



## IFSS General Assembly

### Stockholm, Sweden June 16-17th, 2018

### Minutes

#### 1. Opening of the meeting, 8.30 a.m. Saturday June 16th 2018.

Meeting is declared open. The President Helen Lundberg welcomed the delegates and thanked SDSF Swedish Federation of hosting the event.

#### 2. Statement of legality and quorum.

##### Roll call

| Federaton / Council Name                | At GA   | Votes at GA | Member type         |
|---|---------|-------------|---------------------|
| Helen Lundberg                          | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| Eeva Äijälä                             | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| Mari Hoe Raitto                         | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| Morten Sørensen                         | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
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| <i>Continental Directors:</i>           |         |             |                     |
| Africa - Vanda Gilbert                  | -       | -           | IFSS Council        |
| Asia - Jay Kim                          | -       | -           | IFSS Council        |
| Europe - Robert Schiesser               | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| North America - Rebecca Knight          | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| Oceania - Clint Graham                  | -       | -           | IFSS Council        |
| Athletes Delegate - Petra Wadlund Lind  | Present | 1           | IFSS Council        |
| Executive Director - Dori Hollingsworth | -       | -           | IFSS Council        |
|   |         |             |                     |
| ANDORRA                                 |         | -           | Provisional Member  |
| ARGENTINA                               |         | -           | Provisional Member  |
| AUSTRALIA                               | Proxy   | 2           | National Federation |
| AUSTRIA                                 |         | -           | National Federation |
| BELARUS                                 |         | -           | Provisional Member  |

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|---|--------|---|---------------------|
| BELGIUM                                       |        | - | National Federation |
| BRAZIL  |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| CANADA  | Proxy  | 5 | National Federation |
| CHILE (voted into full member at 12.a.)       | Proxy  | 1 | Provisional Member  |
| CZECH. REP                                    | Attend | 2 | National Federation |
| DENMARK                                       |        | - | National Federation |
| ESDRA   |        | - | Honorary Member     |
| ESTONIA                                       |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| FIDASC (voted into Associate Member at 12.d.) | Attend | 0 | Candidate Member    |
| FINLAND                                       | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| FRANCE  | Proxy  | 5 | National Federation |
| GERMANY                                       | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| GREAT BRITAIN                                 | Attend | 1 | National Federation |
| HUNGARY                                       |        | - | National Federation |
| ICELAND                                       |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| IRELAND                                       |        | - | National Federation |
| ISDRA   |        | - | Honorary Member     |
| ISDVMA  |        | - | Associate Member    |
| ITALY   | Attend | 2 | National Federation |
| KAZAKHSTAN                                    |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| KOREA   |        | - | National Federation |
| LATVIA  | Attend | 1 | National Federation |
| LITHUANIA                                     | Proxy  | 1 | National Federation |
| MONGOLIA                                      |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| NETHERLANDS                                   | Attend | 1 | National Federation |
| NEW ZEALAND                                   | Proxy  | 1 | National Federation |
| NORWAY  | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| POLAND  | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| PRIDE   |        | - | Associate Member    |
| RUSSIA  | Attend | 2 | National Federation |
| SLOVAKIA                                      |        | - | National Federation |
| SLOVENIA                                      |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| SPAIN   | Attend | 4 | National Federation |
| SWEDEN  | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| SWITZERLAND                                   | Attend | 4 | National Federation |
| UKRAINE                                       |        | - | Provisional Member  |
| USA   | Attend | 5 | National Federation |
| WSA   |        | - | Associate Member    |

**We have 68 votes. Majority are 35, 2/3 will be 45 votes.**

GA finds and approves we are enough members present at the meeting to meet the quorum.

### **3. Approval of the agenda.**

The agenda - as written, approved by the meeting.

### **4. Election, if necessary, of the chairperson and secretary of the meeting in session.**

Elected to chair the meeting is Helen Lundberg and Secretary of the meeting Petra Wadlund Lindh.

### **5. Election of one steward and two scrutiners, chosen from amongst the attendees who are not nominated for any Office. They will be in charge of all operations in connection with the elections and the counting of votes in any respect.**

Elected steward - Siri Eriksdatter Barfod

Elected scrutineers – Johan Hendriks and Matt Hammersley

### **6. Election of two inspectors of the minutes.**

Elected inspectors of the minutes – Mike Marsch and Girts Eldmanis

### **7. Approval of the Annual Report of the Council.**

*All reports was distributed by e-mail before the GA*

**The IFSS councils annual reports is approved by the GA**

### **8. Approval of the Annual Reports of the Offices of the Council.**

a. Executive Board - **approved by the GA**

b. Regional Directors - **approved by the GA**

c. Executive Director - **approved by the GA**

### **9. Approval of reports from commissions and review of reports from committees.**

a. Nominating Commission - **approved by the GA**

b. Athletes Commission - **approved by the GA**

c. Legal Commission – **not submitted**

d. Disciplinary Committee – **included in the in the executive board report**

e. Anti-doping Committee - **approved by the GA**

f. World Cup/Accreditation Committee - **approved by the GA**

g. World Championships Committee - **approved by the GA**

h. Race Judge and Race Regulation Committee - **approved by the GA**

i. Animal Health and Welfare Committee - **approved by the GA**

j. 1-2 Dog Committee - **approved by the GA**

k. Development Committee - **not submitted**

l. Inclusive Global Access Committee - **approved by the GA**

m. Youth Committee - **approved by the GA**

n. Nordic Breed Committee - **approved by the GA**

o. Membership Committee - **approved by the GA**

p. Alternative Dog Sport and Disciplines (Research) Committee - **approved by the GA**

*All reports were distributed by e-mail before the meeting.*

## **10. Approval of Audit reports for the previous fiscal years since the last approved Audit Report.**

*Cash reports of the last two years were distributed by e-mail before the GA.*

**The IFSS councils audit reports approved by the GA**

## **11. Exoneration of the Council upon approval of the Audit Reports.**

**The GA unanimously exonerated the council for the period 2016-2018.**

## **12. Application for membership:**

a. Change from provisional to full voting member: Chile – **By acclamation and a full majority of 68 votes, Chile is now a full member of IFSS. Mr Bernard Pepin has a proxy for Chile, meaning we now have 69 votes. Majority is 35 votes and 2/3 47 votes.**

b. Application for new full voting member: **None**

c. Application for Provisional Member: **None**

d. Application for Associate member: **FIDASC Italy.**

**Presentation made by FIDASC Italy.**

**Questions raised by FIMSS Italy.**

**Meeting adjourned 10 minutes to read the documentation presented by FIMSS Italy. GA approves that Mr Bengt Pontén chair the meeting while 12 d is discussed, as Helen Lundberg and the council are involved in the questions raised by FIMSS. Documents and questions presented by FIMSS as summarised are**

- **The mistrust of the IFSS President and the council**
- **The membership application (FIDASC to be an Associated member of IFSS)**
- **The mistrust to the procedure of the application**

*12 d. Voting on FIDASC membership application moved to after the lunch break at 13.00.*

## **13. Ratifying of Amendments to the By Laws, provided that the motions for said amendments have been presented in due time.**

a. General By Law revisions

**No revisions presented**

b. **Motion #4** Latvia - Recognizing IFSS Sleddog sport as Snow event and Dryland event combination (instead of just Sleddog sport)

**Supported (no vote) by the council and the GA – leaving up to the council to form the wording.**

c. **Motion #32** Latvia - Review of the voting rights and membership fees till end of 2018.

**Motion withdrawn**

## **14. Ratifying of regulations provided for in the By Laws, on condition that the motions have been presented in due time.**

1. Two motions concerning Combined Class Dryland: **Motion #1** Netherlands and **Motion #61** UK

Council recommend that the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee to rewrite the race rules in favour of the intention of the motions – to try out Dryland Combined on national level - and then come back to the GA with a new motion in 2 years. Motion withdrawn.

2. **Motion #2** Netherlands – Creating a Development Commission of Race Marshals and Race Judges that will authorize International IFSS Judges  
**IFSS already have a committee that addresses this problem. We have approved the report from the committee, as the council therefore recommend that the motion be withdrawn. Motion withdrawn.**

3. Six motions concerning World and Continental Championships: **Motion #3** Netherlands – Sending out Race Marshal 3 weeks prior to a Championship event. **Motion #8** Latvia - IFSS World and Continental championship event selection obligatory criteria. In order to standardise and reach higher level for the top events, certain criteria have to be introduced and controlled via hosting contracts with financial penalties. - **Motion #25** Norway - IFSS must set higher and better standards for the international championships in the future. - **Motion #46** USA – Awarding World Championship and Continental Championship bids. - **Motion #60** UK - Pre Euro or World Championships Event progress check by Race Marshall. #55

**IFSS work hard to secure each event and to provide the organizer with support as well as instructions. The GA decision is to withdraw all the motions and assigns to the council and Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee to come up with an updated guideline included updated documents included set criteria's to fulfil for an Continental and World Championship event. These documents will be sent out to the members for the review to make sure all questions are addressed.**

4. **Motion #5** Latvia - IFSS World cup races have to have an international race judge not from the organizers country (but exceptions may be allowed)  
**The IFSS council agrees that it is important to staff important functions, such as race marshal, with independent/objective persons. Motion #5 withdrawn.**

5. **Motion #6** Latvia - Introduce new classes (non WCH!) for future development  
**Motion #6 withdrawn. By acclamation - the intention of this mention is approved and question sent back to Girts Eldmanis and his committee on order to continue the work they have already started.**

6. **Motion #7** Latvia - IFSS World and Continental championship classes - a set list of championship classes for 5 years with a review period.  
**Motion #7 withdrawn.**

**The GA was adjourned at 12.00 for one-hour lunch break.**

**The GA was called back to order at 13.00.**

**12. d. GA approved FISDAC Associated membership, voting by secret ballot. 69 votes were submitted. 48 YES, 14 NO, and 7 ABSTAIN.**

**Presentations:**

**Anti Doping** – Monica Pacheco Duran and Aija Mäkiäho DCO, both are members of IFSS ADC

**Media strategy** – Knut Sandersen, Editor Magazine Hundekjøring Norway

**World Cup** – Bernard Pepin, chair person IFSS Accreditation Committee

**World Championship Snow 2019 France** – Dominique Grandjean, Technical Organization Bessans.

**AHWC** – Dominique Grandjean, chair person IFSS Animal Health and Welfare Committee.

**European Championship Dryland 2018 Sweden** – Bengt Pontén, Johan Grönberg and Daniel Adrian.

**World Championship Dryland 2019 Latvia** – Girts Eldmanis, Technical Organization Latvia.

**Alternative sports committee** – Girts Eldmanis, chair person.

7. Motion **#9 Spain** - Consider Limited Two Dog Class Team (Sp2) in World or Continental Championship on Snow.

**Motion #9 - approved by the GA (requires changes in the race rules and IFSS Championships Regulations).**

8. Three motions concerning vaccinations: Motion **#10 Spain** - Vaccination program and deworming program. Motion **#23 France** - Mandatory vaccination - Motion **#59 UK** - Vaccinations of dogs in Great Britain.

**Motions withdrawn and assigns to the council and the Animal Health and Welfare Committee to develop guidelines (recommendations/advice).**

9. Motion **#11 Latvia** - Introduction of Appeals Jury for accident review. There are no clear guidelines how to appeal a decision made at IFSS World Cup race. An Appeals Jury should be in place, in order to review protests if such accrue.

**Motion withdrawn. Today, the race marshal has the final saying. GA wants the council to secure the rights of the athletes, and how to handle it, in case of distrust of a correct ruling/decision by the race marshal (or any official).**

10. **Motion #12** Latvia - Introduction of fees for submitting protests (and appeals) 30 EUR fee for submitting a protest at World or Continental championships and World Cup races

**Motion declined. 69 votes were submitted. 13 YES, 54 NO, and 2 ABSTAIN.**

11. Two motions concerning Championship dates: **Motion #13** Sweden - Dates for Championships as late as possible in each season - Motion **#26 Norway** - Predictability regarding dates for the world championships and continental championships

**Motion #26 – withdrawn. Motion #13 – approved by the GA. 69 votes where submitted. 66 YES, 3 NO.**

12. Motion **#14 Sweden** - Rules for the safety of dogs using expanding lines

**Motion #14 - withdrawn. This standard contains general rules for description and needs to be addressed by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee**

13. Five motions concerning dryland rigs: Motion **#15 Sweden** - Rules for the safety using rigs -

**Motion #40** USA – Rig efficient brakes: Race Rule 82.2.3.1 **Motion #41** USA - **Motion #43** USA – Race Rule 82.3.2: Rig propulsion/energy input – Recommended Rig Weights: Race Rule 82.2.4 - **Motion #44** USA –To amend 82.2.3 to include 3-wheel rigs for use in the 6 & 8 dog classes for classes for WCP events if approved by the governing federation.

**All five motions are withdrawn (#15, #40, #41, #43, #44). There are already possibilities to address within the race rules. The Accreditation Committee will clarify this and the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee will make sure that this leaves no room for misunderstandings in the race rules.**

The GA was adjourned Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 18.00.

The GA was called to order again on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 08.00.

14. **Motion #16** Sweden - Open the RNB-class for all registered pure breeds.

**Motion #16 – withdrawn.**

15. **Motion #17** France - Simplification of jury nomination during championship.

**Motion #17 – withdrawn – it is concerning race rules and question will be handled/addressed by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

16. Three motions concerning line length canicross: **Motion #18** France - Reduce of line length in canicross. - **Motion #27** Norway - Change the race rule regarding the length of the snub line in canicross (79.2.1 Equipment) - **Motion #42** USA – Race Rule 79.2.1: Canicross line length, hip belt.

**All three motions (#18, #27, #42) – withdrawn – it is already handled in the race-rules, this is already changed accordingly.**

17. **Motion #19** France - Reduce the dryland categories.

18. **Motion #20** France - Suppression of DR6

19. **Motion #21** France - Suppression of sp8 and Spu for actual sp10.

**All three motions (#19, #20, #21) are aiming to reduce the number of classes. All motions withdrawn as the GA which is that there is a need to further investigate how to a) include new classes/disciplines and b) consolidate in order to have manageable number of classes as we feel we today have too many.**

20. **Motion #22** France - Titles issue and awards. Discerning titles if there are 5 registered teams for a championship

**Motion #22 – by acclamation, sent to the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee in order to open up the possibility / change the wording from “starting” to “registered” in regards CHAMPIONCHIPS.**

21. **Motion #24** France - Dogs abuses. Responsibility of animal welfare.

**Motion #24 – withdrawn. It is concerning race rules and will be handled by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

22. Three motions concerning developing the sport in Chile: **Motion #28 Chile** - We need to have IFSS judges, Anti-Doping, and Vets trained for our Continent. **Motion #30 Chile** - Development of Dog Sport in Chile - **Motion #31 Chile** - Development of Dog Sport in Chile – request for equipment.

**Motions dismissed, as they are formally not any motions. Handed over to Mari Hoe Raitto / development committee, with the intention to find out how IFSS can support Chile in order to help out with development.**

23. **Motion #29** Chile

**Motion #29 – withdrawn.**

24. **Motion #33** VP Sport - Pulka and Relay in IFSS Championships On-Snow.

**Motion #33 – By acclamation, the GA decides to keep the pulka class as it is, no changes to be done. World Championship relay (for the following 2 year period) will consist of 3 legs – Skidog 1, Pulka 1dog and Sled 4-dog.**

25. **Motion #34** USA – The front wheel starting point.

26. **Motion #35** USA -Terminology: tugline or towline or centre line.

27. **Motion #36** USA - Race Rule 41.1.5: Deleting 1st use of the word “but.”

28. **Motion #37** USA – IFSS Units of Measurement.

29. **Motion #38** USA – Locking brakes: Race Rule 82.2.3.2

30. **Motion #39** USA – Bicycle efficient brakes: Race Rules 80.2.2

**Motions #34, #35, #36, #37, #38 and #39 are withdrawn – this is already rewritten in the race rules by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

31. **Motion #45** USA – To decrease Dryland race distance to 2.5 miles in 6-dog rig class (Race Rules Annex, D49.8) from the minimum mileage requirement of 3.1.

**Motion #45 is withdrawn – the rules to be rewritten by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

32. **Motion #47** USA – Increase women’s minimum and maximum distance in Ski-Dogs to be equal to men’s minimum of 10 km (6.2 miles) and maximum of 10 km to 30 km (6.2 to 10 miles).

**Motion #47 is withdrawn – the rules are rewritten by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

33. Five motions concerning terminology in Race Rules: **Motion #48** USA – Snubline is the wrong term to use. Tugline or gangline is the proper term. **Motion #49** USA Snubline is the wrong term to use as per Rule 41.1.5. Tugline or gangline is the proper term. Race Rule 49.1 needs to conform to the proper terminology. - **Motion #50** USA – Snubline is not a valid term to use as per Rule 41.1.5. Tugline or gangline is the proper term. Race Rule 49.2 need to conform to the proper terminology. - **Motion #51** USA – Skijoring line length with correct terminology. - **Motion #52** USA – Pulka snub line terminology.

**All 5 motions (#48, #49, #50, #51, #52) are withdrawn as the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee rewrite the rules.**

34 **Motion #53** USA – Pulka line length.

**Motion #53 is withdrawn – the rules are rewritten by the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee.**

35. **Motion #54** Czech - MDS category – termination of the listed category.

**Motion #54 - withdrawn.**

36. **Motion #55** Czech – Organisation of championships under IFSS – Technical Commission

**Motion #55 already handled under point 3 in the agenda.**

37. **Motion #56** Czech – Premature start at mass start – penalties.

**Motion #56 is withdrawn – the race rules already give the RM/judge the possibilities to hand out a time penalty or disqualification.**



38. **Motion #57** UK - Motion to Change race rule 3.6

**Motion #57 – withdrawn and handed over to the Race Judges and Race Regulations Committee. The suggested change is not amended.**

39. **Motion #58** UK - Nominal Fee's for World Cup races to raise finance for IFSS

**Motion #58 – withdrawn.**

40. **Motion #62** Youth Committee – Changing the age regulations of some classes.

Motion #62 – By acclamation, resent back to the Youth Committee and the Athlete's Commission with the approval of the GA for further development in order to find a more unanimous view on age categories. Any proposal sent out for a vote by the national federations, needs a minimum of 12 months' notice in order to be adapted for upcoming championships.

**15. Ratifying of motions presented in due time. The Congress may, with a 2/3 majority, decide also to deal with motions presented too late, provided topics require only a simple majority.**

**None**

**16. Stipulation of the budget.**

a. Budget for the upcoming two years Presented by Morten Sørensen.

**17. Election of the Offices of the Executive Board vacant at the meeting in session.**

• Vice President Sport - nominated Eeva Äijälä – no other candidates.

**By acclamation - elected by the GA – Eeva Äijälä**

• Vice President of Economy - nominated Morten Sørensen – no other candidates.

**By acclamation - elected by the GA – Morten Sørensen.**

**18. Election of two Auditors.**

**By acclamation - elected – Girts Eldmanis and Siri Eriksdatter Barfod**

**19. Presentation of applications for World- and or Continental Championships 2020/2021 and**

**None**

**2022/2023**

**None**

**20. Creation of commissions and election of Commission members.**

a. Nominating Commission - Nominated: Mike Marsch (USA), Matt Hammersley, UK, Rüdiger Bartel, Germany, Massimo Bassan, Italy and Montse Claverol. Massimo Bassan withdrew his nomination.

**Elected by acclamation and approved by majority vote – Matt Hammersley UK, Rüdiger Bartel Germany. Mike Marsch USA elected to chair for 1 year.**

b. Legal Commission - Nominated: Lana Paul (New Zealand), Evi Marsch (Germany) and Russ Gregory (Canada)

**Elected by acclamation – Lana Paul NZL, Evi Marsch Germany, Russ Gregory Canada.**

c. Athletes Commission - Nominated: Petra Wadlund Lindh (Europe) Nick Weis (USA) Alex Watkins (Oceania) Diego Sanchez, South America (if Chile will be elected full voting member) Asia - to be appointed.

**Elected by acclamation – Petra Wadlund Lindh, Europe, Nick Weis USA, Alex Watkins USA, Diego Sanchez South America, Asia to be appointed.**

## **21. Setting of tentative date/place of next General Assembly.**

Tentative places for GA 2020: Minneapolis USA June 2020 or Rome Italy 2020 June. Invitations to host General Assembly 2020 shall be sent to IFSS President Helen Lundberg.

## **22. Adjournment of General Assembly.**

The President thanks council members and all delegates.

IFSS General Assembly was closed Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11.25.

Stockholm, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Helen Lundberg  
Chairperson

Petra Wadlund Lindh  
Secretary

Mike Marsch  
Inspector

Girts Eldmanis  
Inspector