

**Minutes of the Ordinary Online General Meeting of Dogdance International e.V.
on Sunday, 22 May 2022 from 10.24 a.m. to 6.17 p.m.**

Technical introduction - registration of participating members from
10.08 a.m. to 10.24 a.m.

Start of the meeting: 10.24 a.m.

There are 43 voting members present online

ITEM 1 Welcome of the members

Welcome to the General Assembly by the 1st Chairperson of the DDI Katharina Henf

ITEM 2 Opening of the meeting

2.1 Election of the chair of the meeting

Katharina Henf proposes herself as chairperson of the meeting. There are no further proposals.

Election result Katharina Henf as chairperson of the meeting:

For: 43 votes

Abstention: 0 votes

Against: 0 votes

Katharina is elected as chairperson of the meeting.

2.2 Presentation and approval of the meeting concept:

The meeting takes place via the Zoom Meeting App. There is a separate voting app, Votebox, for voting. Voting will be anonymous. Requests to speak should be written in the chat or announced by a show of hands. It will then be called one by one. The meeting will be recorded for the minutes, after the minutes are finalised this recording will be deleted. This year Claudia Moser, Jessica Lang and Sandra Roth translate in English. There are no questions.

Election result for the meeting concept:

For: 43 votes

Abstention: 0 votes

Against: 0 votes

2.3 Determination of the proper convening and quorum of the General Assembly:

Katharina Henf ascertained that the invitation to the General Assembly had been duly issued in accordance with the Statutes. The invitations were published in due time on the website of the DDI e.V. and announced on the Facebook page. All members were also invited by email.

2.4 This meeting is quorate due to the acceptance of the meeting concept with 43 members entitled to vote.

2.5 Approval of the updated agenda

The current agenda was sent to everyone by email. Katharina asks to vote on it.

Voting result Approval of the agenda:

For: 43

Abstention: 0
Against: 0

A motion by Stephanie Possanner was submitted too late. In order to include this motion on today's agenda, the meeting must approve the amended agenda.

Result of the vote on the amended agenda:
For: 39
Abstain: 1
Against: 3

Katharina thanks everyone who worked on the organisation of the General Assembly in advance.

ITEM 3 Report of the Executive Board

3.1 General report of the board on the past calendar year

Katharina reports the most important things from the last year. Finally more tournaments could take place again, also OEC-Qualis and the OEC were possible again. The Zoom account was extended and can now be used with an interpreter function. This is very helpful for judges' trainings and further education and has already been used.

There are now roll-ups with the DDI logo, which, like the banners, present the DDI at the tournaments and are passed on in rotation.

We are working on a flyer that explains the individual classes and the new points system. This can be enclosed with the licence booklets and is available to the organisers as a download. It could be attached to the tournament registration or later to the certificates.

The DDI has expanded its catchment area, the first tournaments in France are coming up, just as there will soon be judges' training courses in France. Israel is also in the starting blocks. There will also be a judges' training there.

There are now country representatives for each country with more than 10 members.

As there were only 2 applications per country, this did not have to be voted on.

In Italy, there are 3 representatives as a special arrangement, so that the clubs there are represented individually and communication is also guaranteed.

The respective representatives are listed on the DDI homepage. They are supposed to be the link between members and the board.

Negotiations are currently underway with Platinum as a new sponsor. There will be further talks on this. In general, we are open to new sponsors, especially financial sponsorship would be of interest. The country representatives are also welcome to ask around and hold preliminary talks.

Another innovation is the use of the Coachy platform, which will be used for the judges' webinars. The use of the platform has been agreed with the board.

The judging panel was elected in 2019 without having set an election cycle. As there have been few tournaments through Corona and the panel has not had much work, it was decided in consultation with the panel and the board to re-elect or confirm the panel in 2023.

Another decision of the board is that members who have not paid dues since 2014 will be expelled from the association and deleted from the register of associations. According to the statutes of the DDI, this is possible after 3 months of late payment.

Katharina hands over to Sandra Schneider.

Sandra introduces the DDI Spreadshirt Shop. It will soon be possible to buy clothing and merchandise with the DDI logo. You can design your own names, team names or slogans. The shop will go online soon and members will be informed. This will give the association another small source of income.

Sandra reports on the project "Members worldwide". There will soon be an email that everyone can answer voluntarily. Here you can register with your name, postcode, place of residence and country.

In addition, you can enter whether you give or organise training and/or seminars, or whether training groups exist, in order to give interested starters and newcomers the opportunity to get a quicker insight into the sport of dogdance and to find contact persons and trainers. The members wished to add another point for demos and / or events, this will be added.

This list will then be put on the homepage.

Katharina speaks again.

There is still a remaining amount from the Animonda sponsorship. For tournaments from 2020 and 2021, the sponsorship can still be called up until 30.09 2022. After that, a decision will be made on what to do with the remaining amount.

In Germany, the new Animal Protection Act has been in force since the beginning of the year. The aim is to exclude particularly cruelty breeds from events. However, there is no general implementing regulation yet. So, each official veterinarian can decide for himself which requirements he wants to have fulfilled. Depending on the responsible official veterinarian, this may also apply to merle-coloured dogs or dogs with congenital stubby tail NBT. Other requirements are also possible and may also apply to dogdance tournaments. It is important that the organisers continue to register their tournaments with the veterinary office and have the regulations that apply there passed on to the starters.

Treasurer's Report

Dogdance International e. V. Cash Report
Treasurer's report for the financial year 2021

Dear DDI members

At the General Meeting, an annual report on the finances of the Association is to be given to the members of the Association for the past financial year.

This is the report for the financial year 2021.

As at 31.12.2021, the bank balance is € 31,385.54. With an opening balance of € 31,611.67 for the year, this results in a negative difference of € 226.13.

This is made up as follows:

The total income for the year 2021 is € 6,315.00, which is distributed as follows:

- Membership fees: € 4,560.00

- Licence fees: € 1,265.00

- for conducted judge workshops and judge trainings: € 490,00

Expenses amounted to a total of € 6,541.13 in the following composition:

- software and internet costs: € 2.426,39 in total - service maintenance homepage: € 214,20

- current Internet costs: € 278.26

- Zoom fees: € 1,798.09

- ongoing membership software: € 135,84

- Legal and consulting fees: € 467,91 in total - Notary fees: € 110,91

- tax consultancy: € 357,00

- Costs for tournaments: forwarded sponsorship money: € 850,00

- Costs for general meetings: in total € 2.065,84

- IT support for electronic voting: € 756,84 - Translators: € 1.309,00

- Advertising costs: € 169.94 (roll-up, business cards)

- Postage: € 437.56 (mailing of licence booklets + DDI banner)

- Account maintenance fees/refundable direct debit fees: € 123.49

This results in a loss of € 226.13 for the financial year 2021.

Dogdance International e. V. Cash Report

In addition to the report given up to this point, individual items are to be taken up and explained separately.

Membership fees:

The membership fees received in 2021 are distributed as follows:

subsequent payments for 2020: € 60,00 for 2021: € 4.500,00 (thereof GDS 1.310,00)

Sponsorship money:

The balance of sponsorship money not yet paid out amounts to € 3,626.44 as of 31.12.2021.

The balance on 01.01.2020 was € 4,476.44. In total we were able to pay out € 850.00 to tournament organisers in 2021.

Auditors' report:

The audit by our auditors Judith Loy and Denise Nardelli did not result in any objections. The auditors suggested to look for a technically equivalent but cheaper platform for online trainings, the online general meeting etc. as well as a strict monitoring of the income.

The auditors recommend the full discharge of the board.

The report on the cash audit is available as an email. The original will be sent in the next few days.

Therefore, upon acceptance of the cash report for the financial year 2021, I ask for the discharge of myself and the rest of the Executive Board.

Berlin, 22.05.2022 Silke Janiszewski

Auditor's Report

Report on the audit of the accounts of the Dogdance International e.V. Association - 2022

1. the auditors carried out the cash audit for the period from 01.01. - 31.12.2021 in May 2022.

2. the following documents were available for the audit:

- a. Bank statements for the association's account
- b. Overview of the bookings
- c. Invoices

3. the audit was carried out on a sample basis.

4. the opening balances of the account agreed with the closing balances of the period previously audited

5. the account balances in the annual report agreed with the balances in the bank statements available.

6. all income and expenditure was properly accounted for. Proper vouchers were available or individual vouchers were dunned. 7.

7) No objections were raised during the audit.

8) The auditors propose to the general meeting that the board be fully discharged.

9) For the future work of the association the following is suggested: Checking whether a cheaper but equally equipped technical platform exists for the realisation of online trainings, online general meetings, etc. Strict monitoring of the income to be generated by this.

Judith Loy and Denise Nardelli

Questions Annual Reports

Katrin Heimsath asks what happens to the remaining sponsorship money from Animonda, whether it has to be paid back.

Katharina answers in the negative, it will not be paid back and after the deadline at the end of September a new decision will be made on what will happen with the remaining amount.

Discharge of the Board

Election to discharge the board:

Yes: 43

Abstain: 1
No: 0

The Board is thus discharged

ITEM 4 Reports of the Advisory Board

Report of the Licensing Committee

Enclosed is my report for the MV 2022:

I have evaluated the period 01.06.2021 - 30.04.2022 (last evaluation until full month before next MV).

A total of 238 licences were applied for in these 10 months, of which 50 were blank licences for Israel.

Of the 238 licences, only 2 have not yet been sent out, reason = not paid for.

In countries, it can be divided as follows:

Belgium = 1
Denmark = 1
Germany = 53
France = 7
Greece = 1
Italy = 70
Netherlands = 1
Austria = 18
Switzerland = 20
Slovakia = 9
Czech Republic = 7
Israel = 50 blank

One notices an increase in orders again, which points to more tournaments taking place again.

If you include the licences for Israel, the orders have almost doubled compared to the previous year - in only 10 months instead of 12 months as in the last mail (this is due to the earlier date of the MV 2022).

Kind regards,

Jasmin Cheema

Jasmin draws attention to the fact that the order form for licences needs to be revised.

Sylvie Sanchez Habersaat notes that no account is shown for orders from France.

Report of the Membership Officer

Sandra Schneider presents the current membership statistics. The DDI is growing again, which is very pleasing.

467 active members as of 10.05.2022

Country: Belgium (Quantity: 5)
Country: Denmark (Quantity: 5)
Country: Germany (Quantity: 190)
Country: France (Quantity: 20)
Country: Greece (Quantity: 1)

Country: Great Britain (Quantity: 1)
Country: Italy (Quantity: 90)
Country: Luxembourg (Quantity: 1)
Country: Netherlands (Quantity: 6)
Country: Austria (Quantity: 22)
Country: Poland (Quantity: 2)
Country: Russian Federation (Quantity: 1)
Country: Switzerland (Quantity: 108)
Country: Sierra Leone (Quantity: 1)
Country: Slovakia (Quantity: 2)
Country: Spain (Quantity: 2)
Country: Czech Republic (Quantity: 5)
Country: Hungary (Quantity: 4)

8 withdrawals in 2021

New entries as of 01.01.2021 by country

Country: Germany (Quantity: 9)
Country: France (Quantity: 8)
Country: Greece (Quantity: 1)
Country: Italy (Quantity: 28)
Country: Austria (Quantity: 4)
Country: Russian Federation (Quantity: 1)
Country: Switzerland (Quantity: 11)
Country: Czech Republic (Quantity: 1)
Country: Hungary (Quantity: 4)

63 new entries since 01.01.2021 until 20.05.2022

List of judges 10.05.2022

Country: Germany (Quantity: 23)
Country: France (Quantity: 1)
Country: Italy (Quantity: 21)
Country: Austria (Quantity: 9)
Country: Switzerland (Quantity: 8)
Country: Slovakia (Quantity: 1)
Country: Czech Republic (Quantity: 3)

Report of the judges' representatives

Annual Report Claudia Moser

In the last year the tournaments in the individual countries started slowly again, so that also the judges were again increasingly used.

The class 0 was very well accepted at the tournaments and the judges were able to gain first experiences with the new class. In the discussion rounds as well as in the advanced trainings it was intensively discussed and practiced how this new class should be judged and I am confident that this class will now be judged more and more uniformly.

The new regulation of the promotion points led after the introduction to many good and constructive discussions among the judge trainers and the active judges.

Also here there were some questions from the starters and the judges during the introduction phase. These were and will of course be taken up and discussed at the further training courses. It will

certainly take a moment for all sides to get used to the new system with the points and the judges are asked to explain to the starters how the new system works.

Fortunately, the judges' education and training finally picked up again this year.

The DDI has a new webinar platform, on which the content for the prospective judges but also content for further education for the judges are collectively accessible.

In the future, more webinars on different topics for our judges are planned on this platform.

In addition, the platform will be further expanded and filled with content for all dogdancers and DDI members.

The judge training as well as the continuing education have been restructured for 2022.

Continuing education:

- Mandatory webinars on Coachy learning platform
- Online continuing education 6 hours
- Live continuing education day 6 hours
- Additional offer new from summer: Jessie Lang has offered to offer a discussion round 1x per month. The information will be sent by mail to all judges and published on the DDI website.

In addition to the webinars, which the judges and candidates can now watch independently, there were also new online training days, which were well attended and where a great exchange between the judges from the different countries took place.

In the first half of the year, the first live training days have already started and it is planned that in all countries with existing judges at least one live day will take place this year.

This year, further training has taken place and will take place in Italy, Germany, Switzerland and probably also in Hungary.

Furthermore, we will also start again with new judge training courses in 2022. Here we are very happy about the active interest!

We will offer a judge workshop in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy in 2022. Further workshops are in planning. Dogdancer:innen who would like to visit the judge training,

In addition, we are very pleased that this year for the first time we can hold a training course in France and we may welcome new candidates from Poland and Israel in the judge training!

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to all the judges who have supported the tournaments with their work this year and with their honorary work also help to promote the club and our beautiful sport to the world.

Annette Söll for the administration of the judges and contact person for candidates and judges.

All members of the judges' committee for their cooperation during the whole year (Anna Kraus - Austria / Chiara Meccoli - Italy / Daniela Schleemann - Czech Republic / Fruszi Willheim - Hungary / Katrin Stiller - Germany / Sasa Vavrova - Slovakia / Sonja Scheurer - Germany).

To all the judge trainers for their organization and realization of the judge workshops and trainings (Barbara Cristallini - Italy / Chiara Meccoli - Italy / Claudia Moser - Switzerland / Katharine Henf - Germany / Sonja Scheurer - Germany).

Thanks to Cristina Tirelli for her support in translating the online and live workshops and presentations. Thanks also to Verena Verones, who also helped with translating at live and online workshops.

Thanks to Debra Benard for setting up these workshops and organizing the webinar translations for the French-speaking dogdancers.

Thanks also to Sylvia Sanchez, who also helps with translations in French-speaking Switzerland and France to make the contents of the DDI and the information about dogdance tournaments accessible to the French-speaking teams.

Another thank you from me goes to Sonja Scheurer, Katharina Henf and Katrin Stiller, who were always available for quick questions and discussions and assistance, as well as Sandra Schneider, who stepped in at short notice to organize the judges' training.

To all the other helpers in the foreground and background whom I should have forgotten, my thanks go of course just as much!

I could count on many other supporters and helpers in the background, who were there for me as contact persons in case of questions, who passed on information from the individual countries and questions from starters or who gave important input in discussions on the various topics. A big thank you to all of you as well!

Outlook for the current year and the next MV.

Next year the judging committee will be newly elected. All existing members can stand for re-election.

Also new people can apply for a seat in the judging committee.

Applications must be sent in writing to ddi.judges@gmx.de by 12/31/22. Applications received after that date will not be considered!

Requirements:

- The main language in the judging panel is English
- One must have been an active judge for at least 2 years.
- Willingness to actively help on the panel and regularly discuss current issues online in the Facebook group or via Zoom.

Here's to a great dogdance year

Claudia Moser

Chair of the Judges' Committee and Judges' Training

Break from 12:33 to 13:43

Report of the Public Relations Officer

Sarah Bernegger reports about the newsletter in cooperation with Sandra Schneider. It is currently published every 3 months and members are welcome to submit tournament reports, photos or interesting reports and fill it with life. Feedback is also welcome to make the newsletter even better.

Report of the representative for the organisation and coordination of events

Sabine Bräuniger reports on her activities. Together with Axel Weber, she activates the submitted tournaments and coordinates them so that there are no overlaps.

Sabine would like the organisers to include the country and region/city in the title of the tournament. That way you can see more quickly whether the tournament is interesting for you personally. In addition, the announcement should be more detailed or a link to a detailed announcement on a homepage should be attached. It would also be great to have an email address for possible feedback and to confirm the activation of the tournament.

Stephanie Possanner is not clear how tournaments are entered. Katharina shares her screen and briefly shows the procedure.

It would be good to create another tab under the topic "Tournaments" with "Register tournament".

In addition, the field "all day" needs to be revised for the event. The members also wished that the tournament organisers receive a confirmation when their tournament has been registered.

ITEM 5

Acknowledgements

Katharina thanks all board members, volunteers and helpers. Namely to Axel Weber and Jana Lorenz for looking after the website and the treasury.

A big thank you also to Judith Loy and Denise Nardelli, who are both stepping down as treasurers but have done a great job for many years until then.

Sandra Schneider thanks Katharina for her time as first chairperson, they had a turbulent time in the beginning and it was not always easy.

Many thanks come from the assembly in the direction of Katharina from the chat.

Dear Katharina, a big thank you for your great work!

ITEM 6 Board elections

The following are up for election:

- 1st chair
- Secretary

No volunteers or interested parties have come forward so far. As requested by the assembly last year, the vacant positions were communicated through several channels.

The board has of course thought about filling the positions and has asked around internally.

Nevertheless, everyone is of course free to make suggestions or to come forward.

No one came forward.

Katharina reports that the current secretary, Nina Neumann, would like to apply from the current board.

She asks Nina Neumann whether she would accept the election if she were elected. Nina answers in the affirmative.

Election for 1st Chair:

Yes: 38

Abstain: 6

No: 1

Nina Neumann accepts the election.

As the position of secretary is now vacant, this also has to be filled. Here, too, the board has thought about it and found a volunteer. No one from the assembly came forward for this position.

Katharina reports that Kirsten Vrancken would be willing to take over this position and asks whether she would accept the election if she were elected. Kirsten answers in the affirmative.

Election for secretary:

Yes: 42

Abstain: 3

No: 0

Kirsten Vrancken accepts the election.

ITEM 7

Election of the cash auditors

The two previous auditors do not wish to continue in office. Katharina asks if there are any volunteers and briefly reports on the scope of duties.

Katrin Heimsath and Heike Vetter volunteered to stand for election.

Election of cash auditor Katrin Heimsath

Yes: 42

Abstain: 3

No: 0

Katrin accepts the election.

Election of the cash auditor Heike Vetter

Yes: 42

Abstain: 3

No: 0

Heike accepts the election.

ITEM 8

Motions of the members according to the statutes

ITEM 8.1 Motion by Sabine Bräuniger (Germany)

Motion to add to the description of the starting classes: Beginner, Training Class, Open, Class 0 with regard to outfit, concept and evaluation-reward.

Justification:

More and more often it is noticed that the class "Open" is confused with the training class. Often a suitable outfit or concept is missing and the start in the Open class is used to "play nice" in the ring. In order to promote the sport of dogdance, these performances are not optimal for spectators. Moreover, it is frustrating for the teams who prepare their fun start with a lot of love and creativity. Some will ask themselves if their performance is not "overdressed". I understand the Open classes to differ from the official classes only in the ranking and that in these classes it is allowed to work with rewards. May! Not must! Some time ago, after a Fun Open performance, I was told by a judge: "You have rewarded so little, you should start in the official classes from now on". At that time, however, I was not ready to compete with other teams and mainly wanted to have fun with my dog without having to put myself under pressure to perform. My thoughts were then: a. not to compete anymore (why should I interrupt the flow with treats when the dog does it happily without a reward?) or b. to compete officially (which was not an option at that time as we were not yet ready to completely do without rewards in the ring AND I was not yet ready to compete with others). I decided to continue competing in Fun, but always with the feeling "I'm not allowed to be here anymore".

Class 0 is supposed to be a preparatory class for the official classes. Here you are still allowed to work with rewards. It is not a must! If the frequency of rewards is included in the assessment, then it should rather be the case that the less rewards are given, the better the assessment should be than vice versa. I think it would be useful to expand the definitions of the individual classes and to clearly formulate

a. in which classes matching outfits and concepts are desired

b. how in class 0 the frequency of rewards are evaluated

c. what is expected or not expected in the training class. (e.g. no costume, no concept etc.)

1. I hereby request that the board, in consultation with the judging panel, publish a more detailed description of the Fun-Trainee class.
2. I hereby request that the Judges' Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, discuss again the influence of rewards for the dog in class 0 on the evaluation of the teams. The result should be published in a timely manner.

Sandra Schneider briefly summarises the discussions of Friday and Saturday.

In favour of the motion: a more precise description can never hurt, nothing will be changed in the classes in general.

Against the motion: concerns were expressed that one would overregulate, the Open classes had developed positively in recent years with more targeted feedback and one would fear that one would take steps backwards here.

Sylvie Sanchez-Habersaat thinks that a better description of class 0 for all starters would be very useful.

It is generally emphasised that one may continue to start in the Fun Open class without a costume, concept or similar. However, some starts should be reconsidered in general, or it should be considered whether they would not be better placed in the Training class.

Vote on motion item 1: more detailed description of the trainee class:

Yes: 27

Abstain: 8

No: 9

The motion is adopted.

Vote on motion item 2 Influence of rewards in class 0:

Yes: 25

Abstain: 10

No: 9

The motion is adopted.

ITEM 8.2

Motion by Sandra Schneider (Switzerland)

Motion 1a

The test phase for class 0 will end this year. In my experience, Class 0 has been very well received, and many competitors are happy to have the opportunity to prepare their dog even better for the change to Class 1. I therefore propose that Class 0 be included in the regulations as an official class.

Summary of the discussions on Friday and Saturday:

The motion was approved on both evenings.

Vote on motion item 1a Class 0 as an official class:

Yes: 40

Abstain: 2

No: 2

The motion is adopted.

Addition to motion 1a.

Extension of motion Sandra Schneider Inclusion of class 0:

Class 0, if accepted as Official Class, must be included in the package regulation of the starting classes. This will be done by the Executive Board in consultation with the Judges' Committee.

Vote on the supplementary motion package regulation:

Yes: 39

Abstain: 5

No: 0

The supplementary motion is accepted.

Motion 1b

With 3 starts, the number of starts is too few for many and with the often early registration dates it is also difficult to plan. Therefore, I request an extension of the existing number of starts.

Vote on motion 1b Number of starts in class 0:

Yes: 32

Abstain: 6

No: 6

The motion was adopted.

Motion 1c:

Extension of the starting possibilities to one of the following 3 examples:

A. 5 starts possible in class 0

B. 7 starts maximum, at 2 promotion points must be changed to class 1

C. 5 starts maximum, at 2 promotion points you have to change to class 1.

Personally, I would prefer variant B for the reason that we have already anchored in the regulations that one can move up to the next class with 2 promotion points and must do so with 7. So if I give a class 1 starter 7 possibilities to stand on the podium without having to move up to the next class, I can also give an unsure starter 7 possibilities to start in class 0 if he is right in this class (he has to start in class 1 if he is ready for it after the promotion points).

Summary of the discussions on Friday and Saturday:

Election on motion 1c starting possibilities in class 0:

A: 6

B: 23

C: 10

D: 5

Alternative B was accepted.

The motion was adopted.

Motion 2

Compensation flat rate for judges who do not need overnight accommodation (campers). This topic has already been discussed several times and no solution has yet been found that is fully acceptable to all. However, as fuel prices are currently going through the roof, the actual costs exceed the pure km/flat rate by far. In addition, I would like to state in the regulations (so far only in the Orga handbook) that the judges' remuneration is divided according to German tax law (tax allowance) as follows:

- Travel expenses per kilometre 0.30€ /km (as of 2022)
- Accommodation of the judges according to the proposal of the organiser, if a judge would like a better hotel, the surcharge must be paid by the judge (planning security for the organiser).
- Catering for the judges (breakfast, lunch/dinner) by arrangement.
- For campers, an accommodation allowance of 20€ will be paid if the organiser does not cover camping costs.
- For judges who are self-catering, a lump sum will be paid:

Arrival and departure day 14€

Full days (24 hours) 28€ (These costs will be deducted or waived if the judge is provided with at least 1 meal by the organiser).

The exact amounts may be adjusted if the tax law changes. Judges are requested to account for their expenses in the proper manner, a waiver of expenses is not desirable in the sense of equality. Car pooling can be arranged, but there is no entitlement to it.

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

German tax law was explained on both days and it was explained that it is difficult to deal with each country individually. Therefore, the German law was taken as a basis. The possibilities of accounting for smaller tournaments were also discussed. The rule is that tournaments with up to 40 starters can manage with 2 judges.

Vote on motion 2: Travel and subsistence costs for judges

Yes: 30

Abstain: 7

No: 4

The motion was adopted.

Follow-up motion

Extension of motion Sandra Schneider Reimbursement of expenses:

For small tournaments with less than 40 competitors, the organiser can make special arrangements with the judges for the reimbursement of expenses. In countries where the expense regulation is set much lower, the amount of the country can be used, in agreement with the requested judge.

Justification:

For small tournaments, the financial enforceability is already very difficult, therefore a regular expense claim can possibly already consume the entire budget.

Vote on follow-up motion for reimbursement of expenses for small tournaments:

Yes: 31

Abstain: 9

No: 1

The follow-up motion was adopted.

ITEM 8.3

Motion by Heike Vetter (Germany)

Dear Katharina

I would like to submit the following motion for the upcoming General Assembly:

If the classes FS0 and/or HTM0 are offered at a show, also here 3 off. Judges should be used for the judging. Up to now it was up to the organiser whether 2 or 3 judges were assigned. I feel that it is very respectful towards the competitors if a complete team of judges evaluates the performance here as well! In addition, I think it should not make any difference for the competitors in the evaluation in which class they start.

For the judges, it brings the advantage of the usual third grading, which has already proven to be very valuable over many years.

Thank you very much for your effort and for putting forward my suggestion.

Kind regards

Heike

Heike Vetter, Hallgarten

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

Almost all participants on both days liked the proposal. Some objected that sometimes it was also related to budget planning to plan only 2 judges in class 0 and not with appreciation.

Vote on motion 3 in class 0 3 judges:

Yes: 30

Abstain: 7

No: 4

The motion was adopted.

ITEM 8.4

Motion by Inka Burow and Katrin Heimsath (Germany)

Dear Board,

we had submitted a motion via WhatsApp to Katharina on Saturday during the judges' training. The following is the ordinary motion. It is requested that the word "physical" in the passage "physical overstrain or endangerment of health" (6.3.5.) is deleted. Reason: A visible psychological overstraining of the dog should be able to lead to disqualification in the same way as physical overstraining.

Best regards

Inka and Katrin

Summary of the discussions on Friday and Saturday:

The motion was discussed on both evenings. Concerns arose that teams could then be disqualified more quickly.

Other members saw the motion as superfluous, as it was already anchored in the regulations through other expressions.

In the end, most participants were in favour of the motion. Since such an overchallenge is probably rare, the possibility of a quicker disqualification does not exist. All 3 judges must agree to this.

Vote on motion 4 to delete "physical" in rule 6.3.5

Yes: 28

Abstain: 7

No: 6

The motion was adopted.

ITEM 8.5

Motion by Claudia Moser (Switzerland)

Dear Board, dear General Assembly

I would like to submit the following motion for discussion and vote.

Part 1: Adjustment of the fun score sheet

In the judging sheet for the fun classes, an additional field should be added, on which the starters (on a voluntary basis) can enter for which class their feedback should be formulated. This will allow the

judges to be more specific in their oral and written assessment of the respective level and the skills required there and to give the teams even more concrete feedback. And the starters can also get feedback for the level of their current class but also feedback for their next higher class to get more information about where they can still improve.

Text of proposal: The evaluation form for the fun classes will be extended by a column in which the starting team can enter its level (e.g. FS1 or HTM2...). This entry is voluntary. If the field remains empty, the judges will give their feedback as before according to their assessment of the individual team. The information about the level of the teams will be passed on to the judges as follows.... (see part 2 of the application).

Part 2

The practical implementation at the tournament still needs to be discussed:

- Does the organiser have to ask for this information in advance and write it on the slips of paper?
- Will the information be collected on the day of the show during registration and then passed on to the judges?
- Do the starters give this information to the judge when entering the ring?

Proposal part 2: Adjustment in the Fun score sheet - The board and the judges' committee will formulate a solution on how to pass on this information to the judging team.

Summary of the discussions on Friday and Saturday:

In general, on both evenings the participants were in favour of changing the Fun sheet. This would be a positive change for judges and participants.

Only the organisational procedure would be difficult. It should not be at the expense of the organisers, who already had enough to do with other organisational matters.

The idea comes up to inform the judges during the sound check or when entering the ring.

Vote on motion 5.1 Change of the fun sheet:

Yes: 39

Abstain: 0

No: 2

The motion was adopted.

Election on Motion Part 2 Elaboration of the Board and Judges Panel:

Yes: 37

Abstain: 4

No: 4

The motion was adopted.

ITEM 8.6

Motion by Inka Burow (Germany)

Dear Executive Committee,

I would like to bring the following motion to the upcoming General Assembly: The following sentence is requested to be added to our regulations under item 2 General Information and Provisions: "In case of disputes concerning the regulations, the officially published German version of the regulations shall prevail and be the only relevant version." Justification: Due to translation errors or inaccuracies in the translation, it is possible that different interpretations of the regulations are possible. In my opinion, this is currently the case with the "active touching" (6.2.6. German version). At least in the English and French version of the rules, "anfassen" is translated as "berühren" (touching, contact avec le chien), which, unlike the German "anfassen", which can only be done with the hands, also includes touching with other parts of the body.

I also move:

It is requested that the wording "Aktives Anfassen" (6.2.6) in the German regulations be changed to: "Active touching". Justification: At least in the English and French version of the rules, "anfassen" is translated as "berühren" (touching, contact avec le chien), which unlike the German "anfassen", which can only be done with the hands, also includes touching with other parts of the body. Thus, in my opinion, deliberately pushing the dog with the leg, for example, when moving sideways in heelwork, is not punishable in the German rules, but according to the English or French version it is.

After a short discussion, Inka would like to change her motion and use the English rules as the standard rules for disputes.

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

The discussion went differently on both days. The German speaking members were more of the opinion that it would be better for the DDI to be less German and more international. For this, an English regulation as a standard regulation would be an important step. However, this would have to be revised so that the wording is as close as possible to that of the German regulations.

The English-speaking discussion group was more of the opinion to use the German regulations. These were developed by native speakers and were more precise in some words.

During the AGM it became clear that most participants would rather use the English regulations as a basis. Inka had intended this in her original proposal, but then changed her mind and preferred the German version. This will be changed again during the AGM.

Katharina explained to the plenary the exact difference between "anfassen" and "berühren" in German. This seems to be an understandable objection for everyone.

Vote on part 1 English regulations as the only relevant version:

Yes: 29

Abstain: 8

No: 4

The motion was adopted.

Vote on Part 2 Change active touching to active touching:

Yes: 37

Abstain: 4

No: 0

The motion was adopted.

ITEM 8.7

Motion by Sandra Roth (Germany)

Re 10.2 Extension to include International Opens "National and International Opens (e.g. German Open, DDI Open / World Cup etc.).

At the National Opens and International Opens, the participants are ranked according to the points they have achieved, irrespective of their nationality. At the National Opens, national teams may be ranked in Class 3 (HTM and FS separately) of the organising nation. The exact modalities of the national and international titles will be defined in close consultation between the Board and the organisers and published at the time of the announcement. National clubs or the DDI e.V. itself may award national titles."

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

There are no international tournaments in the starting blocks yet, but with this proposal there would be more leeway for the future. All participants agree and support the motion.

Vote on Motion 7 Extension to include "International"
Yes: 32
Abstain: 8
No: 1

The motion was adopted

ITEM 8.8

Motion by Lucrezia Pireddu (Italy)

1. Considering the high subjectivity of the judges, when judging in relation to various aspects, especially in relation to deductions, it is felt that a more precise numerical definition of point deductions in the regulations could lead to more uniform results. It is considered that a more precise numerical definition of penalties could lead to a more uniform assessment. It is felt that scoring could be more consistent for deductions in different areas such as vocalisation, animal health, incorrect use of costume and/or props, misbehaviour in the ring, active touching. The tables of the results of the previous competitions show a considerable subjective discrepancy in the awarding of deduction points.

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

Claudia, as the judge in charge, explains that it is difficult to break down exact points. This could be done with the deductions for vocalisations, but with all other topics it goes too much into topics of the judges' trainings, which are also difficult to generalise. The participants agree.

Vote on Part 1: Define deductions in more detail:

Yes: 15
Abstain: 7
No: 18

The motion was rejected

2. It is requested to add the rule that judges may not evaluate immediate family members (first degree relatives).

Summary of the Friday and Saturday discussion rounds:

It is difficult to find a clear division here. One would not be allowed to judge one's spouse, but one could judge one's life partner. Would this also include training partners or, for example, self-bred dogs or trainers and clients? Most participants found it difficult to find an exact definition and were rather against this proposal.

Vote on Motion 2 Do not judge immediate family members:

Yes: 10
Abstain: 3
No: 28

The motion was rejected

3. The obligation of the youth class in the case of handlers under 16 years of age is requested.

Summary of the discussion rounds on Friday and Saturday:

For many organisers it would be another cost if youth classes were compulsory. As there are usually only 1 or 2 youth starters, it would be nice if the organisers could continue to offer this class on a voluntary basis or as needed.

The vast majority of the participants in the discussion agreed with this.

Vote on motion 3 Youth class compulsory:

Yes: 7

Abstain: 5

No: 28

The motion was rejected

4. To set a deadline for validation and posting of new judges on the DDI website upon submission of documents certifying completion of shadow judging.

Summary of Friday and Saturday discussion sessions:

The DDI is aware that it has taken longer recently for new judges to be released. However, some judges have been lacking in the documentation that needs to be provided. We will try to act faster in the judges' office in the near future.

Vote on motion 4 Deadline for registration of shadow judges:

Yes: 22

Abstain: 11

No: 7

The motion was adopted.

5. To avoid multiple competitions overlapping on the same day, competition organisers are asked to check the DDI calendar before setting the date of a new competition and only post it on the DDI website once it has been approved.

Summary of Friday and Saturday discussion sessions:

Currently, many tournaments post their announcement online on social media before the tournaments have been released on the calendar on the DDI website. To avoid duplication, it would be good to enter the tournaments in the DDI calendar first and wait for confirmation.

Vote on Motion 5 Check the DDI calendar before publishing tournaments:

Yes: 17

Abstain: 12

No: 11

The motion was adopted.

6. Requesting a rule for selection for OEC that is better separated from the general rule so that it can be as detailed as possible.

- How and when to apply for the organisation.

- Criteria to be followed for the organisation

- Criteria for the allocation of candidates by the DDI.

This motion cannot be voted on as the DDI is not responsible for the OEC regulations.

7. The classes FS3 and HTM3 participating in the selection shall be judged by at least 3 Foreign Judges (out of 4 judges required in a qualification).

Summary of the discussion sessions on Friday and Saturday:

The participants here were quite unanimous that it is financially very difficult to impossible for many tournaments to pay 3 foreign judges. This makes it difficult to organise qualifying tournaments. In

the current regulations it is recommended to book 2 foreign judges. Of course, it is appreciated if more foreign judges sit at the judges' table, but it is not an obligation.

Vote on motion 7 3 foreign judges at Qualis:

Yes: 9

Abstain: 4

No: 26

The motion was rejected

ITEM 8.9

Motion by Stephanie Possanner (Austria)

(Submission after deadline, vote on whether this motion is still to be dealt with on the agenda)

Motion:

I hereby move that the points required for a team to get a promotion point from Class 1 to Class 2 be reduced to 140 points. The background is that we see in Austria and our eastern neighbouring countries that more and more choreos are shown in class 1 that have such a high technical standard - especially under the category difficulty - that I and many others believe that this actually sensible regulation is developing in the wrong direction. Competitors in our area take it as a signal that "higher, further, more difficult" is now required, which of course goes against the principles of the DDI, especially in this low class. We therefore think that we do not want to support this trend and move that the points be reduced to 140. The number of points required for a promotion point from Class 2 to Class 3 remain unaffected by this motion. If the motion can no longer be accepted, I would like to just have it discussed on Friday. Of course we as judges can counteract this trend, but this weekend has shown that judges are too divided on how to do this in their scoring, and we see some time pressure here to protect dogs in entry classes.

Kind regards

Stephanie

Summary of the discussion sessions on Friday and Saturday:

It is important to explain to the starters that there are 7 other ways to score points besides difficulty. A choreo can also gain more points through flow or great teamwork.

Judges are also encouraged to judge teams so that they earn advancement points when they are ready for the next class. If this score is 140 points, it is not automatically easier to move up to class 2. The judge will then adjust his judging to the points.

In general, however, it is desirable to inform the starters once again about the promotion points and to explain this procedure better.

And through the current judge training and further education, the judging will be adapted even more to the points, the new system must start now and there must be more routine through more tournaments.

Vote on Motion 9 Promotion Points Class 1

Yes: 11

Abstain: 2

No: 26

The motion was rejected

ITEM 9 Miscellaneous

Claudia Moser suggests holding more discussion rounds. Many motions would be difficult to vote on at the beginning and perhaps one or two motions would be unnecessary if they were discussed in a larger group beforehand.

It would be good if the Executive Committee could find a solution to the problem that motions have to be submitted earlier. This is anchored in the statutes, but the Board will try to find a solution.

Sandra Schneider also recommends an open round of talks every 3-4 months to pick up the starters with their problems and thoughts.

ITEM 10 Closing words of the Executive Board

Katharina thanks everyone for their cooperation and the good meeting.

Many thanks also to Stephane from Votebox.

The meeting ends at 6:17 p.m.