



Fédération Mondiale du Berger Belge.

Non-profit society

Statutes

TITLE I: DENOMINATION, CHAIR, DURATION

Article 1 Appointment

The non-profit making society FMBB is regulated by the statute of 27th June 1921 and updated by the statute of 2nd May 2002.

Article 2 Chair

The chair of the association will always be registered in Belgium.

The chair of the association is registered at Spanjaardsraat 59, 8490 Stalhille in the judicial district of Brugge.

Article 3: Term

The association has an unlimited duration.

Title II: Objective

Article 4: Objective and means

The objective of the society is to uphold the qualities/characteristics of the Belgian Herder and strive for improvement. The society shall use all possible means in the realization of these objectives for example:

- a. the organization of dog sport competitions, independently or in association with other societies.
- b. The organization of beauty exhibitions, independently or in association with other societies.
- c. Encouragement of participation in exhibitions and dog sport competitions by awarding prizes.
- d. To organize activities in promotion of the purpose of the society. The activities of the society are worldwide; it is affiliated with and applies the regulations of the FCI.

Title III: MEMBERS

Article 5: Members

The association consists of Effective and Joined members. There may not be less than five Effective members.

Article 6: Effective member

The Effective members form the association of Belgian Herder clubs from every land recognized by the FCI. The candidates are subjected to the approval of the Board of Management. They are entitled to vote and they pay membership.

Article 7: Joined Members

The Board of Management can also propose/accept civilians or legal bodies as Joined members. A Joined member may take part in debates and meetings but does not have the right to vote. These members pay subscriptions.

On the recommendation of the Board of Management it is possible to be appointed a Joined member through personal promotion of the race or by services to the Society.

The advisory Joined member is chosen by the Board of Management because of his knowledge and the manner in which this can be used to help the Society.

The honorary and advising members are allowed to take part in debates and meetings but without the right to vote. The honorary and advising members do not pay subscriptions.

Article 8: Dismissal

The function of a Effective or Joined member is resigned by written notice to the secretary. The membership is also cancelled if the member has not paid his subscription by the Annual General Meeting.

Article 9: Disqualification/Removal

The disqualification/removal of a Effective member can only happen during an Annual General Meeting with a majority vote of 2/3 of the votes of the members present or the represented Effective members. It is possible to disqualify a member in anticipation of the next AGM. The Board of Directors can remove an Effective member.

Article 10: Subscriptions

The cost of subscriptions is determined by the AGM. This amount may not be higher than €500 per year. Subscriptions are paid per calendar year.

Article 11: Registration of Effective members

The Board of Directors keeps a register of Effective members, drafted according to article 10 of the law of 2nd May 2002. All decisions regarding the entry, registration or disqualification/removal of members are written in the register.

Title IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Article 12: Composition**

The Board of Directors act in college. The Society is managed by a Board of Directors made up of three members and maximum seven members appointed by the GM.

Article 13: Duration of the mandate

The term of office is fixed at four years. This is unpaid.

If in the event of dismissal, notice or death the number of directors should fall under the minimum of three the Board of Directors must hold an AGM to appoint new directors.

Article 14: Responsibility

The directors are connected to the Association only in the exercise of their mandate. They are nevertheless not personally responsible for the commitments of the Society during their term of service. The members of the Board of Directors are in accordance with the principle of the general right responsible for the faults made in the carrying out of the authorization.

Article 15: Organization

The Board of Directors chooses out of their midst a chairman, secretary and a treasurer. Additional posts can be given.

In the absence of the chairman the post is filled by the vice-chairman, if this post does not exist it will be filled by the secretary.

Article 16: Jurisdiction

Everything not expressly reserved to the General Assembly by the statutes or by the law does belong to the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. Directors, acting after agreement of the Board of Directors, joins the Association validly.

Article 17: Convening

The Board of Directors gathers as often as is necessary. The agenda for the meeting is sent out with the notification.

Article 18: Consultation

The Board of Directors may only be consulted if at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members are present or represented. A Director may only represent one other Director and so only one mandate.

The decisions are taken by the general majority of votes of the directors present or represented. The abstainers are not included in the general majority vote.

In the event of a strike the proposal is rejected.

Article 19: Minutes

Notes are made at the meetings and signed by two members of the Board of Directors. These are entered in the register. The copies or extracts are signed by the secretary.

Article 20: Committees

The Board of Directors may appoint committees with a specific assignment.

Title V: GENERAL MEETING**Article 21: Composition**

The general meeting is the highest authority of the Society. The general meeting is made up of all Effective members. It is chaired by the chairman of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the chairman, the duties are taken over by the vice-chairman, if this function exists, otherwise the secretary.

A general meeting will take place annually during the annual world championship. In the event that the world championship not being held, the AGM will be organized in the first six months of the year. During the general meeting the Board of Directors will give a report of the past years activities.

Article 22: Authority

Belong to the exclusive competence of the general meeting:

- the approval of the budget and the yearly account
- the appointing and removal of members
- the dismissal of directors
- the discharge of a Effective member
- the changes in the regulations
- the annulment of the Society

Article 23: Special Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors calls a special GM whenever this is deemed necessary. A meeting is compulsory when $\frac{1}{5}$ of the Effective members request this in writing and provide an agenda. A special AGM at the request of the members is gathered within three months of the request. The $\frac{1}{5}$ will be compiled from Effective members on the most recent annual list.

Article 24: Convening

Convening of the AGM is requested by letter, electronic post (e-mail) or via the Society newsletter. The letter is sent at least fourteen days before the date of the AGM with details of the agenda. The implementation of this legal provision does not need to be accounted for. Nominated directors and resigning directors must send their nominations by recorded delivery to the Secretary, not later than 1st April of that year. The Board of Directors can propose members or non-members for the mandate.

The Effective members who wish to put an item on the agenda must do this by writing to the secretary and bringing this to his/her attention. This must happen before 1st April of that year.

Article 25: Voting

The AGM can deliberate validly, irrespective of the amount of present or represented active members. Decisions are reached through the majority of votes from the present or represented Effective members, except for exceptions envisaged by the statutes. The abstentions are not counted in the majority vote. In the event of a strike the proposal is dismissed.

When the proposal concerns individuals, there will be a secret ballot. At the meeting a Effective member may authorize another Effective member to vote for him/her. A Effective member may only vote for one other Effective member during the AGM. A Effective member may not be assisted by a third party.

Article 26: Alterations to the regulations

The AGM can only deliberate validly over de changes van de statutes if this point is distinctly mentioned in the agenda and if at the meeting there are 2/3 of all the Effective members of the Society present or represented.

An alteration may only be accepted when it is approved by a majority of 2/3 of the votes of the present or represented Effective members. If there are not 2/3 of the Effective members present or represented at the first meeting, a second meeting can be convened. This must be no later than fifteen days after the first meeting. This second meeting can in accordance with this article, can be deemed valid irrespective of the amount of present or represented Effective members.

Article 27: Minutes

Debates during the AGM are recorded in a minutes register. They are signed by the Chairman and the Secretary. When decisions concern a third party, these are communicated by the Secretary by means of a letter.

Title VI: BUDGET, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, INSPECTION.**Article 28: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December van each calendar year. The Society shall carry out bookkeeping in accordance with the legal requirements. The treasurer produces an annual report budget and these are presented to the Board of Directors. The Board proposes these at the AGM for approval.

Title VII Annulment / Miscellaneous Arrangements**Article 29: Annulment**

In the event of annulment of the Society the general meeting appoints two liquidators and determines their powers of authority.

Article 30: Division of Property

In the event of annulment of the Society the assets, following dissolution of the liabilities are handed over to an organization with a purpose and/or goal which is most similar to that of the Society self.

Article 31: Regulations

The Regulations are determined by the Board of Directors and regulate all matters not covered by the statute. The regulations may not contain any stipulations which would bring them in conflict with the statute.

Article 32: General Definitions

Everything which is not covered by the statute is then regulated by the law of 27 June 1921 updated by the law of 2 May 2002 regarding non-profit making organizations.

Article 33: One execution of a decision at the foundation of the nps

2/5 of the Board of Directors are resigning and may be re-selected at the general meeting of 2009. The remaining 3/5 of the Board of Directors are resigning and may be re-selected at the general meeting of 2010.

The founders:

Mr. Johan Weckhuyzen

Mr. Theo Dijkman

Mr. Albert Ritter

Mr. Andre Varlet

Mr. Peter Probst