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ISDA Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) Parma - 8th December 2018

Please find below protocol for the EGM as requested by the ISDS for Mr Mattia Monacchini.

A) Statement to be made public in advance of and read out at the beginning of the EGM. (Public – ISDA, SISD webpages, facebook pages, twitter pages)

The ISDS wishes to emphasise that it does not intervene in the affairs of any Associate Club without good reason. The Council of the ISDS has decided to intervene in the affairs of the ISDA because of the exceptional rates of unrest within the Italian membership, and the vast amount of extra work consequently generated for the ISDS Office.

The Council of the ISDS decided on 5th September 2018 to suspend, ISDS membership rights and privileges of all ISDS, ISDA members and Associate members in Italy from 1st October 2018.

THIS SUSPENSION WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COUNCIL IS SATISFIED THAT THE ASSOCIATION IS BEING MANAGED AND LED IN A MANNER THAT IS THE SAME TO ALL MEMBERS AND IS IN LINE WITH THE TRADITIONS, STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE ISDS.

This means that, no Italian litters of pups will be registered; no dogs will be transferred for anyone in Italy and no Italian team will be eligible to compete in a World Trial, while the suspension is in place.

The ISDS is determined that it will only associate Italy through the ISDA. The lifting of the suspension will be dependent upon the compliance with and the implementation of the following requirements.

1. Membership of the Associate Club is open to everyone, no matter how many other groups or associations they may be members of, provided these other groups and associations do not conflict with improving the working sheepdog or the aims and objects of the ISDS.

Persons eligible to vote are all ISDA members and SISD members as per lists recorded at the ISDS during October 2018. This vote is including all previous ISDA banned members and all current ISDS members

Patron: Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal

Chairman: Mr T.H Huddleston, Executive Officer: Mr Matthew Pemberton

Honorary Vice Presidents: His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, Her Grace the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, R.J. Price Esq., His Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, His Grace the Duke of Westminster

2. All banned members will be reinstated without conditions.
 3. To ensure that ALL meetings, trials, election of officers, policies and procedures are implemented and conducted in a fair and democratic way.
 4. The ISDA will update their Disciplinary Policy and Constitution to incorporate the aims and objects of the ISDS and will submit the updates for approval.
 5. The approved and updated Disciplinary Policy and Constitution will be implemented in a fair and democratic way.
 6. In future, the Affiliated Association (ISDA) will be required to provide the ISDS with copies and updates of their Constitution, Disciplinary and any other policies, for approval annually.
 7. To insure ISDS 'Rules for Trials' and guidelines are adopted and implemented consistently. _
 8. The Association must hold an Annual General Meeting. The maximum time allowed between meetings is fifteen months. Each member will receive three weeks' notice of the date, venue, time and agenda, including all motions to be proposed at the meeting and an up to date account of the Association's financial balance.
- These requirements will be monitored on a regular basis by Council to ensure the fair and democratic involvement of members in all aspects of the Association. This scrutiny will include judging the suitability and implementation of all policies, minutes of meetings, procedures for the election of officials, rules for trials and entries to open and qualifying trials. Council will expect to see evidence of progress by 31st December 2018.
 - This suspension is NOT negotiable and will NOT be re-considered before the next ISDS Council meeting in February 2019.
 - Any attempt to evade or ignore Council's wishes will result in further sanctions, that may include the non-renewal of ISDS memberships being applied to all members, and the Associate status may be rescinded.
 - All duly elected members of the ISDA board must be members or must become members of the ISDA on election.
 - All interested parties from SISD and ISDS members, must be encouraged to become members of the ISDA after the election of the new board, enabling them to take an active part in the ISDA.
 - Until the ISDA Constitution and Disciplinary policy has been approved, the ISDS Constitution and Disciplinary policy shall be used as a guide.
 - If the board and Association are working in an appropriate manner and in accordance with ISDS standards, the suspension may be lifted and they may be placed on probation for a specified time to ensure that they continue to run at the standard required by the ISDS.
 - Application for full ISDS membership will NOT be considered during the probationary period.
 - The ISDS wish to also emphasize that this will be Italy's final opportunity to ensure the appropriate running of the Associate club.

B) Object of meeting:

To elect a democratically elected board who will run the ISDA in a fair and transparent way according to the approved Constitution, Disciplinary policy and standards of the ISDS.

C) Minutes:

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Minutes will be taken of the meeting and copies sent to the ISDS office.

D) Persons eligible to vote:

All ISDA members and SISD members as per lists provided recorded at ISDS during October 2018. This vote is including all previous ISDA banned members and all current ISDS members

The list of ISDA & SISD members is supplied for reference.

E) Number of Board members:

Decision to be made on how many board members will be required:

- It is recommended that the Board consist of 12 members, with a quorum being set as 5 members for transparency.

F) Method of election:

- Each member of the board shall be proposed individually by one person and seconded by another, then voted on by a secret ballot. (each voter is handed a piece of paper and they will write on it who they would like as Chairperson of the board from the list of proposed persons.
- The same method is applied individually to each proposed member of the board.

G) Persons to be elected:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 8 additional board members, proposed, seconded and voted for individually. (suggest, trial organiser, publicity officer/web master.

H) Sub Committee

- When the board has been elected,
- A decision on number of committee members required: Recommend 6quorum 4
- Each member will be proposed, seconded and voted on individually to work on the Constitution and Disciplinary policies etc.
- Elect Chairman, and Secretary from within the board.

Date and venue of next meeting:

Date and venue of sub-committee meeting.....

- Close meeting