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MEMBER CLUBS

Dear President's & Secretaries,

Firstly, Robyn Knuckey and I will be representing the Council at the coming WUSV General Assembly Meeting.

The Executive has reviewed the attached agenda items as received from WUSV Secretariat.

You will soon discover the items as listed are complex, conflict with Harmonisation matters and will seriously further impact on our ability to comply with the WUSV Statutes and therefore remain or maintain our WUSV membership.

It is our recommendation, and not to pre-empt any input still to be heard at the meeting:

- We applaud the intended idealism of the items as listed however voice our concern that in addition to the WUSV Harmonisation Program as rolled out last year we now have more requirements that cloud the future and dictate rather than allow Members to meet their obligations in a structured and conciliatory manner.
- That the listing of the agenda items has been done with little or due regard to the National circumstances that exist for each Member and/or allows each member to fully allow their membership to decide on what direction they will take.
- That we recommend far more work is needed to ensure idealism is nurtured and we ALL support and work together to set goals that can be achieved with due regard to the National circumstances of each Member.
- That we abstain from voting on any item that we cannot meet.

Further with specific reference to attachments we provide comment in "red":

Attachment 1b

Must be noted that SV Judges releases to other countries income was 34.5k Euro for 2017.

Question to be asked Noting the income this fee generates can an explanation be given with regard to its purpose can it be reviewed as it does impose further cost in conducting shows were fewer and fewer exhibits are shown?



ACT GSDA



GSDA of WA



GSDCQ



GSDCSA



GSDCT



GSD League



GSDCV



N & HR GSDC

Attachment 5

“The expenses entailed for the assignments of the Continental Directors are to be covered by the affected WUSV member.”

Noting in our case the CD only represents 2 Members, we will only pay for expenses as incurred if the CD is invited to attend a GSDCA meeting.

Attachment 7

From the Preamble “The General Guidelines are an integral part of the WUSV Statutes and legally binding for all WUSV member organisations”.

Legally binding? We assume this relates to us complying with our obligations under the terms of membership. Noting WUSV is a subset of the SV it then must act according to EU laws and therefore how that impact's on us is not clear.

- *Question to be asked: What is the context of this statement and what is the penalty and/or our liability if we do not comply with all WUSV Statutes?*

Section 2 states:

“The member organizations of the WUSV:

- are responsible for the guidance, consultation and control of breeding as well as the keeping of a studbook and of a register for German Shepherd Dogs;

We cannot comply fully with this requirement – we do provide guidance and consultation but do not control breeding and/or the studbook. The ANKC registers all GSDs regardless of whether or not they are members of our Member Clubs.

The ANKC introduced controls with regard to breeding with animals under 18months of age, and with only animals that have HDED scores equivalent of our A & Z stamps for hips and elbows respectively.

to amend and change their regulations in accordance with the WUSV Statutes;”

- are responsible for the appropriate training, the appointment, further education, and activities of their respective breed wardens. The above mentioned is to be laid down in adequate regulations;
- are responsible for the verification of the expertise and training of their breeders, the examination of the breeding sites, and the control of proper keeping and raising of the dogs;
 - *We do not have this system in place however we can demonstrate and reach out to the membership that is provided nationally and via our Member Clubs education programs.*
 - *We promote the ideals of breeding only with GSDCA Breed Surveyed animals.*
 - *We conduct and report on Sires Progeny class at our National show,*
 - *We provide bi-annually HD/ED progeny data,*
 - *We provide education via Facebook, GSDCA Website, GSDCA Quarterly National Review, Member Club Websites and magazines, GSD demonstrations etc.*

Section 4 states:

3. Responsibilities of the WUSV Member Organizations:

- 3.1 The clubs are obliged to submit their national studbooks and the register once per year to the WUSV Secretariat General in Augsburg until July 01 of the following calendar year at the latest.
- 3.2 The clubs have to grant their members access to their studbook.
Again, as we do not control the studbook we cannot comply.
- 3.3 Inbreeding - The term inbreeding is – however – limited to the first five lines of ancestry. Inbreeding that is closer than 2–3 is not permitted. That applies for siblings as well.”
Question to be asked: Is line breeding 2-3 acceptable OR does 3-3 as stated in Harmonisation Program now apply?
- 3.6 Artificial Insemination - Semen collection for the purpose of artificial insemination, artificial insemination as such as well as cloning is not permitted. Puppies that were sired under those conditions may not be entered into the studbook or the annex of a WUSV member organization.”
We cannot comply. ANKC allow AI in Australia and again we note we do not control the studbook.

3.9 The requirement to obtain a license for a breeding site and for breeding are as follows: Certificate of Kennel Registration (FCI).

None of our breeders are, or will be FCI Registered.

3.10 Responsibilities of the Stud Dog Owners - The owners of the stud dogs are obliged to immediately report the **mating** to their member organizations and to keep the relevant documentation.”

We do not control the studbook and therefore have no control over stud dog owners, apart from those that are GSDCA Judges and/or Breed Surveyors, who must only breed with GSDCA Breed Surveyed animals in order to retain their status.

Section 5 – Admission for Breeding:

The following minimum requirements have to be met on the day of mating – etc etc. once again they state “No inbreeding closer than 2-3/3-2 (applies for dogs born on and after January 01, 2019)”.

See 3.3 above.

§ 5 – Admission for Breeding

- 1 Only healthy and mentally stable dogs with typical features of the breed shall be admitted and used for breeding.
- 2 The following minimum requirements have to be met on the day of mating:
 - a) The dog has to be registered in the national studbook;
 - b) No inbreeding closer than 2-3/3-2 (applies for dogs born on and after January 01, 2019);
See 3.3 above.
 - c) Both parent dogs obtained an SV/WUSV recognized HD/ED diagnostic showing the status *normal, almost normal or still admitted*;
 - d) Identification by microchip and/or tattoo, and explicitly DNA verified (procedure according to requirements of the founding association) – applicable for dogs born on or after January 01, 2021.
 - e) Compliance with the minimum requirements for health conditions as defined by the WSUV;
 - f) Compliance with the minimum age for males and females in terms of mating;
 - g) Successful passing of a character test and verification of breed disposition according to the stipulations of the SV (applicable for dogs born on or after January 01, 2019) or a working trial title according to the examination regulations, passed under the supervision of a WUSV recognized judge (IPO/IGP-ZTP, SV-ZAP, IPO/IGP 1-3, passed with at least 80 points in section C, HGH, RH2 in section B (IPO-R, -F, -FL, -T, -L or -W plus initial breed survey of the dog) or a comparable working trial as recognized by the WUSV;
Again our Working Test requirement falls well short of the requirement.
 - h) Successful presentation of the dog at a breed show supervised by a SV/ WUSV recognized judge with GOOD as a minimum evaluation.

Under exclusions from breeding:

“Dog with the following deficiencies do not qualify for breeding - Oversized or undersized dogs amounting to more than 1 cm (suspended until December 31, 2020)”.

This is a definitive statement that no dog over 1cm will be bred with post 31 December 2020.

Final Provisions:

“Infringements in terms of breeding and non-compliance with these General Guidelines can lead to a ban of the WUSV member organization or affiliated institutions. All decisions in this respect will be taken by the WUSV Board of Directors. These General Guidelines shall enter into force on January 01, 2019.”

Clarification to be sought, will Members be disaffiliated if they do not or cannot comply with any term regarding breeding and/or general compliance?

Attachment 8:

All WUSV member organizations shall hold breed shows, and issue and establish breed show regulations in their respective countries.

Noting our situation the best we could achieve in short term and following discussion had at NBC Meeting regarding the class structure and ideals of the our National Show is to put a case to the ANKC that sees the National formalised as per this structure. It must be noted that the gun test and in particular Working Class that would see animals requiring a working title as § 5 – Admission for Breeding would be a challenge to achieve. With regard to ALL our other shows, again we can IF the membership decided, put same to the Canine Controls. That we no longer want to conduct Championship Shows. Our position on this is, it could be an aspirational goal that could be achieved if our membership so decided.

We ask you please urgently **provide comment before 2nd September.**

Kindest regards,

Vince Tantaro

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