

From the work of the Executive Board (*Präsidium*)

The first AGM after the executive transfer of power is now past and the Executive Committee continues its work. And so, in the weeks following the AGM, many important appointments and a meeting of the Executive Board were on the agenda.

A recurrent topic discussed is judging by association judges of the JGHV at tests of NAVHDA in the U.S.A. The *Stammbuchkommission* has discussed this topic and submitted a proposal to the Executive Board and the Executive Board has fully complied with the draft resolution in its decision. According to this, judging by association judges with NAVHDA, in accordance with the *OfdVRW*, is not possible at present, because NAVDHA is not the organization, which is officially recognized by the AKC to conduct hunting-oriented performance tests in the U.S.A.

The topic of African swine fever (ASP), which concerns Ministries, hunters with their various organizations and business, cannot be ignored by the JGHV. For months and years preparations have been made for the appearance of ASP which hopefully will not occur. In such a case, among other things, the carcasses of dead animals must be searched for and found, in order to dispose of them in an orderly manner. With this objective a first meeting took place in the training center for rescue dogs in Mosbach on May 17, 2019. The participants included representatives of the responsible ministry in Baden Württemberg (BW) and representatives of the rescue dogs and the JGHV. As a result of the consultation under the leadership of the MLR (Ministry for Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection) Baden Württemberg, a related project is being launched. The performers will be the rescue dogs. The JGHV is "on board" in an advisory capacity. If similar activities are planned or considered in other federal states, please inform the ministries about the activities in BW.

In addition to these and other current topics concerning the hunting dog and hunting, requests on judging and testing had been submitted to the Executive Board. Often it concerns registering dog handlers as judge apprentices, although not all the requirements defined in the Regulations on Association Judgeship (*OfdVRW*) have been met. In its decision the Executive Board considers which requirements have not been met and what are the reasons for this. The requirements for registration as a judge apprentice are the minimum conditions that have been established over time, and from which a basic level of qualified judge apprentices and later association judges can be expected.

On the day before this meeting of the Executive Board, the Executive Board met with the representatives of the JGHV state associations (*Landesverbände*) - hunting associations (*Jagdkynologische Vereinigungen/JKV*). At present, JGHV state associations are active in 10 federal states. The role and importance of the state associations is discussed intensively. What tasks should they perform and what competencies do they have? It is made clear in the discussion that the Executive Board expects the state associations to provide active support in order to implement the positions and interests of the JGHV at the state level. Especially through the federal structure and in the awareness of conditions specific to each state, the Executive Board depends on support in the respective BL (*Bundesländer/federal states*). A lively exchange of information from both sides is encouraged. The Executive Board can promote in turn the work of the state associations by coordinating and providing personnel and topic-specific reports.

The next discussions of the Executive Board are already planned for the end of June. These (meetings) will last two days, in order to take up and work through important topics of the future along with normal daily business topics.