IFSS General Assembly 2020

On-line meeting, March 15th, 2021

Minutes

1. Opening of the meeting, 10.05 a.m. (CET UTC +1) Monday March 15th, 2021

Meeting is declared open. IFSS President Helen Lundberg welcomed the delegates to the postponed 2020 General Assembly. Because of the Corona pandemic the GA is held On-line with the aid of Easymeet.

A welcome speech to all the delegates by AIMS President Stephan Fox was shown via a video link.

Rules of conduct were presented for the On-line meeting.

- Keep discussions short, first post on each subject; max 2 min, thereafter max 1 min.
- Voting
  - Silent approval – if you are against press “Speaker request”.
  - On-line Voting – Click the alternative you prefer.
    - You can see the votes as they are done.
    - Only the total results will be presented in the minutes.

2. Statement of legality and quorum.

Legality

The call for and procedures for the General Assembly has been done according to IFSS By Laws.

Quorum

The GA is held On-line and the votes are counted automatically. The quorum is therefore calculated for each specific vote.

The total number of registered votes to the GA was 76.

List of Members and Council	Votes at GA	Vote by Proxy	Member type
President Helen Lundberg	1		IFSS Council
VP Sport Eeva Äijälä	1		IFSS Council
VP Development Mari Hoe Raitto	1	Proxy	IFSS Council
VP Economy Morten Sørensen	1		IFSS Council
Continental Directors:			
Africa – vacant	-		IFSS Council
Asia – Jay Kim	1	Proxy	IFSS Council
Europe – Bengt Pontén	1		IFSS Council
Latin America – Konrad Jakob	1	Proxy	
North America – vacant	-		IFSS Council

Oceania – Ray Holliday	1		IFSS Council
Athletes Delegate – vacant	-		IFSS Council
ANDORRA	-		Provisional Member
ARGENTINA	1		National Federation
AUSTRALIA	2		National Federation
AUSTRIA	-		National Federation
BELARUS	-		Provisional Member
BELGIUM	1		National Federation
BRAZIL	-		Provisional Member
CANADA	-		National Federation
CHILE	1		Provisional Member
CZECH. REP	2		National Federation
DENMARK	-		National Federation
ESDRA	-		Honorary Member
ESTONIA	-		Provisional Member
FIDASC	-		Associate member
FINLAND	5		National Federation
FRANCE	5		National Federation
GERMANY	5		National Federation
GREAT BRITAIN	5		National Federation
HUNGARY	1		National Federation
ICELAND	-		Provisional Member
IRELAND	-		National Federation
ISDRA	-		Honorary Member
ISDVMA	-		Associate Member
ITALY	2		National Federation
KAZAKHSTAN	-		Provisional Member
KOREA	2	Proxy	National Federation
LATVIA	1		National Federation
LITHUANIA	1		National Federation
MEXICO	1		National Federation
MONGOLIA	-		Provisional Member
NETHERLANDS	1		National Federation
NEW ZEALAND	1	Proxy	National Federation
NORWAY	5		National Federation
POLAND	5		National Federation
PRIDE	-		Associate Member
RUSSIA	2		National Federation
SLOVAKIA	1		National Federation
SLOVENIA	-		Provisional Member

SPAIN	4		National Federation
SWEDEN	5		National Federation
SWITZERLAND	4		National Federation
UKRAINE	-		Provisional Member
USA	5		National Federation
WSA	-		Associate Member

3. Approval of the agenda.

A corrected Agenda had been sent out to all delegates by March 14th adding Motion #9 under item 13. This was just a spelling error since Motion #9 had been submitted in due time.

Item nr 19 was changed to "Claims filed against IFSS Council".

The agenda was approved.

4. Election, if necessary, of the chairperson and secretary of the meeting in session.

In accordance with IFSS By Laws President Helen Lundberg is chairperson for the meeting.

Elected secretary for the meeting – Bengt Pontén.

5. Election of one steward and two scrutineers, chosen from amongst the attendees who are not nominated for any Office. They will be in charge of all operations in connection with the elections and the counting of votes in any respect.

Since the voting is made on-line and the results calculated automatically, no elections were done.

6. Election of two inspectors of the minutes.

Nominated: Matt Hammersley, Alain Hauert, Jim Cunningham, Stefano Brustia

Elected inspectors of the minutes – Matt Hammersley and Alain Hauert.

Option	Number of votes
Matt	61
Alain	29
Jim	18
Stefano	14

Delegated with voting rights: 23 | Voted: 22 | Blank votes: 0

7. Approval of the Annual Report of the Council.

All reports had been distributed by e-mail before the GA and according to the IFSS By Laws no documents were read at the meeting.

The Annual Report of the Council was approved.

8. Approval of the Annual Reports of the Offices of the Council.

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a) Executive Board - **approved**

b) Continental Directors - **approved**

c) Executive Director – **not submitted**

9. Approval of reports from commissions and review of reports from committees.

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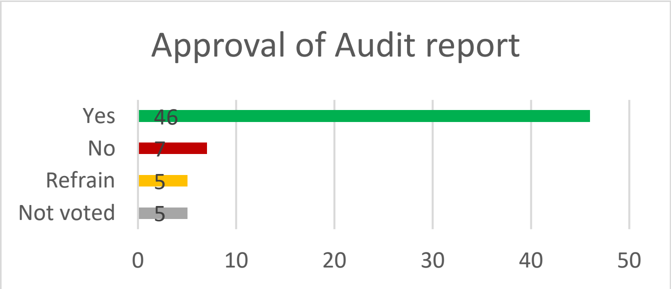
a) Nominating Commission – **approved**
b) Athletes Commission – **not submitted**
c) Legal Commission – **not submitted**
d) Disciplinary Committee – **included in the executive board report**
e) Anti-doping Committee – **not submitted**
f) World Cup/Accreditation Committee – **approved**
g) Race Judge and Race Regulation Committee – **approved**
h) Sports discipline development committee – **not submitted**
i) Animal Health and Welfare Committee – **not submitted**
j) 1-2 Dog Committee – **not submitted**
k) Inclusive Global Access Committee – **not submitted**
l) Youth Committee – **not submitted**
m) Nordic Breed Committee – **approved**
n) Membership Committee – **approved**
o) Alternative Dog Sport and Disciplines (Research) Committee – **approved**

10. Approval of Audit reports for the previous fiscal years since the last approved Audit Report.

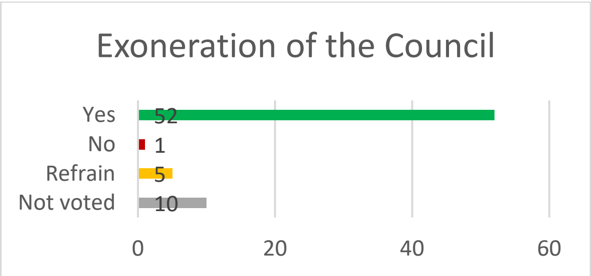
Internal and external audit reports and cash reports were distributed before the GA.

The audit reports were approved.



11. Exoneration of the Council upon approval of the Audit Reports.

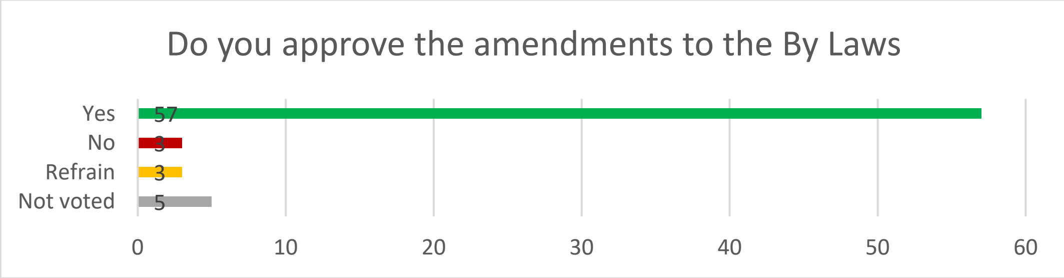
The GA exonerated the Council for the period 2018-2020.



12. Ratifying of Amendments to the By Laws, provided that the motions for said amendments have been presented in due time.

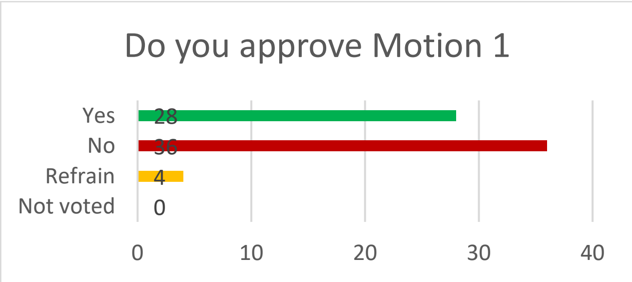
a) **Ratifying of Amendments to the By Laws – see annex.**

The amendments were ratified.



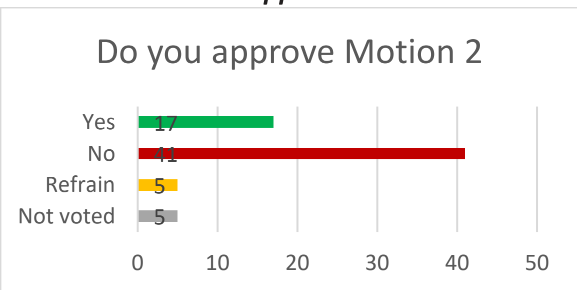
b) **Motion #1 Latvia - change in IFSS bylaws to remove council voting power.**

The motion was not approved.



c) **Motion #2 Latvia - Legal committee to have a Belgian law expert.**

The motion was not approved.

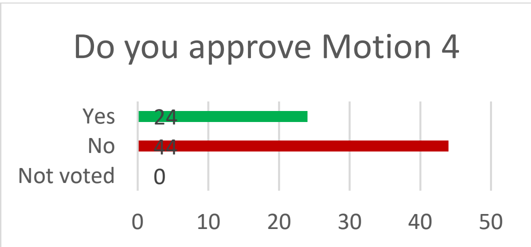


d) **Motion #3 Latvia - Council motions to be prepared at least 1 month before members have to submit motions.**

The motion was withdrawn.

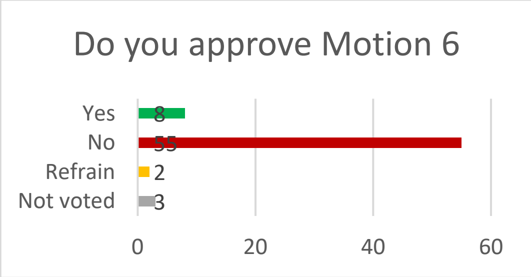
e) **Motion #4 Latvia - Budget.**

The motion was not approved.



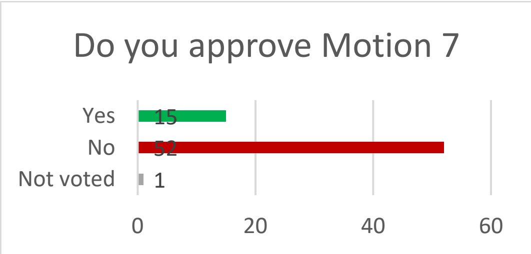
f) Motion #6 Latvia - Change of allocated votes.

The motion was not approved.



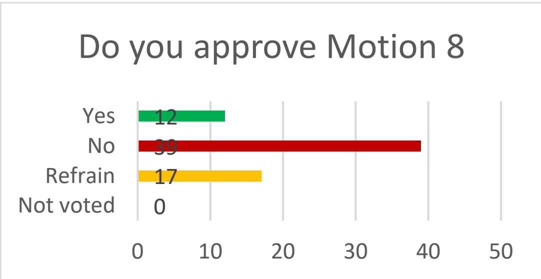
g) Motion #7 Latvia - Communication.

The motion was not approved.



h) Motion #8 Latvia - Audit.

The motion was not approved.

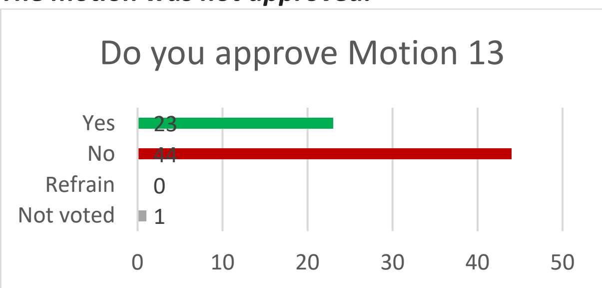


i) Motion #12 Norway - Audit approval yearly by the Members.

The motion was withdrawn.

j) Motion #13 Norway - Membership fee.

The motion was not approved.

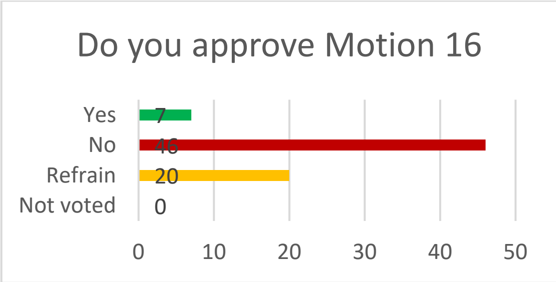


k) Motion #14 Norway - A more transparent organization.

The motion was withdrawn.

l) Motion #16 Italy - Nomination for Executive board.

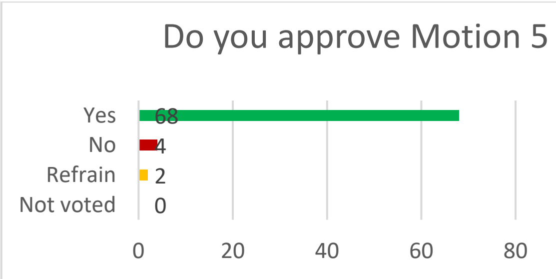
The motion was not approved.



13. Ratifying of regulations provided for in the By Laws, on condition that the motions have been presented in due time.

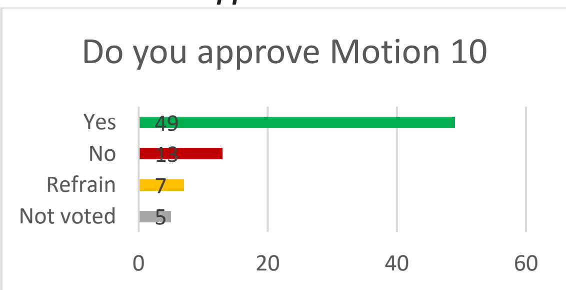
a) Motion #5 Latvia - discussion period.

The motion was approved.



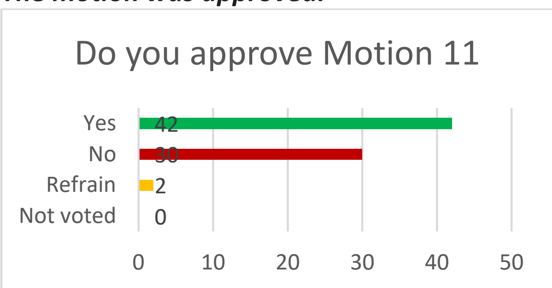
b) Motion #10 Latvia - Championship regulations.

The motion was approved.



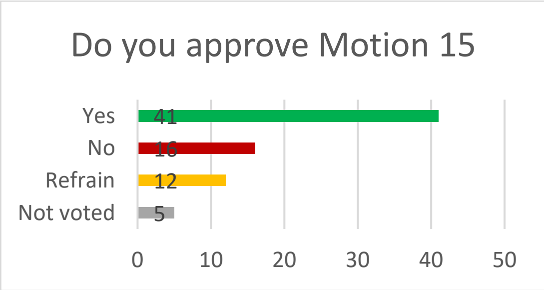
c) Motion #11 Latvia - Championships only by National organizations.

The motion was approved.



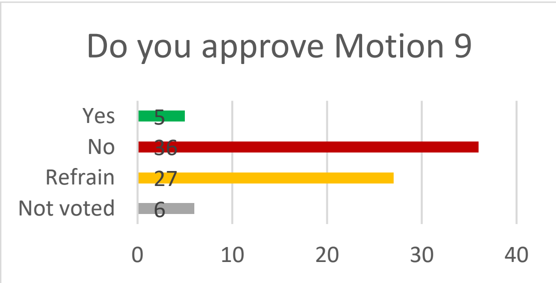
d) Motion #15 Norway - Race Rules to be approved at the General Assembly.

The motion was approved.



e) Motion #9 Latvia – disciplinary code

The motion was not approved.



14. Ratifying of motions presented in due time. The Congress may, with a 2/3 majority, decide also to deal with motions presented too late, provided topics require only a simple majority.

No motions had been submitted.

15. Stipulation and approval of the budget.

The GA 2020 has been postponed until 2021. Therefore, a cash report for 2019-2020 had been distributed to the members. Due to the ongoing Corona-pandemic it was concluded that it is impossible to make a plausible budget for 2021-2022.

The presented budget was approved.

16. Election of the Offices of the Executive Board vacant at the meeting in session.

a) President - Nominated Helen Lundberg – no other candidates
Helen Lundberg was elected until 2024

Option	Number of votes
Helen Lundberg	62

With voting rights: 26 | Voted: 24 | Blank votes: 5

b) Vice President of Development - Nominated Hernan Maquieira – no other candidates
Hernan Maquieira was elected until 2024

Option	Number of votes
Hernan Maquieira	65

With voting rights: 26 | Voted: 24 | Blank votes: 3

17. Election of two Auditors.

Nominated: Anette Rönnberg, Sweden, Heidi Dögl, Austria, Rolf Lübess, Germany

Anette Rönnberg and Rolf Lübess were elected until 2022.

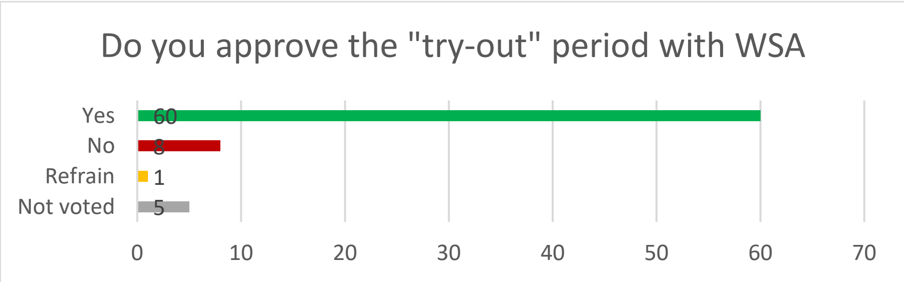
Option	Number of votes
Rolf Lübess, Germany	44
Anette Rönnberg, Sweden	43
Heidi Dögl, Austria	37

With voting rights: 26 | Voted: 23 | Blank votes: 0

18. WSA World Sleddog Association - two (2) year “try-out” period of closer collaboration.

The proposal was discussed, with input from delegates from WSA.

The Agreement was approved.



19. Claims filed against IFSS Council.

The claims and comments from the Council were distributed to the delegates.

a) Disciplinary action concerning audit report; from Girts Eldmanis (as elected auditor of IFSS)
b) Disciplinary action concerning consultant and contract; from Girts Eldmanis (as elected auditor of IFSS)
c) Disciplinary action concerning approved budget; from Girts Eldmanis (as elected auditor of IFSS)

The claims were withdrawn by Girts Eldmanis.

20. Continental Committees.

- Helen Lundberg thanked the resigning Continental Directors for the work they have done; Bengt Pontén (Europe) and Ray Holliday (Oceania).
- Helen Lundberg welcomed the elected Continental Directors that come into office after the GA; Rüdiger Bartel (Europe), Alex Watkins (Oceania) and Laura Hayes (North America).
- The Council has had the ambition to form Continental Committees for many years and will now emphasize this work.

21. Creation of commissions and election of Commission members.

a) Nominating Commission

Nominated: Matt Hammersley, UK, Bengt Pontén, Sweden, Maria Araoz, Argentina.
Matt Hammersley, Bengt Pontén and Maria Araoz were elected until 2022.

Option	Number of votes
Matt Hammersley, UK	62
Bengt Pontén, Sweden	62
Maria Araoz, Argentina	62

With voting rights: 27 | Voted: 21 | Blank votes: 1

b) Legal Commission

Nominated: Lana Paul, New Zealand, Jörn Verlager, Germany.
Lana Paul and Jörn Verlager were elected until 2022. One member is vacant.

Option	Number of votes
Lana Paul, New Zealand	60
Jörn Verleger, Germany	60

With voting rights: 27 | Voted: 21 | Blank votes: 3

c) Athletes Commission

The commission members have earlier been elected according to the IFSS By Laws.

- Europe – Patrick Wirz
- North America – Nick Weis
- Latin America – Diego Sanchez
- Oceania – Gabriele Altermann

- Election of Chairperson for the Commission, who will also be a delegate of IFSS Council.
Patrick Wirz was elected until 2022.

Option	Number of votes
Patrick Wirz, Europe	40
Nick Weis, North America	18
Diego Sanchez, Latin America	2
Gabriele Altermann, Oceania	0

With voting rights: 27 | Voted: 22 | Blank votes: 4

22. Adjournment of General Assembly.

IFSS President Helen Lundberg thanks the Council and all delegates present at the meeting. Helen also thanks those responsible for the practical work making the General Assembly function as well as it did.

IFSS General Assembly 2020 was closed at 15.06, 15th March 2021.

Helen Lundberg
Chairperson

Bengt Pontén
Secretary

Matt Hammersley
Inspector of the minutes

Alain Hauert
Inspector of the minutes