



Statutes of the WUSV

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I. General Provisions

§ 1

Name, Domicile, Sphere of Business, and Fiscal Year

- (1) The Umbrella Association is registered under the name "Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhunde (WUSV), e.V." at the local registration court in Augsburg/ Germany.
- (2) The head office of the Umbrella Association is based in Augsburg/ Germany.
- (3) The Umbrella Association operates at a global scale.
- (4) The fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year.
- (5) The official languages of the WUSV are German, English.

§ 2

Neutrality

The Umbrella Association is ideologically and politically neutral.

§ 3

Purpose and Assignment

The purpose and assignment of the WUSV are based on the purpose and assignment of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. with headquarters in Augsburg/ Germany, as specified in §3 of the statute of the SV.

Thus, the WUSV supports the worldwide implementation of the statutory requirements of the founding association in terms of the worldwide controlling, monitoring, and promotion for breeding and training of the German Shepherd Dog as a working and service dog.

The activities of the WUSV are based on the standard defined for the German Shepherd Dog breed by the SV.

The WUSV is in charge of the international WUSV studbook for German Shepherd Dogs that shall be of global reach.

The purpose and assignment shall particularly comprise the following:

- a) Breeding of working and service dogs in accordance with the stipulations as defined in the breed standard of the founding club (SV);
- b) Preservation, safeguarding, and consolidation of the properties corresponding to the characteristics of the German Shepherd Dog breed, and the enhancement of its physical fitness and stamina;
- c) Support of scientific research for breeding and genetics, the

- d) corresponding treatment, and exchange of scientific issues, training, feeding, and dog keeping, and disease control;
- d) Support of sporting-, cultural- and physical activities of the members of the member organizations in terms of scheduled and systematic training of German Shepherd Dogs;
- e) Educational work and information campaigns for the breed, in particular in terms of the versatility the breed offers for work and service;
- f) Raising the interest of the general public for the German Shepherd Dog, as well as the breeding and training hereof;
- g) Support and information regarding issues such as breeding, training, rearing, and keeping.
- h) Joint sporting activities with dogs.

All activities must be carried out in compliance with animal welfare regulations, and in the spirit of appropriate animal husbandry and training.

§ 4

Responsibilities and Legal Foundation

- (1) The activities of the Umbrella Association are based on § 3 of the statute.
- (2) In addition to that, the WUSV controls its own business units based on the WUSV By-Laws the statute and regulations of the SV, unless specific regulations as issued by the WUSV will be provided for.

The applicable regulations are as follows:

- a) Regulations for Breed Surveys,
- b) Regulations for Breed Exhibitions
- c) Examination Regulations,
- d) Regulation for Judging Rules,
- e) Herding Regulations,

Those rules and regulations are on par with the statute.

Based on the breeding regulations of the SV, the WUSV issues international breeding regulations. Those are supposed to meet the different requirements in the countries affected, and at the same time to ensure a positive and general development of the breed in accordance with the objectives of the SV. Due to the crucial importance of this guideline competence the SV enjoys the right of veto in this respect.

- (3) The WUSV complies with its purpose and assignment stipulated in the statute as follows:

- a) Keeping and publication of an international studbook for German Shepherd Dogs (WUSV SB)
 - b) Issuing of a WUSV information bulletin
 - c) Monitoring of breeding activities, rearing, animal husbandry, and training of German Shepherd Dogs
 - d) Holding of events and competitions for breeding and training under the auspices of the WUSV
 - e) Holding of WUSV World Championships based on the examination rules of the SV which are to be hosted and organized by alternating member organizations on a yearly basis.
 - f) Implementation of procedures for the identification (of our animals) and for the monitoring of health-related issues in the breed.
 - g) Granting of awards
 - h) Education and training covering all fields within the framework of the association's activities
- (4) The WUSV member organizations comply with their responsibilities as stipulated in the statute as follows:
- a) Recognition of the breeding standard as defined by the SV under the name German Shepherd Dog;
 - b) Recognition of the studbook for German Shepherd Dogs (SZ) and the SV breed survey book as well as the WUSV studbook;
 - c) Monitoring of breeding, rearing, keeping, and training based on the regulations of the SV as well as the regulations of the WUSV;
 - d) Introduction and implementation of breed surveys based on the SV regulations for breed surveys;
 - e) Holding of breed shows based on the respective SV regulations;
 - f) Holding and support of training courses, both in-house and recognized external events, including herding activities;
 - g) Holding and support of youth activities, both in-house and recognized external events;
 - h) Training and approval of special judges and breed surveyors (*Körmeister*) in accordance with the SV judge regulations;
 - i) Establishment and implementation of a procedure for the identification of the dogs;
- Recognition of disciplinary measures as imposed by the WUSV
- (5) The cooperation with other cynological organizations operating at international level shall be covered and governed by means of cooperation contracts. The president of the WUSV is authorized by the WUSV Board of Directors to conclude such contracts.
 - (6) The WUSV can obtain partnership contracts with legal entities or companies provided that the contract terms are in compliance with the objectives of the WUSV. This includes government agencies and semi-public institutions, in particular authorities in the field of working- and service dogs, as well as research institutions, and agencies for animal welfare. The respective rights and responsibilities of the contract partners shall be defined in the contract. Partner organizations shall have no right to a seat in the General Assembly, no vote, and no right to submit proposals to that body.
- ## § 5 Non-Profit-Status
- The model statute as provided for by the fiscal authorities in terms of a non-profit status has to be incorporated on a word for word basis. The concept of "corporation" as used in the model statute shall be adopted provided that the term is meant to be synonymous for the WUSV.
- (1) The WUSV with headquarters in Augsburg exclusively pursues non-profit oriented purposes in terms of the section for "tax-deductible purposes" of the (German) fiscal code. Purpose of the corporation is the support of animal breeding and dog sports as well as animal welfare. The purpose of the statute is realized in particular through the implementation of the measures as listed under § 3 and § 12 of the statute.
 - (2) The corporation is of altruistic nature and does not primarily pursue economic interests.
 - (3) The resources of the corporation shall only be dedicated to purposes as stipulated in the statute. The members shall not be entitled to allocations from the funds of the corporation.
 - (4) No person may benefit from expenditures that are not related to the

purpose of the corporation or receive a disproportionate remuneration.

II. Membership

§ 6

Types of Membership

The following types of membership shall be feasible:

1. Junior Membership aimed at an approach towards the WUSV. A mentor to be appointed by the WUSV Board of Directors provides support and expertise.
2. Trial Membership for
 - a) Member organizations already holding the status of a Junior Membership that qualifies for an upgrade into a Trial Membership;
 - b) Associations that already feature a functioning infrastructure and activities that are expected to show a successful advancement within the WUSV. A Trial Membership can be subjected to further requirements imposed by the WUSV Board of Directors.
3. Full Membership

§ 7

Members

- (1) Within the WUSV the principle of *One Member Organization per Member Country* shall apply. Id est., only one organization from a particular country which is exclusively dedicated to the breeding and training of German Shepherd Dogs can be admitted for membership. This especially applies for associations and clubs that have already been recognized by their national cynological association. The statutes and regulations of the relevant Kennel Club do not conflict with a membership within the WUSV, unless those statutes and regulations are inconsistent with the statute and regulations of the WUSV. Membership within the WUSV is limited to non-profit organizations only.
- (2) In case that more than one German Shepherd Dog club is registered in a given country, and all of those clubs are members to the WUSV, they shall aspire for the foundation of a consortium. If the affected organizations show no willingness to form a union despite a warning and appropriate deadline issued by the WUSV, the General Assembly can request the foundation of a national umbrella organization for German

Shepherd Dog clubs in the respective country. The clubs affected are obliged to join that organization.

§ 8

Obtaining Membership

- (1) A mandatory requirement for admission to the WUSV is the presentation of a written application either in German or English at the WUSV head office. The proposing party shall recognize the WUSV statute and the respective regulations and present a brief overview of their activities and the framework of their organization. A processing fee shall be charged. The amount payable is determined by the WUSV Board of Directors.
- (2) The Secretariat General provides for the formal verification of the application. In order to obtain further information about the applicant the Board of Directors can send an SV judge to a given event scheduled by the applicant.
- (3) The General Assembly shall decide on the admission of an applicant organization. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the valid votes is required for admission.

Trial members shall comply with the following criteria:

- a minimum of 100 members
- a minimum of 4 events per year out of which at least one event must cover the field of breeding and one for training
- the reports on the events and the club's activities shall reflect upon a positive development within the organization

Full members shall comply with the following criteria:

- Minimum of 200 members
- Regular activities in terms of breeding and training
- A minimum of 4 events per year out of which at least one event must cover the field of breeding and one for training
- Compliance with specific requirements issued by the Board of Directors

- (4) Excluded from membership are the following parties:

- a) Natural persons,
- b) Kennel Clubs and associations covering all, or several breeds,
- c) Kennel Clubs and associations covering all or several breeds which are members to a

- cynological umbrella organization which is considered a competitor respectively in dissidence towards the umbrella organization recognized by the WUSV or the SV.
- d) Associations that are members of an organization that is neither recognized by the SV nor the WUSV.
- (5) Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors the admission of new member organizations can be temporal or subject to certain conditions. In case that the requirements imposed are not met, a prolongation of the membership or admission for indefinite membership shall only be permitted upon proposal by the Board of Directors.

§ 9

Termination of Membership

- (1) The membership within the WUSV expires as follows:
- Dissolution of the member organization,
 - Resignation,
 - Expulsion,
 - Cancellation from the members list,
 - Dissolution of the WUSV.
- (2) Upon legal effect of the termination of membership all membership rights expire. However, this does not affect obligations such as the payment of membership fees and the like.
- (3) Resignation from membership is only permitted at the end of the calendar year. Notice shall be given in written and by registered mail to be sent to the WUSV head office, and shall be received by September 30th at the latest. In case the deadline as mentioned above is not met, the membership and financial commitments shall continue throughout the next calendar year. A joint letter of resignation including several member organizations shall be considered void. The WUSV can accept a resignation from membership without compliance with a given deadline.
- (4) The expulsion of a member organization is subject to the provisions as detailed in § 26.
- (5) Member organizations can be cancelled from the members list if financial obligations in terms of membership fees or other commitments are not met in

compliance with § 10, paragraphs 5 and 6.

- (6) Member organizations can be cancelled from the members list by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors in case that the affected organization has failed to send a representative to attend the General Annual Meeting for three consecutive times, or if their organization demonstrably does no longer engage in activities, or if the minimum requirements in terms of the numbers of members is no longer met.

§ 10

Financing and Contribution Payment

- (1) The WUSV finances its business activities from income raised out of membership fees or other kinds of services provided.
- (2) The member organizations have to provide for annual membership fee payments. The annual fees of the individual member organizations shall be scaled as follows:
All member organizations (junior members, trial members, and full members) pay a basic rate to be defined by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors with a simple majority required.
In addition, every member organization pays a per capita contribution for each of their members, to be defined by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors with a simple majority required.
The contribution calculation is based on the number of members of the individual member organizations. The respective data shall be submitted to the WUSV head office by January 01 of each calendar year.
Junior members shall pay a fee as defined in the bylaws.
- (3) Contribution payments as detailed above shall be arranged for in advance no later than January 31st of that year.
- (4) In addition to the annual membership fee, member organizations shall pay a single admission fee. The amount hereof shall be defined by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors. In addition to the annual membership fee, new member organizations shall pay a single security deposit amounting to 520.00 €.

If necessary, an allocation payment can be defined by the Board of Directors, however the amount shall be limited to 300.00 €.

- (5) In case that the payment requirements are not met within the relevant deadlines, payments due shall be enforced by the head office, and the corresponding fees shall be added.
- (6) In case, that payment obligations are not met a reminder shall be issued under consideration of a deadline of six weeks. If the affected member organization fails to meet the new deadline for payment including the respective fees this is tantamount to a refusal of payment. The payment obligation remains effective. Outstanding receivables shall be collected by taking legal action. Place of jurisdiction and delivery is the registered office of the WUSV for all receivables in terms of contribution payments and other claims.

§ 11

Rights of Member Organizations

- (1) The member organizations have equal rights. Exceptions hereof are defined in the statutes. Member organizations shall not be entitled to any claims in terms of the umbrella association's assets. This also applies in case of the termination of membership in compliance with the above-mentioned stipulations. Exceptions hereof are defined in the statute.
- (2) Full members and trial members are entitled to attend the General Assembly, engage in the decision-making process, and submit proposals toward the assembly, unless precluded by other statutory provisions. Only full members are entitled to vote. Junior members are also entitled to attend the General Assembly; however, those members have no rights to vote or submit proposals.
- (3) Every member to the General Assembly is entitled to submit proposals for offices, and may be elected to any office within the WUSV provided that the statute includes no impediment.
- (4) All member organizations are entitled to use all facilities and bodies as created by the WUSV.

§ 12

Duties of Member Organizations

- (1) The member organizations are to comply with the commitments below:
 - 1. Recognition of, and compliance with the statute, the regulations, and implementation rules (valid version) as well as decisions and resolutions of the WUSV bodies;
 - 2. Punctual payment of dues;
 - 3. Reporting of changes such as address and board of directors to the WUSV head office;
 - 4. Complaints and accusations against other members shall only be addressed in a spirit of camaraderie, and never outside the WUSV, and only be communicated toward the Board of Directors or within the General Assembly.
 - 5. All member organizations of the WUSV are obliged to serve all friends and aficionados of the German Shepherd Dog within their national sphere of activities, and to allow them to benefit from the potential and activities of their organization.
In case of two or more WUSV member organizations within one country, each organization is obliged to admit members of the respective other organizations in this country to their events, unless the member in question is subject to a suspension procedure.
 - 6. This also implies the representation of the interests of the friends of the German Shepherd Dog within the framework of the WUSV as well as their respective national cynological organization.
 - 7. Member organizations of the WUSV are obliged to provide a WUSV observer with all information and support required to comply with their assignment.
 - 8. Ideally, the WUSV member organizations shall recognize the results of examinations, breeding valuations, certificates, and/ or breed surveys as issued by the other member organizations.
 - 9. Member organizations may not join any organization dissident toward the SV or the WUSV, and/ or an organization otherwise not recognized.

III. Organs of the Umbrella Association and Duties

§ 13

Organs of the Umbrella Association

The organs of the Umbrella Association are as follows:

1. The General Assembly;
2. The Board of Directors;
3. The Secretary General

§ 14

General Assembly

- (1) The WUSV General Assembly Meeting shall be held on an annual basis. The assembly shall take place at the same venue and period of time as the BSZ Conformation Show of the SV is supposed to be held.
- (2) The General Assembly is an assembly of delegates, and is composed as follows:
 - a) The members with voting rights,
 - aa) The Board of Directors,
 - ab) the Presidents, respectively Chairpersons of the member organizations, or their Deputies, who have to also be a member of the board of the given organization.
 - b) The members without voting right,
 - ba) The Secretary General,
 - bb) The Auditors, provided that they are not members to the assembly according to paragraph 2, lit. ab),
 - bc) The delegates of the trial- and junior members, who have to be board members of their respective clubs.
- (3) Renowned personalities from public life and science as well as representatives from affiliated organizations and associations may attend the meeting upon invitation of the Board of Directors and also deliver presentations and greetings.
- (4) The chair of the meeting shall decide about the attendance of guests.

§ 15

Purpose and Responsibilities of the General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly is responsible for all issues related and tasks assigned to the WUSV.
- (2) The General Assembly is in particular responsible for the following issues:
 - a) Acceptance of the activity report of the Secretary General;
 - b) Verification of accounting, cash balance and inventories;
 - c) Discharge of the Board of Directors;
 - d) Approval of the business plan provided by the Board of Directors;
 - e) Approval and amendment of the statute and regulations;
 - f) Disposition with respect to assets of special importance;
 - g) Election of the Board Members;
 - h) Election of two Auditors, and two deputy Auditors;
 - i) Impeachment of board members on significant grounds;
 - j) Approval of new member organizations according to § 8, paragraph (2);
 - k) Disciplinary measures according to § 26 paragraph 6;
 - l) All other issues of significant importance to the WUSV.
- (3) The expenses of the General Assembly shall be covered as follows:
 - a) The expenses incurred for the board of directors, the secretary general, and the auditors as well as the head office staff shall be covered by the WUSV in accordance with the bylaws. The expenses shall only be covered on the premises that the above mentioned are not at the same time delegates to their member organizations.
 - b) The expenses incurred for the delegates shall be covered by their respective member organizations.

§ 16

Convocation of the General Assembly

- (1) The Board of Directors convenes the meeting in written form with a six-week notification period to be accompanied by the agenda. The calculation of the deadline is subject to the post mark.
- (2) Proposals shall be submitted to the head office by March 10th of the calendar year at the latest and shall be duly substantiated.
- (3) Proposals may be submitted by the delegates of the General Assembly according to § 14, paragraph (2) lit. a) and ba).
- (4) Emergency motions may be submitted by the delegates of the General Assembly with voting power until the beginning of the meeting and in written according to § 14, paragraph (2) lit. a), provided that no statutory amendments are concerned. The same applies for the WUSV Board of Directors, also on the premises that no statutory amendments are concerned.
- (5) Proposals of the same content can be submitted again at the earliest after the expiration of three years for admission to the WUSV General Annual Assembly agenda.

§ 17

Voting and Quorum of the General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the president or his or her deputy according to the WUSV by-laws.
- (2) The meeting is quorate provided that at least one fifth of all members entitled to vote are present.
- (3) The discussion of the agenda shall be audio recorded. The records have to be kept until the expiry date of the objection period of the minutes of the meeting. In case of objections the audio records shall be kept until the next General Assembly and shall be made available to the delegates and the Board of Directors in case of doubt.
- (4) The minutes of the meeting shall be based on the WUSV by-laws.
- (5) Full members basically have one vote. In addition, each of these member organizations have one extra vote per 1,000 members which is based on the

total number of members reported on January 01 of the current calendar year.

- (6) As far as amendments of the statute and regulations according to § 15 (2), e) are concerned, and with respect to asset related issues of significant importance, the SV enjoys the right of veto in its capacity of the founding organization.

§ 18

Additional Convocation of the General Assembly

- (1) The convocation of additional General Assemblies in terms of § 14 by the Board of Directors is possible if required. In case that the member organizations request the convocation of an additional General Assembly, the Board of Directors is entitled to add further items to the agenda.
- (2) Otherwise, a General Assembly shall only be convened if required for significant reasons, such as elections or amendments of the statute.
- (3) For the composition, convocation, agenda, and execution §§ 14 to 17 of the statute shall apply accordingly.

§ 19

Board of Directors

- (1) Composition of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors consists of four members:
 - a) the President,
 - b) the Vice President
 - c) two more members
- (2) The WUSV shall be represented by the Board of Directors.
- (3) The four board members shall serve as the legal representatives in accordance with § 26 BGB (German Civil Code). Two Board Members at a time serve as legal representatives.
- (4) The Board of Directors can establish its own rules of procedure.
- (5) In case, that the President is not available he or she shall be represented by the vice president:
- (6) In the event of parity of vote, the president shall have the casting vote.

§ 20

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the WUSV as well as all tasks that have not explicitly been assigned to other organs.
- (2) The Board of Directors is in particular responsible for the following:
 - a) Representation of the WUSV in all legal aspects and other issues of importance,
 - b) Monitoring of the performance and business processing at the head office as well as the definition of the WUSV by-laws,
 - c) The portfolio management of the association,
 - d) On a case-by-case basis the Board of Directors may manage an amount up to 50,000.00 €. Higher amounts require the approval of the General Assembly. Exceptions are as follows:
The payment of administrative expenses, all items as listed in the business plan as well as support of events.
 - e) Handling of issues such as breeding, training, breed surveys, exhibitions and examinations.
 - f) Assignment of WUSV observers on the occasion of national and/ or international events scheduled by the member organizations in the field of show, breed survey and/ or examinations. The special tasks of the WUSV observers shall be defined by the WUSV Board of Directors and are to be published.

§ 21

Election and Term of Office of the Board of Directors

- (1) The president of the WUSV is also the president of the SV. Optionally, the SV can assign another member of the SV Board of Directors for that office.
- (2) According to § 19, paragraph 1, lit. b), the board members shall be elected by the General Assembly from among the member organizations of the WUSV.
- (3) According to § 19, paragraph 1, lit. b), the election of the board members shall be held on the occasion of the General Assembly during their last year in office for a period of four years, reelection is possible. The Board of Directors shall remain in office until the new elections are held.

- (4) In case that a board member resigns from office during his or her current term, a by-election shall be held on the occasion of the next General Assembly until the expiration of the statutory term of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is entitled to appoint a provisional board member from among the members with voting rights as a replacement for the retired board member.

§ 22

Board Meetings and Resolutions

- (1) The Board of Directors takes its decisions during their meetings to be convened by the President, or in case the President is not available by at least two board members. The meetings shall be convened with a two week notification, specifying the items of the agenda.
- (2) The Board of Directors is quorate if more than half of the number of board members is present. Resolutions are passed by a majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of parity of vote, the chairman shall have the casting vote. In case of his or her absence his or her deputy shall have the casting vote.
- (3) The Board of Directors can take decisions in written form outside the meetings provided that no board member disagrees with this procedure.

§ 23

Management, Headquarters

- (1) The head office of the WUSV shall be registered at the same domicile as the SV.
The general manager of the SV shall also be the secretary general of the WUSV, in case that he or she is not available his or her deputy shall hold the office. The management shall be carried out in compliance with the statute, the resolutions passed at the General Assembly, and the decisions taken by the Board of Directors.
- (2) The WUSV shall cover the expenses for services as provided by their personnel, and the staff members employed by the SV.
- (3) The secretary general is responsible for the processing of all business transactions, the implementation of resolutions, regulatory statutes, as well as the publication of decisions and communications. He represents the Board of Directors in court and out of

court and is appointed special representative in accordance with § 30 BGB (German Civil Code). He shall proceed in close cooperation with the Board of Directors. The secretary general can be entrusted with further tasks and responsibilities.

- (4) The secretary general attends all board meetings, and the General Assembly in an advisory function.

§ 24

Financial Reporting and Auditing

- (1) The head office is responsible for all regular financial transactions. The head office is bound to the statute, the instructions and decisions of the Board of Directors, and General Assembly.
- (2) In cooperation with the Board of Directors, the head office shall provide for the annual financial statement in terms of the year-end closing.
- (3) At the end of the financial year, but no longer than three months after that date, the annual financial statement shall be issued. The annual statement shall be verified by a certified public accountant. The certified public accountant shall provide for a report covering the annual financial statement, the revenues, and the expenses as well as the assets of the association. Also, the main items shall be detailed. The document shall be endorsed by the auditor's mark of approval. The annotation shall include information such as complaints or confirm orderly accounting. Based on this review, the two Auditors elected by the General Assembly have to provide their statements of either approval or disapproval in terms of the expenses and use of the revenues.
- (4) The Board of Directors shall submit the annual financial statement in terms of the consolidated balance sheet, and profit- and loss account provided with the annotation issued by the public certified accountant to the General Assembly and provide their comment. By the same token, the Board of Directors shall report on the state of assets and property of the association.
- (5) The approval of the annual financial statement is within the scope of responsibilities of the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall elect the certified public accountant for the current financial year. The Auditors shall be elected for a period of four years, and have to be elected from

among the General Assembly. The Board of Directors has no vote in terms of the certified public accountant and the auditors.

§ 25

WUSV Continental Directors

The Continental Directors are appointed and dismissed by the WUSV Board of Directors. The Continental Directors responsibilities are the collection of annual reports, the documentation hereof, and subsequently make the documents available to the WUSV Secretariat General. The office holders have to inform the WUSV Board of Directors of anomalies and possibilities for improvement. They support the implementation of the provisions and guidelines of the WUSV Board of Directors and of the WUSV General Annual Assembly. The Continental Directors are appointed for the clarification and mediation of individual items and issues in the WUSV member countries on behalf of the WUSV Board of Directors and the WUSV Secretariat-General.

The expenses entailed for the assignments of the Continental Directors are to be covered by the affected WUSV member countries. The first contact point for the WUSV member countries is always the WUSV Secretariat-General. From there all relevant documents are passed on to the WUSV Board of Directors who decide about future action to be taken, and if considered appropriate commissions the responsible Continental Director accordingly.

The Senior Consultant is responsible for the coordination of the respective assignments. A meeting of the Continental Directors shall be scheduled on an annual basis. The travelling expenses in this respect are to be covered by the Continental Directors themselves.

If required, the WUSV Board of Directors shall assign the Continental Directors with additional tasks. The WUSV travel expenses regulations shall apply in this respect.

The Continental Directors shall attend at least on meeting per year on a mandatory basis – this meeting shall be scheduled preferably on the occasion respectively margins of the BSZ Conformation Show.

IV. Jurisdiction of the Umbrella Association

§ 26

Disciplinary Measures, of Membership

- (1) In order to guarantee the achievements of their objectives, and to maintain internal and external order, the WUSV imposes measures toward its member organizations which deliberately violate or counteract the statute, regulations, and purposes of the association.
- (2) If member organizations intentionally violate the regulations and purpose of the WUSV, in the first instance the Board of Directors is entitled to take regulatory measures, such as:
 - a) Warning notices together with the request to bring the infringement to an immediate end within a period as specified by the Board of Directors;
 - b) Warning notices together with the request to bring the infringement to an immediate end under the threat of a suspension of the membership rights in case that the infringement is not stopped within a period as specified by the Board of Directors.
 - c) Imposition of a preliminary suspension of the membership rights in case that the infringement was not stopped within a period as specified by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors can decide upon the measures as mentioned above individually and independently of each other. The board is neither bound to a certain order respectively chronology. The board is not obliged to impose all of the measures before a resolution is taken by the General Assembly.

- (3) The Board of Directors has to report about the regulatory measures imposed on the occasion of the next meeting.
- (4) In case that the measures initiated by the Board of Directors do not contribute to an improvement of the situation, the implementation of further measures needs to be decided upon by the General Assembly based on a respective proposal submitted by either a member organization or the Board of Directors. Any such request must be substantiated.
- (5) The measures available are as follows:
 - a) Reprimand, and threat of withdrawal of membership to be

decided by a single majority of the General Assembly.

- b) Temporary withdrawal of membership to be decided by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes of the General Assembly.
 - c.) Permanent withdrawal of membership to be decided by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes of the General Assembly.
- (6) Before the decision can be taken the member-organization affected has a right to a fair hearing with a deadline of six weeks. A respective statement shall be submitted to the General Assembly before the resolution is taken. Oral statements on the occasion of the General Assembly are possible.
 - (7) Decisions taken by the General Assembly according to § 26, paragraph 4, are non-appealable.

V. Other Provisions

§ 27

Minutes of Meetings

- (1) The General Assemblies shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall include the date, the names of the participants, the subjects discussed in chronological order, the verbatim record of the decisions taken, and the respective result.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting are to be signed by the chair of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes. Copies of the minutes must be delivered to the participants within four weeks' time.
- (3) The minutes of the meetings shall be deemed to have been approved of by the General Assembly if no objections have been raised within a fortnight of the respective meeting.
- (4) Obvious mistakes that require correction are to be reported at short notice to the chairperson of the meeting.

§ 28

Offices, Reimbursement of Expenses, Liability, Salaries of Employees

- (1) All offices within the WUSV shall be honorary offices.
- (2) Expenses related to the voluntary activity shall be reimbursed.
- (3) The liability of officials and their respective agents acting on behalf of the WUSV shall be limited to damages caused by deliberate and unlawful action, and by intentional action to the disadvantage of the injured party. Officials and their respective agents qualify for reimbursement of liability claims by third parties, unless the official or their respective agents deliberately violate a criminal law, or intentionally act to the disadvantage of the injured party.
- (4) Members of the Board of Directors qualify for appropriate reimbursement based on the regulations for reimbursement of board members of the SV.
- (5) The amounts of the salaries of the employees of the Umbrella Association, and the reimbursement payments shall be defined by the Board of Directors.

§ 29

Amendments of Statutes and Regulations

- (1) Changes and amendments to the statutes and regulations require a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members to the General Assembly. Resolutions are to be taken on the occasion of the General Assembly. **The founding association SV enjoys the right of veto.** The general manager of the SV is to be informed about intended changes to the statute. If the information is passed on in a timely fashion that allows the Federal Assembly of the SV to address the subject before the next General Assembly of the WUSV, the power of veto shall be exercised on the occasion of the next General Assembly at the latest. If the information is not passed on in a timely fashion that allows the SV Federal Assembly to address the subject before the next WUSV General Assembly, the SV has to exercise its power of veto one month after the SV Federal Assembly following the last WUSV General Assembly at the latest possible date. A written vote is not admissible.
- (2) Changes and amendments to the statute take legal effect upon entry into

the official registry of the registration court.

- (3) Changes and amendments to the regulations that are an integral part of the statute, or of an equivalent effect, shall become legally effective upon the decision taken by the General Assembly.
- (4) The statute and regulations of the SV that are an integral part to this statute, or of an equivalent effect, cannot be changed by the decisions and resolutions taken by the General Assembly. These changes and amendments are subject to the decision-making procedure of the Federal Assembly of the SV and shall take legal effect in terms of the WUSV upon registration with the registration court.
- (5) Changes and amendments to the purpose of the umbrella association require a four-fifths majority of the valid votes of the General Assembly.

§ 30

Dissolution of the Umbrella Organization

- (1) A dissolution of the umbrella association may only be resolved upon a General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose. The General Assembly must be called at least three months prior to the scheduled date of the meeting and requires the presence of at least two-thirds of the members to the General Assembly. If the assembly has no quorum, a new assembly shall be convened no later than six months after the last assembly. The additional assembly shall be held no less than four months, and no later than twelve months after the previous assembly.
- (2) This re-convened assembly has quorum regardless of the present number of members to the General Assembly. This needs to be specifically pointed out in the invitation letter.
- (3) Prior to the General Assembly, consultations and resolutions of all Member Organizations shall be carried out.
- (4) The General Assembly shall resolve the dissolution with a two-thirds majority of all valid votes.
- (5) Upon dissolution or annulment of the corporation, or upon discontinuation of tax advantages and perks, the assets of the corporation shall be transferred to a public institution of the Federal Republic of Germany to be used directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent,

and religious purposes, preferably
dedicated to purposes that serve and

support the field of animal welfare,
animal husbandry, and dog sports.

Resolved on the occasion of the WUSV General Assembly on April 15th, 2023.

The changed stipulations and rules of the statute of the WUSV comply with the resolution taken on April 15th, 2023. The same applies for the unchanged rules as submitted to the registration court on the occasion of the previous registration, and all other previously decided change.

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