

Minutes of the ordinary online general meeting of Dogdance International e.V. on Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m

Start of meeting: 10.00 a.m

There is an average of 77-81 voting members present online.

TOP 1 Welcome of the members

Welcome to the General Assembly by the 1st Chairperson of the DDI Nina Neumann

TOP 2 Opening of the General Assembly

2.1. Election of the chair of the meeting (10.11 a.m.)

Nina Neumann proposes herself as chairperson of the meeting. There are no further proposals

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 78 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 1 votes

Nina Neumann has been elected chair of the meeting.

2.2. Presentation and approval of the concept of the virtual Annual General Meeting Establishment of the proper invitation (10.24 Uhr)

The meeting takes place via the Zoom Meeting app. There is a separate voting app for voting, Votebox. Voting takes place anonymously from the Board elections. Requests to speak should be written in the chat or announced by hand signal. It will then be called one after the other. Due to the full agenda and the previous discussion rounds, we ask that requests to speak be kept to a minimum. This year, Jessica Lang and Katharina Henf will be translating; contributions are generally written in English and then presented in German, or written in German and presented in English.

According to the articles of association, the general meeting was duly invited. The invitations were published on the DDI e.V. website in good time and announced via the Facebook page. All members were also invited by email. There are no queries.

Voting on the meeting concept:

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 79 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 0 votes

The meeting concept was accepted.

2.3. Establishment of the quorum

This meeting is quorate by accepting the meeting concept with 79 members entitled to vote.

2.4. Addition to the agenda (10.45 Uhr)

Motion by Uta Opel, 3 Proposals by the Board (Mistake Copy and paste, not in Agenda, motion by Inka Burow, Approval of the agenda

Election result for the agenda and the additions to the agenda:

78 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 72 votes

No: 4 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

The changed agenda was included.

2.5. Approval of the agenda (10.51 Uhr)

Vote to approve the agenda:

78 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 77 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 1 votes

The agenda was approved.

TOP 3 Reports of the Executive Committee

3.1. General report of the Executive Board on the past year

Report from the Board 2024

Dear members,

Last year you had the chance to dance over 60 times at a DDI tournament. Many thanks to all the organisers and helpers who made this possible and thanks to all the dancers who started highly motivated.

The calendar for this year also looks great. The DDI is growing. There are now the first judge training courses in Spain and we have a candidate judge from Greece. A judge training course is also planned in Poland at the end of the year. All DDI countries are busy organising and dancing. You are great, keep it up.

We have uploaded a judging table to our homepage, which every organiser can use. We hope that this will also make the uploaded scoring tables more clear and easier to read. If you have any questions, please contact us.

A few weeks ago, we asked on Facebook what the DDI could do for its members. We received a number of ideas that we will now look into and see what can be implemented. Ideas included, for example, making it easier for members to enter tournaments, better communication of dates and entry times, a Facebook group for members only and discounts for members. And to make things more transparent for you, we will create a list where you can see what actually happens with your membership fees and why it is so important to support the DDI not only with your starts and tournaments, but also with your contribution.

In general, with regard to membership fees: we have sent reminders to many members over the last few weeks, as some have not paid their fees for some time. As a result, many have paid their fees, but many have not. These members will now be excluded from the DDI in accordance with the articles of association. A list will be published soon. Of course, anyone can rejoin the association.

In order to be able to work even more efficiently for the association, Sandra and Jasmin will soon be attending further training in our association software. We hope that this will make it easier for us to keep our accounts and process our membership lists. Thank you very much for your commitment.

A webinar is already in the starting blocks for you, with the topic „what do the judges want to see“. We are working on being able to offer this online soon.

There were 3 very nice newsletters last year with great tournament reports, information and reports from the board and informative articles about the dog.

Many thanks to everyone involved. We are already looking forward to the next newsletter.

As always, a lot of bureaucratic work was done in the background. The next project is the homepage, which needs a complete overhaul. We will vote later on whether the costs are ok for the meeting. We will also revise the regulations once again, remove duplications and make them clearer.

Acknowledgments.

Last but not least, a big thank you from me

Thank you to all the volunteers for all the work with the many lists and accounts, thank you to our judges and our judge trainers, thank you to all the country representatives who always have an open ear for small and big problems, and of course thank you to every member of the DDI. We would be nothing without you. We look forward to another year with the DDI family.

And of course thanks to my colleagues on the Board for many constructive discussions and mega-committed work. You are the best.

3.2. Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer's report - cash report for the financial year 2023

Dear members,

at the general meeting, the members of the DDI must be given an annual report on the association's finances for the past financial year.

This is the report for the year 2023:

There are **liquid assets** as of 31.12 2023

Sparkasse:	€ 24.800,10
Paypal:	€ 285,07

Overall, this results in a negative difference compared to the previous year of € 204,90.

This is composed as follows:

In total, there was **income** of **11.150,55 €** for 2023, which is broken down as follows:

- Membership fees	5.010,00 €
- License fees	3.015,00 €
- Judge training	2.820,00 €
- Spreadshirt shop	282,55 €
- Paypal fees	23,00 €

The **expenses** totaled **10.955,45 €** as follows:

- Tournament sponsorship for old years	400,00 €
- Judge training and further education	3.493,25 €
- License management costs	16,54 €
- Costs of the general meeting	1.701,70 €
- Software / Internet presence	1.655,07 €
- Advertising	1.363,09 €
- Legal & consulting costs (notary)	66,12 €
- Postage	407,27 €
- Sales tax 2019	1.900,00 €
- Fees (account management, Paypal)	352,41 €

This results in a loss of **204,90 €** for the 2023 financial year.

Ense, April 6th, 2024

Jasmin Cheema

3.3. Report of the cash auditors

By Heike Vetter, April 6th, 2024

All documents were sent to me by Jasmin Cheema (treasurer) by post at the end of January 2024, the necessary accounting files were sent by email.

I have received for verification:

- Account statements and payment/billing documents of the PayPal account
- Account statements and payment/settlement slips for the Sparkassen-Konto Spk.Niederrhein account
- List of outstanding invoices
- Accounting journals
- Accounting summary
Einnahmen-Überschuss-Rechnung 01.01.-31.12.2023

I have systematically reconciled the journals with the bank statements of the two cash accounts and at the same time checked the completeness of the attached payment and accounting documents.

Jasmin has taken over the bookkeeping from Jana Lorenz and has continued to do it very well! The records of the DDI are kept with clarity, order and overview.

Thank you very much for this great commitment to our association!

Various minor queries arose during my cash audit. I sent these by email to Jasmin Cheema (Treasurer) and Nina Neumann (1st Chairwoman). All queries were clarified promptly and conclusively.

Many thanks for the quick processing and comprehensive response.

I forwarded the accounting documents to Katrin Heimsath (cash auditor) in mid-February 2024. My review of the documents for the cash audit for the 2023 calendar year is therefore complete!

Hallgarten, April 6th, 2024
Heike Vetter

Audit report Katrin Heimsath, for the 2023 financial year, April 11, 2024

The digital journal (Excel) and bank statements, invoices and receipts were made available for the audit. Heike Vetter had already checked the documents before me and I had her questions and the answers from the board.

My exam included the following activities: Abschnitt „Sparkasse 2023“

- Opening and ending stocks checked according to account statements - correct
- Transfer of journal sheet "Paypal" to journal sheet EÜR checked - correct
- EÜR receipts are compared with bank statements and journals using random samples

"Paypal 2023" section

- Journal with transaction overview and receipts compared through samples

Journal section "Outgoing invoices 2023"

- Provided an overview and checked for plausibility using random samples

Journal section "Outgoing invoices 2022"

- Provided an overview and checked for plausibility using random samples

Journal section "EÜR"

- Links to the associated spreadsheets checked

I recommend that the board be discharged by the 2024 general meeting for the 2023 financial year.

Schöppingen, April 11, 2024

Katrin Heimsath

3.4. Questions on the annual reports

Claudia Moser asks:

Does the club have to pay sales tax every year?

The association must submit a tax return every three years. A sales tax return must be submitted if the income exceeds amount X.

What does the 2019 sales tax result from?

The upper limit for sales in 2019 was 17,500 €.

Where does the minus of 204.90 € come from?

Sandra Schneider: The year before last we had a loss of over 6,000 € and have reduced this loss to the current amount. Since this year, the contributions have been higher and the licenses more expensive, so there should be an increase for 2024. But it highlights how important these increases were.

Vote for secret ballot: (11.22 Uhr)

77 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 77 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 0 votes

The motion was adopted.

3.5. Discharge of the Executive Board (11.25 Uhr)

Election to discharge the board:

77 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 72 votes

No: 3 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

The Board is thus discharged

TOP 4 Report of the Advisory Board

4.1. Report of the Licensing Office

Attached you will find my report on license management for the year 2024.

I evaluated the period 01.01. - 31.12.2023.

In total we received 268 license orders.

Only 6 booklets were not sent out because they have not been paid yet.

The orders are divided into the following countries:

Andorra	= 2
Belgium	= 5
Germany	= 59
France	= 25
Italy	= 56
Austria	= 17
Poland	= 28
Sweden	= 1
Switzerland	= 24
Slovakia	= 6
Spain	= 2
Czech Republic	= 43
members	= 83
Non-members	= 185

Kind regards, Jasmin

4.2. Report of the Membership Officer

Membership statistics

Country: Argentina	(Quantity: 1)	Country: Portugal	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Belgium	(Quantity: 4)	Country: Russian Federation	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Denmark	(Quantity: 4)	Country: Switzerland	(Quantity: 101)
Country: Germany	(Quantity: 179)	Country: Slovakia	(Quantity: 4)
Country: France	(Quantity: 27)	Country: Spain	(Quantity: 10)
Country: Greece	(Quantity: 1)	Country: Czech Republic	(Quantity: 17)
Country: Italy	(Quantity: 82)	Country: Ungarn	(Quantity: 3)
Country: Netherlands	(Quantity: 6)		
Country: Poland	(Quantity: 4)	from 17 countries	

Overall members 469

Entries since the last general meeting

Resignations since the last general meeting

Country: Belgium	(Quantity: 1)	Country: Belgium	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Germany	(Quantity: 14)	Country: Germany	(Quantity: 13)
Country: France	(Quantity: 8)	Country: France	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Italy	(Quantity: 9)	Country: Italy	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Austria	(Quantity: 3)	Country: Austria	(Quantity: 5)
Country: Portugal	(Quantity: 2)		
Country: Switzerland	(Quantity: 9)	Country: Switzerland	(Quantity: 13)
Country: Slovakia	(Quantity: 1)	Country: Slovakia	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Spain	(Quantity: 10)		
Country: Czech Republic	(Quantity: 4)		

61 entries until April 11, 2024

37 resignations by April 11, 2024

According to Section 6 (4) of the statutes, 139 memberships will be canceled retroactively to December 31, 2023 because the 2022 and/or 2023 contributions were not paid or were only partially paid.

4.3. Report of the judges' representatives

I am pleased to present to you the report of the judges' committee and to give you a brief insight into what has happened in the judges' committee and in judges' training over the past year.

Last year, the new board of judges was elected and is now made up of one voting member from each country as well as additional panellists.

We congratulate all members of the judges' board on their election and I would like to thank them for their commitment and willingness to actively participate in the questions, topics and discussions that arise and to find the best possible solutions for judges, starters and organisers.

Elected for 24-25 were

Authorised to vote

- A – Anna Kraus
- CH – Claudia Moser
- CZ – Daniela Schleemann
- D – Jessy Lang
- F – Debra Benard
- HU – Nora Karlik
- I – Lusy Imbergerova
- SK – Sasa Vavrova

Discussion Members:

- D – Katharina Henf
- I – Cristina Tirelli

The judge trainers were also newly elected and I would also like to thank them for their willingness to work for a growing judging organisation.

In order to simplify communication, all judge trainers are now also members of the judges' committee for discussion purposes. This means that problems and questions arising from the judges' workshops can be dealt with directly in the board. And vice versa, the topics discussed in the board will also be adopted directly and can be incorporated into the judge workshops and judge training.

Congratulations on your election and thank you for your commitment:

D – Sonja Scheurer & Katharina Henf
I – Barbara Cristallini & Chiara Meccoli
CH – Claudia Moser
CZ – Daniela Schleemann & Sarka Krutova
HU – Nora Karlik & Fruszi Willheim
SLO – Sasa Vavrova
F – Debra Benard

The judging committee has already held 3 meetings in 2024, where, among other things, the new regulations regarding HTM and the handling of aggressive dogs were discussed and worked out.

There are many other topics under discussion in the committee, some of which will be incorporated into the regulations as changes to the wording in order to minimise potential comprehension problems. Others will be submitted as motions to the AGM. Specific questions will also be answered directly after discussion in the committee. Furthermore, important information from the committee will in future be passed on directly to the active judges or published as information to the members via the DDI newsletter.

Questions from members and active judges can still be sent directly to the committee or to the committee via the Executive Board.

Thank you to all members of the judges' board for your commitment, your ideas and also for writing the minutes, which are available for inspection by both the judges' board and the Executive Board.

Jessica Lang also organised and moderated the monthly judges' discussion rounds in 2023 and the discussion rounds were actively used by the active judges. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment and wish her all the best for the new phase of her life (with the hopefully upcoming dogdance offspring)!

The judge training programme has been strengthened and the judge trainers have already met via Zoom in 2024 to discuss the upcoming workshops and questions relating to judge training. Together with the judges' committee, we have worked out the structure of the judges' training and further training for the coming year.

This is as follows.

Procedure for judge training:

1. become a member of the DDI
2. register for the judge training (plus payment of the complete training costs)
3. participation in 3 online judge training evenings (held by Claudia Moser)
4. participation in a full-day live judges' workshop (held by the trainers from the individual countries)
5. assignment of judge coach to assist with questions
6. shadow judging assignments*
7. final meeting with judge coach and approval as a judge by the DDI

* A solution is currently being worked out with the judge trainers to be able to offer the possibility of online shadow judging for judges from new DDI countries with no or hardly any tournaments.

Expiry of further training for judges from 2025:

The interval for further training is 2 years. After attaining judge status, the judge receives their judge certificate. The further training interval starts on 1 January of the following year and ends on 31 December of the second year.

Further training is mandatory:

- 2 online discussion rounds per year*
- Participation in one 3-hour online training course per year *
- In 2 years either 2 judging assignments (at least 1 assignment at an official tournament with judging of official classes)

- Or (if not enough judging assignments) participation in a full-day live judging workshop

*Important: From now on, all online discussion rounds and online continuing education courses will only be accepted as continuing education if the video is switched on during participation and the participants actively take part in the discussions!

Judges are obliged to keep track of their further training independently and to submit this to the judge administration for checking at the end of their further training interval and to confirm that they wish to be listed as an active judge for a further 2-year interval.

Once all the required evidence has been provided, the judge will receive their new judge certificate, which confirms the validity and duration of their judge status.

Last year, 2 online judge training courses (with Claudia Moser), 1 online advanced training course (with Claudia Moser) and 3 live workshops took place (D - Katharina Henf, CH - Claudia Moser, I - Fruszi Willheim).

I am very pleased that we were able to welcome a whole group of new judges from Spain and Portugal for the first time this year. There will be a first DDI tournament in Spain in October, which will be combined with a live judging workshop and the first shadow judging assignments.

And this year there have already been 2 online training evenings (held by Claudia Moser), as well as 2 live training sessions in Germany (held by Katharina Henf) and Italy (held by Barbara Cristallini). In Hungary, there was also a first round of discussions and an update workshop to bring the judges up to date.

Further workshops for prospective judges and further training workshops are planned.

Another thank you goes to the helpers in the background, who have the now very extensive administration under control and bring order to the complex chaos! Thanks to Sandra Schneider and Annette Kronic, without you the judging system would not work! Manuela Galka will also be supporting the admin team this year, thank you for your help.

And last but not least, a big thank you to Sonja Scheurer, who is available at all times of the day (and night) to discuss questions, problems and everything to do with judging with me and provide me with help and advice. Many an evening on show weekends and days and phone calls afterwards have been spent debriefing and discussing and I really appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and questions that have arisen and to get initial feedback on my ideas.

And of course I would also like to say a big thank you to all the judges for your commitment last year at all the DDI's dogdance tournaments and your active participation in the training courses. Without your willingness to support the tournaments and organisers with your time and know-how, it would not be possible to hold tournaments!

I am looking forward to the coming dogdance year and hope to meet as many of you as possible live at a tournament.

Best regards Claudia Moser

4.4. Report of the persons responsible for organization and coordination

by the Executive Board in General report

TOP 5 Acknowledgements

by the Executive Board in General report

TOP 6 Elections of the Executive Board

You can choose from:

- 1st Chair
- Secretary

No volunteers or interested parties have reported so far. As requested by the meeting last year, the vacant posts were communicated via several channels. Of course, the board of directors thought about filling the offices and asked around internally. Nevertheless, everyone is of course free to make suggestions or to get in touch. Nobody reports.

Nina Neumann is also still available for 1st Chair.

Voting: Board elections 1st Chair: Nina Neumann (11.37 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 74 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 3 votes

Nina Neumann was re-elected. Nina Neumann accepts the election.

Kirsten Vrancken is also still available for Secretary.

Voting: Board elections Secretary: Kirsten Vrancken (11.39 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 75 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

Kirsten Vrancken was re-elected. Kirsten Vrancken accepts the election.

TOP 7 Election of the Advisory Board (Honorary Mant)

7.1. Election of the Auditors, implementation (11.45 Uhr) one election, everyone has two votes, the two persons with the most yes-votes win the election.

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 75 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

The motion was adopted.

7.2. Election of Auditors (sorted alphabetically) (11.47 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Heike Vetter: 48 votes

Katrin Heimsath: 40 votes

Regina Gerson: 22 votes

Abstain: 21 votes

Heike Vetter and Katrin Heimsath were re-elected. Heike Vetter and Katrin Heimsath accept the election.

TOP 8 Election of the country representatives

Will be sent out soon as an online vote, as the country representatives must be elected by their respective countries.

TOP 9 Proposals of the members

TOP 9.1 Change the number of HTM positions (Nina Neumann)

I propose to change the HTM positions to the 10 internationally valid positions.

This would be a relief especially for starters who compete at international tournaments or in other associations.

As well as for starters who want to start in the DDI from other associations.

Most of the 8 additional positions in the DDI are very rarely shown. An exciting and balanced HTM choreo can be performed with the 10 internationally recognised positions. Furthermore, the 8 additional positions are not positions in the sense that the dog orients itself with its shoulder to the leg of the human. As it should be according to the definition.

They can still be part of a choreo as a trick.

Vote: Should the number of HTM positions be reduced to 10? (11.56 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 25 votes

No: 47 votes

Abstain: 5 votes

The motion was rejected.

TOP 9.2 Submit tournament dates for the National Open and OEC Qualifiers by 30 June of the previous year (Board)

We would like to set the deadline for National Open and OEC qualification applications to 30 June of the previous year. This would give starters and organisers better planning security. Many organisers have to plan in advance, especially for such important tournaments.

Applications should therefore be received by the board by 30 June of the previous year.

An approximate time frame with circumstances (trade fair tournament, etc.) would also be sufficient if it is not yet possible to plan more precisely.

Vote:

Deadline for National Opens and OEC qualification 30.06. (11.59 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 55 votes

No: 6 votes

Abstain: 16 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.3 Increase in price of licence booklet if its lost (Board)

We propose to increase the price for lost licences. Up to now, a new licence booklet costs 10 euros. We would like to increase the price to the amount of a new licence booklet. The effort and costs for a replacement booklet are just as high as for a new licence, so why should a replacement licence be cheaper?

Members receive the first booklet free of charge, if its lost, members must also pay the price of a new licence.

Vote:

Cost of licence in case of loss like new booklet (12.03 Uhr)

77 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 65 votes

No: 7 votes

Abstain: 5 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.4 Kirsten Vrancken withdraws her proposal

TOP 9.5 OEC qualification only for starters in the HTM3 and FS3 classes (Board)

As there are discussions every year, we would like to put it in writing that only starters from classes HTM3 and FS3 will be admitted to the OEC qualification. If not enough class 3 starters take part in the qualification, no complete team can be sent. It is not possible to „fill up“ from the HTM2 and FS2 classes.

Vote:

OEC qualification only for starters in classes HTM3 and FS3 (12.07 Uhr)

76 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 56 votes

No: 19 votes

Abstain: 1 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.6 Senior & Handicap-Classes (Claudia Moser)

I hereby propose to combine the two separate Senior-Handicap-Classes FS and HTM into one combined Senior-Handicap-Class.

If this proposal is accepted, this will also mean, that there will still be a record booklet needed to enter in this class, but it is not defined, if the competitor has a HTM- or a FS-record booklet.

Reason: In the Senior-Handicap-classes we usually only have a few competitors. Splitting those few competitors into two separate classes makes each class even smaller.

This makes it more cost intensive for the organiser (trophys and prizes) and at the same time it is less attractive for the competitors to enter really small classes.

As the judging-points for Senior-Handicap-Classes had been adapted (no points given for content and difficulty) there will be no problems when judging them in the combined class.

There is also no further problem with regard to the package regulation, as it is no longer possible to return to the other official classes **of the division for which the licence booklet was submitted** after a first start in the senior handicap class.

Vote: Should the Seniors/Handicap FS and HTM classes be merged into one class? (12.10 Uhr)

78 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 54 votes

No: 21 votes

Abstain: 3 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.7 Obsolete due to the acceptance of motion 6

TOP 9.8 Change Age for class 3 (Lusy Imbergerova)

I writing you for make a proposal for change a rules. I think that it isn't right have in rules DDI that in class 3 can compete the dog when have 3 years. We must to use rules of OEC and world championship where is write that the dog can compete when have 18 months. So this part of rules must be change so all dogs in all world have the same rules.

Vote:

~~ould we change the Age for dogs in class FS3 and HTM3 to 18 months?~~

Should we change the age for dogs in class FS3 and HTM3 to 2 years? (12.26 Uhr)

78 votes from 80 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 19 votes

No: 54 votes

Abstain: 5 votes

The motion was rejected.

BREAK 12.27 - 13.15 Uhr

TOP 9.9 Defintion Targets (Uta Opel)

Clearly state under 6.3.2. that only target rods and floor targets as a **pure training aid** ~~in their original condition~~ lead to disqualification.

Reason: There are often discussions about whether it is a target or a prop. We all know that any prop can be used as a target. Some are more similar to commercial targets (e.g. walking stick with knob and others less so). Of course, it also depends on the way a prop is used.

Maybe there is a better term than „in original condition“, but you know what I mean, what I mean...

One more thought: sometimes judges take a negative view if a prop is only used once in the choreography. However, it can fit in with the choreography that a prop is only used once. I have also found no indication in the regulations that a prop should be used more than once.

Vote:

Definition of Targets? (13.19 Uhr)

77 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 59 votes

No: 9 votes

Abstain: 9 votes

The motion was adopted.

Recommendation to submit this application and the exact wording to the judges board

TOP 9.10 Skonto GDS (Verena Verones)

The GDS (Gemeinschaft Dogdance Schweiz) board submits the following proposal to the DDI AGM on 14 April 2014;

Granting of a 5% discount on the total transfer of membership fees of Swiss members who are members of GDS and therefore also members of DDI; the discount amount will be deducted directly by the GDS treasurer. **GDS handles all the organisation itself via the association software.**

Our written request dated 13 September 2013 could not be decided by the DDI Board, which is why we are submitting the request for a vote at the DDI AGM.

Background:

The board GDS (Gemeinschaft Dogdance Schweiz) has sent a letter to the board of the DDI (Dogdance International) on 13.9.23 in the context of the membership fee increase from Euro 20 to Euro 30.

We have asked them to grant us a discount of 5% on the total transfer of membership fees. This amounts to approx. 70.00 - 100.00 euros per year, which we would credit to our association in Switzerland and could use for other opportunities such as workshop or tournament support or the AGM supporting programme. This currently amounts to 79 membership fees. Since 2015, GDS has been regularly transferring total payments from all GDS members, these are usually amounts between 1400-1500 euros per year since 2016 - 2023 (from 2024 it will be around 2160.00 euros)

Reasons for granting a discount:

1. guaranteed payment, as GDS bears the payment responsibility for its members and carries out reminders and debt collection for GDS members independently of DDI
2. collective transfer, less work with checks and reminders for the DDI treasurer
3. punctual receipt of payment as at 31 March xx by GDS

During the discussion, a 2.5% discount and the assumption of the complete organisation via the association software was agreed.

Vote:

Granting of a global 2,5% discount on the membership fees of GDS members for collective transfers and takeover of the complete organisation via the club software (13.26 Uhr)

78 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 49 votes

No: 9 votes

Abstain: 20 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 11a Junior class license booklet (Vinciane Vialettes)

I would like to put to the vote two amendments concerning the junior category.

Children are the future of our sport and I would very much like to encourage them as much as possible through these adjustments:

I think it's a shame that juniors can't keep track of their participation in the junior class in the workbook. I therefore propose that when a junior competes in the junior class, these results should be entered in the workbook starting from the end so as not to disrupt the order of his or her participation in the official class.

Vote:

Starts in the junior class are entered ~~at the end of the~~ into the licence booklet (13.31 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 60 votes

No: 15 votes

Abstain: 4 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 11b The application was withdrawn and the contents were handed over to the panel of judges.

TOP 9.12 Entering bitches in heat (Claudia Moser/Jugdes board)

Bitches in heat can enter all competitions and are allowed in the venue of the competition. We expect all competitors to pay attention to each other, look ahead and be considerate and respectful with each other.

The bitch in heat must wear pants whenever they are near the ring, in the preparation area as well as in the ring. Wearing pants within the complete venue is recommended.

The bitch in heat will be competing at the end of the class they have entered (Funclasses and official classes).

If a competitor does not report his bitch in heat, a disqualification may be given until the end of the competition day.

The head judge will discuss with the organiser, if there might be any restrictions (not much space, narrow corridors, etc.) as well as defining a possible rest area for the bitches in heat (ideally a bit separated from the rest areas of the other competitors).

Headjudge and organiser **in consultation with the dog owner**, try to find the best possible solutions for all competitors. This might mean, that if there is not enough space, it might not be possible to have rest areas for the competing teams in the venue itself.

The organiser informs the competitors, if a bitch in heat is present and where the rest area for these dogs is.

If participation of bitches in heat is explicitly not allowed according to hall regulations or regulations of the venue, this must be published in the announcement of the competition. The venue regulations must be published for this rule to be valid. In that case, entering an intact bitch is at the owners risk.

If a competitor withdraws a start due to the bitch being in heat, he will not get a refund of his entry fees. The organiser can (but is not obliged to) offer an alternative Funstart.

This offer also applies to any owner of a male dog who withdraws his dog from a class due to a bitch in heat being present.

Reason: at the first tournaments of the year there were different interpretations of the previous version, especially when it came to the exact whereabouts of the bitch in heat and who has to decide what. For this reason, this passage was formulated more precisely.

Vote:

New wording bitches in season (13.36 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 63 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 16 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.13 Expenditure for the homepage (Executive Board)

The homepage must be brought up to date. This will cost approx. 4000 euros. According to the statutes, the members must vote on costs over 2000 euros.

Vote:

May the board have the homepage updated, costs approx. 4000 euro (13.39 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 51 votes

No: 7 votes

Abstain: 21 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.14 Annual **Starting authorisation** ~~starting licence~~ forEUR for non-members (Sandra Schneider)

Justification:

The association is currently only financially supported by the members, although non-members benefit from the association to a similar extent (e.g. provision of the rules, judges and their extensive training and further education, tournament structures) in order to achieve a little more balance here, we have considered introducing an annual starting licence in addition to the one-off payment for the licence booklet.

Members receive this licence free of charge - after payment of the membership fee at the beginning of the year (licence valid until 31 March).

A starting licence, like the licence booklet, is only compulsory for official starts.

The licence is related to the person, not to the licence booklet (one licence must be purchased per person)

Depending on the budget, a sponsor key will be worked out so that the additional income benefits the tournament organisers.

Vote:

Should an annual **Starting authorisation ~~starting licence~~ be introduced?** (13.49 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 57 votes

No: 16 votes

Abstain: 6 votes

The motion was adopted.

Vote:

TOP 14A - If motion 1 is accepted: (13.51 Uhr)

Variant A: € 20 25 votes

Variant B: € 40 11 votes

Variant C: € 10 34 votes

Amount to be determined by member vote 2 votes

Abstain: 7 votes

Comment from Sandra Schneider to a query from Conny and Estelle Dénervaud:

A voluntary transition option for organizers is to issue licenses at the event and then give the money to the club.

TOP 9.15 Earlier registration deadline for members (voluntary for organisers) (Sandra Schneider)

Justification:

Membership in the DDI should become more attractive. For very popular and heavily attended tournaments, we would therefore like to have the option of an earlier entry deadline for members. As this often means additional work for the organisers, this should be done on a voluntary basis by the organisers. With the annual starting licence, it would be easy to confirm membership and this could then be proven when registering. This would give members the opportunity to register a week in advance for the „Antanzen im Westen“, for example, and they might have to worry a little less about whether they can get one of the coveted starting places.

Vote:

Should an earlier registration deadline be introduced? (13.54 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 64 votes

No: 10 votes

Abstain: 5 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.16 Judges' clothing (Sandra Schneider)

As there was some displeasure regarding the „dress code“ for judges, this passage should be adapted and defined more precisely.

Judges will receive a voucher from Spreadshirt with each training and further training course after completing all modules, but only every 2 years, so that they can dress appropriately. If you do not wish to accept this sponsorship from the DDI, you can have your own clothing produced (print shop, plot yourself, etc.), we will be happy to provide the templates. After submitting the invoice, the 25 € sponsorship will be paid out.

If the voucher is not redeemed, the DDI must be informed so that these vouchers can be allocated elsewhere. This sponsorship money is available to the judges; if the voucher is not redeemed, the money remains with the Spreadshirt shop, which is not the point.

If a judge does not wish to wear judges' clothing at all, they are required to at least attach a name badge with the DDI logo to their clothing. The template for the name badge is provided by the DDI, the design (to be pinned on, sticker etc.) is left to the judge. As judges, we should be recognisable during the entire tournament if possible, so that starters have the opportunity to recognise us and address us if necessary.

Vote:

Should the section on judges' clothing be amended? (13.58 Uhr)

79 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 51 votes

No: 16 votes

Abstain: 12 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.17 Judges' committee (Sandra Schneider)

In order to speed up the flow of information, one person from the Executive Board and one person from the judges' administration should always sit on the committee. This can also be one person who fills both positions. No voting rights, but admitted to discussions.
It is only about a simpler exchange of information.

Vote: Should one person from the Executive Board and one person from the judges' administration sit on the judges' panel as a panellist? (14.01 Uhr)

77 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 43 votes

No: 8 votes

Abstain: 26 votes

The motion was adopted.

TOP 9.18 Addition to OEC qualification (Sandra Schneider)

~~If a team does not qualify for the OEC (cancellation, injury, disqualification...) but there is still a place available in the national team for the OEC, this team can still move up if it wishes. The prerequisite is a registration for qualification.~~

If teams do not qualify for the OEC (cancellation, injury, disqualification...) but there are still a corresponding undisputed number of spots available in the national team for the OEC, these teams can still move up if they wish. **The prerequisite is a registration for qualification and fewer registrations for qualification than there are spots available in the national team.**

Examples for a clarification:

- 4 teams registered for the qualification, 1 dis = the team can still participate at the OEC as a team
- 5 teams registered, 1 dis and one cancellation = no one can move up because a selection would have to be made as to who becomes a reserve starter.
- If participation in the qualification is canceled and the starter also withdraws his willingness to participate in the OEC, this place can be filled again, e.g. in the event of cancellation or dis

Justification:

The OEC is a major event that cannot be financed if fewer and fewer teams are travelling. As the number of Class 3 starters is already regulated, we would like to avoid a situation where there are even fewer teams due to a snapshot of the qualification process.

However, if there are more teams than free places available, the national team cannot be filled for reasons of fairness to all qualifying starters.

In special cases, the board decides by vote.

Vote:

Should this addition to the OEC qualification be added to the regulations? (14.34 Uhr)

78 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 23 votes

No: 37 votes

Abstain: 18 votes

The motion was rejected.

TOP 10 Miscellaneous

Applications after 07.04.2024, not submitted by the deadline

TOP 19 New definition of „end of the dance“ (Judges Board / Verena Verones)

The „end of the dance“ is not defined precisely enough and can be interpreted in different ways. This concerns the passage under disqualifications point 6.3.3 of the DDI regulations.

Therefore, in order to clarify whether a disqualification must be pronounced, I would like to propose the following motion for a more precise wording „end of the dance“

Old:

After the end of the dance, the dog still deals with the prop, performs a trick with it, plays with it. with it.

My suggestion new:

After the end of the dance, the dog still deals with the prop, performs a trick with it, plays with it.

The end point of the dance is defined by the team's final position action or movement and does not have to coincide with the end of the music.

Explanation using an example: The music is finished, the team is too late, but they complete their planned choreography. In this part of the choreography, which is completed without music, it may be planned that the dog still has to retrieve something, e.g. a basket, a flower, a prop in short, which only then results in the finished final picture. However, if the end of the dance is defined as the end of the music, the retrieve would lead to a disqualification as the dog is still working on the prop. The new regulation would not justify a disqualification, but only a lower score in the choreography category (= poorly planned structure). This view is also conveyed in the workshops for the judges.

For a further precise definition, we would like to pass the application on to the panel of judges

Vote:

If the end point of the dance is to be redefined (14.42 Uhr)

78 votes from 81 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 62 votes

No: 12 votes

Abstain: 4 votes

The motion was adopted.

Editorial changes

HTM-Deductions:

On the judging sheet a box will be added which is named: Too much Freestyle. The judges make a cross there, if they feel the team has shown more than the allowed 25% of Freestyle content.

The deduction itself will be incorporated in Content. The rules are as follows:

0% HTM and 100% Freestyle → The Team can reach a max. of 10 points in Content.

25% HTM and 75% Freestyle → The Team can reach a max. of 15 points in Content.

50% HTM and 50 % Freestyle → The Team can reach a max. of 20 points in Content.

75% or more HTM → The Team can reach up to 25 points in Content.

Smaller oversteps→ 0,5 - 1 points of deduction in Content.
Slightly bigger oversteps 1-5 points of deduction in Content.

The deductions are at the judges discretion and are made by estimation = there is no timer used, etc.

Attack of a dog – Definition

1. Dog jumps out of the ring
- **Disqualification**
2. Dog jumps out of ring and attacks another dog
-**Disqualification and exemption from competition. The Judges at table can see and decide if it is an attack or not.**
3. Dog jumps into the ring - Disturbance from outside
- **The team in the ring gets the option for a rerun right away or at the end of the class.**
4. Dog jumps into the ring and attacks competing dog
- **Disqualification and exemption from the competition for the attacking dog. If the competing dog in the ring defends himself and in the course of that hurts the attacking dog, there is NO Disqualification, as it was not the competing dogs fault, that the situation was happening.**
5. Dog jumps out of preparation ring and attacks another dog - but there are no visible wounds
- **no Disqualification**
6. Dog jumps out of preparation ring and attacks another dog - with visible wounds (blood, scratch, bite marks) = Level 2 or higher on Bite Scale
- **Disqualification and exemption from the competition**
Decision about severity can be made by Bite-Scale

If a dog is exempt from the competition, it can remain in the venue of the competition, but it must be under control and on leash at all times!

TOP 11 Closing words of the Executive Board

Nina Neumann thanks her for the good cooperation, the good meeting and for adhering to the time schedule.
Many thanks also to Tim Hamann from the Votebox.

The meeting ends at 2:50 p.m