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Present:

Dietrich Berning, Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen, Henrik Raae Andersen, Cor Bottenheft, Germain Klein, Urs Hoppler, Heinz Trutmann, Malin Nyström, Annika Wängvik, Michael Schmiedel, Josef Westermann, Hans-Jürgen Heuser, Jacqueline Mette und Tom McDonald up until topic 8.4.

November 12, 2014

Minutes

On the Member Meeting 2014 held on October 19, 2014

Meeting place:

Brauereigasthof Autenried, Hopfengartenweg 2, 89335 Ichenhausen – Autenried,
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Schedule:

Sunday, October 19, 2014, 09.00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Agenda for the Member Meeting on October 19, 2014

1. Welcome

Mr. Jesinghausen welcomes the representatives of the KIM-I member countries as well as Malin Nyström and Annika Wängvik from Sweden. Excused are Peter Hübler (President ÖVMü Austria) and Jiří Kec (President KDO Czech Republic). Cor Bottenheft represents the interests of Belgium. Tom McDonald is legitimized by SMCNA to represent the club.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Member Meeting on September 30, 2012

The Minutes from September 30, 2012 are approved.

4. Reports of the Executive Board

→ Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen, President

In his report Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen would like to review the last 10 years of KIM-I: laying the groundwork, establishing the club and activities until the present day. His full report will be published on the homepage of KIM-I.

The first meeting of KIM-Germany, as the parent country of the breed, and the representatives of interested KIM clubs from abroad took place eight years ago. There was great interest in getting to know each other and in working together. Previously, a concept to establish an international organization had been prepared. Verband Kleine Münsterländer International e.V. was founded in 2006. Bylaws were agreed upon unanimously. This document established the most important goals of the club: to secure the F.C.I. standard internationally as well as to preserve and promote the versatile hunting abilities of the KIM breed, while taking into account the sovereignty and historically based conditions of the national clubs. KIM international took on the following tasks:

- The standardization of breeding requirements (development of versatile performance breeding)
- Advocacy before national and international organizations and associations (development of cooperation with the F.C.I. and the national kennel clubs)
- Organizing international tests (designing and implementing an international testing system)
- Managing basic matters concerned with the breed, utility and organization
- Uniformly advise the national KIM clubs

What has been achieved so far? Because only limited funds and possibilities were available, KIM-I began by organizing collaboration and attempting to bring more transparency to the breeding and testing done in the member countries. The focus was on establishing international versatile performance breeding, strengthening contact with the F.C.I., and the development and implementation of an international Münsterländer test.

Complete transparency and comparability of puppy figures and tests is still missing even after 10 years of work, because the circumstances in most of the national clubs are very different, ranging from the legal conditions to cooperation with the national kennel organizations. Today we know that there are countries in which KIM puppies receive F.C.I. pedigrees without the parents having passed a natural ability test. Globally, the F.C.I. only ensures uniformity in appearance, but not in natural abilities. In many countries performance breeding orients itself on the interests of hunters, whereby KIM are already being specialized in breeding (e.g. as a field dog) and versatility in the genetic make-up of the breed is being lost. A primary mission of KIM-I is to take countermeasures against this practice and to educate. To illustrate this, KIM-Germany, as the parent country of the breed, was asked in 2013 to make the F.C.I. standard more precise and to highlight the natural hunting abilities of the breed in the breed standard. The motion has been submitted to the F.C.I. by the VDH.

KIM-Germany records the most common use of stud dogs abroad. In the past, countries which do not practice versatile performance breeding were also assisted. But this is now no longer possible after a change in the German breeding regulations. Mating abroad with German stud dogs is now approved only if the breeder is a member of a KIM-I member Club.

Last year, the function of Chairman for Performance Testing was created in the Executive Board of KIM-I. Germain Klein from France was entrusted with this task. His mission is to support the national clubs in the development and expansion of versatile natural ability tests and to make the assessment of natural abilities internationally comparable.

In the development of performance breeding, KIM-I encounters problems not only with the member clubs, but most of the problems are the result of the national kennel clubs. With the exception of Germany, puppies in all other countries get their pedigree from the national kennel clubs and not from the breed clubs. The kennel clubs decide on records in the pedigrees. Internationally, there are no regulations, whether and which tests should be entered in the pedigree. Working together with the German JGHV, an initiative of the German hunting dog breeds which will push for better solutions in international performance breeding at the F.C.I, is now at the VDH (German Kennel Club). At the suggestion of Henrik Raae Andersen, the Executive Board of KIM-I had an opportunity to speak with a representative of the F.C.I. As a result of the discussion, Mr. Jørgen Hindse, President of the Danish Kennel Club and the Nordic Kennel Union and spokesman for the European Group in the F.C.I. was persuaded of the sense of our versatile performance breeding and promised his support. More and more authorities in international organizations now advocate common regulations in the performance area for hunting dog breeds.

In a further step, an international Münsterländer test IMP-A and IMP-B was developed through the collaboration of many member countries in developing the concept underlying the tests. Both tests enable a comparison of breeding potential at an international level. The final test proposal, which is based on previous versions of the two test regulations, will be considered for approval in today's Member Meeting. Due to a change in leadership, the initial cooperation with the Verband Große Münsterländer e.V. has come to a halt. KIM-Germany was asked to submit the test regulations to the F.C.I. for homologation (international recognition). In recent years, the development, testing and implementation of both sets of test regulations has greatly encouraged international collaboration among the KIM clubs.

Two years ago, an International Breeding Committee was formed, chaired by Josef Westermann (Breed Warden of KIM-D), in which national Breed Wardens can work together on international breeding issues.

Traditions, established ways and legal obstacles, on the one hand, and lack of time, persistence and patience or insufficient persuasive powers on our side, have so far prevented greater progress in achieving the targeted regulations contained in the Bylaws in matters of the breed, utility and organization. Identification with the work of KIM-I hardly exists with breeders. Still, a foundation for the work has been laid.

→ Cor Bottenheft, Vice President

In the last two years, Cor Bottenheft has also maintained contact to KIM clubs abroad in order to promote interest in KIM-International.

Belgium

In Belgium there were major difficulties, after there has been no Board of Directors for some time. More than a year ago a new Board has organized itself, which has

allowed the club to come to life again. Cor Bottenheft was invited to the Annual Meeting. The number of members is growing. Puppies receive a pedigree from the Belgian Kennel Club, if the parents have an F.C.I. pedigree. The hunting dog tests resemble those in the Netherlands. Next year, tests and a breed show will be organized.

Luxembourg

In Luxembourg there is no breed club, but a club for all hunting dog breeds, of which 75 members own a KIM. 1-2 litters are born each year. The puppies receive their pedigrees from the Kennel Club, if both parent animals have F.C.I. pedigrees. Many members are a member of a Landesgruppe of the KIM club in Germany.

Spain/Portugal

There are a few KIM in Spain. Occasionally a KIM will be registered with the Kennel Club.

Great Britain

The British military imported KIM to Great Britain. There is no breed club, but there are contacts.

The Netherlands

The cooperation with the umbrella organization is outstanding in the Netherlands, so that the information exchange also works well. The puppy statistics, owners, HD, and eye examinations are automatically reported. 90% of KIM puppies are bred through the Heidewachtel Club. Since June 1, 2014, DNA is taken from each puppy. In the future it will be noted on the pedigree, whether the KIM was bred according to the health criteria of the breed club. The conformation judges are obliged by the Raad van Beheer (Dutch Kennel Club) to annually participate in a training session. The Kennel Club is dealing with the new F.C.I. standard and wants to understand this, because the performance ability must also reflect itself in the morphology.

Cor Bottenheft sincerely thanks Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen for the outstanding cooperation.

→ Henrik Raae Andersen, Vice President

In the last two years the Nordic countries have intensified their contact with KIM-I. Sweden and Finland are applying for membership with KIM-I.

Sweden

The Swedes have been particularly engaged. A meeting between the new Chairman of the SVK, Malin Nyström (per Skype), Annika Wängvik and Henrik Raae Andersen has taken place. This year, Henrik Raae Andersen participated in a breeding seminar in Sweden. He is especially delighted that Sweden is personally represented at the table again today.

Norway/Finland

It is sad, however, that Norway and Finland are not present, because membership is connected with rights and obligations, and the member clubs should thus send a

representative to the Annual Meeting. Otherwise, dialogue and cooperation are difficult.

Denmark

The DMK would like to do more for the classic Kleine Münsterländer for the sake of hunters. The VJP, HZP, IMP-A and IMP-B are seen as important instruments. The IMP in particular is a platform for cooperation across borders. In 2013 the DMK organized the IMP in cooperation with the Landesgruppe Schleswig-Holstein. In 2014 VJP and HZP tests were organized in cooperation with the Landesgruppe Schleswig-Holstein in Denmark. The International Breeding Committee makes a substantial contribution to international cooperation and strengthens the cooperation at the level of the Breed Wardens.

Next year, Henrik Raae Andersen wants to work on the spread of the IMP in the North and envisions the organization of national Münsterländer tests in Scandinavia.

In the past two years, cooperation in the Executive Board of KIM-I was very dynamic and fruitful. The Test Regulations IMP-A and IMP-B were given their final form. An International Breeding Committee was established and cooperation with the F.C.I. was strengthened. After the founding of KIM-I, there was formal collaboration with the F.C.I. on paper. Since last year's meeting with Jørgen Hindse, President of the European Section of the F.C.I. and President of the DKK, we have been in direct dialogue with the F.C.I.

Henrik Raae Andersen addressed special thanks to Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen.

5. Reports from the KIM-I national clubs

France

The report on France is in the presentation by Germain Klein under agenda point 7.

Switzerland

The Board in Switzerland consists of 7 members, which meet several times per year. Urs Hoppler has been President for 14 years. In 2013 the homepage was redesigned. Numerous events are organized throughout the year: the Annual Meeting, training days, annual judges training, a family hike, a suitability for breeding test/evaluation, and obedience test as well as a blood tracking test and test to guide the handler to dead game (Bringselverweiserprüfung). Cynologists belong to the club and organize companion dog tests.

The club currently has 250 members. 19 bitches and 8 stud dogs have been approved for breeding. 95 % of mating takes place with German stud dogs.

Dogs participate in VJP and HZP in the neighboring Landesgruppen of KIM-Germany. Urs Hoppler thanks the neighboring German Landesgruppen for the good cooperation in testing.

The SKMV thanks Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen for the years of friendly cooperation and awards him the Golden Badge of Honor of the Swiss club for Kleine Münsterländer.

Germany

As the parent country of the breed KIM-Germany is involved in many of the issues of KIM-International. Thus, § 17 of the German Breeding Regulations was adapted to support only breeders from KIM-I member clubs with German stud dogs and there-with promote performance breeding abroad.

As part of the HD evaluation a blood sample from each KIM must be sent in. The genetic material can be accessed in the future, if problems or questions arise. KIM-Germany has introduced a performance badge that will be awarded to KIM which have achieved good results at international tests or at the IMP-A or B. The performance badge will be made out with the name of the dog. The statute is currently under revision.

There were personnel changes in the KIM-Germany Board for the position of Treasurer on grounds of age. Ms. Martina Maubach has replaced Mr. Bernhard Lackhove. The position of a legal adviser was created to offer legal counsel.

At the suggestion of KIM-I the F.C.I. standard was revised and submitted to the F.C.I. via the VDH.

To increase the acceptance of the IMP as an international test, recognition of the tests must be awakened with dog handlers and breeders, that is, a passed test must be recognized in the national clubs as a breeding requirement. KIM Germany has decided that the relevant bodies should work on the breeding approval of the IMP. Adjustments such as age, "Laut", and tracking must still be discussed. All bodies have approved the test regulations for the IMP-A and IMP-B.

The Group North America (KIM-GNA) has submitted an application to become a Landesgruppe with KIM-Germany and a candidacy status was awarded at the last meeting of the Extended Board. The final vote will take place at the Annual General Meeting. KIM-GNA already has all rights and obligations now.

That the original negotiations with SMCNA failed, is not aimed at Tom McDonald. Tom McDonald is welcome to join the new group KIM-GNA.

Dietrich Berning thanks Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen for the excellent preliminary work in North America.

Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen asks the members not to support SMCNA, especially their breeders. SMCNA is a club which is not affiliated with the F.C.I. and will therefore not come under the jurisdiction of F.C.I. pedigrees. He encouraged support for the new club KIM-GNA.

6. Report of the Chairman of the International Breeding Committee (Josef Westermann)

So far this year, there have been 23 matings abroad with German stud dogs. On the one hand, this is very good, but mixed on the other hand, which could lead to problems in the long term, should there ever be a serious health problem in the breed. Then one could not fall back to other bloodlines abroad. Therefore, Josef Westermann recommends - if possible - breeding abroad should stand on its own legs. It is very rare that German breeders travel abroad to mate.

If a German stud dog is to be used abroad, according to § 17 of the German Breeding Regulations, this should be reported to the KIM-Germany Breed Warden at least 4 weeks before. The KIM-Germany Breed Warden, in agreement with the German Breeding Commission and the Breed Warden of the KIM-I member club, decides on breeding approval. Breeders often call just 3-4 days before the planned mating. In this regard Josef Westermann asks for information about the four week time period in the member clubs. Until now, Josef Westermann has not had a contact in each KIM-I member country, whom he can ask whether the mating abroad was reported and approved. Also on this matter he asks for support from the member clubs.

After a pairing has been reported to Josef Westermann, he normally doesn't receive feedback whether the pairing has taken place, how many puppies were born and whether the puppies were healthy or not. He receives the Record of Litter Inspection only from Austria.

Therefore, the Breeding Committee of KIM-I has made a motion to the Member Meeting of KIM-I that, beginning January 1, 2015, a report on all puppies born from stud dogs which were used abroad, should be sent to the breed club of the stud dog. This report should be prepared within two months of the birth of the puppies and include information on the number of puppies, sex, color and hereditary faults (e.g. Record of Litter Inspection). Furthermore, it is also proposed that all further test results, breed show results as well as hereditary faults (e.g. HD, OCD, epilepsy, eye defects, etc.) which appear in the future life of the descendants should be immediately reported to the breed club in which the stud dog is located. In addition, the Breeding Committee proposes that all KIM-I member clubs semi-annually distribute the entire test results ("Ostermannische Statistics") of the KIM breed to all KIM-I member clubs. In this way the information flow should not only go to Germany, but all member countries should exchange this information. This brings advantages for the health of the breed.

The proposal will be decided upon in a written resolution circulated to the members.

Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen thanks Josef Westermann. He has broken down the issues which occupy KIM-I at the everyday business level. He stresses Josef Westermann's plea that information on these topics should never flow in only one direction, but mutual communication is necessary.

7. Status and further development of performance breeding internationally (Germain Klein)

If we want to maintain the KIM as a versatile hunting dog in the long term, we have to work together closely across borders, encourage good health, performance ability and breeding and exchange good blood lines across national borders. Without the interest of breeders and dog handlers the topic of international performance breeding has no future.

The goal is to maintain the profile of the classic Kleine Münsterländer across borders. We must be able to test minimal requirements (performance abilities) in the long term in all countries. In the Minutes on the Member Meeting 2012 the criteria for the essential performance abilities of the KIM are defined: use of nose, joy in retrieving, search, pointing, willingness to track, enjoyment of work and water, cooperation. The implementation in national testing regulations should be developed with the competent KIM clubs. "Laut" is not tested or recorded in all countries. Some are still breeding with voiceless KIM.

In the breeding year 2013 Germain Klein has attempted to get an overview on puppies, litters, tested dogs (natural ability tests) and HD results in the KIM-I member countries. In doing this it is clear that there are differences in the figures and greater transparency is necessary. Still, the member figures and his statistics provide a rough preliminary overview.

Germain Klein explains his statistics on the total number of puppies born and from performance breeding. Until now in France, for example, there are no statistics on puppies born from performance breeding. If both parents have F.C.I. pedigrees, then the puppies automatically receive a preliminary pedigree. For a final pedigree the

dogs must be presented to a conformation judge. The parents not have completed a performance test. In France ca. 30% of the puppies receive a final pedigree, not all of which are owned by hunters and entered in performance tests. This example alone shows that something must be done to maintain the classic KIM.

In a chart, he has presented the puppy numbers per country compared to the KIM which were run at natural ability tests. To get the data, he had sent a spreadsheet asking for the figures on each member club which he subsequently analyzed. Some member clubs answered him quickly, others not at all. Overall, dependable, comparable cross-border data is needed in order to make progress with this topic. The comparison of test regulations shows in which countries the test regulations are similar and where they differ. In addition, solutions must be found to recognize and record "Laut".

Performance breeding is made up of natural ability tests (minimum requirements), HD, breed show results and "Laut". It would be desirable if the member clubs would establish cross-border minimum requirements. A solution towards achieving internationally comparable tests and breeding approval may be the IMP.

The recognition of IMP-A and IMP-B by the F.C.I. is another important step. If the IMP becomes an officially recognized test, then the member clubs must enter test results in the pedigrees. The value of testing for dog owners and breeders would increase greatly. The national KIM clubs must address the issue of the IMP as a breeding requirement. It is problematic, however, that breeding approval is not matter of the breed clubs in all countries, but partially a matter of the national umbrella organizations (i.e. national Kennel Clubs). Unfortunately, cooperation with these organizations does not run smoothly in every country.

German Klein dreams that in the future the IMP can take place in each country and that in the year 2024 a total of 126 will participate in this test (in 2014, there were 17 KIM). This number would be interesting for the breeding potential. To achieve this goal, first the Boards of the national clubs need to get involved in the project and find solutions to reduce the costs.

At present, Germain Klein cannot guarantee that the IMP will be put on in France in 2016. The costs are a major point of discussion.

The presentation by Germain Klein shows that even after 8 years of KIM-I there is still no full international transparency, which would enable comparison of breeding requirements and natural abilities and upon which conclusions for the future could be drawn.

8. Motions

8.1 Change in the Bylaws – new version of § 5.2 sentence 6

The Executive Board proposes amendment of § 5.2 sentence 6 as follows: "Written votes have to be carried out at the request of the Board or by at least five members." Reason: The Member Meeting of KIM-I meets only every two years. In this way, motions may be passed more quickly. The Member Meeting unanimously approves the amendment of § 5.2.

8.2 Membership of SVK Sweden

Eight years ago Sweden was a founding member of KIM-I. All are therefore very happy, that Sweden wants to be part of KIM-I again and is here today to present their work as well as the activities of the Svenska Vorstehklubben.

Malin Nyström is responsible as Breed Warden of the Kleine Münsterländer in the Svenska Vorstehklubben. Annika Wängvik is the Deputy Breed Warden.

About 150 puppies per year are normal for Sweden. This year only 100 are expected, as several bitches were barren. Most Swedish breeders hunt with their KIM. The breeding foundation in Sweden is good, but one is dependent on new blood from Germany.

Young KIM in Sweden complete natural ability tests until they are 2 years old. "Laut" is not explicitly tested, but reported in writing.

Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen explains that previously KIM-I had information that the KIM were handled several times at „sport tests“.

In the SVK, four hunting dog breeds are organized. Today the focus is on the use of the KIM in hunting as the dog owners are usually hunters. Dog handlers are partially interested in medals and badges of honor, but the focus nowadays is on hunting.

A Swedish version of the VGP was introduced with the help of the Danes. The dogs are tested over two days, also with a fox. Most of the participating dogs were KIM.

Today, the Kleine Münsterländer are no longer dominated by other breeds in the SKV. There were numerous discussions about the topic of membership in KIM-I.

Malin Nyström and Annika Wängvik come from the breeding side. They have excellent communication with Palle Jørgensen, the Breed Warden from Denmark.

The application for membership with KIM-I from the Svenska Vorstehklubben is before the Member Meeting today. The KIM-I Member Meeting unanimously resolves to admit the SKV as a member club in KIM-I.

8.3 Membership of Saksanseisojakerho e.V. Finland

The Breed Club Saksanseisojakerho e.V. has applied for membership in KIM-I, with an annual membership lump sum contribution of €100. The Executive Board of KIM-I recommends accepting the application in principle. The Finns were invited to introduce themselves at the Member Meeting of KIM-I. Unfortunately, the Finns have not responded since then. Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen proposes that the meeting agree to admission in principle, provided that the provisions of the Bylaws, including the membership fee, will be accepted and that the Finns personally introduce themselves to the KIM-I Executive Board within the next 6 months.

In a provisional decision, the Member Meeting of KIM-I unanimously approves admission to KIM-I, taking into account the criteria listed above. The final decision is assigned to the Executive Board.

8.4 Expulsion of SMCNA

The Executive Board of KIM-I requests the expulsion of SMCNA. A provisional termination has already been expressed. The termination will take effect, if it is confirmed by the Member Meeting of KIM-I.

Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen stresses that KIM-Germany has made various proposals for three years, which were not accepted by the Board of SMCNA. Thus, no way of cooperation could be found with the SMCNA Board, which would have been compatible with the Bylaws of the VDH and the JGHV. Because no compromise could be found, the support by KIM-I and KIM-D had to be terminated. SMCNA cannot

therefore come within the jurisdiction of F.C.I. pedigrees and is now considered a dissident breeding club (Schwarzzuchtverein).

Tom McDonald, who is present at this meeting, has always worked hard for the breeding of the Kleine Münsterländer in the USA. He expressed his thanks for being heard again. Tom McDonald does not want to switch to KIM-Group North America.

The Member Meeting unanimously confirms the decision of the Executive Board to expel SMCNA. It will be mentioned in a letter to the Board of SMCNA that the Member Meeting paid tribute to the work of Tom McDonald.

8.5 Adoption of the IMP-B

The Member Meeting unanimously approves the test regulations for the IMP-B. The evaluation system for the IMP-A was also changed to the 12 point system. The Member Meeting unanimously approves this change to the IMP-A.

8.6 Request for homologation (i.e. approval) of the IMP-A and IMP-B by the F.C.I.

The Member Meeting unanimously resolves to ask KIM-Germany as the parent of the race to submit a motion to the F.C.I. for homologation of the test regulations IMP-A and IMP-B.

The motion of the International Breeding Committee will be made in a written resolution circulated to the members (see agenda point 6)

9. Financial Report

The financial report will be sent in writing to all KIM-I member clubs.

10. Discharge of the Board of Directors

The Executive Board is unanimously discharged with abstention of those affected.

Honors

The Executive Board proposes the appointment of Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen as Honorary President. The Member Meeting unanimously approves his appointment as Honorary President.

Cor Bottenheft presents a gift to Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen with words of appreciation for the work he has done.

11. New elections

11.1 President

Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen is not running for re-election. The Executive Board proposes Dietrich Berning as President. There are no further proposals. Dietrich Berning, Provinzialstraße 24, 46499 Hamminkeln, is unanimously elected as President and accepts the vote.

11.2 Vice President

The Executive Board proposes the re-election of both Vice Presidents, Cor Bottenheft and Henrik Raae Andersen. There are no further proposals. Cor Bottenheft, Jan van Nassaupark 78, NL-3844 BS Harderwijk, is unanimously re-elected and accepts the vote. Henrik Raae Andersen, Lunderodvej 82, Marup, DK4340 Tølløse, is unanimously re-elected and accepts the vote.

12. Miscellaneous

Dietrich Berning points out that Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen will be invited to all further meetings as Honorary President.

Henrik Raae Andersen invites Bernd-Dieter Jesinghausen to the next Member Meeting of the Dansk Münsterländer Klub.

13. Dates

Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2014

IMP in the area around Borken

Sep. 12-13, 2015

IMP in the Czech Republic

Dietrich Berning
President

Jacqueline Mette
Business Manager