

WUSV Presidents letter to all members, dated 17th April 2024

Dear Sir or Madam, dear members,

With my letter today I would like to inform you about current matters in our club.

In the interests of the greatest possible transparency and to counteract rumors and false information, I would like to give you reliable information.

This letter refers to two topics:

1. Resignation of the SV General Manager
2. WUSV situation

Regarding 1.:

Unfortunately and to my complete surprise, the SV Managing Director, Mr. Hartmut Setecki, informed me in March 2024 that he would not continue his employment beyond December 31, 2024.

The reasons for his decision can be found in his private life and are to be accepted by us without any ifs or buts. Due to the trusting cooperation to date, we have jointly signed the information letter to the SV committees dated March 21, 2024.

We also informed the employees of the SV headquarters and the SV board on March 21, 2024. The search for an appropriate successor for Mr. Setecki began immediately. A conversation with a first applicant has already taken place. Although it initially seemed promising, the applicant decided otherwise. So the search is now continuing in a targeted manner.

Regarding 2.:

Another topic that requires factual clarification concerns the WUSV.

The current status is as follows:

At its meeting of the SV Board on April 11th, 2024, it decided to submit an application for the SV to withdraw from the WUSV to the SV Federal Assembly.

The reason for this is difficulties that have been ongoing for months and the development of the overall situation to the detriment of the SV.

The final decision will not be made by the SV Board, but by the SV Federal Assembly on April 1st/2nd. June 2024.

A concept must be developed that shows a sensible alternative to a new world organization.

The fact is that the SV wants to continue to work with the friends of the German Shepherd Dog all over the world. However, it should be a peaceful coexistence in which the German Shepherd Dog is the sole focus.

We would be only too happy to do that in the current WUSV. Unfortunately, a group of people are deliberately blocking it.

I personally have not lost hope that many WUSV member clubs will now raise their voices against those responsible and that such a step by the SV can be prevented.

As a consequence of the above, it can be assumed that we are facing turbulent times in the coming weeks and months. But let us remain confident and solution-oriented.

True to my motto

"The secret of ability lies in the will,"

I will face the challenges and try to find the best solutions for our club and the German Shepherd Dog.

Best regards

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