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Dear Delegates,

The Extra Ordinary Meeting of Delegates dates from 22.09.2016 and since then the Board has intensively exchanged ideas on its agenda and priorities and how to proceed on them.

As announced in my letter of 26.09.2016, priority will be given to the compliance of all Member Clubs to the IFR-Constitution.

For this a close cooperation with the Member Clubs will be necessary.

You will shortly, if not today then one of the following days, receive an e-mail with a link to a questionnaire that we will ask you to complete. The questionnaire will be made in an easy to complete format and we will appreciate a quick answer.

The board will follow up on this by making a synthesis of the information and, where needed with scientific support and possibly after also searching for your further input, work out suggestions / proposals that concern :

- the introduction of breeding-regulations and/or of minimal criteria that should be included in existing regulations, amongst others concerning the physical health of breeding dogs.
- the introduction of breed suitability tests and/or of minimal criteria that should be included in existing routines, amongst others concerning the mental health of breeding dogs but especially also their compliance to the breed's definition as a working dog.
- the introduction of assessments of social behaviour and the proposal of a universal IFR-assessment.
- the publication of a scientific (but understandable for all) brochure on basic genetics, genetic disorders and the negative implications (and remedies) of too long and too close in-breeding or line-breeding. An introductory guide for Club, Breedwarden and breeder.

- the preparation of the next meeting of Judges and Breed Wardens, these being preparatory for the next Meeting of Delegates.
- increasing Membership, in particular the renewal of Membership of the Clubs who were a member but have ended their membership.
- a proposal to interpret or adapt the Constitution and/or the existing IFR-regulations concerning the implications of more clubs of the same country being an IFR-Member (we await several such applications).
- a proposal to adapt the Membership Fee, so not only to bring it to proportion to the actual financial needs of the IFR but also to encourage and/or consolidate Membership.
- a proposal to adapt the Constitution so the Board would be empowered to investigate and if necessary, within the limits of the IFR being a Federation of Clubs, punish wrongful acts at the occasion of IFR-events.
- a proposal to adapt the regulations on the organization of the World Show to ensure its reputation and integrity.
- a proposal to adapt the regulations on the organization of the IPO World Championship in order to emphasize again that it is in the first place a team competition.
- the publication of our Magazine, in hard copy and in the future possibly in hard copy and/or in a digital version. Pricing proposals are sought.
- obtaining more revenue out of publicity (Magazine) so the price of the Magazine might be strongly reduced or we might even publish and distribute it for free and thus reach many more people.
- Taking up again the sale of the Pienkoss-books and a decision how to proceed with the remaining stock.

I can further assure you that a very good contact exists between the IFR-Board and the Allgemeiner Deutscher Rottweiler-Klub (ADRK) concerning a possible renewed Membership and that these informal talks will now be shortly followed by a formal meeting.

You will understand that the term that is left for this Board before the next Meeting of Delegates in may 2017 is short but we will do all we can to carry out the before mentioned – ambitious – agenda that is in fact far more many-sided than might be suspected at first sight.

Finally, last but not least : we find it of the utmost importance that the communication between Member Clubs and between the Clubs and the Board would increase in volume and content.

We are therefore investigating new manners of communication, incl. the possibility to use digital voting systems should the need arise. We will also redefine the use of

our website www.ifrottweilerfriends.org (you will shortly be invited to update the information on your club) and Facebook-page.

Recent communications have learned that while English will remain the language in which we will communicate, it is necessary to translate at least all official documents and decisions in the Spanish language.

For this, we would appreciate it if the Spanish speaking clubs would be willing to help by offering to translate. If this willingness exists, please let us know. I am sure this will help to improve communication and mutual understanding.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the IFR Executive Board,

D. Vandecasteele.

PS. Attached you will find again the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Delegates dd. 22.09.2016. The secretary of the Meeting pointed out that she made a typo in the text that was sent before.