

MINUTES
of the 2022 OEC Meeting

Location: Sporthal Nije Westermar Elingsloane 67
9251 MN Burgum, The Netherlands
– restaurant area

Time: 29 September 2022. 19:00

Participants

(with voting right in discussions):

1. Corinne Benetruy (France)
2. Claudia Moser (Switzerland)
3. Chiara Meccoli (Italy)
4. Mirjam Walder (Switzerland)
5. Roberto Lorenzon (Italy)
6. Katrin Stiller (Germany)
7. Wilhelm Fruzsina (Germany)
8. Monika Siegl (Austria)
9. Orsolya Kriz (Hungary)
10. Nora Karlyik (Hungary)
11. Tzahi Melamed (Israel)
12. Roni Sagi (Israel)
13. Lucie Plevova (Japan)
14. Chiharu Shi-izu (Japan)
15. Hana Krouzelova (Czech Republik)
16. Alena Smolikova (Czech Republik)
17. Ronald Leblanc (Netherlands)

also present, without voting right: Christine Elisabeth Bérczes.

Nóra Karlyik, a representative of the country organising the OEC next year (2023) announces the beginning of the meeting.

She informs the participants that **Fruzsina Wilhelm** was asked to be the chairman of the meeting, and she will arrive shortly.

She asked **Orsolya Kriz** to prepare the minutes.

Fruzsina Wilhelm welcomes the participants and informs them that no countries have sent discussion topic proposals prior to the meeting.

If anyone has a topic they need discussed, they can propose it verbally.

Topic 1: **Lucie Plevova** and **Roni Sagi** propose that the ring size and shape should be regulated more clearly. A rectangular ring would be more convenient, as the shape of the current ring is a square. The judges should be positioned on the long side of the ring.

Ronald Leblanc explains that it is very difficult for the organizer to build a specific ring size or shape (meter x meter) since very often the arrangement of the venue where the competition takes place doesn't allow it.

recommendation: Proposal to add to the regulations regarding the size and shape of the ring: The ring has to be at least 400 m² with a rectangular shape, within reasonable proportions. The judges are seated on the long side.

voting: the proposal has been accepted unanimously with 17 votes

Topic 2: **Ronald Leblanc** proposes that according to the current regulations, the kennel club of each country enters the competing national teams for the OEC. This can cause problems, since in many countries, the kennel club doesn't enter a team, the entry deadline for national teams passes, and those who enter individually cannot form a team if they want to.

Voting: If the kennel club of a certain country cannot (or would not) send national teams, then the organizer has the possibility to offer individual competitors from the same country to form a national team, if there are 3 or more individual competing teams.

Results of the vote: 14 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.

Topic 3: **Ronald Leblanc** proposes in relation to the previous topic that it can cause problems, if there are more individual entries from a country than what the OEC regulations permit for a national team.

Recommendation: If the number of individual entries from the same country are higher than what the OEC regulations permit for a national team; in the case of the previously accepted proposal, where the organizer offers to form a national team; the entries of the competitors will be accepted based on their TIME OF ENTRY.

Results of the vote: 17 yes, unanimous.

Topic 4 also related to the previous two topics: Where can the OEC organizers find information of the “primary” clubs that send entries to the OEC?

It was agreed on that the members of the OEC committee help each other with a list during organization.

Topic 5: **Fruzsina Wilhelm** proposes that the host country of OEC 2024 should be decided. She asks the participants if there are any volunteers.

Monika Siegl volunteers Austria to organise the OEC in 2024.

voting: Do the participants accept Austria to host OEC 2024?

Results of the vote: 16 yes, 1 abstention.

Topic 6: **Tzahi Melamed** presents that it is not acceptable that the judges make decisions and prohibit certain things that are not clearly regulated in the OEC rules. As an example, during the briefing of OEC 2022 the judges explained that if a handler carries their dog into the ring, the team would be disqualified, even though the rules do not have any restrictions on this matter.

Proposal: the rules should have a section with specifications on entering and leaving the ring.

voting: is it necessary to add a section to the rules on entering and leaving the ring?

Results of the vote: 17 yes, unanimous.

Claudia Moser volunteer to work a proposal for the rules on this matter and will present it for voting at the net OEC meeting.

The participants unanimously accept with 17 votes that Claudia Moser will create the proposal.

Topic 7: Roni Sagi, Tzahi Melamed and Lucie Plevova propose that the structure and height of the ring barrier should be regulated, because it is not uniform at the moment.

Proposal: the rules should have a section with specifications on the structure and height of the ring barriers.

voting: is it necessary to add a section to the rules on the structure and height of the ring barriers?

Results of the vote: 17 yes, unanimous.

The participants unanimously accept with 17 votes that Claudia Moser will create the proposal.

Fruzsina Wilhelm thanks the participants for their contributions and closes the meeting at 20:30.