



# Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA

## RBC Minutes for Sunday 29 June 2014.

### Venue: MRL Clubhouse, Goldfields Kennel Club Grounds, Bedford View.

**Present:** Neil Perkins (NP) Chairman- MRL Delegate 1  
Tom Bezuidemhout (TB) Vice-Chairman – Judges Convenor - RWBA Delegate 1  
Marinda Rademeyer (MR) Secretary - RWBA Delegate 2  
Barron Africa (BA) Treasurer - WPRC Delegate 1  
Chris Pretorius (CP) - WPRC Delegate 2  
Darren Uys (DU) Working Convenor - NRA Delegate 1  
Jack Knight (JK) - NRA Delegate 2  
Letsie Fischer (LF) Communication/Marketing Convenor - PRC Delegate 1  
Kobie van Zyl (KVZ) PRC Delegate 2  
Alex Varela (AV) Breed Convenor –NARC Delegate 1  
Cliff Haylett (CH) HRC Delegate 1  
Barbara Larkin (HRC) Delegate 2  
Osman Damon (OD) Health Sub-Committee Convenor – CRC Delegate 1  
Shameen Effendi (SE) CRC Delegate 2  
Hamidah Ajam (HA) – ID Sub-Committee Convenor

**Apologies:** None

| Item   |
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| <p><b>1. <u>Opening of Meeting, ratification, accreditation and welcoming of Delegates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting was officially opened at 09h03 by NP. NP reminded all that this meeting is confidential and what is said stay in the meeting. This meeting is open only to Delegates, Natal confirms it is only Delegates attending via teleconference, Cape Town confirms it is only Delegates attending via teleconference.</li><li>• NP informed all that the current constitution still stands and that 7 votes will carry the majority</li><li>• The first Delegate is the only Delegate that can vote on the meeting.</li><li>• Natal and Cape Town to fill in the attendance register and email back to MR.</li><li>• RWBA – Received Accreditation Letter and proof of KUSA membership for both Delegates</li><li>• MRL – Received Accreditation Letter and KUSA proof membership for NP</li><li>• WPRC – Received accreditation Letter and proof of CP KUSA membership and not BA</li><li>• PRC – Received accreditation letter and no proof of KUSA membership</li><li>• NRC – Nothing was received and they will sent them through</li><li>• NARC – Received accreditation letter and proof of KUSA membership for AV</li><li>• HRC – Nothing was received and they will sent them through</li><li>• CRC – Received accreditation no proof of KUSA membership</li><li>• No objections recorded</li><li>• NP thanked HRC for the JHB catering</li></ul> |

## **2. Apologies**

- None, BA will attend the meeting but will arrive late.

## **3. Confirmation of previous Meeting's Minutes (Sun. 03 Feb. 2013)**

- NP is not giving time to read them through they all did receive them in time.
- **Proposed – TB**  
**Seconded – OD**

## **4. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

- Point 7 – Discussed and agreed that the Judge's Convenor write a letter to the individual indicating the council's position on the matter. Point 7 – NP did speak to the new Chairman of FEDCO, it was stated that the judge must hand in a complaint. Point 8 – Natal and Cape will make arrangements for the Breeder Convenor to go down to them for a seminar. Cape Town proposed that AV to come down in September 2014 for a Seminar after their show. Natal will come back to NP before the end of the week with a date.
- Point 9 – NARC will not host GVR Show in 2016, PRC will move up, as per the list.
- Point 16 – ID Convenor to maintain a data base.

## **5. Correspondence**

- MR informed everybody that all the correspondence is on file She highlighted a few points out:
- LF is currently busy with the Website
- Query regarding dishonest Breeders and procedure to follow
- IFR Congress in Denmark
- RBC Proposals from Clubs regarding adopting ADRK/FCI breed standards
- Judge – David Lower: KUSA has an issue; he does not live in SA
- Chris looking for homes for some Rottweiler's
- New Breed Judges learning Programme from KUSA
- Marina Steenkamp not happy her name is not on the Breeders List we get from KUSA and want the RBC to just put her on the list
- Unregistered litter referred to KUSA
- LF regarding the SA Rottweiler Journal
- Exhibitor contacting international judges prior to judging – KUSA came back and said if the Club don't take it further they can't do anything
- AAA Application for Championship 2011, according from Barron KUSA's forms are not updated with the new RBC requirements
- Tom updating Module 3 and went to Cape for the course with the learner Judges
- Junior Grand Victrix Trophy state – SE repaired the broken trophy
- RBC Rottweiler Database – HA to consolidate as on request from BA
- LF asking if the RBC can't put a stall up at the Agility World Championships, the voting was no due to short notice and the Breed will not benefit from it
- KVZ regarding an advert posted on Facebook with puppies tails that are docked
- Dawn Rosier regarding HD/ED clarification imported dogs and semen
- Schedule 10 – New Judges Scheme from KUSA
- Cancellation of RBC Meeting, Neil speak to all first Delegates to explain and establish next date
- Praetor will held GV Show in 2015
- Constitutional Work groups
- Proposals from Clubs for the Agenda
- Request via EXCO Serbia to be included in the judges that we invite to South Africa.

Proposed to send feedback to KUSA. Consensus is that we need to get confirmation from the Serbia Rottweiler Club about their judges training programme. NP asked TB to contact them and get feedback. DU also asked TB to investigate Argentina before requesting a final decision from the RBC.

- Discussion around the distribution of Minutes - Going forward all the Delegates on the Council are responsible to sign off the minutes before it will be published on the website. All agreed that the minutes will be sent out first to the Executive Members, and from there to all the Delegates for approval.

**Proposed: KVZ**

**Seconded: TB**

#### **6. Chairman's Report**

- The Chairman read his report to all the Delegates. (See attached)

**Proposed: CP**

**Seconded: BL**

#### **7. Finance**

- BA distributed the financial statement and all questions can be directed to him
- BA explained the Financials to all Delegates. (See attached Financials)

**Proposed: BL**

**Seconded: AV**

#### **8. Confirmation of Minutes of Judge's Meeting Saturday 28 June 2014**

##### **Judge's Convenor's Report**

- The Judge's Convenor read his report to all the Delegates. (See attached)  
**Proposed: LF**  
**Seconded: CP**
- The Judge's Convenor read the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 28 June 2014 (See attached)
- Proposals regarding the teeth for BA. Three critiques from three different Specialist classes and it must be from Puppy Class (9 months) and up, or a Dental X-Ray must be arranged via the Breed Convenor. Dr Steenkamp in Onderstepoort is the Dental Specialist for Gauteng. Cape Town and Natal must find out if there is a Dental Expert in there Provinces and liaison with the Breed Convenor. Once a dog did a BA and later wants to do a BST and a tooth/teeth is missing, we will still allow him to do the BST.  
**Proposed: LF**  
**Seconded: SE**
- The new BA/BST proposal will be discussed under the Club proposals.
- TB is concerned about all the Aspirant Judges and that they need to start getting them qualified and start writing the Essays on the six topics that is mentioned in the Judges Minutes.

#### **9. Report-back of Breeders' Meeting Saturday 28 June 2014**

##### **Breed Convenor's Report**

- AV was very happy with the meeting that was held on Saturday afternoon, 28 June 2014, and thanked everybody that attended the meeting.
- Breed Convenor read his report to all Delegates (See attached)

**Proposed: TB**

**Seconded: DU**

#### **10. ID Convenor's Report**

- The ID Convenor read her report to all Delegates (See attached)  
**Proposed: AV**  
**Seconded: OD**
- It was proposed and asked, that HA organise a scanner for Cape Town and Natal for future use.
- HA developed a programme with the Data Base and all the Club Secretaries can access it to verify the show entries.
- She will sent it to MR that will distribute to all.
- BA disappointed that the ball gets dropped on the Data Base and the reports are not going out in time to the Clubs. The ID Convenor did apologize, but going forward the Data Base is ready for all Club Secretaries to receive.
- 10 days after a of show, the Club Secretary must sent a report to the ID Convenor, if there were any problems. This consolidated report must also be sent to clubs prior to their shows.

#### **11. Health Convenor's Report**

- The Health Convenor read his report to all Delegates. (See attached)  
**Proposed: CP**  
**Seconded: AV**
- CP commented on a well put together and comprehensive report.
- BA suggest that the report detailing the import requirements and processes to follow must be sent to all Club Secretary's via OD, but he must state in the mail that they must refer the members to the website for more details.

#### **12. Working Convenor's Report**

- The Working Convenor read his report to all Delegates (See attached)  
**Proposed: BA**  
**Seconded: LF**

#### **13. Communications/Marketing Convenor's Report**

- The Communications/Marketing Convenor read her report to all Delegates. (See attached)  
**Proposed: BL**  
**Seconded: BA**
- For the Journal, NP suggested that LF must investigate cheaper options for printing, but we must rather put all on the web.
- LF is asking to all too please communicate to their Club Secretaries to please send them their show pictures and results ASAP to her.
- BA indicated that it was a well run portfolio for the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

#### **14. 2014 Grand Victor Show**

- **Feedback from CRC on the 2013 show**  
OD informed all that the GRV Show was successfully hosted. OD read his report to all Delegates (See attached)  
**Proposed: TB**  
**Seconded: SE**
- **Review plans for the 2014 GV Show (RWBA) (Motivation for the RBC Funding)**  
The RWBA did submit their budget for the Show and informed all that everything is in place for the show. NP stated that he was shocked to see the entry fee going up to R120.00. TB suggest that the RBC must agree to what to charges for CH Show and for GRV

Show. BA suggest that the entry fee stay the Clubs matter. BA confirm he received all from the RWBA and will go ahead to pay over the R3 000.00 to the Club.

- **Review plans for the 2015 GV Show (Praetor) (Motivation for RBC Funding)**

LF informed all that PRC steps in for NARC to hold the GRV Show in 2015. LF presented the PRC motivation however was not in a position to confirm a judge, to be confirmed. CP informed all that it is WPRC 25 anniversary in 2015 and that they did asked in 2013 to host the GRV Show, it was agreed if NARC is not hosting the show it will go on to WPRC to host the 2015 GRV Show. LF not happy about this, but she will go back to her Committee and have an answer for us at the end of the week, regarding CP request.

- **List for Grand Victor Show by Clubs**

1. 2014– RWBA
2. 2015 – PRC – To be advised
3. 2016 – MRL
4. 2017 – WPRC – Wants to host in 2015 for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
5. 2018 – HRC
6. 2019 - NRA

**15. RBC position required on the recent FEDCO approved principle of having a litter sired by multiple sires**

- RWBA – No
- MRL – No
- PRC – Yes
- HRC – No
- NRA – No
- CRC – Yes
- WPRC – Yes
- NARC – No
- A communication will be drafted and sent to FEDCO that Rottweiler's must be excluded from this ruling by TB and NP.

**16. RBC position required on the ADRK Co-operation Agreement proposal (refer to email from Anton Spindler)**

- NP explained the situation between the IFR and ADRK.
- RWBA – Yes
- PRC – Yes
- HRC – Yes
- NARC – Yes
- MRL – No
- WPRC – Yes
- CRC – Yes
- NRA – No
- NP will draft an email to inform A Spindler that we support the ADRK world organisation as an organisation and to confirm the contents of the agreement if any?

**17. Proposals submitted for discussion by member Clubs/Sub Committee's**

**1. Constitutional Subcommittee**

- a) Voting Powers of Clubs – S7.1.3
  1. Option 1 – All clubs with voting rights have 1 vote to exercise

2. Option 2 – The number of club votes are determined based on the assessment of the scorecard completed by each club. In terms of this assessment clubs are categorised as Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 RBC member clubs. Level 1 member clubs are able to exercise 2 votes, Level 2 member clubs are able to exercise 1 vote and Level 3 member clubs have no vote.

#### **CLUB DECISIONS**

NARC – Option 1

HRC – Option 2

PRC – Option 1

RWBA – Option 1 (until Option 2 are rectify)

MRL – Option 2

NRC – Option 1

WPRC – Option 2 (Change to Option 1 to go forward)

CRC – Option 2 Change to Option 1)

#### **CLUB FEELING**

**RWBA** – In principle Option 2 look good, but our concern is the items on the score card. This can bring Conflict between the Clubs and boycotting.

**PRC** – In favour of 1 Club 1 Vote. Working for the Breed and we are not here to put our Clubs forward. Option 2 will create conflict between the Clubs and looking over each shoulder. The score card can rather be used for internal evaluation in every club.

**NARC** – It is a good idea. As a Rottweiler Club you have KUSA affiliation and are a Member of the RBC Council.

**NRC** – Their concern is where on the score card you can determine what is your % vote your Club is carrying.

**CRC** - Concerned that Option 2 will have competition between the Clubs. Competition is not a bad thing.

**WPRC** – This is going to the heart of this discussion. The requirements of the Delegates must be set out clearly on who can present a Club.

**NRC** – Congratulate BA on a fantastic score card. Some areas need to be looked at.

Neither of the Proposals carrying the majority and for that we need to go back to the drawing board, nor the Constitution stand as it is currently.

After a lengthy discussion WPRC & CRC changed their vote and Option 1 is carrying the majority vote.

#### b) Voting % to carry – S11.3

1. For all proposals or decisions to carry a minimum of 70% votes on all matters will apply and a chairman's casting vote will never be required. Where less than 70% is achieved proposals are simply not carried.

#### **CLUB VOTES**

All Clubs are in favour.

#### c) Quorums at all meetings – S11

1. For all quorum will be 70% of all member clubs with voting rights. Remove the detail regarding how many clubs need to be present for all scenarios.

**CLUB VOTE**

All Clubs are in favour.

d) RBC Meetings – S11

1. General Meeting (GM) – This is the annual RBC comprising of all member clubs to discuss proposals and management of the RBC. The meeting is held at least annually in November or December.
2. Bi-annual election meeting – This meeting is held every 2 years just after the GM to nominate and appoint officers for the RBC for the next 2 years. And comprises of all member clubs. The club's delegates, accreditation and club's member status for the next two years is also confirmed at this meeting. The election of the various sub-committee convenors are also done at this meeting.
3. Special General Meeting (SGM) – This is a special general meeting requested in writing to the RBC secretary by more than half of the members and comprises of all member clubs.
4. RBC executive meeting (RBC Exec) – This meeting consists of the RBC chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer for the purpose of administration, and no proposals are decided at these meetings.
5. Meeting formats (physical , teleconference, electronics): S11
6. RBC GM meeting consists of the Delegates and Convenors. Only Delegates have a vote.
7. Club Proposals, RBC Exec will administer the proposal. The secretary must notify 3 months prior to the meeting sent out the Notice.
8. Club applications and terminations.

**CLUB VOTES**

All Clubs are in favour.

2. **CRC**

1. Breed Assessment – Clearly define which reactions should be deferred/failed (No detailed proposal received)
2. Agreed that a sub-com be formed to put discuss the issues and come up with a revised schedule. TB to run with and due date 30 Sep 2014.
3. Update Specialist Show Schedule
4. We agreed that the Baby Puppy class could only receive the max of a Promising grading. Not OB.

**PROPOSED – TB**

**SECONDED – LF**

Majority of the Clubs are in agreement with the decision.

5.
  1. Neutered Dog class – No grading to be given except for “OB” (Not Graded), only class placing  
All Clubs are in favour

3. **PRC**

1. Breed Assessment Procedure – Updates to procedure
2. Specialist Show Schedule – Update requirements for “v v” and V grading
3. This details are not clear. We need to indicate the proposal for “V” grading only to undocked tails born effective 1 Jan 2015, and dogs that have not been medically altered. Also effective this date all tailed dogs to be fully judged.
4. BA had issues with the proposal in that it was incomplete, as it did not address, what medically altered meant, also what happens if a tail needs to be docked for injury? Additionally, the current breed standard does not address the proposed changes and allows for both docked and undocked to be shown. Despite the concerns the issue was put to vote and majority voted in favour of the changes.

Change to Schedule 5E. The gradings “v v” and “V” may only be awarded to dogs that present having tails in a natural state and have not been medically altered in any way. This will only apply to dogs that are born after 01 January 2015. Dogs born before 01 January 2015 and the tails are docked, may be shown and is still entitled to receive a “V” or “vv” grading.

**Proposed: LF**

**Seconded: TB**

**CLUB VOTES**

RWBA – Yes

PRC – Yes

HRC – Yes

NARC – Yes

MRL – Yes

CRC – Yes

WPRC – Yes (with reservation)

NRA - No

**BA/BST**

TB suggested a sub-committee and the first draft will be given in September 2014. All Clubs are in favour.

**18. Urgent matters permitted by the Chair**

- NP had a discussion with Dave Thompson that the RBC have some grounds for a Disciplinary Procedure. A proposal must be done and go through to FEDCO. It is better that the Club handle all complaints and put them through to KUSA to handle
- NP is asking if the date for the GM RBC meeting to be changed to mid-November/beginning December. All the Clubs are in favour.
- Rescue of the Rottweiler. All the Clubs are participating in rescuing dogs. NP will sent through and the Clubs must vote if the RBC can financially contribute towards them.



**19. Close of Meeting and provisional date of the next**

- Meeting was closed at 15h15 by NP. Next meeting date to be advised.