delayed by a few days. However, I am very grateful that it will only be a few days, thanks to the good cooperation of some of our volunteers!

So that the organizers, judges and starters can prepare themselves now for what will change in terms of content after the resolutions of the last annual general meeting, here are the two crucial points for you:

1. A new class 0, as a transition class between the fun classes and the previous official classes, was born. The test phase began as early as 2020 and class 0 was offered very successfully at a few tournaments. We have now extended the test phase until the annual general meeting 2022, as the number of tournaments until the next annual general meeting is not sufficient to allow enough experience to flow into it.
2. The criteria for obtaining promotion points have been changed. Instead of the previously usual percentage rule, there is now a fixed number of points that must be achieved in order to receive an advancement point in the future. This number of points has now been set at 150 points by the board and the judges' panel.

The complete regulations will be available to you as a download on our website as soon as possible. We hope that the number of infections in the current pandemic will develop in such a way that as few people as possible will fall ill in 2021, and that the regulations can be used at one or the other tournament.

For 2021 we wish you and your loved ones first of all good health and, despite the sometimes dreary prospects, a lot of joy and fun with your dogs while training and dancing.

For the board,  
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