

REPORT FROM FCI MEETING in Rotterdam – Submitted by Ann Putegnat
Report to the Board from the FCI Committee for Mondioring Meeting
September 29, 2010
Rotterdam, Netherlands

Present at the meeting were representatives from the following countries:

Michel Boisseau, Coordinator

Italy – Carlo Oppizzi

Switzerland – Iris Redmund

USA – Ann Putegnat

France – Claude Munto

Belguim – Valeer Linclau

Portugal – Celso Aviles (absent)

1. The Committee was reminded that there has been a rule change regarding the 'release'. If a dog does not release the bite within 30 seconds, the deputy judge will give the leash to the handler and the dog and handler will be dismissed.

2. The FCI has approved the adaptation of the rules in March.

3. Money for the website has been paid by /Russia, Spain and also by Valeer Linclau. Proposal made and approved for the hosting country to pay for the website for the year preceding the event that they will host.

Switzerland will pay this year.

4. Report on the super selection made by Mr. Boisseau. 18 persons participated. It was well organized, decoys were good, and the event was a success.

5. The Policies and Procedures for the World Cup must be in English and French. They will be translated and presented to the FCI.

6. Proposal re: minimum requirements for a dog to enter the World Cup at level three.

Mr. Boisseau proposed 2 scores of more than 320 points.

Mr. Linclau proposed 2 scores of a minimum of 300 points.

A. Putegnat proposed 1 score of a minimum of 300 points to encourage smaller countries. It is acknowledged that the bigger countries already have a criteria for entry that is rigorous.

A. Putegnat's proposal was accepted. One minimum score of 300 points.

7. Proposal re: standardization of judging. A question was presented regarding requirements that various countries have for completion of a judging program. It was proposed that the 'official' countries present a list of judges from their country. That proposal was revised to include all countries where Mondioring is practiced and who are eligible to send a team to the World Cup. In addition, each country will submit a copy of their program for authorization of judges to the Committee.

8. There will be a Judge's Mini College that will take place during the Decoy Selection weekend. Two judges per country will share information.

9. Super Selection – Each FCI country will send names of two judges to Mr. Boisseau. Mr. Munto and Mr. Linclau will organize the super selection in Switzerland in early March.

10. CACIT discussion – Franz Jansen, President of the FCI Working Dog Commission, will propose to the official group of the FCI that the CACIT be awarded to Mondioring dogs. This will raise the level of acceptance of

Mondioring from national to international status.

11. A proposal from Italy was made regarding safety of decoys. It is proposed that general allure points can be taken if a dog bites the cuff of the suit, the crotch area, or the area of collar. This proposal is designed to allay fears of members of the FCI Board (general board) of suit dogs that are free to bite anywhere.

12. A presentation was made by Iris Redmund from Switzerland regarding The World Cup 2011, which will be held in Lyss, Switzerland.

Arrangements have been made, hotels designated, stadium reserved, etc.

FOLLOW UP REPORT – FCI MEETING

10-1 & 3- 2010

Supplemental Report to the Board of Directors

Follow up Meetings in Rotterdam

On 10-1-10, a followup meeting was held at the World Cup in Rotterdam. Frans Jansen, President of the FCI Working Dog Commission, addressed the directors. He expressed his desire to present the sport of Mondioring for approval to the FCI General Board for inclusion in criteria for awarding of the CACIT. Mr. Jansen made it very clear that he supports Mondioring, and that he wants to see it grow. He stated that once the CACIT is awarded to Mondioring dogs, the countries that have been reluctant about recognizing the sport officially will then authorize it in their countries. This will be a huge step for Mondioring internationally. In order to allay concerns amongst members of the FCI general board, Mr. Jansen proposed submitting a recommendation that involves safety of the decoy. This is simply a proposal, and not written into any rules. The proposal dictates that there may be a loss of general allure points to dogs that bite on the cuff, collar or crotch area.

A discussion took place regarding use of accessories as a possible cause of decoy and dog injuries. Each member of this committee is a judge, and it was agreed that the accessories have often been used as a shield, or as an obstacle for the dogs to negotiate. We were reminded that the dog must be able to see through the accessory. The style of accessory that has been used in recent years in which the size and volume of material blocks the view of the decoy's body and especially of the hands, is not considered safe. This was merely a discussion. No policy was set. However, it does indicate that the issue will appear again, and will guide the choices made by judges of accessories. In a second follow up meeting, Mr. Michel Boisseau sought feedback and proposals to improve the World Cup in subsequent years. The following concerns were addressed and will be added to the agenda in Switzerland at the next meeting in March:

- Chien Blanc for Level 3 was to be held Thursday night. Due to lack of lights, this was not possible. This gave an unfair advantage to dogs that competed on Sat. and Sun.
- Solution: Next year, in Switzerland, level one dogs will compete on Wednesday, Level two dogs will compete on Thursday, and the Chien Blanc for level 3 will take place on Thursday following the level two dogs.
- Additional discussion regarding decoy safety. Denmark noted that Several dogs were injured on the flee attack. A proposal was made to alter or do away with this exercise. Mr. Boisseau was very clear

that the rules for Mondioring will not be altered. They have been accepted by the FCI for a period of 5 years. Four years are left before changes can be made. Others noted that the distance on the flee is supposed to be 30-40 M., but that it is often much longer.

- Solution: Maintain the required distance for this exercise.
- All questions and proposals will go on the agenda for March, and will be addressed again at that time.

The Super Selection will be held March 5 – 6, 2011, in Lyss, Switzerland. The same procedures will be in effect as have been followed for two years.

To the competitors, team leaders and others who are considering traveling abroad for international competition: This year, three team members from one of the countries did not have proper documentation. They did not pass Veterinary Control. One dog had a tattoo but it was damaged. A microchip was implanted, but there was no official notation on any document that identified that dog as the one that was entered. A second dog did not have a valid rabies certificate. (ultimately, a vet verified that he had given it in Jan.) A third dog did not have current vaccinations.

How these dogs entered the country via airplane is beyond me. However, they did. Next year, when entering Switzerland, the scrutiny will be much stronger upon arrival. Competitors need to be rigorous in their preparation of all documentation. Our Marki was strongly questioned because her dog did not have a leptovaccine. He was allowed to compete, but it took quite a long time to complete veterinary control. Competitors also need to remember that there is a brief test of sociability during the Veterinary Control. A member of the FCI Mondioring Committee is present for each exam, and is part of the team that verifies sociability.

Additional proposals/concerns regarding safety of dogs, decoys and handlers:

Due to an incident in IPO on the podium in Finland at the FCI IPO

Championships, intense scrutiny of the sociability of dogs is now recommended.

It was proposed that an informal demonstration of sociability be conducted following the bitework in a trial. The proposal is that the dog/handler be required to simply walk through the persons that are working on the field to demonstrate that the dog is in control and not a danger to others. I am waiting for confirmation and verbiage of this before we put it into place here.

Note, in video of the closing ceremony, that the decoys were present in their suits. Decoys were the ones that passed out the trophies. This was just another small measure to demonstrate safety and character of our dogs to the world.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

ANN PUTEGNAT, Liaison to FCI Committee for Mondioring