

ISIC seminar in Norway: minutes

26-28 October 2012

Hurdalsjoen Hotel

Norway



Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation

Attending the seminar:

Norway

Liv Sydhagen
Marianne Myke
Lill-Hege Nygaard

Denmark

Svend Brandt Jensen
Kate Palmquist
Wilfred Olsen

Finland

Anne Vaskio
Katariina Jarkko

USA

Spike Williamson

Sweden

May Britt Sannerholt
Ami Rooth
Hans-Åke Sperne

Iceland

Gudrun R. Johansson
August Augustsson
Helge Andresdottir

Invited guests:

Thomas Maast (NIHK board and secretary for this year's ISIC seminar)
Hans Thollef Bergan (NIHK Webmaster and webpage advisor for ISIC)

4 countries were absent this year due to health and financial issues.

Seminar minutes:

Friday afternoon the first event was an open workshop for learning to use Lathunden.

Saturday morning, Liv Sydhagen, leader of NIHK welcomed ISIC to Norway. Marianne Myke from the board of NIHK welcomed the ISIC delegates with a special Norwegian gift. This was followed up by another special gift from Svend Brandt Jensen and IF.

Hans-Åke provided practical information and distributed the following reports:

”Report concerning the relation with the second ISD club in Holland” by Bernard Vortman

”The Icelandic Sheepdog in Iceland” by Helge Andresdottir

”Recommendation for the future use of the ISIC database” by Wilma Roem

ISIC delegates then turned their attention to the announced agenda.

Agenda 1. ISIC/Ex Chairman Gudrun R. Gudjohnsen from Iceland officially opened the seminar, welcoming us and reminding us that this is the 17th year of meetings which have always been held in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

Agenda 2. Katariina Jarkko was appointed Seminar Chairman this year and Thomas Maast was appointed Seminar Secretary.

Agenda 3. ISIC Executive report

Hans-Åke Sperne reviewed the report for the delegates.

Wilfred Olsen presented the new ISIC Homepage and Lottery. There was discussion about the drawing on the homepage which is taken from the official FCI drawing. Thanks were expressed for the important work for the new homepage done by Hans Thollef Bergan.

Agenda 4. Wilfred Olsen presented the ISIC Finances. Finances are good and have been approved by ISIC auditor Jan Erikson. Gudrun asks about the rules stating that the ISIC fund should have a representative from each club. Referred for further action to ISIC/Ex.

Agenda 5. Wilfred Olsen presented the new ISIC lottery. Planned start is February 2013 with drawing in 2014 at the World Dog Show in Finland. It is important that national clubs take this link into their homepages. NOTE: More prizes are requested, preferably unique things about Iceland/Icelandic sheepdogs.

Agenda 6. Lectures

Associate Professor Ragnar Thomassen from the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science presented a lecture on Artificial Insemination. His specialty for many years is horse and canine reproduction. He is also associated with NKK. His clinic specializes in AI.

Veterinarian Kristin Prestrud, Ph.D. and Veterinary Advisor for NKK, presented a lecture about Small Population Breeding.

Agenda 7. National club reports were presented with comment as follows:

Denmark: no further comments other than issues for the breeding committee.

Finland: no further comments other than issues for the breeding committee. Hans-Åke commented Finland's club report which tells of increased social activity and membership involvement, something all clubs need.

Iceland: noted that Iceland has implemented a change where profit or loss for shows now go to the national Icelandic club and not to the Icelandic kennel club.

Norway: expressed their own surprise by the reported decrease in the number of puppies registered in Norway. There is now a need to work for more breeders.

Sweden: a decrease in registrations is noted.

USA: no further comments.

Agenda 8 a/b. Announced Chairman Group and Breeding Group topics for the seminar were assigned to discussion by each of the two groups.

The topics assigned to the Breeding Group were discussed by the Breeding Group in their separate meeting (internal minutes only).

The agenda for the Chairman Group was then discussed in separate meeting of the Chairman Group as follows:

1. Register of participants approved.
Svend Brandt Jesnsen DK IF
Liv Sydhagen N NIHK
Katariina Jarkko F Islanninkoirut
Ami Roth S SIFK
Spike Williamson USA ISAA
Gudrun R. Gudjohnsen ISIS Chairman
Hans-Åke Sperne ISIC Secretary
Wilfred Olsen ISIC Treasurer
2. Presentation of ISIC/Ex activity report including balance sheet and profit and loss account for the previous year was accepted.
3. Presentation of the auditor's report was accepted.
4. Proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure were approved and accepted (revised Rules of Procedure mailed in same e-mail as Pdf-file).
5. According to the above approved changes to the RoP, Svend Brandt Jensen was elected as the fourth member of the ISIC/Ex.
6. Hans-Åke will ask Jan Erikson if he is available for reelection when his current term expires.
7. National club contributions to be paid for the following years were approved.
8. Presentation of an updated profit and loss account for the current year.
Wilfred presented the question of what ISIC/Ex can do when contributions are not paid. Spike will contact Switzerland regarding unpaid contributions.
Iceland will follow up the missing part of their contribution.

9. Presentation of ISIC/Ex planned activities for the next year and a cost estimate for these activities. Special thanks to Hans-Åke who opens his house for meetings of the ISIC/Ex, helping to reduce costs.

The separate meeting of the Chairman Group continued with the announced topics assigned to the Chairman Group.

After these two separate meetings of the Chairman Group and of the Breeding Group the groups returned to continue the joint ISIC seminar meeting.

Agenda item not included in the original agenda was then a lecture by Cecilia Persson on the subject of Herding and Herding Instinct Tests. After an interesting discussion on these subjects, Hans-Åke proposed that Cecilia Persson and Cathy Birnie be appointed by ISIC to study and recommend herding tests to be officially used by ISIC member clubs. The proposal was accepted.

Agenda 9. The following decisions were made regarding the announced topics.

1. ISIC/Ex – Adjustments to the texts in RoP about ownership of ISIC data, database and homepage gathered and created by ISIC. These were approved by ISIC/Ex and then presented to the ISIC seminar delegates.
2. Austria has formally applied to become full member of ISIC. Application is accepted.
3. Vdl JHN – information about the other club in the Netherlands. No action was taken at this point. This will be considered again on next year's agenda.
4. Vdl JHN – request to the clubs for a summary of every country's activities, especially directed to the not-breeding members. What do the clubs do for them with the goal to keep them as members? Spike suggests highlighting activities done during the year (camps, lectures, trainings, etc.) in all of next year's club reports. Accepted.
5. NIHK – Import/Export of puppies between countries. Judicial responsibilities. After a discussion ensued about the pitfalls and challenges of international selling and related regulations, the seminar recommended that national clubs should strongly emphasize the need for more knowledge and focus on these issues.
6. ISAA – What herding information was gathered from the countries? The herding information was received and thoroughly discussed during the lecture. Action committee of two (Cecilia Persson and Cathy Birnie) appointed by ISIC.
7. ISAA . What club and national regulations/ recommendations were gathered from the countries? ISIC seminar approved the Breeding Group's recommendation for the following change:

(Long version) ISIC recommends that dogs used inbreeding should have an official know HD status. The use of D and E hipped dogs is not recommended for breeding.

(Short-version) ISIC recommends that dogs used inbreeding should have an official know HD status.

May Britt will implement this change on the home page.

8. ISAA. Consider the distichiasis report and recommendations by Dr. Bernard Vortman and decide about what recommendations ISIC supports. ISIC recommends that ISIC/Ex on behalf of the ISIC seminar write to him requesting that he present his study for next year's ISIC meeting.

9. ISAA . Request the Global Dog Project be addressed at this seminar. Mail from Spike Williamsson July 14 2012. Only the Dutch club has answered. Further investigation, useful database platform? No action needed now.

10. ISAA –Immune-mediated Hemolytic Anemia (IMHA) was discussed by the Breeding Group.

11. ISAA – Request a revisiting subject of a seminar summary or minutes that can be posted to the ISIC or parent club websites so local club members can see an "official" seminar report rather than what comes from the attendees. Recommendation that an ISIC report available to all clubs for translation and use.

12. ISAA – Cryptorchidism. The clubs should try to find out more about the extent of this problem among Icelandic Sheepdogs.

13. Breeding Group added topic 13 – Teeth. Breeding Group proposes this for next year's seminar: The ideal is full scissors bite but we do not consider the lack of P1 as a problem.

14. Breeding Group added topic 14 – How many generations should be included in calculations? Breeding Group proposes for consideration next year: Lathunden uses 5 generations. Studies using other numbers of generations should indicate how many generations.

Agenda 10. Announcement of an ISIC/Ex chairman for 3 years. Based in decisions and changes made by the ISIC/Ex, Gudrun R. Johansson continues for the next two years.

Agenda 11. Next and future ISIC seminars. Sweden has volunteered for 2013 but requests a few months before a final decision, preliminary Denmark for 2014. Alternatively Sweden and Denmark exchange years and/or cooperate. Iceland is suggested as host in 2015. USA is scheduled as host during their anniversary year 2017. Spike presented a proposal for the seminar in the USA.

Agenda 12. Other issues

Gudrun suggests an extra ISIC/Ex meeting to discuss important issues surrounding the future of ISIC. This could be a relatively low-cost meeting since Hans-Åke and May Britt are willing to host the participants. Suggested date of 28 February or 01 March 2013. The suggestion was positively received by ISIC but must be subject to approval by the national clubs.

Agenda 13. End of the seminar

Gudrun expressed thanks to Liv and NIHK for this very excellently arranged seminar. The food was excellent, the place was beautiful and perfectly suited for our work. She also expressed thanks to Katariina and Thomas for leading and recording the seminar in a constructive way.