



Dear Readers,

As I write these lines, only a few hours have passed since the SV National Assembly.

A summary, which is by no means exhaustive, was published on the SV homepage immediately afterwards. You will now find complete information on the individual resolutions in this issue.

In my opinion, it was an excellent SV National Assembly, with some very good, and occasionally controversial, discussions. This kind of open exchange of views is necessary in order to see issues from different perspectives. Despite sometimes conflicting opinions, it was clear that the focus was always on finding solutions. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who devoted their energies to our club over the weekend.

We have a fantastic dog and are members of a wonderful association. Of course, there are always things that could be improved. But that is certainly the case for many areas of our lives. Let's stop trying to find fault with every little thing. Doing so just makes us grumpy, dissatisfied and unhappy. Moreover, it certainly doesn't do us any favours in terms of our public image. Instead, let's focus on the many great things that our club and community have to offer. Places where people enjoy doing things together and cultivate fair and friendly relationships make us all feel comfortable. Having fun: with each other and our four-legged friends.

If we listen to our hearts, isn't that what we all want? However, we also know that each of us has to contribute, especially when human affairs start to get in the way too much. Waiting around for the other person to change first won't work. Unlike in the past, many arguments are now played out online. This has taken our culture of disagreement to a whole new level. No one looks their counterpart in the eye when criticising them anymore. In many cases, it is also impossible to tell how accurate the statements are. Readers are quickly encouraged by sometimes provocative texts to leave an equally emotional comment, despite having no background knowledge. They then overlook the fact that the author has written somewhere in the text that their claims may not be true.

In the case of posts including false accusations that quickly spread around the globe, it is of no use if it subsequently turns out that the claims were false. The reputation of those who have been pilloried has already been severely damaged. The fact that these people have families who are also affected doesn't put the accusers off. When authors are too cowardly to publish under their own names and hide behind anonymous profiles, this may say something about their character, but it does not make things any easier for their targets. Recently, it has been observed time and again that officials in our club allow themselves to be drawn into commenting on such anonymous posts. I ask them to reconsider whether these platforms are the right place to express their opinions.

Our community is weakened immensely if we do not stick together. Let's think about how things are done in many families. We may speak frankly with each other, but we stick together when it comes to facing the outside world.

Many of us have known each other for years. We have spent a lot of time together at dog training. In fact, some of us have spent more time with our sports friends than with our own families. So in a way, we've become like a family ourselves. Let's try to put the community back at the forefront. Let's talk to each other instead of talking about each other. Ultimately, this will create the good atmosphere that we all desire.

With this in mind, I hope that we stick together as a community and realise that we can only get ahead by working together in the real world. And it's not just about getting ahead – it's about having fun, too! ;-)

Best wishes,  
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