**MINUTES OF THE FISTC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**24 November 2021 Germany**

1) **Welcome**.

 The President welcomes all participants to the 36th GA of FISTC, and thanks our

friends from Germany for organizing the meeting.

2) **Definition of the participants and list of votes**.

 The number of votes at the beginning of the GA is **17** from **11** clubs

 Austria – 2

 Belgium – 0

 Bulgaria – 1

 Czech Republic – 2

 Denmark – 1

 France – 2

 Germany – 2

 Hungary – 2

 Italy

 F.I.M.S.S – 1

 C.I.S – 1

 Romania - 0

 Slovakia – 2

 Slovenia – 0

 Switzerland - 1

3) **Adoption of the agenda**.

 The agenda was unanimously adopted.

4) **Adoption of the minutes of the last GA**

 The minutes of the last GA were approved unanimously.

5) **Reports of**

* President – the report was unanimously adopted
* Vice president and Treasures - All members had the financial report. The report was unanimously adopted
* Secretary and Animal Welfare Supervisor - the report was unanimously adopted.
* Technical Director Sprint – The Technical Director Sprint was not present.
* Technical Director Distance – There were no distant races during that time.
* Technical Director Cart – The Technical Director Cart was not present.
* Veterinarian – The Veterinarian was not present

6) **Discharging the members of the board.**

 The board was unanimously discharged for the work done over the year

7) **Admission of new members.**

 There was NO applications for membership

8) **Request and proposals from the Board and Member countries**.

 **EXCEUTIVE BOARD**

On snow, the people who have only one dog and who are not skiing cannot work with their dog. All the mushers in canicross, BJ 1 dog or scooter 1 dog are limited on dry land. A category “snow scooter“ is already existing in France and northern countries. As we have much less categories on snow than on dry land, that one can be very interesting for people with one dog.

To have kicksled as testing category - **Germany, Austria, Denmark and Switzerland - 6 votes are against. 11 in favour.**

Canicross snow. - **17 votes in favour.**

**According to the above decision: FISTC has two new "test" categories on the following two Sprint Championships:**

**- Kicksled/snowscooter: with only one dog - dividing the breeds and sex are the same as the other categories, as well as the minimum 3 starters;**

**- Canicross: with only one dog - dividing the breeds and sex are the same as the other categories, as well as the minimum 3 starters.**

**In these two years in trial categories we don't give EC/WC titles (in these categories the entry fee will be reduced to 50 EUR).**

**AUSTRIA**

1. Dog Passes: For issuing Dog passes it is still mandatory to go to a dog show and obtain a “good”. We propose to waive this point for issuing Dog passes. Dogs with FCI papers shall be allowed to start at the race. If a dog is clearly out of breeding standards, the race marshal is able to refuse this dog for race. It stays at the responsibility of the musher to declare that his dog(s) are within the breeding standards, if in doubt, he shall go to a dog show or another appointment for judging. - **17 votes Against**
2. Refinement in definition of Bikes, Scooters and Carts:In the actual race rules there is nowhere the refinement that the Bike, Scooter and Cart are not allowed to have motors. As especially E-Bikes an E-Scooters are getting more and more popular we propose to refine the race rules that No motors or similar aids are allowed. - **17 votes in Favour** *In addition to the suggestions already submitted by Austria's proposal:
Cart Rules MD Expansion of the classes in Cart MD to include Scooter 1 and 2 dogs -* **Will be discussed in next GA**

**ITALY – C.I.S.**

CIS, Club Italiano Sleddog, want to propose the Gropello Cairoli to host the EC Kart 2022. Gropello Cairoli is situated in Lombardia region, very close to Milan and it is directly linked by motorway.The trail is in a big private estate with possibility to have distance from 5 to 25 km without need of loop. - **17 votes in Favour**

**SLOVAKIA:**

As a proposal we would like to discuss both Racepass and Musherpass. If I'm not mistaken, they both are still mandatory, however many of our mushers were not controlled if they have it or not. That leads to confusion, with mushers thinking that they don't need it at all. - **17 votes in favour**

**DENMARK**:

1. We want to go back to have the GA in the spring. We hope it is only because of the covid 19 situation, that we have the GA so late

This is from our statutes: § 13 To summon the General Assembly

1. The ordinary meeting of the General Assembly takes place each year during the second quarte. It is summoned by the Chairman. - **17 votes in Favour**

**HUNAGRY:**

1. A parameter is missing from the Cart Race rules. In point 5. (Musher) at "f" (Minimum age for the participation in official races:) we should add a row: - Cani Cross 1 dog Veteran = 40 Years -  **17 votes in Favour**
2. Nowadays the most popular category in our sports is the canicross. Most of the mushers are starting their carreer in this sport. The youth education is also very important for our sports, that's why our proposal is to start a new category for the youngest athletes, the "Canicross Youth" category.
	* age: from 8 to 10 years (8 years must be filled at the first day of the race);
	* trail: mimimum 1 - maximum 2 kilometers;
	* dogs: 1 (the same) dog on both 3 heats;
	* classes: 1 - common for both girls and boys;
	* the youth musher must complete the race alone - without adult help.

**13 votes in Favour for open the category**

**Austria against – 2 votes**

**Slovakia abstention – 2 votes**

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**10 Against the title – Austria, Denmark, Slovakia, Switzerland, Germany**

**7 in Favour**

**Not accepted**

**According to the above decision: FISTC has a new category on the Cart Championships: "Canicross Youth" (for 8-10 years old competitors, with only one dog, common class for girls and boys, without European Champion title, the category will open with minimum 3 starters, without any entry fee)**.

**Italy-FIMSS:**

1. We recently encountered some fake pedigrees, and therefore their dogpasses are fake too. Nobody except an FCI judge can breed a pedigree or eliminate a dog from a breed for the sole suspicion, and for this reason there should ALWAYS be, according to the FISTC rules, an FCI judge regardless of whether there is one in the scoreboard. So, we believe it no longer makes sense to have an expo judgment if there is a false document at the source. We therefore ask to raise the rule on the need for a "good" judgment document by introducing sample control of 20% of the pedigrees of the dogs competing in each championship within 30 days following the Championship itself, disqualifying both the musher for life as a goal. responsibility and the owner of the dog. The check is possible as each National kennel Club has the OnLine data of the officially registered pedigrees and the draw of the participant's bib number is done at the last "delegates' meeting" of the Championship in question.

**FIMSS withdraw that proposal and will share information how to upload the data. Every Country will be mandatory to update the data of the dogs. FISTC will be the manager of the data base. - 17 votes in Favour.**

2. The introduction of the register of Race Marshals and FISTC Judges has been promised several times: we ask that it be carried out before the next GA. - **17 votes in FAVOUR**

3. While understanding the good intention of reducing costs and times organizing the GA the day before a Championship, this does not comply with the FISTC rules/statues, thereforeany resolutions can be challenged. However, we of the FIMSS will not ask for this but we invite the board to re-establish the deadlines set by the FISTC rules for the next GA.

**SLOVENIA**:

We have a proposal to redefine the bikes, scooters and carts

***\*There were also other proposal from France. but was send after the deadline, so it will be discussed on the next GA.***

9) **Race-calendar for the season 2021/2022 and future FISTC Championships.**

* Cart Championship 2022 – Italy, Gropello Cariolli
* Wait for confrimation for distance in Austria
* Sprint – Tervisio, Milleegrobe and Modena. 18-20 February. Waiting for confirmation from FIMMS. The location will be decided in the begining of February.
* Cart Championship 2023 – CZ.
* Cart Championship 2024 – Italy, FIMSS.

10) **Place of the next General Assembly 2020**.

 The plase of the next General Assembly will be Gropello Carioli – 21-22 st of May.

11) **Establishment of the number of mushers by the member countries. Each member will give his number of mushers of 2021-2022 season.**

* Austria – 20
* Belgium – 26
* Bulgaria – 10
* CZ – 60
* Denmark – 35
* Estonia - ?
* France – 440
* Germany – 100
* Hungary – 32
* Italy CIS – 60
* Italy FIMSS – 20
* Luxemburg – ?
* Moldova – Waiting for their feedback about the number of mushers
* Netherlands ?
* Romania - Waiting for their feedback about the number of mushers
* Serbia – Waiting for their feedback about the number of mushers
* Slovakia – 35
* Slovenia – Waiting for their feedback about the number of mushers
* Swiztzerland – 2

12) **Other Issues.**

 Discussiuons regarding the start list in which the 2 races were mixed (pure breeds FISTC and open).

The FISTC board does not accept that start list and wants 2 separated races. 1°) FISTC race first and then open race.

The organizers accept to make new start lists with 2 separated races. In this case the FISTC President signs the contract with the organizers.