

WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR DALMATIANS

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2011-2013

Meeting of delegates 20-05-2011

The 10th Meeting of Delegates was held in Salzburg/Austria on 20-05-2011 with the late mr. Frans de Ridder in the chair. Host was the Austrian Dalmatian Club. Chairman, Mrs. Tryn Borckenstein-Quirini and vice-chairman, Mrs. Ursula Voitle and their team made us feel very welcome and were excellent hosts. 14 member clubs and 1 observer club were present. As special guests Mrs. Denise Powell from the USA and Mrs. Irina Petrakova from Russia attended the meeting.

Committee and subcommittees

Committee:

Due to serious health problems Frans de Ridder had to resign as chairman. Agnes Klein and Ursula Voitle resigned and were no longer available. Tyge Greibrokk was elected as the new chairman, Liliane de Ridder as vice-chairman and Annemiek Morgans was re-elected as secretary. As new treasurer Gerhard Herbst was chosen. As the German Dalmatian Club DDC would be host for the next WAFDAL event in 2013, Viola Speier was added to the committee as a member later in the year.

Financial auditor

Josef Fertig was elected as auditor.

Health/breeding committee

Tyge Greibrokk left the committee and Lena Erlandsson was chosen as new chairman. Rhys Morgans, Dr. Dominique Vincent, Sally Ann Clegg and Charlotte Jenvall were re-elected. Ursula Voitle was chosen as a new member.

Judging committee

Liliane de Ridder had decided to resign her position as chairman, but stayed as a member. Aase Jakobsen was chosen as the new chairman. Ivana Bakal was re-elected, Christoph Derieth and Josef Fertig were elected as new members.

Webmaster

Elke Langanke was re-elected as webmaster.

Honorary president

During the meeting it was unanimously decided to appoint Frans de Ridder as 'honorary president' due to his many merits for WAFDAL.

Congress

After the meeting the congress followed and Denise Powell from the USA gave us updated information about the breeding with LUA/NUA Dalmatians, the development in Europe and the difficult road to recognition in the FCI studbooks.

WAFDAL Show

The WAFDAL show / 40 years-Jubilee Show of the Austrian Dalmatian Club was held on 22-05-2011 in Salzburg. 79 Dalmatians were entered for judges Irina Petrakova from Russia (dogs) and Aase Jakobsen from Norway (bitches). Best Dog + BIS was Ch. Jilloc's Sugardaddy. Best bitch was Ch. Jilloc's Joyride, both bred and owned by Florence and Rune

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Brunberg-Johansen from Sweden. Compliments for such a remarkable result! The show was very well organised in a very friendly atmosphere. Many thanks to the Austrian Dalmatian Club!

WAFDAL member clubs

There have been no new clubs, who applied for membership. In July 2013 the German Dalmatian Club / Dalmatiner Verein Deutschland (DVD) withdrew their WAFDAL membership in a letter signed by the chairman, mr. Jürgen Rotsch. This brings the present WAFDAL membership to 18 clubs from 16 countries plus 2 clubs with an 'observer' status.

In memoriam

Two important members passed away:

Frans de Ridder

On 06-09-2011 the sad news reached us that Frans de Ridder had passed away after a long and very brave battle against his illness. Frans served the breed since the late sixties as a breeder, exhibitor and later as judge of many breeds. He distinguished himself as a committee member of format and was more than 30 years chairman of the Belgian Dalmatian Club. In 2005 Frans became chairman of the ECDC and chased his dream to turn the European co-operation into a worldwide organization. He successfully achieved an official recognition for this organization at the FCI, which resulted in the transformation of the name to 'WAFDAL'.

Arild Harjén

Arild Harjén passed away on 26-02-2012. In the breed since 1984, we got to know him as a very friendly and enthusiastic exhibitor. Arild served the Norwegian Dalmatian Club as committee member since 1986 and was chairman since 2004 until his death. Arild was known as a professional organizer, planning everything in detail and stepping in wherever there was need for assistance. For several years he supported the WAFDAL committee.

Both, Frans de Ridder and Arild Harjén, dedicated their life to the Dalmatian and certainly left their 'footprints' in the Dalmatian world.

New breed standard

Only 10 days after the last WAFDAL meeting in Salzburg (20-05-2011) we were surprised by the publication of a new Dalmatian breed standard, dated 30-05-2011, without any previous notification. (Date of publication of the official valid standard: 13-10-2010) After the publication WAFDAL received many reactions from the member clubs and breeders, which also reflected the surprise about the many changes in the new standard.

Recognition of WAFDAL by the FCI

To turn the European Co-operation of Dalmatian Clubs (ECDC) into a World Organisation For Dalmatians (WAFDAL) and gaining the official recognition of the WAFDAL by the FCI has been a long and slow process. On 27-01-2011 the Co-operation Agreement between the FCI and WAFDAL had been signed by all parties including the Croatian Kennel Club, by which the WAFDAL organisation finally reached its official status. After the publication of the new breed standard WAFDAL contacted the Croatian Kennel Club several times to receive more information about the many changes in the standard and how to interpretate the new standard. In spite of several reminders and much diplomacy we did not receive any reply and finally the Croatian Kennel Club decided to terminate the contract with WAFDAL. This decision was confirmed at a meeting of the FCI held on 27-02-2013. WAFDAL was officially informed about this decision in a letter, dated 10-04-2013, observing a 6 month notice of

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termination. With no recognition by the FCI, WAFDAL will lose its right to communicate directly with the FCI.

The past two years have been dominated by the new breed standard. Otherwise there have been no other activities. Also from the member clubs there have been no subjects brought forward.

After having been WAFDAL secretary for 10 years, it is time for me to leave the committee. First of all I would like to thank my fellow committee members for working so well together and for our friendship during the years. It means a lot to me. And a big 'thank you' to all Dalmatian friends for your support and loyalty. I sincerely hope that the WAFDAL meeting 2013 can find a way out of the indecisive course in which we are found at the moment and that definite decisions may be found for the future. Because I believe in WAFDAL as a guide in our Dalmatian world, where we all can benefit from. My very best wishes to all of you.

Vollenhove NL, August 2013
Annemiek Morgans
WAFDAL secretary