

Minutes of the ordinary online general meeting of Dogdance International e.V. on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m

Start of meeting: 10.00 a.m

There is an average 40-52 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 (10.04 a.m.)

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

40 votes from 41 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 40 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 0 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

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. This year, Zoom's automatic translation will be used,, 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: (10.10 a.m.)

48 votes from 49 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 48 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 48 members entitled to vote.

2.4. Addition to the agenda: applications that were not submitted on time (10.16 a.m.)

Board proposal: digital license booklets

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

49 votes from 50 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 45 votes

No: 3 votes

Abstain: 1 votes

The changed agenda was included.

2.5. Approval of the agenda (10.19 a.m.)

Vote to approve the agenda:

48 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 45 votes

No: 1 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

The agenda was approved.

TOP 3 Reports of the Executive Committee

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

Dear members, another year full of great dances and great development lies behind us.

Last year, we put the design of our homepage in new hands. The design and structure have been modernised and adapted. Now we can access the content more easily and keep the homepage up to date without any major difficulties. We also have great support in the background, which we can reach day and night and which does a really great job.

At the beginning of 2025 we had the first live judge workshop and the first DDI tournament in Spain, many thanks to Katharina for her efforts on site. So we now have Spanish DDI judges and another country on the DDI country map. Welcome, Spain. We wish you great dances and lots of fun in the ring.

At the last GM, it was decided to introduce a starting authorisation. With the additional income, we can now give something back. This year, we can give every tournament a sponsorship of € 100 per day, regardless of whether it is a fun tournament or an official tournament. You will find a form on the homepage in the Tournaments/Organisers section where you can apply for sponsorship. As an organiser, you have to meet certain criteria, but we take this for granted.

The first sponsorship money has already been paid out. Every year, the Executive Board will recalculate whether and how much sponsorship can be paid out.

All organisers can also find a scoring table on the homepage, which they are welcome to use. This ensures that all tables are standardised and easy to read when they are uploaded.

Acknowledgments.

This year our 2nd chairperson Sandra Roth is leaving us. Dear Sandra, thank you very much for your work on the Board, especially at international level. You often brought us down to earth when we approached things too emotionally. We would also like to thank you for your work on the homepage.

We will miss you, but we will certainly bug you from time to time.
Thank you!

A big thank you also goes to all the volunteers and supporters of the DDI. And there are now quite a lot of them. Starting with the translators who always translate the newsletter and the regulations into the respective languages. All the volunteers who do a lot of administrative work in the background, without which the now large association would not be able to function. Lists are maintained, data checked, newsletters written, licences and starting authorisations sent out and accounts checked. It's a lot of work done by many hard-working hands. Thank you very much for your commitment. Without you, the DDI would not function.

Thanks also to the rest of the Board, it was another turbulent year that we managed well together. Working with you is really fun, thank you very much.

Last but not least, many thanks to all members, patrons, helpers, starters and organisers. The DDI family is constantly growing and without all of you the DDI could not exist. It's great that you are all part of this family. We look forward to another year full of great moments in the ring.

3.2. Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer's report - cash report for the financial year 2024

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.

For the first time, the accounting for 2024 was prepared using the NetXP membership program.

Sandra Schneider and I had several training sessions with a NetXP expert at the end of 2024/beginning of 2025. Some internal administrative changes were made that should make work significantly easier in the future.

This is the report for the year 2024:

In total, there was **income** of € **16.970,60** for 2024, which is broken down as follows:

- Membership fees = € 10.065,00
- License fees = € 4.700,00
- annual starting authorizations = € 540,00
- Judge training = € 1.550,00
- Spreadshirt shop = € 115,60

The **expenses** totaled € **13.173,48** as follows:

- Costs of the general meeting = € 1.397,06
- Postage = € 477,00
- Software / Internet presence = € 5.231,20 (inkl. neue Homepage)
- "Thank you" - gifts for voluntary helpers = € 1.750,00
- Paypal costs = € 1,85
- bank account costs = € 156,90
- Judge training and further education = € 3.457,43
- License management costs = € 374,85
- Advertising = € 327,19

This results in a profit of € 3.797,12 for the 2024 financial year.

Since 01.01.2025 the profit is being passed on to the competition organizers through sponsorship.

Ense, April 19th, 2025,

Jasmin Cheema

3.3. Report of the cash auditors

Audit report by Heike Vetter

Association: Dog Dance International e.V.
Fiscal year: January 1 – December 31, 2024
Examiner: Heike Vetter, Am Festplatz 8, 67826 Hallgarten
Date: March 24, 2025

1. Examination documents

All documents relating to the calendar year 2024 were mailed to me by Jasmin Cheema on February 18, 2025. I also received the relevant files by email on February 18, 2025.

The following documents were provided to me for review:

- Bank statements and payment/billing receipts:
- PayPal account
- Sparkasse Niederrhein bank account via email attachment:
- File list of 2024 outgoing invoices with payment notes
- File list of accounting journals
- Income statement for the period January 1 – December 31, 2024

2. Procedure for the cash audit

The cash register audit began on March 15, 2025, because I hadn't been able to do it before. I printed out the files sent via email and systematically compared them with the bank statements. At the same time, I checked the completeness of the payment and billing documents.

Result: All account transactions could be plausibly traced!

On March 11, 2025, I sent Jasmin Cheema a few questions via email on the following points:

- Differences in the payment of membership fees
- Explanations for various cost accounts
- An offsetting that was not settled until January 2025

Jasmin answered all questions fully.

The corresponding email correspondence is attached to the documents.

3. Conclusion & Acknowledgements

The accounting for 2024 was prepared for the first time using the new NetXP processing program. All submitted documents are clearly, neatly filed, and comprehensibly organized.

A heartfelt thank you to Jasmin for her careful and conscientious work!

Test report Katrin Heimsath

Cash audit for Dogdance International e. V. by Katrin Heimsath, for the 2024 financial year, April 19, 2025

Unterlagen

The following documents were made available to me for the examination:

- Income and Expenditure Account
- Chronological Cash Book
- Overview of Outgoing Invoices from 2023
- Bank Statements and Receipts (Paypal@dogdance.info; DE78354500001245017528)

Zur Klärung von Fragen wurden mir zur Verfügung gestellt:

- Sparkasse Bank Account Statement 01/2025
- Breakdown of transactions by accounting account

Heike Vetter had already reviewed the documents before me, and I had her questions and the answers from the board at my disposal.

Test

My exam included the following activities:

- Review of the beginning and end-of-year account balances
- Plausibility check of the annual financial statements based on the bank statements and account overview
- Random review of documents

Jasmin Cheema answered all questions promptly and comprehensively.

The correspondence is attached to the audit report.

Conclusion & Recommendation

The review revealed no issues. The documents were complete and clearly laid out. Many thanks to Jasmin Cheema for her work. I recommend that the 2025 General Meeting approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2024 fiscal year.

Schöppingen, 19.04.2025

Katrin Heimsath

3.4. Questions on the annual reports

There were no follow-up questions.

3.5. Discharge of the Executive Board (10.35 a.m.)

Election to discharge the board:

51 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 45 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 6 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 general meeting 2025.

I evaluated the period 01.01. - 31.12.2024.

In total we received 256 license orders.

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

The orders are divided into the following:

Belgium	= 8
Germany	= 55
France	= 39
Italy	= 64
Latvia	= 5
Netherlands	= 2
Austria	= 15
Poland	= 13
Switzerland	= 23
Slovakia	= 1
Spain	= 10
Czech Republic	= 17
Hungary	= 4
members	= 130
Non-members	= 122

Kind regards,
Jasmin

4.2. Report of the Membership Officer

Membership statistics

Country: Argentina	(Quantity: 1)	Land: Polen	(Anzahl: 5)
Country: Belgium	(Quantity: 2)	Land: Portugal	(Anzahl: 3)
Country: Germany	(Quantity: 172)	Land: Russische Föderation	(Anzahl: 1)
Country: France	(Quantity: 40)	Land: Schweiz	(Anzahl: 92)
Country: Greece	(Quantity: 1)	Land: Slowakei	(Anzahl: 4)
Country: Italy	(Quantity: 54)	Land: Spanien	(Anzahl: 13)
Country: Lithuania	(Quantity: 1)	Land: Tschechische Republik	(Anzahl: 13)
Country: Netherlands	(Quantity: 2)	Land: Ukraine	(Anzahl: 1)
Country: Austria	(Quantity: 20)	Land: Ungarn	(Anzahl: 4)

Overall members 429

Entries since the last general meeting

Country: Belgium	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Germany	(Quantity: 31)
Country: France	(Quantity: 22)
Country: Italy	(Quantity: 17)
Country: Lithuania	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Netherlands	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Austria	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Poland	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Portugal	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Switzerland	(Quantity: 14)
Country: Slovakia	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Spain	(Quantity: 3)
Country: Czech Republic	(Quantity: 2)
Country: Ukraine	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Hungary	(Quantity: 2)

101 entries until April 13, 2025

Status: Active (Number: 429)

Status: Inactive (Number: 4)

Status: Non-member (Number: 182)

Resignations since the last general meeting

Country:	(Quantity: 103)
Country: Germany	(Quantity: 8)
Country: France	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Italy	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Austria	(Quantity: 1)
Country: Switzerland	(Quantity: 8)
Country: Czech Republic	(Quantity: 1)

123 resignations since April 13, 2024

4.3. Annual report from the judges representative

Our DDI-Judges were again very active in 2024 and besides many competitions that were judged, they also worked actively on their further education and judges updates. I would like to thank all of the judges for their work at the competitions, aiding competitors and organisers alike and being an integral part of the development of our Sport! The monthly discussion rounds were always well used to clarify open questions, focus on specific aspects of the judging process and judging different routines together and discuss the marks together. Here a big thank you goes to Jessica Lang for organizing, preparing and heading those meetings!

As a focus of the judges updates, the body language of different dog types and dog breeds was looked at and discussed its influence on the judging and feedbacks. In addition to that, several judges update workshops were held in different countries.

2024 we welcomed our first judges aspirants from Spain in the judges education and I am very happy that at the beginning of 2025 there was not only the first DDI Competition in Spain, but also a judges workshop to finish the education of the Spanish judges (held by Katharina Henf).

There were additional judges workshops (for judges aspirants) and judges updates (for active judges). I am thanking all the judges educators for their works, allowing our judges to keep up and deepen their knowledge. The judges board met 6 times in the last year. One of the tasks was to find good wordings for some of the decisions of the last membership meeting. We covered for example the exact wording and solution for deductions in HTM, if the amount of Heelwork was not enough. Also we discussed in detail how to deal with dogs that go out of the ring and attack another dog.

Both these topics needed quite a bit of additional discussions and thoughts to not only follow the wishes of the membership meeting but also make it coherent and applicable with our judging system.

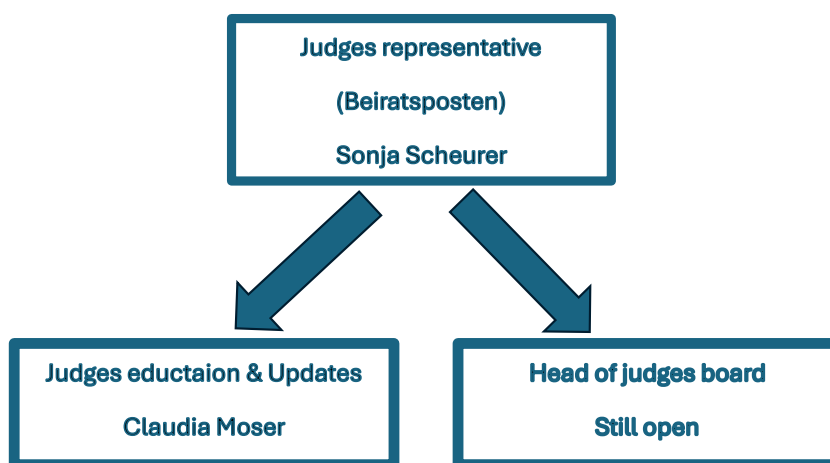
Other topics we covered were the requirements for judges updates in 2025, how to deal with judges coming from other organisations and different questions that came out of the discussion rounds, from individual judges or members.

I would like to thank all members of the judges board for their time, involvement and all the very constructive and objective discussions! Last but not least I would like to thank the judges admin with Sandra Schneider and Annette Kronic (with some additional support from Nina Neumann) who kept the overview in the background and mastered everything around the judges organisation!

Finally I would also like to thank Sonja Scheurer and Katharina Henf, who supported me in many parts of the judges education and judges updates with their knowledge and their ideas and who are always helping with any questions, problems and discussions that have come up.

I will focus more on the judges education and judges updates in the future and am very happy to know, that Sonja Scheurer will take over the job as judges representative. The post as head of the judges board will also be transferred during the coming year, I am at the moment in discussions with two persons who would be willing to take over that job from me.

The structure of the whole judges department will be as follows and be headed by the following persons:



Finally I would like to thank anyone I that helped me in the last year with their initiative, their work, ideas and I am looking forward to being able to focus even more on the judges education.

Looking forward to a great and interesting new Dogdance (Judges) Year.

Claudia Moser

TOP 5 Elections of the Executive Board

You can choose from:

- Vice Chair (candidate: Sandra Schneider)
- Assistant Chair (candidate: Regina Gerson)
- Treasurer (re-elected: Jasmin Cheema)

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.

Voting: Board elections Vice Chair Sandra Schneider (10.48 a.m.)

50 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 45 votes
No: 0 votes
Abstain: 5 votes

Sandra Schneider was chosen. Sandra Schneider accepts the election.

Voting: Board elections Advisor Regina Gerson (10.51 a.m.)

Regina Gerson briefly introduces herself to the members with a few sentences.

51 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 44 votes
No: 1 votes
Abstain: 6 votes

Regina Gerson was chosen. Regina Gerson accepts the election.

Jasmin Cheema is also still available for treasurer.

Voting: Board elections treasurer Jasmin Cheema (10.55 a.m.)

50 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 47 votes
No: 0 votes
Abstain: 3 votes

Jasmin Cheema was re-elected. Jasmin Cheema accepts the election.

TOP 6 Election of the Advisory Board (Honorary Mant)

6.1. Advisory board election - Allocation of licences Jasmin Cheema (10.59 a.m)

Jasmin Cheema stands for election again.

51 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 48 votes
No: 0 votes
Abstain: 3 votes

Jasmin Cheema was re-elected. Jasmin Cheema accepts the election.

6.2. Advisory board election - Membership Tina Tospann (11.01 a.m)

Tina Tospann is running for election.

52 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 46 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 6 votes

Tina Tospann was chosen. Tina Tospann subsequently accepts the election in writing.

6.3. Advisory board election - Judges Sonja Scheurer (11.03 a.m)

Sonja Scheurer is up for election again.

52 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 43 votes

No: 1 votes

Abstain: 8 votes

Sonja Scheurer was elected. Sonja Scheurer accepts the election.

6.4. Advisory board election - Judge administration Mirja Engels (11.05 a.m)

Mirja Engels is running for election.

52 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 43 votes

No: 2 votes

Abstain: 7 votes

Mirja Engels was elected. Mirja Engels subsequently accepts the election in writing.

6.5. Advisory board election - Public relations Newsletter Sabine Bräuniger (11.08 a.m)

Sabine Bräuniger is running for election.

52 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 51 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 1 votes

Sabine Bräuniger was elected. Sabine Bräuniger accepts the election.

6.6. Advisory board election - Public relations Social Media Anke Opwis (11.11 a.m)

Anke Opwis is running for election.

50 votes from 52 registrations in the vote box

Yes: 48 votes

No: 0 votes

Abstain: 2 votes

Anke Opwis was elected. Anke Opwis accepts the election.

TOP 7 Declaration on the election of the panel of judges (for the period 2026/2027)

Will be sent out shortly as an online vote, as the panel of judges will be elected by their respective countries.

TOP 8 Proposals of the members

8.1. "digital license booklets" (Board)

The application was withdrawn.

TOP 9 Miscellaneous

Michaela Dohne offers to translate the newsletter into Spanish.

Daniela Schleemann offers to translate the newsletter into Czech.

The board is working on the application for digital licenses.

TOP 10 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 11:43 a.m