



WUSB



Protocol Judgesmeeting WUSB 2019

Thursday 27th of June – 2.30 pm

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Rue d'Echternach
BERDORF - LUXEMBOURG

Judges present at the meeting:

B	Rita Breesch	F	Didier Basset
CZ	Milan Plundra	F	Celine Bottussi-Jocquel
DK	Carl Otto Mastrup	FIN	Taina Nygard
DK	Bent Brohus Christiansen	L	Marie Jose Melchior
DK	Ane Christiansen	NL	Dick Baars
D	Annegret Splinter	NL	Carla Dusseldorp
D	Lutz Wassman	NL	Cindy Kerssemeijer
D	Hans Wiebauer	NL	Mirjam Winkens
D	Erwin Brummel	NL	John Wauben
D	Johannes Mayer	SK	Martina Ellerová
E	Antonio Alenda Aracil	CH	Christine Wiederkehr-Widmer
E	Kari Augestad	USA	Paul Bodeving
F	Christian Tessier	USA	Karen Bodeving

Gasts:

Bianca Breyer (L) – Sandy Wirtz-Weler (L) – Raymond Jung (L) - Ann De Laet (B) - Ellen Wassman (D) - Helene Oberbacher (A) – Andrej Djomins (LT)

1. Wellcome to all the judges from our President.

First a few words about our big lost this year. We lost a very god friend and a member of the border:
Jean Prim

In many years he has been very committed in WUSB and in our breed. Even if he didn't have any saint anymore. And our thoughts go to Romy – his wife.

And then a minute silence for Jean Prim

2. Short informations about WUSB 2019

The President DB presents the people who has taken over from Jean Prim with all the arrangements of WUSB.. They have made a very big work – also with some extra tents and they have rented an extra piece of forest so the show people can stand in the shadow with their dogs.

They also asked the judges to look very short of the dogs in every class – and then send the dogs out in the shadow and only have one or two dogs in the ring at a time. There told, that there would be a very strict control from the public bodies and vets. because of the heat. So please: NO dogs in cars – no dogs standing in the sun – and no dogs in cages.

There is 164 dogs entered – (I can't remember how many long and shorthaired)

And there will be four rings and a lot of tents around the rings and at the place.

They have trayed to do everything and hope that everyone will have a nice day.

3. Protocol from 2018

Protocol from 2018 approved

4. News from the members:

Germany: AS told us a little more about their big project with epilepsy – and they are now so far, that they asked for blot samples from dogs who has epilepsy. And then they also want samples from the parents to the dog.

Holland is very interested in this project – they want us all to be honest and tell us all about it when we have some dogs with epilepsy. Holland has a very big problem with epilepsy – and they pointed, that we **shall not** point fingers at each other – we must help each other to solve the problem. That is the way to get out of problems – not silence!!!

USA: PB told about the resurge projects that they are supporting. Such as DCM, cancer, epilepsy

5. Wishes for the next Meeting:

DB proposes to prepare a presentation with CT about the Saint Bernard as working dog / mountain dog.

AS is not just asking for at Power Point, but also for dogs / examples.

PB gives the following suggestion. “Blind” judgment: The judge feels the dog and judges by what he feels.

6. Review and evaluation of the WUSB show 2018 – Italy

DB wants to look back at WUSB in Italy. He would like to thank the Italian club for a good organization. The judges for their commitment and for the fulfillment of the goals of the WUSB. It is not only a show every year – it is exhibition for breeding, our meetings and education of judges and breeders.

7. Lecture with discussion:

“Eyes and eyelids – The skull and its deviations from the standard”

Health affects the standard.

AS has a presentation about the eyes.

DB prepared a presentation of the skull and its current drifts.

1: *Presentation by Annegret Splinter:*

Eyes: Eye diseases in the St. Bernard according to a study in Dortmund.

A scientific chart and eye details will be presented.

Which diseases:

Entropion – ectropion – diamond eye (is both entropion and ectropion)

Diamond eye: the SB is not predestined.

Examples of good eyes are presented

Norm: Official text of the standard – Judges need to make sure they are judging the standard.

Discussion:

ME: The judge are not allowed to give an diagnosis – it is the job of the veterinarian. But the judge must be able to tell the handler that the dog needs to see a vet. Without to give a diagnosis.

HW: With these photos it is not possible to judge the eyes, in a lot of the examples it is impossible to see what is wrong.

JW: He would like to have an example of when to give excellent ore very good. Is it possible to make examples to inform new judges ??

The committee will consider publishing a booklet.

CW: the German club has an interesting brochure with pictures.

AA: Very important in the eye of a SB is the little wrinkle. SB is the only breed that has it. We must not lose that; we have to make sure we keep that up. It is typical of the breed.

COM speaks of the noble expression. The head of the dog makes up 20% of the body. The eye and the expression are very important, if we are honest, we want the diamond-shaped eye, but everything has to go together. The look, nobility, skull, eyes, everything must be together. The diamond shape may then be to much or too little.

Conclusion: The most important thing is the well, being of the dog – maintaining the typical shape of the eyelids, It is about the health and the wellbeing of the dog. Entropion and ectropion cause the dog pain. The dog should not suffer from sick eyes.

Brake !!

2: *Presentation by Didier Basset*

DB starts with a presentation of the head. The pictures of the presentations are only to illustrate the

mentioned points. No matter who the dog is – it doesn't matter. There are photos of long and shorthaired. DB notices a change in the skull of St. Bernard.

ATTENTION: if the bone structure changes, the dog changes.

Discussion:

HW: He don't mean that it is a problem. When you look at Barry in the museum, the difference is minimal.

What we see of faults: to round skull – ears set too low, weak or even missing frontal furrow. Then it is not a typical dog of the breed anymore.

AA: wants to know, how much missing pigmentation we can allow – what is acceptable??

The photos of the overtypes shows: no expression, no nobility, no frontal furrow. Everyone agrees.

PB: The photos are not the best quality to look at – it is difficult to see the details.

DB: So far we don't have any scientific studies on the disappearance of the frontal furrow, but we have to take care in the future in our breed. It is for the judges and the breeders to stop the wrong type development.

JW: The type of heads on these examples – we don't see them in the ring. And if they come – we can't give them excellent.

CB: disagrees – she has seen dogs with similar grate faults in the ring – and even champ dogs....

JW: suggested to send a presentation to FCI for publication. Then all judges can see, what is right and what is wrong. If we don't do it that way, nothing will happen. The Swiss club has trayed without result. But he thinks, that if it comes from WUSB – FCI will listen. Otherwise we will come back next year – and nothing has happen....

DB: means, that the frontal furrow is disappearing – and it is the judges who can stop it by not giving these dogs CAC and BOB.

JW: In FCI we have about 2700 judges for St. Bernard – today we are 50 judges. We need to inform the rest – how do we reach the 2650 other judges. With a website / presentation where it is clear how to judge a St. Bernard.

KA: She asked JW to help in achieving this goal. We all have to help with achieving this goal – it has to be published!

HW: points out how a small change can mean a big change. Color is not a big problem. It's the construction that can lead to health problems.

LW: We all love our SB. We see many dogs in the year. The WUSB meet once a year. We see the same thing every year, in 10 years it will always be the same. It may be useful to expand the WUSB website with photos of the WUSB winners, the good dogs, so that examples are available to all viewers. Not only the bade ones.

DB: Means that JW raised a very important point about the FCI. Tomorrow we will discuss it in the Delegate meeting – if we want to reach all the judges – we must do it with FCI – it is the only way. And without all this, the WUSB wont last very long.

JW: If the Swiss club accepts that we are doing a presentation and a website, there will be no problem getting recognition. We need help from the Swiss Club and the Swiss Kennel Club.

8. *Optionally:*

There was questions about Pigmentation:

We have to start with the words from our standard:

“Edge of lips black pigmented.”

“Eye rims completely pigmented.”

Faults:

“Incomplete or totally absent pigmentation on nose leather, around the nose, on the lips or the eyelids.”

LW: We are getting more and more and finely the lips are pink.

AS: We allow a little missing pigment in Germany (She expresses it in fingers.)

AC: We have to take starting point in the standard. You can't make your one rule. Special judges can't have some acceptable and some unacceptable unwritten rules.

JW: It is an interesting point for the next year in France. We can't judge every little detail of the dog. But he would like to know – on what basis should we give a dog excellent or VG. He would like to have a list – what is the most important details on the Saints ??

KA: Every judge has an idea why he gives an excellent or an VG – how he interprets the standard. But if something is missing – he can't give and excellent. And then an overall picture – it is a Saint Bernard. We must judge the hole dog.

AS: Excellent ore VG – there is an official text. We will have more information about this issue next year.

DB: For those who judges many breeds: We don't always know if we are judging the right type, as there is no information from the breeding clubs. The all-round judges can be mistaken about the characteristics of the breed and then only judges the movements.

CW: The judges are to generous with giving an excellent.

JW: Would like a list of the most important points according to our breed

AA: He would like us to cancel the Champion Class in WUSB Show

DB: We have to keep the FCI classes

All that has been discussing in this meeting has to be distributed in the member countries and discussed in the clubs and among judges.

Closure at 17 o'clock.

Paul Bodeving shows some pictures of American dogs – All participants are happy about the quality of the presented dogs.

2. Secretary

Ane Christiansen
Denmark