



Dear German Shepherd Enthusiasts and Dog Lovers,

Spring is here, and I'm sure we're all enjoying the warming sunshine, vibrant colours and days that are finally getting longer. The competition season is in full swing in the local and federal groups, and I wish you, dear sports enthusiasts, much joy and fun, as well as success in your work with your four-legged friends, regardless of the discipline you have chosen. Our club's extensive programme offers every opportunity for each human–dog team to discover what suits them best.

As I write this editorial, the spring meetings have just taken place online from 16 to 19 April. The SV Board meeting took place on Thursday, the Training Committee meeting on Friday, the Breeding Committee meeting on Saturday and the Administration and Finance Committee meeting on Sunday, all beginning at 9:00 am. The agendas were packed, and we met for between seven and eleven hours each day.

This was an incredible effort for everyone present, but I believe it was absolutely worthwhile. All the motions were discussed that will shortly appear on the agenda of the SV National Assembly, as were numerous other topics.

Some matters were decided on and set in motion immediately. For example, the SV Board has decided that agenda items for the SV National Assembly will be published in the members' area of the SV website in future. This means that every SV member will be able to stay up to date.

At its meeting on 19 April 2026, the Administration and Finance Committee resolved that the winners of the male and female dog categories in the SV Qualification Test for the WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL are eligible to participate in the National Champions' Test in the same year, without further qualification. They will not be counted towards the quota of their respective federal group. They must have passed the IGP3 test with an overall result of 'SG' and received a 'Pronounced' rating for TSB (drive, self-confidence and resilience) in protection service. This change will take effect immediately.

From 2027 onwards, a 'co-judge system' will be introduced in categories A, B and C at the BSP-IGP. The officiating judge will still make the assessment, but will work closely with a colleague. Details of this change and the other resolutions passed will follow shortly.

Personally, I was affected by the news from our SV Sport Representative, Björn Bröker, that he does not wish to continue in his role until the end of his term of office. I have always valued our collaboration. The SV Board is losing someone who has always stood by his convictions.

However, we must accept that we are volunteers and that the role of Sport Representative is wide-ranging and time-consuming. Although we still have a few weeks left to work together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Björn Bröker from the bottom of my heart.

We look back on 11 years of work together on the SV Board, and I hold him in very high regard, both personally and professionally. Björn, thank you for your tireless commitment and creativity in your areas of responsibility. I wish you all the very best for the future!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Dannenberg".

Ihre Roswitha Dannenberg
SV-WUSV-Präsidentin

