

## **WUSV Team Captains & Judges meeting**

**28 September, 2015**

**Lahti, Finland**

Herr Wolfgang Tauber, Vice President of the WUSV, and Head Judge of the WUSV 2015 World Championship, chaired the meeting. The WUSV President, Dr Messler, was not able to be in attendance.

### **Herr Dr Tauber**

Herr Tauber welcomed everyone and introduced the new General Secretary of the WUSV - Herr Hartmut Setecki. Herr Setecki is replacing Clemens Lux. Herr Tauber also introduced Frau Helga Seidel, WUSV Secretary.

Herr Tauber thanked the organising committee. He said that this World Championship was the best organised one ever. There were 190 volunteers working to make it happen.

Herr Tauber said there were only two problems that occurred at the championship – one was with Ukraine and the other was with Japan.

- 1) Ukraine – it became evident at the vet check that there was a problem with the rabies paperwork of 4 of the 5 dogs from the Ukraine. These dogs had to immediately leave the country.
- 2) Japan – There is a problem in that there are 3 organizations in Japan; and there was an argument at this championship's Team Captain's meeting as to which dogs should start. In future there must be one qualification trial for all Japanese world team candidates.

Herr Tauber went over the qualification requirements for WUSV World championship:

- The dog must have received an IPO3 title with a minimum of 250 points total; and a minimum of 80 points in each phase, at that country's qualification trial.
- The qualification trial must be done by the same dog and handler team as who competes in the WUSV
- From 2016 onwards dogs must have hip and elbow certification.

Herr Tauber said that we need more self-sure dogs in tracking. In the next years this will be emphasised more. i.e. self-sure dogs who present themselves without pressure and who enjoy searching.

### **Tracking Judge report – Josef Schallegruber (Austria)**

Herr Schallegruber thanked his tracklaying team. There were 10 tracklayers and 15 assistants.

He said it is important that we promote the dog who wants to search and not the one who **must** search. Not one that shows pressure. This will be promoted further in the next years. A self-confident dog who can solve problems on its own.

He judged 105 dogs and gave the following gradings:

22 failed; 21 Befriedigend; 33 Gut; 21 Sehr Gut; 8 Vorzuglich

### **Obedience Judge report – Gunther Diegel (Germany)**

Gunther Diegel said we must have balanced training. We cannot train only with love and rewards. We need pressure but it must be balanced, and at the end of our work it should not be possible to see pressure. When the dog has really understood what he must do, then he loves his work.

Gunther Diegel raised two issues in obedience for consideration/discussion.

- 1) Attention – what is attention to the handler? – not just staring at one part of the body (waiting for a toy) but real attention / communication with the handler.
- 2) Jumping – there are some problems in jumping – sometimes it is health issues, but also sometimes training issues.

Gunther Diegel awarded the following gradings:

8 V; 29 SG; 38 G; 19 B; 3 M (fail)

He said he does not give 69 or 68 points. Either the person has sufficient to pass or there should be a clear failing score.

### **Protection judge report – Josef Vonarburg (Switzerland)**

He said he was asked to judge just one week before the competition to step in for Pierre Wahlstrom.

He judged 109 dogs. He gave 8 Disqualifications.

Josef Vonarburg said the quality has improved steadily since he judged protection in 2008 and 2012. There was obvious development across all countries. And also in the female dogs – this is important for breeding. Dogs that work with unsureness have virtually disappeared. This used to be a problem with some of the newer countries, but this has essentially disappeared. Only one dog was insufficient.

The trial regulations emphasise obedience. We must also have this in protection. Now there is a high standard in protection obedience along with power. There has been lots of development in all countries, even where IPO is not so big. They have made great progress in the obedience/control part of protection.

#### *Discussion of helper disarming:*

At this year's world championship, the two helpers moved on their own without direction from the handler (during the disarming). The helper should operate under the direction of the handler. Although it was mentioned that there is the difficulty of different languages in communicating with the helpers at such a championship. And the same was done for all the competing dogs. In future it is good to talk to helpers regarding this. In future the next IPO regulations (maybe 2017) may address this aspect.

Other discussion regarding various positions on field. In a large competition may need to move the position of blinds and escape etc slightly due to the ground being cut up or turned soft/muddy. This was done at this competition but only once after a couple of days.

### **Future Championships**

**2016 WUSV World Championship.** It will be held in Meppen, Germany October 3-9.

Gunther Diegel will be head judge.

Tracking: Hans Graf (Switzerland)

Obedience: Haruo Masuda (Japan)

Protection: Toine Jonkers (Holland)

Schweikert is a sponsor.

Tracking will be 10 km from the stadium. It will be dirt with some light green growth. It will be communicated where it is not permissible to do practice tracking.

Agility will be at the world championship for the first time, on a separate field.

### **2017 WUSV World Championship**

Will be in Tilburg, Holland on 4-8 October.

### **2016 Universal Sieger Championship.**

Will also be in Germany 16-19 June. At Padeborn stadium

### **2016 FH World Championship**

End of March in Belgium.

Future WUSV FH championships: 2017 in Slovenia; 2018 in Austria.

The rules are on the WUSV homepage.

(The posted rules state that the championship will be conducted according to FCI IPO-FH regulations. This is the equivalent of two FH2 tracks done on consecutive days.

Each country may send up to two dogs. There will be a maximum of 40 dogs. In order to qualify for this championship the team must have successfully completed an FCI-IPO-FH (equivalent of two FH2 tracks on consecutive days) in the country that is nominating them.

### **Additional health requirements for WUSV Championships – 2016 onwards**

Herr Tauber added that there will be some changes for 2016 with regard to the basic vet/health check due to the Japanese dog this year. At the vet check all dogs will have to jump up on an 80cm high table.

For 2016 onwards all dogs must have hip & elbow certification which includes identification of dog (i.e. microchip /tattoo), for entry into any WUSV Championship.

Herr Tauber said that you can send x-rays to the SV for certification if a country does not have an x-ray scheme. He said on this and any issue please communicate with the WUSV and they will help.

### **Other**

Herr Tauber raised a suggestion for consideration for the Qualification Trial for the WUSV World Championship. He said it was just a suggestion. – that the qualification trial be conducted by SV or SV (Foreign) or WUSV judges. What will definitely NOT be accepted is any qualifications that are judged by judges from any dissident club.

Herr Tauber emphasised again that if there are any questions or problems, to please contact WUSV headquarters. We want to help countries make things better.

He finished by saying that we need to care about *how* we train our dogs. Not just the equipment, but overall.

Herr Tauber introduced the new SV Head Judge – Herr Wilfried Tautz.