Minutes
General Assembly 06.06.2025 – 6.00 pm
Dajkova ulica 4, 2000 Maribor

Present:

Board:	**Damia Francesca** (responsible Health), **Hufschmid Ginette** (Speaker), **Klingenbrunner Karl** (responsible Utility/Judges), **Michel Stefan** (Treasurer), **Pablaka Inese** (responsible Show/Judges), **Trifilieff Pascal** (Chairman/responsible Breeding) Auditors: **Dr. Csöke Roland, Turk Suzana**
excused:	**Knopek Bernhard** (Responsible Secretary)
Member countries:	**Austria** (Karl Klingenbrunner)**, France** (Pascal Trifilieff), **Hungary** (Dr. Roland Csöke)**, Italy** (**, Latvia** (Inese Pablaka), **Slovenia** (Suzanna Turk), **Spain** (Rafa Hernandez Hernando), **Switzerland** (Ginette Hufschmid)
Excused:	**Denmark, Finland / absent: Chile, Netherland**
further participants:	**Stahanova Maria** (Latvia)**, Csuk Michelle (**Spain), **Kainz-Götz Rikki** (Austria), **Spelsberg Beate** (Germany), **Egeblad Henning** (Switzerland), **Ashraf Barbara** (Switzerland)
Beginning:	**18.40 pm**

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the chairman of WUBOX, Mr. Pascal Trifilieff
2. Determination that the invitation has been duly issued and determination of those authorised to vote
3. Report of the board members
   Chairman Pascal Trifilieff
   Responsible for health Dr. Francesca Damia
   Responsible for breeding Pascal Trifilieff
   Responsible for show and show judges Inese Pablaka
   Responsible for utility and utility dog judges Karl Klingenbrunner
   Treasurer Stefan Michel
4. Auditors report
5. discharge of the Executive Board
6. Proposals
   No motions were received for the Annual General Assembly
7. WUBOX-Events 2026 / 2027
8. Various
   1. Letter from the BCI, Roberto Crosa dated 09.04.2025 (see att.1)
      Debate, discussion
   2. Slovenia, e-mail dated 07.05.2025:
      Proposal: Purchase of an official WUBOX flag, which will be made available for WUBOX events in the future

To item 1: Welcome
Stefan Michel welcomes the participants and hands over to the President, Pascal Trifilieff.

In his speech, Pascal Trifilieff notes that it is difficult to build a bridge to ATIBOX.
It was not possible to establish good contact with Pedro Bispo. The first rapprochement regarding cooperation in the “Health” commission failed. France wanted to organise a joint exhibition involving France, Italy and Spain this autumn. A WUBOX - ATIBOX meeting could have taken place at this exhibition. The ATIBOX board was not informed by Pedro Bispo. We have shown that we can imagine co-operation in various commissions. The new President Robert Fagos may be a ray of hope.

It is important for us as WUBOX to know where we all want to go together.

The number of registrations for all events - whether utility competition or shows - is currently declining. The FCI-IFH in France had costs of € 12,000.00 for 15 participants. Only the shows provide better results.

To item 2: Determination that the invitation has been duly issued and determination of those Authorised to vote
Unanimously approved

To item 3: Report of the board members
Breeding / Pascal Trifilieff (see enclosure)
More experienced people are needed in the commission.
It is a pity that the “Judge Area” is not used by the judges. We could learn so much about the quality of the boxers in the various countries from the judges' impressions on the occasion of their judgment.
Another project is pending: the new online edition of the handbook (Barbara Baravelli).

The most important step would be to create a new, more efficient homepage. This is currently being handled by the AFB.
Michelle Csuk's suggestion: ‘Wordpress’ version, which is much easier and better to use and more efficient.

A “Social Media” commission would be worth considering!

Health / Francesca Damia (see enclosure)
The collaboration with ATIBOX failed before Francesca could even explain her concept. In her report, she lists the various aspects of disease in our breed. The ban on brachycephalic breeds in various countries is also an important issue that we cannot ignore. One example is the endurance test. Measuring the craniofacial ratio is another possibility.

Francesca is also in favour of increasing the number of commission members, particularly with veterinarians who are already involved in the boxer world, whether as breeders or enthusiasts of the breed.

Web seminars are the most appealing. She is working on preparing various topics for this.

Shows / Inese Pablaka
Exhibitions are declining everywhere and must therefore be attractive for exhibitors.
It is important that show dates are better coordinated between the countries.
The Show Commission will draw up a questionnaire for the selection of judges at shows. The executing country can only give a judge approval once the exhibition commission has reviewed the case. In this way, the back and forth that occurred this year can be avoided.

For many breeds there is an illustrated standard with photos of the positive/negative appearance. This should also be considered for our breed. In this case, the organisation of the standard-leading country (Boxer-Klub E.V.) could be the responsible organisation to create such documentation. The WUBOX Presidium will discuss this with the main organisers of the BK.

Performance/ Karl Klingenbrunner (see enclosure)
Karl refers to the excellently organised WUBOX utility events
(FCI-IFH in France with unfortunately only 13 teams but great organisation), FCI-IGP championship in Tarragona with 24 teams (mainly from Germany and Italy), excellently organised by Spain.
The co-operation between the committee members from Germany, Italy and Switzerland is very effective.

Treasurer / Stefan Michel
The cash balance as at 31. December 2024 was EUR 5506.06
On the income side, the contributions amounted to EUR 4165.28
The expenses were determined by the events with EUR 5234.55, other costs EUR 322.98.

As there are no elections, there is no audit.

The agenda items 4 Auditors Report and 5 Discharge of the Executive Board are therefore omitted

To item 6: Proposals
No motions were received for the Annual General Assembly

To item 7: WUBOX events 2026 / 2027
2025: 14 – 16 November in Hungary (Tapioszentmarton, near Budapest)

2026:
FCI-IGP: also in Hungary at the same location as the FCI-IFH
Show: Spain
FCI-IFH: Germany, Group Holledau / 6 - 8 November
2027:
FCI-IGP: possibly France
Show: possibly Italy (as ATIBOX is taking place in San Marino, Roberto Crosa will discuss this with the BCI Board)
FCI-IFH: Austria

To item 8: Various
1. Letter from the BCI, Roberto Crosa, dated 09.04.2025 (see enclosure)
Roberto explains that nothing has changed there since we left ATIBOX.
Our start was very difficult due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and no miracles could be expected at that time. But from today's perspective, we as WUBOX have to work together and promote the goals we have set ourselves. We need to attract many more enthusiasts from the 12 member countries, for example, to work in the commissions.

2: Slovenia, e-mail dated 07.05.2025
Proposal: Purchase of an official WUBOX flag, which will be made available for WUBOX events in the future
Has already been done by Slovenia and was thanked with applause.

Rafa: 2 meetings of the board/member countries must be organised. For example, once on the occasion of the exhibition and once on the occasion of the FCI-IFH.

Stefan: commissions should exchange ideas every 3 months.
Country meetings once at the exhibition and once online (a physical meeting can only take place in cities that can be reached cheaply by plane or train
Seminars online.

End of the meeting: 20.30 h

For the minutes:
Ginette Hufschmid / Stefan Michel

Objections to these minutes must be reported to the authors within 21 days of the date of dispatch on 27.07.2025, otherwise the minutes will be deemed approved.

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WUBOX Generalversammlung am 06/06/2025
Anwesenheitsliste
WUBOX General Assembly on 06/06/2025
Attendance list

Board

Function	***Name***	***Signature***
Chairman	Trifilieff, Pascal (FR)	
Speaker	Hufschmid, Ginette (CH)	
Treasurer	Michel, Stefan (DE)	
Resp. Secretary	Knopek, Bernhard (DE) absent / excused	
Resp. Health	Dr. Francesca Damia (IT)	
Resp. Breeding	Trifilieff, Pascal (FR)	
Resp. Show / Judges	Pablaka, Inese (LV)	
Resp. Utility / Judges	Klingenbrunner, Karl (AT)	
Auditors	Dr. Csöke, Roland	
	Turk, Suzana	

Member Countries
Delegates with the right to vote

Member Country	***Name***	***Signature***
Austria	Klingenbrunner, Karl	
Chile	absent	
Denmark	absent / excused	
Finland	Jääskeläinen, Pia EXCUSED	
France	Trifilieff, Pascal	
Germany	Michel, Stefan	
Hungary	Dr. Csöke, Roland	Csöke Roland
Italy	Crosa, Roberto	Roberto Crosa
Latvia	Pablaka, Inese	
Netherlands	Fick, Debbie	
Slovenia	Turk, Suzana	
Spain	Hernandez Hernando, Rafael	
Switzerland	Hufschmid, Ginette	G. Hufschmid

Further participants

Member Country	***Name***	***Signature***
Austria	Kainz-Götz, Rikki	
Germany	Spelsberg, Beate	
Hungary	Kadar, Attila	
Italy	Dr. Damia, Francesca	
Latvia	Stahanova, Marija	
Spain	Csuk, Michelle	
Switzerland	Egeblad, Henning	
Switzerland	Ashraf, Barbara	

Commission élevage AG 2025

1. *The breeding committee still has the WBBO, which is operational but is not used by any Wubox country (or almost none).*

I am available if you would like me to explain the principle again, which is to highlight the faults and qualities of our breed through judging, so that we can work on them by informing judges and breeders.

2. *There are only two of us left on the committee, so if you are interested in joining us, please let me know.*

3. *We have a new project, a big project, which we are just starting to work on: re-editing the Handbook. It seems that all of us enthusiasts miss this book, despite the internet.*

   What do you think of this idea?

Wubox General Assembly

The purpose of this Health Commission must be to try to make it easier for breeders to breed healthy dogs.

Starting from this assumption, the objectives that I have set myself are those that we face every day in all the kennels in every country in the world.

However, we are still far from achieving similar results.

In the attempt to cooperate with Atibox, unfortunately interrupted before I could even present the work that I and the other Colleagues involved from different countries of our association wanted to carry forward, I clashed again with what in my opinion is the most important problem in the development of common guidelines that can be transversally and uniformly used in all countries, and that is that few Veterinarians are involved.

As all of us breeders obviously know, the most important problems we encounter in breeding are:

Hip dysplasia

Spondylosis

Heart problems

Renal dysplasia

Gastrointestinal problems

Baos (?)

These are the most frequent pathologies for which we are called to answer (often and willingly) when we sell a puppy to a family.

As regards Hip dysplasia and spondylosis we are all very informed, even if I would like to underline once again the importance of the evaluation of spondylosis at 24 months as the most significant data to use for the choice of matings.
Regarding heart disease, I would like to point out that unfortunately the problems are not limited to the presence or absence of pulmonary or aortic/sub-aortic stenosis, but we have several emerging heart diseases such as tricuspid dysplasia, septal defects and also recently, several cases of quadricuspid aorta in addition to the well-known arrhythmogenic heart disease.
If we lower our guard in selection, in 2 - 5 - 10 years we could find ourselves having to fight numerous other problems that until now have not characterized our breed.
As regards to renal dysplasia, together with the BCI and the valuable work of some of my Colleagues, as well as the involvement of two Italian Universities, we have started a scientific research for the screening of renal dysplasia. The aim of this research is to identify subjects with renal alterations compatible with juvenile renal dysplasia, through ultrasound monitoring, to define then the histological type and possibly conduct a genetic evaluation to identify a possible common trait in all these cases of altered renal development. It is a very large work, which will require a lot of time to obtain definitive data, but which could already contribute to avoiding problems of transferring puppies that already present early alterations of renal development visible quickly and with minimal

invasivety through ultrasound, and will allow breeders to not risk incurring problems for the transfer of sick puppies.
In my clinical practice I daily visit dogs with intestinal problems, often we can also identify familiar transmission of food intolerance, and this is another trivial but important point to evaluate when we decide to mate a dog.
Brachycephalic obstructive syndrome in my veterinary practice I have never seen Boxers that actually developed respiratory deficits. However, unfortunately it is a pathology that we must fight with serious and responsible breeding, especially considering what is happening in various countries with the ban on the reproduction of brachycephalic breeds.
In my opinion, the most important weapon we have to finally get the Boxer out of the sphere of brachycephalic syndrome is the endurance test, and possibly the introduction of the measurement of the cephalic index.
In many countries it is forbidden to organize the endurance test, but we could think of organizing it in some event even under the banner of Wubox in countries where it is permitted (?).
I have already asked in a previous meeting of the presidium to broaden the participation in the Health Commission to other veterinarians involved in the Boxer's world, as breeders or fancier or only because they worked with several breeders, to be able to work on multiple fronts, and to bring the most recurring requests from the various breeders of each country.

I hope to be able to continue with the support of the BCI our work started last year and it is on hold for political reasons related to the last elections, and to be able to see you all again as soon as possible, with new proposals but with the same love that we all have for this wonderful breed.

Dr. Francesca Damia

Maribor 06/06/2025

Dear Board of Directors, dear Boxer friends!

Here is my report on the last two WUBOX working events.

From November 9th to 11th, 2024, the **4th WUBOX IFH Championship** took place in France. The venue was Blagon in Gironde, near Bordeaux. It's been a very long time since the **Association Française du Boxer** organized a working event. The French proved to be the perfect hosts. Together with the regional "Le Club Bordelais," an event was organized where everyone felt at home. Due to the relatively long journey, the number of participants at this championship was rather small. With 13 teams from four countries, it was a small but fine event, where outstanding performances were shown. We are already looking forward to the next working event that France will organize for us. Many thanks to the French team under the leadership of **Pascal Trifilieff** for their commitment.

From April 25th to 27th, the **5th WUBOX IGP Championship 2025** took place in Tarragona, near Barcelona. For the **Club National Boxer Espana**, this was the second working event organized by the Spanish team, following the 2023 WUBOX IFH Championship. Once again, they put in a great effort and delivered an outstanding championship that received widespread praise. A total of 24 teams from five nations took on the challenge, with the majority coming from Germany and Italy. In favourable weather conditions, Boxer dog sport was seen at the highest level and worthy winners in all classes. Our thanks go to **Rafa Hernandez** and **Michelle Csuk**, as well as the entire Spanish organizing team, for this outstanding work!

The next planned event is the **5th WUBOX IFH Championship 2025**, which will take place from **November 14th to 16th in Tápiószentmárton** (near Budapest), Hungary. Details about this event will be announced on the WUBOX website in the coming weeks.

The **6th WUBOX IGP Championship 2026** is also expected to take place at the same location in **Hungary**. The date will be announced as soon as possible.

The **6th WUBOX IFH Championship 2026** has also been confirmed and unanimously approved by the committee. This event will take place centrally in the **Holledau group of the BK Munich in Germany from November 6th to 8th.**

Planning for 2027 is still somewhat uncertain. As far as I've heard, France is considering possibly hosting the WUBOX IGP Championship. And in Austria, there are already plans to organize the WUBOX IFH Championship. We'll see, we still have some time!

Finally, I would like to thank my three committee members, **Uwe Petersen** (Germany), **Patrick Näf** (Switzerland), and **Mirco Spada** (Italy), for their excellent cooperation. The committee is very well connected and communicates very effectively.

I would also like to thank all the responsible members of the Executive Board and the various countries for their excellent cooperation and communication.

Thank you for your attention!

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Karl Klingenbrunner

Responsible for utility dogs and judges