

KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON
SATURDAY, 27 JUNE & SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 2020
VIA SKYPE

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			<p>ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <p>Clr CJL Griffith (Chairman of the Federal Council) - CG Clr JM Hubbard (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – NAPC) – JH Clr CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CI Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) - BJ Clr RD Jukes (Chairman - FS&NCPC) - RJ Clr G Morison (Chairman – KZNPC) - GM Clr BG Robinson (Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Clr L Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT</p> <p>Staff in Attendance:</p> <p>Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Ms SA Thornberry (Secretary) – ST Mr K Farmer (Office Manager) - KF Mrs A Bastick (Shows Department) – AB Mrs Z Petersen (Administrator) - ZP</p> <p>Invited Guest:</p> <p>Brig Gen NJ du Preez (KUSA Legal Adviser) – NdP</p> <p>Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and in the interest of financial prudence, a prior proposal had been made to the members of Fedco for Fedco 06-2020 to take place as a series of Skype Meetings between 2 June and 27 June 2020. The proposal for Fedco 06-2020 to take place virtually over that period, had met with unanimous approval.</p> <p>Since JH had undertaken the arduous task of selecting and grouping the Agenda items to be tabled at the various meeting sessions, the Chairman agreed that she would be best placed to deal with the sequential raising of the items at the various virtual sessions and delegated this duty to her.</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to this first virtual meeting of the Federal Council. He thanked all those who had been involved in ensuring that all the Federal Councillors had access to Skype and thanked the Federal Councillors for being prepared to embrace this technology in order to assist KUSA in dealing with a myriad of extraordinary challenges.</p> <p>With nine Federal Councillors present, the Chairman declared a two-thirds majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be six, whereas five constituted a simple majority required for other decisions.</p> <p>The Chairman requested all present observe a minute’s silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since the last Fedco meeting:</p> <p>Sonia Palmer (WC), Timothy Teale (WC), Bobby Algar (KZN), Adelia O’Leary (WC), Mary May (GAU), Fabienne Frauendorf (GAU), Guthrie Head (GAU) and Phil Reaney (GAU).</p>

2		<p>MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November & 01 December 2019 were formally adopted and confirmed, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded CG</p>
3		<p>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</p>
	3.1	<p>Declaration of Interests – Fedco Members Article 12.5 The Article provides as follows: <i>“Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.”</i></p> <p>It was confirmed that the interests of members of Fedco declared at Fedco 12-2019 had remained unchanged. The declarations were unanimously accepted. Proposed JH, seconded CG</p>
	3.2	<p>Declaration of Interests – Exco Members Article 12.5 It was confirmed that the interests of members of Exco declared at Fedco 12-2019 had remained unchanged. These declarations were unanimously accepted.</p> <p>The declaration of interests received from Mr MC Anderson was additionally considered and unanimously accepted.</p>
	3.3	<p>KUSA Budget 2020/2021 PM informed the Fedco that, due to the numerous challenges posed by the lockdown, which had resulted in the remote management of KUSA’s operations, compounded by the difficulty in forecasting income and trends in an uncertain financial climate, she had not been able to complete the KUSA Budget 2020/2021. She apologised for this and alerted Fedco to some of the constraints the lockdown and the economic downturn had imposed on her time and resources.</p> <p>She requested Fedco’s understanding and indulgence and proposed that the Budget be considered at a special Skype meeting convened for the purpose as soon as possible after finalisation. Once completed, she proposed sending the Budget to the Fedco Budget Portfolio-holders for review, and thereafter to the Chairman. On receipt of the Chairman’s review, the Skype meeting for the tabling the Budget to Fedco would be convened without delay.</p> <p>Fedco acknowledged that the lockdown had placed an enormous strain on KUSA’s operations and workflow and accepted PM’s explanation and apology for the late submission of the Budget. There was general agreement to the prior review process proposed by PM and the ultimate tabling and approval of the Budget at a Fedco Skype meeting.</p> <p>To assist her in the drafting of the Budget and thereby save time at the eventual Budget meeting, PM sought the Federal Council’s guidance and directives on certain key fund allocations and increase provisions. These were discussed and debated sequentially and the Fedco directives noted.</p>

3.4		<p>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</p> <p>PM advised Fedco that the disruption and additional workload caused by the COVID-19 lockdown had deterred her from dedicating her undivided attention to the K9 Administration Upgrade Project. As a result, the Project was running behind schedule and she had no choice but once more to prevail on Fedco's forbearance, since the lockdown had effectively put paid to all predetermined priorities.</p> <p>PM undertook to compile a comprehensive progress report as soon as possible, after which a Skype meeting would be convened for the K9 Project Task Team - CG, CI, LT, KF and PM – followed by a full update for Fedco.</p> <p>Discussion took place and PM was urged to work towards devoting her time exclusively to the Project as from mid-August 2020. During the “catch-up” period, and until the Project was securely back on track, KF would be responsible for the management of the KUSA Office and in charge of KUSA's day-to-day operations.</p> <p>PM reminded Fedco that KUSA's agreement with the developers, SrsBsns, was based on an average number of hours per month and that those targets had consistently been met, despite her sporadic availability. She provided Fedco with a brief overview of key milestones that had been achieved and elaborated on the present status of the Project.</p> <p>Fedco thanked PM for the update, but reiterated that the Task Team was entitled to regular progress reports from SrsBsns on the status of its deliverables within the context of agreed timelines. PM said that she would bring Fedco's request for regular progress reports to the attention of the developer.</p>
3.5		<p>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9</p> <p><i>Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017:</i> “Effective 01.01.2018, no licences would be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs were up to date with all returns required in terms of the KUSA Constitution.”</p> <p><i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017:</i> “Clubs that failed to comply with the provisions of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 for a period of eighteen months from the Fedco meeting where the breach was reported, would be recommended for disaffiliation.”</p>
	3.5.1	<p>Article 9.1.3</p> <p><i>“Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets where applicable in terms of Article 8.6.2.”</i></p> <p><i>Information would be tabled prior to the meeting.</i></p> <p>OFFICE NOTE: In terms of the KUSA Articles, AGM documentation was required to be submitted within thirty (30) days of a Club's Annual General Meeting being held.</p> <p>Clubs in red - overdue Clubs in black - late Clubs in blue – provisionally not considered in default, until failure to submit documents as at the end of June 2020 was confirmed</p> <p>District of Gauteng & Surrounds Australian Shepherd Dog Club - EC - Financial Year-end 31 Jan 2020, AGM due by 30 Apr 2020. Club advised that financials were with the auditor. Once the audit was completed, a meeting would be held via round robin email. Date to be advised.</p>

		<p>Bearded Collie Club of Gauteng - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Meeting held 21 March 2020.</p> <p>Chihuahua Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised meeting would be held 12 Apr 2020.</p> <p>Dalmatian Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Club advised that financials were with the auditor. Once audit has been completed, a meeting would be held via round robin email. Date to be advised.</p> <p>Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>Golden City Poodle Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>Golden Retriever Club of Transvaal - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>Goldfields Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Club advised that it intended to wait until face-to-face meetings were permitted, as this was a requirement for AGMs under the Club's Constitution.</p> <p>A letter received from Goldfields Kennel Club was tabled and noted by Fedco. It was confirmed that the Club had been made aware that Fedco had sanctioned virtual AGMs for all KUSA-affiliated Clubs as part of its emergency measures implemented to limit disruption of KUSA's operations during the period impacted by the Government's COVID-19 Disaster Regulations.</p> <p>Goldfields Supporters Club Southern Gauteng - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised meeting would be held 16 Apr 2020.</p> <p>Highveld Pomeranian Breeders Assoc. - Financial Year-end 31 Oct 2019, AGM due by 31 Jan 2020. No documents or response from the Club.</p> <p>Highveld Whippet Club - Financial Year-end April 2018/2019. Financials with auditor. Would hold meeting once completed. Date to be advised.</p> <p>IGP Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM Minutes received. Submission of Financials pending.</p> <p>Pretoria Kennel Club - Financial Year-end Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>S.A. Alsatian (German Shepherd Dog) Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>S.A. Great Dane Assoc. - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised AGM held 26 Apr 2020. Documents pending.</p> <p>Sporting Dogs' Association - Financial Year-end June 2019. No Meeting held in 2019. Meeting was due to be held 23 April 2020 via email round robin. Documents pending. Subsequent to the issuing of the Agenda for Fedco 06-2020, the Club had made contact with AB, advising that there had been confusion about the Club's Year-end and that a meeting would be held at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Transvaal Terrier Club - Financial Year-end 30 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>Working Gundog & Conservation Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.</p> <p>Working Spaniel Association - Financial Year-end 31 Oct 2019, AGM due by 31 Jan 2020.</p> <p>Northern Areas</p> <p>Beagle Association of Gauteng - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised meeting held 24 Apr 2020. Documents pending.</p> <p>Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020.</p> <p>Golden City Fox Terrier Club - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020. Advised AGM held 12 Apr 2020. Documents pending.</p> <p>Goldfields Supporters Club Northern Gauteng - Financial Year-end Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised AGM was held 16 Apr 2020. Documents pending</p> <p>Jacaranda City Kennel Club - Financial Year end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised Club would be holding a virtual AGM. Date to be advised.</p>
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Verein für Deutsche Schaferhunde (SV-Namibia) Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Meeting set for 17 June 2020.

Windhoek Dog Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.

Western Cape

Australian Shepherd Dog Club of the WC - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 28 May 2020.

Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the WC - Financial Year-end 30 Sept 2019, AGM due by 31 Dec 2019 - No documents received. LT advised that new people were in the process of taking over the Club. She would follow up and report.

Bellville GSD Club - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020.

Brede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020

Cape Bulldog Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.

Cape Heritage Bull Terrier Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. AGM held 3 May 2020. Documents pending.

Cape Hound Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. AGM held 27 April 2020. Documents pending.

Cape Rottweiler Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.

Cape Town Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.

Cape Utility Dog Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.

Cape Welsh Corgi Club - Financial Year-end Dec 2018 & 2019. AGM due to be held 29 Mar 2020, but postponed due to COVID-19. No further contact.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of the WC - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

Swartland Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

West Coast Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

Western Province Boxer Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

Western Province Bull Terrier Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

Western Province Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.

Western Province Rottweiler Club - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020. Proposed date of AGM 5 April 2020.

Whale Coast Kennel Club - Financial Year-end 29 Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020.

White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC - Financial Year-end 31 Jan 2020, AGM due by 30 Apr 2020.

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few "repeat offenders" and it was **agreed, unanimously**, that the overdue Clubs in red should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.

The following Clubs were to be served with the notice:

Highveld Pomeranian Breeders Assoc.

Highveld Whippet Club

Sporting Dogs' Association

Working Spaniel Association

Nördlicher Verein für Deutsche Hunde Rassen

Algoa Hound Club (if not expeditiously resolved by DS)

Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the WC (if not expeditiously resolved by LT)

Cape Welsh Corgi Club

Proposed CG, seconded JH

			[Note: Federal Councillors were requested to follow up with Clubs in black in their areas.]
	3.5.2		<p>Article 9.1.4 “9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of: 9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence 9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 8.”</p> <p>The following Show returns were still outstanding for 2020 - first two-and-a-half months prior to lockdown: Highveld BSD Club - Non-Championship Breed & Disc Show - 23 Feb 2020. JH to follow up. WP Bull Terrier Club – Championship Show - Breed (2) - 1 March 2020. Show levies received. - Form and marked Catalogue pending. LT to follow up.</p> <p>Fedco and PM thanked Adele Bastick and Janine Vester for their sterling efforts in following up on all outstanding fees and documentation and ensuring that tardy submissions were kept to the minimum.</p>
	3.6		<p>Introduction of Lifetime Achievement Award (Fedco 12-2019 item 3.6.6) <i>At Fedco 12-19 discussion indicated that it would be appropriate for KUSA to institute a Lifetime Achievement Award to honour persons who had devoted their time and talents to promoting the interests of dogs and encouraging responsible dog ownership.</i></p> <p><i>GM and LT offered to formulate criteria for a Lifetime Achievement Award and to revert to Fedco 06-2020 with a proposal.</i> Work in progress. To be dealt with, and hopefully finalised, via virtual topic email late July/early August.</p>
	3.7		<p>Revision and Harmonisation of Provincial Councils Constitutions (Fedco 12-2017 item 7.19, Fedco 06-2018 item 3.8, Fedco 12-2018 item 3.9, Fedco 06-2019) <i>Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 12-2019 Item 3.8</i> <i>Proposed new Provincial Council Constitution drafted by GR, checked and approved by NdP, to be tabled.</i></p> <p><i>JH read the briefing document and it was agreed that, due to the geographical separation of the main centres in their provinces, GR was authorised to include a clause to allow virtual meetings for the EC&B and FS&NC Provincial Councils only. There was no necessity for such accommodation in DOGSPC, NAPC or KZNPC. With regard to the WCPC, it was agreed that accommodation should be made for the Clubs in Oudtshoorn and George to participate in meetings by virtual means, if required. GR offered to complete the various Provincial Councils' Constitutions, once the approved amendments have been included.</i></p> <p><i>It was directed by Fedco that the new Provincial Councils Constitutions should be adopted by the various Provincial Councils before Fedco 06-2020, unless there were compelling reasons not to do so. Should clarifications or procedural guidance be required, Provincial Council Chairmen were advised to contact GR before the end of April 2020.</i> Agreed, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded JH</p> <p><i>Report-back from Provincial Council Chairmen.</i></p>

		<p>It was reported that DOGSPC, NAPC, FS&NCPC and WCPC had adopted their new Constitutions, the latter with amendments to provide for all Clubs to join a Provincial Council meeting on a virtual platform, or by any other virtual means, not only the geographically remote Clubs already provided for.</p> <p>GR informed Fedco that the COVID-19 situation had necessitated virtual meetings for all Provincial Councils and the necessary adjustments needed to be made to the Constitutions without delay. For those Provincial Councils that had not yet adopted the new Constitution, he would prepare fresh drafts for adoption as a matter of urgency. For those that had adopted the Constitution, with or without amendments, he would prepare a version with tracked amendments and a “clean” copy for signature.</p> <p>It was important to emphasise that the revised Constitutions, whether in original, or amended, form, needed to be adopted “as is”. In future, any proposed amendments to a Provincial Council Constitution would need to be considered by Fedco and, if deemed desirable, be included in all Provincial Council Constitutions under a Fedco directive.</p> <p>GR requested Fedco to issue a fresh directive for the new Constitution, whether in original, or amended, form, to be adopted by the Provincial Councils without changes. Fedco directed accordingly and the directive was unanimously supported. Proposed GR, seconded JH</p>
	3.8	<p>By-laws of Provincial Sub-Committees (Fedco 12-2017 item 7.20, Fedco 06-2018 item 3.10, Fedco 12-2018 item 3.9) Work in progress (GR) Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	3.9	<p>Code of Conduct for Club Officials – Proposed new Code Work in progress (GR) Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	3.10	<p>FCI In reply to GR’s question, JH agreed that there were a number of issues to be clarified by the FCI, but thought that, instead of engaging with the FCI head office, KUSA’s interests might be better served by working through the Africa, Asia & Oceania (A2O) Section of the FCI. She declared her intention to arrange a Skype call with the Section leaders as soon as practicable after the Fedco meeting.</p>
	3.11	<p>Zimbabwe Kennel Club – Letter of Understanding (Fedco 06-2019 item 3.11, Fedco 12-2019 item 3.14) <i>Carried forward from previous meeting.</i> Work in progress (NdP) Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	3.12	<p>KUSA’s Public Liability and Disclaimer Notices (Fedco 12-2019 item 9.17)</p>
		<p>3.12.1 KUSA’s Public Liability Insurance <i>As per the Minutes of Fedco 12-2019: With all dog-biting incidents required to be reported and members of the public, including children, attending shows, it was queried whether KUSA’s Public Liability Insurance (PLI) was sufficient to cover claims resulting from injury. Having assessed the quantum quoted by PM, NdP believed that KUSA’s PLI should be increased substantially.</i> <i>Subsequent to Fedco 12-2019, PM obtained quotations on increasing KUSA’s Public Liability Insurance and it was unanimously agreed by Fedco round robin to increase the insured amount to R20 000 000.</i></p>

		<p><i>For ratification only.</i> Ratified. Proposed BJ, seconded CI</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that she had been requested by Exco to contact KUSA's Public Liability Insurance brokers to ascertain the cost of covering Judges officiating at KUSA-licensed events, should they be bitten or otherwise injured by a dog inside, or outside, the ring. She had established from the brokers that the KUSA's policy contained an Extension Clause which covered KUSA employees, and therefore also Judges.</p> <p>PM was requested to check the so-called Extension Clause in the policy and, if necessary, subject the Extension Clause and the brokers' opinion to the Legal Adviser's scrutiny. Presumably the brokers had responded to the query in writing, in which case Fedco urged that their clarification be filed (or electronically stored) with the Public Liability Insurance Policy document.</p>
	3.12.2	<p>Clubs' Disclaimer Notice</p> <p><i>As per the Minutes of Fedco12-2019: NdP also alerted Fedco to the fact that Disclaimer Notices ought to be displayed at all dog shows, normally where people customarily enter the showgrounds, but also at the Show Office and near other high-traffic areas. It was suggested that Clubs should have a number of laminated Notices available to post wherever suitable. NdP undertook to draft a suitable Disclaimer Notice, the wording of which could be made available to Club Secretaries via KUSA's website and Facebook page.</i></p> <p>The Legal Adviser had drafted the following Disclaimer Notice, proposed to be posted at strategic points at shows, either as a permanent fixture (as in the case of GKC), or for the duration of a dog show at premises for hire. In the latter case, the Disclaimer Notice should preferably be laminated to ensure its durability for use over a number of years.</p> <p>"DISCLAIMER</p> <p>Those entering and/or lingering on these premises do so entirely at their own risk and agree, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of those accompanying them, e.g. their invitees, guests and/or minor children, that (insert name of show-holding Club) and/or the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, their Members, Officers, Officials, Employees and/or Representatives, shall not be liable for the bodily harm or death of any person, or the loss or destruction of, or damage to, any property or belongings brought onto the premises, howsoever arising or resulting from any act, omission, or conduct of those entering or present on these premises."</p> <p>As part of the motivation for the display of a "Disclaimer Notice" at KUSA Shows, Fedco and all the other KUSA structures ought to take note of a recent legal opinion on this subject. Attention was specifically drawn to the wording of the Disclaimer and, importantly, to the size and display thereof. South African courts' interpretation and application of the law in this regard is extremely rigid and it is thus important for Clubs to be as comprehensive, inclusive and visible as possible in the Notices they display.</p> <p>The following extract from the legal opinion in question has particular bearing:</p> <p>"Disclaimer notices offer protection for owners and employees concerning shopping centres, stadiums, parking lots and other public areas. For these notices to be effective, certain requirements have to be adhered to. False reliance on these disclaimers can be a very expensive mistake.</p> <p>Disclaimer notices are commonly seen in shopping centres, stadiums, parking lots and other public areas. These notices are generally aimed at protecting the owner or employees</p>

with regards to the area in question, by exempting him/her from legal liability when a member of public using the area suffers damage.

It is well established that disclaimer notices are enforceable when properly implemented. This is clear from the extract below:

Durban's Water Wonderland (Pty) Ltd v Botha and Another (1999) 1 All SA 411 (A) at 115: "If the language of a disclaimer or exemption clause is such that it exempts the proferens from liability in express and unambiguous terms effect must be given to that meaning. If there is ambiguity, the language must be construed against the proferens. (See Government of the Republic of South Africa v Fibre Spinners & Weavers (Pty) Ltd 1978 (2) SA 794 (A) at 804 C.)"

According to prevailing case law, when considering whether a disclaimer notice is effective, two factors have to be considered:

Firstly, from the *Durban Water Wonderland* case, it is evident that for the disclaimer's content to be effective, the wording thereof must not be ambiguous. It is therefore required that the disclaimer must indicate in express terms what the person relying on the disclaimer is exempted from when someone reads the disclaimer. However, any alternative meaning of the disclaimer notice cannot be too widely interpreted. It is simply required that the meaning of the disclaimer is clear to anyone reading it. This test is implemented so that a vague statement cannot be regarded as sufficient to bind someone according to the legal principle of so called "*quasi-mutual assent*", which is the underlying basis binding a person that reads a disclaimer notice.

Consider the following examples: "*the owner of the property is hereby exempted*" and "*the owner, managing agent and any other employee is hereby exempted*". In the first example only the owner of the property is exempted from liability, while in the second example, employees of the owner and the managing agent of the property are included under the exemption clause. The first example would not have been sufficient if damage was caused to a person by the negligence of an employee, as employees were clearly not within the ambit of the notice. It is therefore important to ensure that the wording of a disclaimer is clear, unambiguous and is sufficient to protect all parties that need protection.

A further issue to take into account when the effectiveness of a disclaimer notice is considered is the question whether such disclaimer has been properly displayed. A disclaimer can only be effective when it is found that the disclaimer was displayed in an appropriate position, which would allow the reasonable person to have seen the disclaimer, or to ought to have seen the disclaimer. Practical issues, such as the size of the disclaimer, the distance from the viewer, the visibility, font and positioning of the disclaimer should be taken into account. This test is implemented as the content of the disclaimer can only fall within the knowledge of a person, when the notice is of such a nature that it is easily spotted by someone. When a disclaimer is affixed to a premise, it is therefore important that the above factors be taken into account.

It is clear that a disclaimer is an effective method of protection, especially when used in areas where large amounts of people visit frequently."

Agreed, unanimously,

that the above "Disclaimer Notice", in a size, font and colour to ensure maximum visibility, should be on prominent display at all KUSA-licensed Shows and events and that Clubs should be encouraged to produce durable laminated Disclaimer Notices, which could be used from year to year.

Proposed CI, seconded RJ

	3.12.3	<p>Clubs' Right of Admission Reserved Notice</p> <p><i>At Exco 04-2020, NdP had stressed the importance of Clubs displaying 'Right of Admission Reserved' signs at high-traffic areas on the premises where the Show is taking place. NdP provided the following motivation for the display of these signs, or signboards:</i></p> <p><i>Right of Admission Reserved is legal field of considerable complexity. What is important for Fedco to know is that the display of such notice allows for KUSA and its affiliated Clubs to limit the admission of undesirable members of the public to the premises under certain circumstances and conditions. In an open and democratic society, such limitation may be imposed, provided that its enforcement does not discriminate against, or negate, the human rights of citizens as entrenched in Sections 9-11 of the Bill of Rights contained in Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the RSA, Act 108 of 1996. In other words, members of the public may not be denied access to KUSA-licensed Shows on the grounds of their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, culture, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Our Right of Admission Reserved is based on our right of "Freedom of Association" as enshrined in Section 18 of the Constitution, insofar as members of the public and even KUSA's own members fail to adhere to the general principles of good order, acceptable behaviour and social decorum customarily required at dog shows. This is likely to include people who are rowdy, drunk, naked, loud or obscene, or who engage in physical violence and/or verbal abuse of other members of the public and of KUSA, or who play loud music or engage in any behaviour that prohibits or limits KUSA and its members from participating in their chosen activity unhindered. In a nutshell, Right of Admission Reserved would sanction the denial of access to, or expulsion from, the premises of persons who indulge in unacceptable conduct and behaviour and who disrupt the good order and social discipline required at dog shows.</i></p> <p><i>When denying members of the public access to the premises and facilities, or requesting them to leave, Clubs must be able to legally justify their actions and, should such actions be challenged in court, each case will be judged on its own merits. What is important is that a Right of Admission Reserved notice should be on public display at the time admission is denied, or at the time those who had already gained access are requested to leave.</i></p> <p>The advice of KUSA's Legal Adviser was noted and it was agreed, unanimously, that the words RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED must be prominently displayed in high-traffic areas, either separately, or as part of the Disclaimer Notice contemplated in item 3.12.2 above.</p> <p>It was further agreed, unanimously, that the decisions taken under item 3.12.2 and this item 3.12.3 should be disseminated by the KUSA Office to all KUSA-affiliated Clubs by email, providing the wording applicable to each Notice and pointing out the advisability of producing laminated Notices reflecting both "RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED" and "DISCLAIMER" with the appropriate text under the latter heading.</p> <p>It was further agreed, unanimously, that it would be the duty of the Show Manager to enforce the prominent public display of the two Notices and JH undertook to include this obligation in the Guidelines for Show Managers and Trial Managers document. Proposed RJ, seconded JH</p> <p>[Note: KUSA Legal Adviser to investigate whether a reference to the Notices under 3.12.2 and 3.12.3 ought to be incorporated into Schedules 3, 3A, 4 and 4A]</p>
3.13		TEO (Temporary Exclusion Order) (Fedco 12-19 item 8.7)

		<p><i>A revised procedure document is being considered by Exco. To be tabled, if available.</i></p> <p>BJ reported that a Skype meeting would be held by Exco in due course to finalise the revised TEO procedure. Work in progress. To be dealt with, and hopefully finalised, via virtual topic email late August/early September.</p>
	3.14	<p>Requirements for UK Judges to officiate at South African Championship Shows (Fedco 12-19 item 8.8) <i>Since Judges in the UK gained their qualifications breed-by-breed, their clearance to judge in foreign countries had always been a headache. Many of them regularly judged huge classes at Open Show level and, in the past, this experience had been taken into account in assessing their qualifications to judge at South African Championship Shows.</i></p> <p><i>Initially drafted in 1998, amended in 2001, and again in 2003, KUSA formulated its REQUIREMENTS FOR UK JUDGES TO OFFICIATE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS IN THE KUSA AREA OF JURISDICTION. Sixteen years later, it was felt that much had changed in the UK and in South Africa and that the requirements set out in the document ought to be reconsidered.</i></p> <p><i>Fedco deemed the JEC the most appropriate structure to reassess the requirements for UK Judges to officiate at South African Championship Shows and it was agreed, unanimously, that the JEC should table its proposal at Fedco 06-2020.</i></p> <p><i>A proposal from the JEC to be tabled for Fedco's consideration.</i></p> <p>GR informed Fedco that the tabled document, Granting of Clearance for Foreign Judges to Officiate at Championship Shows held under KUSA-Licence, was an internal working document, prepared for the KUSA Office with a view to grouping foreign Judges' clearance procedures in a single composite document, thereby to possibly ease the administrative burden pertaining to the clearance of Breed Judges invited to officiate at various categories of KUSA-licensed Shows. The document was not meant to be "cast in stone", but to be open to variance as new, or relevant, information came to hand which could further streamline the clearance processes.</p> <p>GR further informed Fedco that the document also incorporated the procedures applicable to item 4.5.6 of the Agenda (<i>Foreign Judges with incomplete South African Groups</i>).</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed, unanimously, that the document be accepted and lodged with the KUSA Office for immediate use in place of the separate foreign Judges' clearance documents assembled by the Office over time. Proposed RJ, seconded CI</p> <p>[Note: CI expressed concern that the reference to "National Shows" in the document might be confused by a KUSA staff member as referring to the KUSA Nationals. The possibility for confusion might be obviated by inserting "(CC)" between the two words, i.e. "National (CC) Shows". GR undertook to investigate and make the necessary amendments before lodging the final version with the KUSA Office.]</p>
4		MATTERS ARISING
	4.1	Any Matters Related to the Articles
	4.1.1	Article 10 – Membership

Submitted by the KUSA Office. Proposed amendments to Article 10.

Motivation: Article 10 was not aligned with the declaration signed by new and existing Members in the submission of a completed New Member Application Form and Membership Renewal Form. The conditions and undertakings for the granting of new membership and those for renewal should be the same and it was necessary to provide greater clarity on this aspect in the Articles. The Articles referred to “minors”, whereas all other documentation referred to Junior Membership. Apart from the amendments to Sub-Articles 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, it was believed that the desired result might be achieved by the insertion of a new Sub-Article 10.4. with the existing Article 10.4 renumbered.

Insertions underlined and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

10. MEMBERSHIP

10.1 Any person seeking Membership of the Kennel Union shall make written application on such form ~~[ø]~~ and in such manner as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time, and shall despatch therewith the ~~[e]~~Entrance ~~[f]~~Fee and current year's ~~[s]~~Subscription ~~[f]~~Fee as specified in terms of Schedule 7. An applicant for Junior Membership, i.e. eight (8) years of age, but under eighteen (18) years of age, ~~[who is a minor]~~ shall be assisted by his natural or legal guardian. If elected, such Junior Member shall not be eligible to serve on any National or Provincial Sub-Committee, Provincial Council, the Executive Committee, or the Federal Council of the Kennel Union for as long as he holds Junior Membership and, if elected to membership of a Club, ~~[no minor]~~ shall enjoy no voting rights.

10.2 Any person who in the opinion of the Executive Committee has not misconducted himself in any way in connection with dogs, Training Classes and all events forming part of the Schedules of this Constitution, or held under a Kennel Union licence, or in any way acted ~~[in opposition to]~~ *contra* the Code of Ethics for Members of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa or any of its Appendices, the fundamental objects and principles upon which the Kennel Union has been established, or in any other manner which would make it undesirable that he should be a Member and who has, in the majority view of the Executive Committee, been found to be a fit and proper person to become a member of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, shall enjoy the privileges of ~~[a-M]~~membership of the Kennel Union and shall be elected upon making written application on such form ~~[ø]~~ and in such manner as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time and paying ~~[æ]~~ the Entrance Fee and the ~~[a]~~Annual ~~[s]~~Subscription ~~[f]~~Fee as specified in terms of Schedule 7.

10.3 The Executive Committee may refuse to elect any applicant and refund any Entrance Fee and ~~[s]~~Subscription ~~[f]~~Fee tendered if, by majority vote, good cause can be shown for the rejection of such application. Any application received from any person who has been expelled from, or who has been suspended or disqualified from holding ~~[m]~~Membership of any Club, Association, Canine Breeders' Society, Registering Authority or body concerned with animals, or who has been convicted in a Court of Law for an offence described in Schedule 1 Rule ~~[2-4]~~ 4.1.4, or has been proved to be in violation of any provision of Schedule 9 - Code of Ethics for Members of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, will be rejected automatically. The decision of the Executive Committee to reject any application for Membership of the Kennel Union shall be final.

10.4 Any person seeking renewal of his Membership of the Kennel Union shall make written application on such form and in such manner as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time, and shall despatch therewith the current year's Subscription Fee as specified in terms of Schedule 7. The Executive Committee may refuse to renew the Membership of any applicant and refund any Subscription Fee tendered if, by majority vote, good cause can be shown for the rejection of such application, including any expulsion, offence or violation as contemplated in 10.3 above. The decision of the Executive

		<p><u>Committee to reject any application for renewal of Membership of the Kennel Union shall be final.</u></p> <p>10.[4]5 Membership sSubscription <u>Fees</u> payable by Members shall be due and payable in such manner and at such time as may be determined by the Federal Council.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded CG Effective 01.02.2021</p> <p>[Note: Also refer to item 8.8 pertaining to a further amendment to Article 11]</p>
	4.1.2.	<p>Article 14 – Federal Council Membership Proposed amendments to Article 14.3 submitted by the KUSA Office as housekeeping to achieve harmonisation of the Articles with the Constitution of the Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council and to correct the spelling of “KwaZulu-Natal” and pluralise “Districts”.</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>14.3 The Provincial Councils shall comprise: Eastern Cape and Border Free State (inclusive of Northern Cape & <u>Republic of Namibia</u>) [Kwa-Zulu-Natal] <u>KwaZulu-Natal</u> <u>Districts</u> of Gauteng & Surrounds Western Cape (inclusive of Boland and Southern Cape) Northern Areas and such additional Provincial Councils approved by FEDCO/KUSA from time to time in accordance with the Articles and Constitution of KUSA.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded RJ Effective 01.02.2021</p> <p>[Note: RJ undertook to encourage the Namibian Clubs to join the virtual meetings of FS&NCPC and to include them in the distribution of all Notices.]</p>
	4.1.3	<p>Various Articles as indicated below Motivation: As part of the ongoing process of Constitutional reform, it was necessary to repair certain sections of the Constitution which had either become corrupted through amendments over the years, or had become outdated, or obsolete. To this end, the KUSA Legal Adviser proposed the first in a series of amendments for Fedco’s consideration:</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2 INTERPRETATION OF TERMS</p> <p>“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa <u>or a person appointed to act in his stead.</u></p> <p>6 CONTROL</p> <p>6.1 All the business of the Kennel Union shall be managed by [and all its powers and functions delegated to] the Federal Council in which vest all control and management of the Kennel Union. Under this Constitution the Federal Council is empowered to make, amend, alter, cancel and revise <u>the Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws</u> and to do or authorise to be done</p>

anything necessary for the advancement or fulfilment of any of the objects of the Kennel Union and of all matters incidental or conducive thereto.

34 KENNEL UNION FUNDS

34.1 All subscriptions, fees, fines and monies whatsoever received on account of revenue shall be deposited in the name of the Kennel Union in a recognised financial institution approved by the Federal Council and shall be withdrawn by cheques, drafts, electronic funds transfer or other permissible banking forms only, signed or authorised by two of the following mandated persons: The Chairman of the Federal Council, the Vice Chairman of the Federal Council, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the General Manager of the Kennel Union and one further officer in the fulltime employ of the Kennel Union. [~~or other banking forms only, signed by any one of the following mandated persons, namely: The Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, two members of the Executive Committee nominated as approved signatories, and the Secretary, making a total of two signatures. The Executive Committee may appoint a deputy to sign for the Secretary in his absence, for such stipulated period or periods as considered necessary and in such cases withdrawals by cheques will be countersigned by the Chairman, Executive Committee. In the absence of the Chairman cheques will be countersigned by any one of the following: Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee nominated as approved signatories]~~

34.2 The [~~Executive Committee~~] Federal Council shall be empowered to invest monies belonging to the Kennel Union and which are not immediately required for current purposes in any recognised financial institution registered in South Africa.

38 SECRETARY

38.2 The Secretary's terms of appointment and remuneration shall be decided by the Federal Council [~~and thereafter, his remuneration shall be decided by the Executive Committee~~].

38.3 The Secretary shall be responsible to the Federal Council [~~and the Executive Committee for the management and administration of the Kennel Union~~] and he shall perform all such duties as [~~the Executive Committee~~] may from time to time be prescribed in accordance with instructions given by the Federal Council [~~and the Executive Committee~~].

38.4 The Secretary [~~or his Deputy appointed in terms of Article 34.1~~] shall attend all meetings of the Federal Council and the Executive Committee and such meetings of committees as he may be directed and he shall ensure that the minutes of the proceedings of meetings so attended are accurately recorded.

38.6 The Secretary shall not communicate with the printed or electronic media [~~or any journal or publication in connection with~~] on canine matters[, ~~save and except for communications expressly authorised by the Federal Council and/or Executive Committee, approved communications published in the Official Kennel Union Journal and information normally available to members and the general public~~].

43 INTERPRETATION AND RESOLUTION

			<p>43.1 The Federal Council shall be the only authority for the interpretation <u>or resolution of any matter in [the] this Constitution and all the Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws made thereunder.</u></p> <p>43.2 The decision of the Federal Council upon <u>[all] questions of interpretation[s] in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws due to possible ambiguity shall be final and binding.</u></p> <p>43.3 <u>The decision of the Federal Council upon all questions of resolution of matters not provided for in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws shall become effective and binding upon the date of publication of the Minutes of the meeting at which the decision was taken. Failing the enactment of such resolution within a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of publication of said Minutes, it shall be null and void.</u></p> <p>43.4 <u>The Federal Council shall be the only authority to institute such emergency measures and regulations as required to resolve any crisis or dilemma resulting from a <i>force majeure</i> event or other calamity affecting the business and operations of the Kennel Union for as long as such adverse conditions endure. Decisions taken by the Federal Council in dealing with the effects of catastrophic events shall be final and binding.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously, subject to the further amendment to Article 38.3, as indicated in red. Proposed RJ, seconded GM Effective 01.02.2021</p>
	4.2		Any items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1
		4.2.1	<p>Case 04-2019 – Mr WS Kruger, Mrs LT Kruger, Mrs CM Immelman & Mr GC Schultz vs Mrs M Colborne and KUSA vs Mrs M Colborne – hearing 19.12.2019</p> <p>For noting: The following complaints have been finalised and details notified to the Fedco:</p> <p><i>Complaint 1:</i> <i>In terms of Rule 11.1.1 of Schedule 1, the Respondent is suspended from membership of KUSA for a period of six months which includes suspension from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club in terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 1 and disqualification from judging or taking part in the management of a KUSA-licensed event in terms of Rule 11.1.5 of Schedule 1.</i></p> <p><i>In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 1, the DSC suspended the sentence in full for a period of 3 years on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 1, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension.</i></p> <p><i>Complaint 2:</i> <i>In terms of Rule 11.1.1 of Schedule 1, the Respondent is suspended from membership of KUSA for a period of six months which includes suspension and disqualification from judging or taking part in the management of a KUSA-licensed event in terms of Rule 11.1.5 of Schedule 1.</i></p> <p><i>In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 1, the DSC suspended the sentence in full for a period of 3 years on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions</i></p>

		<p><i>provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 1, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC ruled that both the above penalties will take effect on the 15th of January 2020 and will run concurrently.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC further ruled that the R5,000.00 complaint deposit must be reimbursed in full to the Complainants in terms of Rule 11.9 of Schedule 1.</i></p> <p><i>No appeal was lodged.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p>
	4.2.2	<p>Schedule 1 - Disciplinary Rules</p> <p>Nil</p>
	4.3	<p>Any Matters related to the Registration of Dogs – Schedule 2</p>
	4.3.1	<p>Schedule 2 Regulation 1</p> <p>Housekeeping amendment to correct a numbering error, submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1. The Kennel Union shall maintain a Primary Breed Register for each pure breed of dogs recognised by it and a dog shall be deemed to be of the breed named in the breed register in which it is entered or eligible for entry.</p> <p>1.1 The Kennel Union may also accept for registration subject to such terms and conditions as the Federal Council may stipulate from time to time:</p> <p>[4.2.2] <u>1.1.2</u> In the Emerging Breed Register, application for registration will only be accepted if the dog has been positively identified via DNA profiling and parentage has been verified via DNA parentage verification and the dog is microchipped. A dog registered in this register may be entered in Breed Classes at Non-Championship Shows. They are eligible to enter and compete for awards at any other KUSA–licensed events, unless ineligible to do so in terms of the specific Regulations in any Schedule 1.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GM, seconded CI</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	4.3.2	<p>Schedule 2 – Appendix “C” – Breed Specific Litter Requirements</p> <p>Proposal from the Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club to introduce breed-specific requirements for the registration of Belgian Shepherd Dogs, supported by the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape (letter of support attached). Supported by the NAPC:</p> <p>Motivation: The Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club and the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape were in agreement that, in order to retain, preserve and ensure future quality breeding of the Belgian Shepherds Malinois, Groenendael, Tervueren and Laekenois, Breed-specific Litter Requirements needed to be specified under Schedule 2. Fedco was requested to consider the following insertion:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p><u>9. Belgian Shepherd Dogs</u></p> <p><u>9.1</u> <u>Dam & Sire are positively identified by microchip profiling before any X-ray examination is made. The microchip identification number is included on all developed X-ray film/digital image and on the certificate.</u></p> <p><u>9.2</u> <u>Belgian Shepherd Dogs must be presented for hip and elbow x-rays. At the time of x-ray, a dog must be 18 months of age or older.</u></p>

			<p><u>9.3 The breeder is the current holder of a KUSA-registered Affix (Kennel Name).</u></p> <p><u>9.4 At the time of mating, the Sire is eighteen (18) months of age or older.</u></p> <p><u>9.5 At the time of whelping, the Dam is twenty-two (22) months of age or older.</u></p> <p><u>9.6 Only Belgian Shepherd Dogs with hip scores of A1, A2, B1 may be mated to Belgian Shepherds with hip scores of B2, C1 or C2. Belgian Shepherds with hip scores of A1, A2 or B1 may be mated to each other. Should your dog have an uneven hip score you work on the worse score, i.e. HD B1/C1 you will work with C1.</u></p> <p><u>9.7 Only Belgian Shepherd Dogs with elbow scores ED 2/2 or lower may be bred.</u></p> <p><u>9.8 The following health tests are recommended, but not compulsory: Artaxia, PRA and Epilepsy.</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued on whether it would not be preferable to introduce an Enhanced Registration Certificate than impose restrictions on registrations. The Federal Council had, in the past, resolved that it would not introduce further breed-specific restrictions on litter registrations and, instead, introduced the Advanced Registration Certificate (ARC).</p> <p>After thorough deliberation, it was concluded that the introduction of breed-specific restrictions was part of a much wider discussion relative to the improvement of Breed Health. It was noted that the uptake of ARCs had been poor, but conceded that, perhaps, the availability of ARCs had not been sufficiently marketed. It was further noted that ARCs were only available to Breed Champions, which might also have proved a further deterring factor.</p> <p>There was general consensus that, given the worldwide preoccupation with Breed Health, this was a matter which required careful consideration, perhaps with a view to introducing a universal system of reward, instead of restraint. It was agreed that matters of this nature needed to be more appropriately considered by the Fedco Breed Health Portfolio-holders, who would make recommendations to Fedco.</p> <p>JH and LT undertook to arrange a Skype call with the Clubs concerned to explain Fedco's position on the issue. Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	4.3.3		<p>Schedule 2 – Appendix “D” Emerging Breeds Register Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 12-2019 (item 9.16):</p> <p>“The South African Mastiff <i>On 20 November 2019, JH and GR met with Stoffel & Lzt Bloem of the Ysterberg Mastiffs, pursuant to a document JH had prepared on KUSA Recognition of an Emerging Breed which had been sent to them in advance. At the meeting, the KUSA delegates were informed that the Ysterberg Mastiff Breed Council (YMBC) had decided to rebrand and that the breed would henceforth be known as the South African Mastiff. According to the Bloems, both names. i.e. Ysterberg Mastiff and South African Mastiff, had been registered with the Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), trademarks pending.</i></p> <p><i>In the document announcing the rebranding, the newly constituted South African Mastiff Breed Council’s (SAMBC’s) decision was motivated as follows:</i></p> <p><i>“The Ysterberg bloodline of the South African Mastiff® in the 1940s under the rigours of farm life in the rugged Ysterberg mountain area of South Africa. Bred for form and function as a farm and guardian breed, not for purposes of exhibition and commercial sale. The Ysterberg farm dogs preceded the registration and recognition of large native dogs which</i></p>

came to be called “Boerboels” and became part of the gene pool when the Boerboel was created. For the past decade, dedicated breeders of the Ysterberg bloodline continued to breed their dogs under a controlled programme of the Ysterberg Mastiff® Breed Council (YMBC).

To address confusion related to the name attached to the “Ysterberg Mastiff” and “Boerboel”, we’re excited to announce that as of November 2019, we’re rebranding. As part of our rebranding strategy, our organisation’s name will change from Ysterberg Mastiff® Breed Council to South African Mastiff® Breed Council (SAMBC) – powered by Ysterberg since 1948.”

JH informed Fedco that it was the intention of the SAMBC to appoint KUSA as the Registering Authority for this emerging breed and to ultimately transfer its trademarks to KUSA. A Breed Standard for the South African Mastiff had been drafted in the FCI’s “Jerusalem format” and JH and GR had also been presented with the SAMBC’s Code of Ethics.

Fedco noted this development with interest and there were no objections to JH and GR taking the negotiations with the SAMBC to an eventual conclusion.

Noted.”

Negotiations as per the minutes of the December Fedco Meeting, Item 9.16 The South African Mastiff, have progressed and following documents were attached to the agenda for Fedco to consider to take this breed on as an Emerging Breed:

- 4.3.3.1. South African Mastiff – About us
- 4.3.3.2. South African Mastiff – History of the Breed
- 4.3.3.3. South African Mastiff– Breed Standard 01
- 4.3.3.4. South African Mastiff– Code of Ethics 01
- 4.3.3.5. South African Mastiff– 2019 – DNA Request form and collection procedure
- 4.3.3.6. South African Mastiff– HD and ED 01
- 4.3.3.7. South African Mastiff- DOC Breeding Requirements 2020
- 4.3.3.8. South African Mastiff– Breed Survey

Motivation: The above serves as motivation for the acceptance of the South African Mastiff onto the Emerging Breeds Register as follows:

Insertions underlined.

APPENDIX “D”

EMERGING BREEDS REGISTER

Recognised Breeds:

South African Mastiff

Insertions underlined.

APPENDIX “C”

BREED-SPECIFIC LITTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

9. South African Mastiff

9.1 Dam & Sire are positively identified by microchip before any X-ray examination is made. The microchip identification number is included on all developed X-ray film/digital images and on the certificate.

9.2 Must pass an official HD Test.

9.3 At the time of mating, the Sire is sixteen (16) months of age or older.

		<p>9.4 <u>At the time of whelping, the Dam is fourteen (14) months of age or older.</u></p> <p>9.5 <u>Dam and Sire must be DNA-profiled.</u></p> <p>9.6 <u>Dam and Sire must have a Breed Grading of Good (G) or better.</u></p> <p>Resolved, unanimously, that the South African Mastiff be accepted onto the Emerging Breeds Register, in the Working Group. Proposed RJ, seconded CI Effective 01.10.2020</p> <p>[Note: It was noted that amendments to Schedule 2 Appendix A would be required.]</p>
	4.4	<p>Breed Standards Committee (BSC) List of Breed Standards amended/revised under KUSA's Breed Standards Protocol were listed for ratification, having been confirmed and accepted (by virtual topic email) by GR, JH, DP, RJ, GM, BJ, CG, LT, CI.</p> <p>Gundog Group Stabijhoun (FCI) Spinone Italiano (FCI) Kleiner Münsterländer (FCI) Deutsch Drahthaar (FCI)</p> <p>Hound Group Borzoi - Russian Hunting Sighthound (FCI)</p> <p>Terrier Group Airedale Terrier (KC) Brazilian Terrier (FCI)</p> <p>Working Group German Shepherd Dog (FCI)</p> <p>Ratified. Proposed GR, seconded CG Effective immediately.</p> <p>PM enquired whether the FCI Breed Standard for the Hannovercher Schweisshund (Hanoverian Scent Hound), accepted at Exco 06-2020 as a recognised breed in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 17 (Recognition of Breeds), could be approved at the present meeting of Fedco. GR advised that, under the KUSA Breed Standards Protocol, the Breed Standards Committee (BSC) was charged with recommending the adoption of Breed Standards, or amendments to Breed Standards, to Fedco. He requested that the documentation be sent to him for dissemination to the members of the BSC and undertook to revert with the Committee's recommendation without delay.</p> <p>[Note: CI informed the Fedco that she intended approaching her colleagues on the BSC with a proposal for the official <i>English</i> names of breeds with FCI standards to be used by KUSA. Identifying breeds under their foreign language names had become problematic, not only for KUSA, but also for those involved in Show administration.]</p>
	4.5	Any Matters Relating to Shows & Schedule 3
		4.5.1 Schedule 3 Regulation 31 - Objections to Dogs & Disqualifications (Fedco 12-2019 item 4.5.3) Amendments to the above Regulation 31 had been approved at Fedco 12-2019, with the exception of Regulation 31.8, which NdP had undertaken to reword. The revised Regulation

		<p>31.8 appears below.</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>31.8 Upon receipt of the Show Secretary's report, the <u>Secretary</u> [Executive Committee] shall:</p> <p><u>31.8.1 In the event of no notice of appeal received with the report, present the matter for consideration to the Executive Committee only after the lapsing of the 14 (fourteen) day period as referred to in Schedule 3 Regulation 31.5.</u></p> <p><u>31.8.2 In the event of receiving a notice of appeal in terms of Schedule 3 Regulation 31.5, the Secretary shall inform the Show Secretary of the Club thereof and request the Show Committee to provide a response thereto within 7 (seven) days and thereafter present the matter for consideration to the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p><u>31.8.3 The Executive Committee shall consider all the documentation as presented to them by the Secretary received in terms of Schedule 3 Regulation 31.8.1 or 38.1.2 and:</u></p> <p><u>31.8.3.1 either [consider the Show Committee's finding and any notice of appeal which may be lodged. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to confirm, quash or vary the Show Committee's finding, subject to the limitation that the results of a Show following any disqualification imposed by the Show Committee shall not be amended in any way.</u></p> <p><u>31.8.3.2 The Executive Committee's decisions in this regard shall be final.</u></p> <p>[in the event of such against the Show Committee at the instance of the owner, exhibitor or handler in charge of any dog against whom an objection was lodged, unless mala fides on the part of the Show Committee be proved.]</p> <p>The following Schedule 3 Regulation 31.1 had been approved at Fedco 12-2019. However, the KUSA Legal Adviser deemed it necessary to recommend a further housekeeping amendment to this Regulation.</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Regulation 31 – Objections to Dogs and Disqualifications</p> <p>31.1 Any person except a person under a term of suspension or disqualification imposed by the [Federal Council] <u>Executive Committee</u> may lodge an objection to a dog entered for, exhibited at or present and intended to be exhibited at a Show, subject to the limitation imposed by Sub-Regulation 31.3 hereof.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	4.5.2	<p>Schedule 3 – Regulation 42 Champion Dogs – Regulation 42.1.1.1</p> <p>It was proposed by KZNPC that the decision at Fedco 08-2018 to void Schedule 3 Regulation 42.1.1.1, be rescinded.</p> <p>Motivation: Although the impact on the Western Cape was Fedco's prime consideration at the time of reaching its decision, it has subsequently become evident that KwaZulu-Natal had been devastatingly affected by not only the 2nd Championship Show allowance for Gauteng Clubs, but also the ruling to abolish the out-of-Province CC requirement for Championship status.</p> <p>If we look at the numbers entered at D&DKC/PMBKC & Specialist Show Weekend, which has always been one of the most favoured weekends in KZN, the entries have decreased by an average of fifty dogs since 2016. Although the Clubs do their best to attract entries by offering overseas Judges, of late it has made no difference. The alarming drop in interest in KZN Shows is startling.</p>

		<p>We feel that the out-of-Province CC is not only good for KZN in providing an incentive to travel, but also serves as a calling-card for people from other Provinces likely to support a Judge of their choice in another Province to obtain a CC.</p> <p>The concern that KZN Breed Dogsport is dying in KZN is very real. We have Committees of All-Breeds Clubs resigning and Committees of 2-3 Members holding the fort to try and keep our sport alive. Every new change to favour Gauteng has had a devastating effect on our dwindling numbers.</p> <p>KZNPC therefore requests Fedco to have a re-think on the acceptance of changes likely to affect certain Provinces, as not only will our dogsport be affected, but so too KUSA's income received from our all hard work.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets] in order to restore the voided Regulation 42.1.1.1.</p> <p><u>42.1.1.1 [Void] not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one Centre.</u></p> <p>In the ensuing discussion, the point was made that the above proposal called for a reversal of the Fedco decision made in 2018 to require one CC towards championship status to be obtained in a different Centre, whereas the motivation referred to the reinstatement of an “out-of-Province CC”. These two options for obtaining championship status differed significantly, given the declaration of venues such as Goldfields Showgrounds in Gauteng and Ashley Sports Ground in KZN as Centre-neutral.</p> <p>GM clarified that KZN required an out-of-Province CC to be introduced, and accepted that this requirement would necessitate a fresh proposal which did not call for the voidance to Regulation 42.1.1.1 to be rescinded, but a new Regulation 42.1.1.1 to be inserted. LT advised that the WCPC supported a reversal of the voidance of the Regulation 42.1.1.1, in other words, was eager for the out-of-Centre CC to be reinstated.</p> <p>The point was made that there was nothing preventing KZNPC and WCPC from submitting separate proposals to Fedco 12-2020, and this course of action was recommended to the two Councils.</p> <p>Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	4.5.3	<p>Schedule 3 – Regulation 42.11 – Flyball Champion</p> <p>Submission by the National Flyball Sub-Committee to change the requirements for Flyball Champion by deleting current Regulation 42.11 and replacing it with new Sub-Regulations 42.11.1 to 42.11.2.</p> <p>Motivation: The FDA Flyball Dog Advanced Certificate was not a Champion title. It was similar to FD/FDX.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>42.11 Flyball Champion</p> <p>[42.11.1 The title of Flyball Dog Advanced will be granted to any dog that has earned three hundred and fifty (350) points or more, in any combination, at Championship Shows or Non-Championship Shows. A KUSA Flyball Dog Advanced Certificate will be issued to this effect, and the abbreviated FDA can be placed behind the dog's name.]</p> <p>[42.11.2] <u>42.11.1</u> The title of Flyball Champion shall be awarded to any dog which has gained seven hundred (700) points or more, in any combination at Championship or Non-Championship Shows.</p>

			<p>{42.11.3} <u>42.11.2</u> The title of Th One and Only – Flyball shall be awarded to any dog which has gained fifteen hundred (1500) points or more, in any combination, at Championship or Non-Championship Shows</p> <p>{42.11.4} <u>42.11.3</u> The title of Grand Champion – Flyball and a KUSA Certificate shall be awarded to any dog which has earned two thousand (2000) points or more, in any combination, at Championship or Non-Championship Shows.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed GM, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	4.5.4		<p>Schedule 3 NEW Regulation 44 – Postponement/Cancellation of Shows New Regulation to deal with the consequences of cancelled Shows.</p> <p>Motivation: Following the uncertainty around the refund of Show Entry Fees after the cancellation of several Shows due to the declaration of a National State of Disaster in order to deal with the coronavirus pandemic more effectively, the KUSA Legal Adviser thought it prudent that Show Committees should be given direction by way of Regulation to deal with especially <i>force majeure</i> events. He proposed an addition to Schedule 3 in the form of a new Regulation 44.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p><u>44. CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT OF SHOWS AND REFUND OF SHOW ENTRY FEES</u></p> <p><u>44.1 The Show Committee shall be entitled to cancel or postpone a Show on the day, either before it opens or before its completion, due to extreme weather conditions (e.g. torrential rain, thunder, lightning, extreme heat), inaccessibility of the grounds, adverse conditions on the grounds, non-functional facilities, riots, civil disturbances, fire, or any other reason deemed to be threatening to the safety and wellbeing of Exhibitors and their dogs. Should a Show be cancelled for the year as a result of any of the above or like reasons, show-holding Clubs shall be entitled to retain Show Entry Fees. Should the Show be postponed to a later date in the same year, the retained Show Entry Fees shall be offset against the Show Entry Fees due and payable for the Show to be held on the new date in the same year. Retained Show Entry Fees shall not be offset against Show Entry Fees payable for a Show in a future year.</u></p> <p><u>44.2 The Show Committee shall be entitled to cancel or postpone a Show in advance of the Show taking place for any cause other than <i>force majeure</i>, such as strife within the Committee, cancellations of Judges, unavailability of the venue, etc. Exhibitors who have already submitted their Show Entry Forms and Show Entry Fees for the Show, shall be informed of the cancellation/postponement without delay and be advised of the expeditious procedure for the refund of Show Entry Fees. In the case of cancellation of the Show for the year in question, Exhibitors shall be entitled to a full refund of Show Entry Fees within twenty-one (21) days of the notice of cancellation and, in the case of postponement of the Show to a later date in the same year, shall have the choice of having their Show Entry Fees retained by the Club to be offset against the Show Entry Fees due and payable for the Show to be held on a new date in the same year. Show Entry Fees shall not be retained by the Club to be offset against Show Entry Fees payable for a Show in a future year.</u></p> <p><u>44.3 The Show Committee shall be entitled to cancel or postpone a Show in advance of the Show taking place as a result of a prior and/or prevailing <i>force majeure</i> event, including, natural disasters and Acts of God such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tornados and floods, but also catastrophic events which pose a threat to life such as acts of terrorism and strikes, as well as acts that pose a threat to health such as toxic emissions, pestilence and</u></p>

		<p><u>biohazards, whether under a declared national State of Emergency or national State of Disaster, or not. If a Show is so cancelled or postponed, Show Entry Fees shall, at the choice of and as directed by the Exhibitor, be partially refunded, or retained in full by the Club to be offset against the Show Entry Fees of a future Show in the same year, or as a donation. Any refund to Exhibitors shall be net of the Club's proportionately calculated reasonably incurred expenses up to the date of cancellation or postponement of the Show, whether disbursed, or pending disbursement, such expenses to be calculated and determined by the show-holding Club at its sole discretion. Show Entry Fees shall not be retained to be offset against Show Entry Fees payable for a Show in a future year.</u></p> <p><u>44.4 In the event of a Show being cancelled or postponed as a result of events contemplated in Sub-Regulations 44.1 to 44.3 above, the Club shall immediately inform the KUSA Office, contracted Judges and Exhibitors of such cancellation or postponement, and advise Exhibitors of the position regarding Show Entry Fees, i.e. whether they will be retained, partially refunded, or refunded, depending on the circumstances, as provided in Sub-Regulations 44.1 to 44.2 above.</u></p> <p><u>44.5 Once the KUSA Office has been informed of the cancellation or postponement of a Show, the previously issued Show licence shall either be cancelled, or be replaced by a new licence for the Show to be held on a later date in the same year. The Executive Committee shall grant special dispensation to Clubs applying for a postponement of the Show in order to sanction their compliance with Sub-Regulations 6.1, 12.2 and 34.1, as well as with Regulation 20, hereof.</u></p> <p><u>44.6 The provisions of Sub-Regulation 1.2.3.3 shall not apply to Clubs cancelling a Show in terms of Sub-Regulations 41 to 43 hereof.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously, subject to an amendment to Sub-Regulation 44.2 as indicated in red. Proposed GM, seconded JH Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	4.5.5	<p>Show Entry Form – Declaration <i>As a result of certain incidents at Shows and the cancellation of Shows due to certain events, the KUSA Office deemed it necessary for the declaration signed by Registered Owners or their Authorised Agents when entering a dog at a KUSA-licensed Show, should be revised. The revised text, compiled in consultation with KUSA's Legal Adviser, was attached to the agenda.</i></p> <p>Approved, unanimously Proposed RJ, seconded, BJ Effective 01.10.2020, but may be used immediately.</p>
	4.5.6	<p>Foreign Judges with incomplete South African Groups (Fedco 06-2019 item 8.7, Fedco 12-20 item 4.5.4) <i>The following was discussed at Fedco 06-2019: Groups in countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA sometimes did not correspond with the groupings in South Africa, resulting in visiting Judges from such countries occasionally not being qualified to judge all the Breeds in a South African Group. In the past, this had compelled Clubs to appoint a local Judge to do the "mop-ups", i.e. judge the odd Breeds that the foreign Judge was unable to judge.</i></p> <p><i>When judging in Australia, South African Judges were normally granted dispensation to judge Breeds they were not qualified for. There was support for the notion that, if Judges were qualified to a certain level, they should be granted dispensation by KUSA to judge the odd Breeds they were not qualified to judge in their home countries. There were, however, also some reservations expressed.</i></p>

			<p>Fedco requested GR and LW to consider the matter and, if warranted, to present a proposal for consideration at Fedco 12-2019. To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2020 agenda. Work in progress. (GR, CI) Finalised. Refer to item 3.14.</p>
	4.6		<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 3A</p>
		4.6.1	<p>Housekeeping proposal by the KUSA Office to harmonise the introduction to Schedule 3A, i.e. Regulation 1, with the amendment made at Fedco 12-2019 to Schedule 3 Regulation 1.1</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1. The Executive Committee shall have [the power and be the only] authority, <u>delegated by the Federal Council</u>, to issue Licences in accordance with the Regulations relating thereto. The FCI grants permission for its Members to hold FCI Shows. Approved, unanimously. Proposed JH, seconded GR Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	4.7		<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4</p>
		4.7.1	<p>Housekeeping proposal by the KUSA Office to harmonise the Introduction to Schedule 4, i.e. Regulation 1, with the amendment made at Fedco 12-2019 to Schedule 3 Regulation 1.1</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1. Licensing of Non-Championship Shows and Match Meetings. The Executive Committee shall have [power and shall be the only] authority, <u>delegated by the Federal Council</u>, to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any show and to issue licences therefor in accordance with the Regulations relating hereto. Approved, unanimously. Proposed JH, seconded GR Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	4.8		<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4A – Qualifying Shows</p>
		4.8.1	<p>Revised Schedule 4A (Fedco 12-2019 item 4.5.1) Amendments to Schedule 4A were attached to agenda. The following matters were noted: Regulation 6.10 to be aligned with the Declaration on the Show Entry Forms. Regulation 5.8.6 to be updated in line with changes made to Schedule 3. Approved, unanimously, subject to the above changes in red. Proposed GM, seconded LT Effective 01.10.2020</p> <p>[Note: Versions 01.01.2019 and 01.04.2020 to be carefully compared and changes applied to the latter version.]</p>
5			<p>WORKING DISCIPLINES</p>
	5.1		<p>Schedule 5A – Regulations for Obedience Classes</p>
		5.1.1	<p>Canine Good Citizen (CGC) (Fedco 06-2019 end of item 5.1) <i>The following was recorded at Fedco 06-2019:</i> <i>It was noted that there was a great deal of confusion as to who should be authorised to conduct CGC assessments on dogs issued with Temporary Exclusion Orders (TEOs). The</i></p>

			<p><i>entire CGC system was, in fact, in dire need of prescription of procedures and it was decided, unanimously, that Exco, in collaboration with CI and KF, should present a proposed procedures document for CGC assessment at Fedco 12-2019.</i></p> <p><i>Work in progress.</i></p> <p>CI explained that she had not yet been able to devote time to investigating the CGC system. BJ advised that Exco unfortunately lacked qualified persons to advise on the suitability of CGC as a 'test' for dogs served with a TEO. Should input from Exco be required, he would need to co-opt appropriate expertise.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p> <p>Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	5.2		<p>Schedule 5B(1) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.3		<p>Schedule 5B(4) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.4		<p>Schedule 5B(2) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)</p>
		5.4.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 5P – The Addition of the Endurance Test & Champion Dog (AD)</p> <p>Attached to Agenda (amended copy and 'clean' copy).</p> <p>Approved in principle, unanimously, subject to re-wording via round robin, with input from the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposed LT, seconded CI</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020</p>
		5.4.2	<p>NIGPSC</p> <p>Dispensation sought on the Criteria for the acceptance of GSD/FSFA Helpers as KUSA Helpers.</p> <p>Motivation: In accordance with the NIGPSC Minutes dated 5 March 2020, a majority vote was carried (4 in favour, 1 against), to request Fedco to consider dispensation in the short term, i.e. for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020, for the acceptance of Federation IGP Helpers to be recognised by KUSA.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Federation Helpers can be taken on as KUSA Helpers, if they</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are Trial-active, • are KUSA Members, • are current members of KUSA IGP-active Clubs. <p>provided that they</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write and pass the KUSA 5J IGP Helpers Theoretical Test (Schedule 5J, Regulation 4.2), • submit a KUSA Indemnity Form, • Submit a Helper Application Form. <p>The dispensation request varied from Schedule 5J in that the Helpers in question would not be required to do the practical test.</p> <p>There were only three Tutor Helpers countrywide, of which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One was unable to sleep away from home due to a personal situation, • One had just qualified and was not confident to act as a Tutor Helper yet, and

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One had no regard for Rules and Regulations and was unable to produce the necessary documentation. <p>KwaZulu-Natal was in a situation where they had no qualified Helpers willing to officiate at their events. We trust that this request for dispensation would be granted, to enable us to continue to grow IGP in KwaZulu-Natal.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed RJ, seconded GM.</p> <p>[Note: Reservations were expressed as to whether the stated objectives would be achievable during the period 1 July to 31 December 2020 and it was agreed that consideration might be given to extending the period at Fedco 12-2020, if considered advisable.]</p>
	5.5		<p>Schedule 5B(3) – Regulations for Tracking Trials Nil</p>
	5.6		<p>Schedule 5C – Field Trials</p>
		5.6.1	<p>Schedule 5C(4) Proposed amendments to Schedule 5C(4) submitted by FTLC. Attached to Agenda (amended copy and ‘clean’ copy). Approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded CG Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	5.7		<p>Schedule 5D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Nil</p>
	5.8		<p>Schedule 5E - Regulations for Special Events</p>
		5.8.1	<p>Schedule 05E (11) KUSA National Awards Proposal from DOGSPC to amend Regulation 9.1.</p> <p>Motivation: Currently the winners of KUSA National Best of Breeds and KUSA National Groups received a certificate from KUSA, and only the Best in Show Winners had the title added to their registration, unlike the KUSA Winners Show where all the BoB Winners had their title, ZAW, added to their registrations.</p> <p>Since the chance of gaining a title by winning overall KUSA National Dog was about 200 to 1, there was not a great deal of motivation to enter the Nationals. Most Breed Winners filed away the certificate and forgot about it.</p> <p>Both the Junior Merit award and the KUSA Winners Show had proven that exhibitors loved titles and we believed that the possibility of gaining a title by winning Best of Breed at the Nationals would attract a larger entry which, in turn, would raise the prestige of the event.</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Regulation 13:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>13. Prizes and Awards 13.1 Breed 13.1.1 The person whose dog is awarded KUSA NATIONAL [“Breed” name] for [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and <u>shall be entitled to have the abridgement “NAT BREED [year]” added to the dog’s Certificate of Registration as a suffix to the dog’s registered name.</u></p>

		<p>13.1.2 The person whose dog is awarded the title KUSA NATIONAL ["Group" name] for [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and <u>shall be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT name of Group [year]" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration as a suffix to the dog's registered name.</u></p> <p>13.1.3 The person whose dog is awarded the title KUSA NATIONAL DOG for [year] shall be awarded the Thomas McQueen Floating Trophy, a special KUSA Award Certificate and shall be entitled to have the abridgement "KUSA NAT DOG [year]" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration <u>as a suffix to the dog's registered name.</u></p> <p>Resolved, unanimously, to accept the proposal in principle, subject to the re-working of titles via round robin. It was thought that titles for the breed winners should be shortened, without detracting from the title of the overall winner.</p> <p>It was further agreed that any new titling system should be introduced in 2021, and not be applicable retrospectively. Proposed BJ, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	5.8.2	<p>Schedule 05E (11) KUSA National Awards The following housekeeping amendments were approved by round robin.</p> <p>For ratification:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Regulation 5.6 IGP – III The winner of the KUSA/IPO<u>IGP</u> National Event (Meisterschaft) shall be declared NATIONAL KUSA/IPO<u>IGP</u> DOG (year) in any year in which that event is held.</p> <p>Regulation 5.7 Dog Jumping – Grade[s] 1 [3 & 5] <u>Small, Medium & Large</u> Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificate.</p> <p>Regulation 5.11 Flyball Any team of six (6) dogs may be entered. [When there is an equality of score, the winner shall be determined by a deciding heat or heats or the team with the fastest time.] <u>Dogs should have at least competed in 4 shows in a team (points are not the deciding factor) and the team must have had a run clear. The onus will be on the entering team captain to verify the information as indicated on each dog's record card.</u> The event shall be run as a normal Flyball event.</p> <p>Regulation 9.2.5 IPO <u>IGP</u> - Meisterschaft The winner of this event shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL IPO<u>IGP</u> DOG for (year).</p> <p>Regulation 9.2.6 Dog Jumping –Grade[s] 1 [3 & 5] <u>Small, Medium & Large</u> The winner of this event shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL DOG JUMPING DOG for (Grade) (year).</p> <p>Regulation 13.4 IGP (IGP III) The person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL IPO <u>IGP</u> DOG for (year) shall receive the KUSA/IPO<u>IGP</u> NATIONAL EVENT Floating Trophy, a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT. IPO<u>IGP</u> (year)" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration <i>after</i> the dog's name.</p>

			<p>Regulation 13.5 Dog Jumping Grade[s] 1 [3 & 5] <u>Small, Medium & Large</u></p> <p>Each person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL DOG JUMPING DOG (Grade) (year) shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT. DJ (Grade) (year)" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration after the dog's name.</p> <p>Ratified.</p> <p>Proposed BJ, seconded LT</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	5.9		<p>Schedule 5G – Regulations for Dog Carting</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.10		<p>Schedule 5K – Regulations for Handler Classes</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.11		<p>Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility Classes</p>
		5.11.1	<p>Revised Schedule 05L Regulations for Agility</p> <p>Approved, unanimously,</p> <p>subject to deletion of "IPO" in Regulation 3.16.1.</p> <p>KUSA Office to re-format 8.12</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded GM</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020</p> <p>[Note: To be cross-checked to Schedule 3 and other Schedules.]</p> <p>[Note: PM thought it prudent to check which version of Schedule 05L the submitted changes had been applied to.]</p>
		5.11.2	<p>Revised Schedule 05L (App C) Regulations for the Selection of South African Dogs to compete at the AWC</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded RJ</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020</p>
		5.11.3	<p>Revised Schedule 05L (App D) Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed CG, seconded GM</p> <p>Effective 01.10.2020</p>
		5.11.4	<p>2021 Agility Book Contact</p> <p>To be considered with item 5.11.5</p>
		5.11.5	<p>2021 Agility Book Non-Contact</p> <p>The above attached documents (items 5.11.1 to 5.11.5) have been submitted by the NAgSC.</p> <p>Items 5.11.4 and 5.11.5 were accepted, unanimously, subject to being referred to as "Record Card" and not "Book".</p> <p>Proposed LT, seconded RJ</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office to investigate the format with a view to "keeping it simple".]</p> <p>[Note: NAgSC to be informed that future submissions needed to be properly motivated.]</p>
	5.12		<p>Schedule 5M – Regulations for Flyball</p>
		5.12.1	<p>Regulation 4 – Definitions</p> <p>Submitted by the National Sub-Committee.</p>

		<p>Motivation: For clarification and distinguishing between the different types of races.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>4.2 Heat: Four (4) dogs in a team each running from the start to the finish line.</p> <p><u>4.2 Heat:</u> <u>In a Flyball team event: Four (4) dogs in a team each running from the start to the finish line.</u> <u>In a pairs race: Two (2) dogs in a team each running from the start to the finish line.</u> <u>In a singles race: One (1) dog running from the start to the finish line.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed BJ, seconded GM Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	5.12.2	<p>Regulation 10.10.1 – Diagram – Flyball Hurdle</p> <p>Motivation: The diagram in the current Schedule reflected an incorrect measurement: Crossboard should reflect: Min 72cm; Max <u>90cm</u> [80 cm]</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed LT, seconded CG Effective: 01.10.2020</p> <p>[Note: A new diagram with the correct measurements has been submitted.]</p>
	5.12.3	<p>Regulation 11.4.4</p> <p><u>Housekeeping</u> correction to reference.</p> <p>Motivation: Incorrect referral to 9.12 instead of 9.10.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>11.4.4 Ensuring that all the members of the team are aware of starting times and are present at the arena in terms of Regulation 9.12: <u>9.10</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed JH, seconded RJ Effective: 01.10.2020</p>
	5.13	<p>Aptitude Testing</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.14	<p>Schedule 5Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)</p> <p>Nil</p>
	5.15	<p>Dancing with Dogs</p>
	5.15.1	<p>Schedule 5R Heelwork to Music (HTM)</p> <p>Revised Schedule submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC attached to Agenda.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	5.15.2	<p>Schedule 5S Musical Freestyle (MF)</p> <p>Revised Schedule submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC attached to Agenda.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>

	5.16		Rally Obedience
		5.16.1	<p>Proposed New Schedule 5T – Regulations for Rally Classes Document submitted by Mr Tinus van der Vyver for Fedco’s approval – attached to Agenda.</p> <p>Mr Van der Vyver commented: “The proposed document was supported by representatives from Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape Provincial Councils. DOGSPC and NAPC did not have people interested in this new Discipline, however, still showed support.</p> <p>Schedule 5(T) was drafted by the WCPC Rally Sub-Committee members - Samantha Kirkbride (Chair), Robyn Clements, Chantal Germishuys, and others - who worked hard to ensure that fair and usable rules were set out. The Sub-Committee liaised with the FCI Rally group, Nordic Rally group, AKC Rally and also the Canadian Rally-o group, incorporating the best elements from all into the Schedule.</p> <p>Thank you to Mariëtte Fourie (EC) and Edward Sutcliff (KZN) for their inputs, questions, remarks and vision!”</p> <p>Fedco was unified in the view that the Rally Obedience Steering Committee had done a sterling job.</p> <p>Proposed new Schedule 5T was accepted, unanimously, with the following rectification and clarification required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.1 – strike through [IPO] • AB was charged with seeking clarity from Mr Van der Vyver and the Fedco Obedience Portfolio-holders on the licensing of an Open Show on the same day as a Championship Show. <p>Proposed BJ, seconded GM Effective 01.10.2020</p> <p>Further discussion ensued, in the course of which the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR mentioned that Mr Peter Dinsmore, Chairman of the DOGSPC Obedience Sub-Committee, had requested that the statement, “DOGSPC and NAPC did not have people interested in this new Discipline, however, still showed support.” be challenged. According to Mr Dinsmore, there was a great deal of interest in Rally Obedience in Gauteng. <p>It was recommended by Fedco that Mr Van der Vyver got in touch with Mr Dinsmore to establish the level of interest in Gauteng and to possibly engage with him on a joint strategy towards harnessing the existing interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR & JH were both eager for Rally Obedience Sub-Committees to be established in their Provincial Councils, but argued that these should be separate from Obedience Sub-Committees. The same people could conceivably serve on both Sub-Committees, but the two Disciplines were vastly different and with Rally Obedience’s growth potential, it deserved to be served by its own National Sub-Committee. <p>LT was requested to convey Fedco’s thanks to Mr Van der Vyver and his Committee for getting Rally Obedience up and running in three provinces and to wish them every success in getting the Discipline established in the remaining provinces.</p>

	5.17		Canicross Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.
	5.18		<p>Mondioring As reported at Fedco 12-2019, JH informed Fedco that the Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club had stated its intention to table a proposal for Mondioring to be recognised as a Working Discipline under KUSA. The Club had appointed a steering committee comprising Keith Duranty, Case van Hattem, Stephen Harflett and Robyn Harflett to draft the KUSA Mondioring Schedule for tabling at Fedco 06-2020. Note that Mondioring has been added to the Disciplines in Article 2.</p> <p>The following documents have been submitted by Mondioring Steering Committee:</p> <p>15.18.1 FCI International Regulations for Mondioring 15.18.2 Mondioring BH ZA 15.18.3 Mondioring – Judging at Mondioring Trials 15.18.4 KUSA Mondioring Requirements 15.18.5 Mondioring – Helper Decoy CV Keith Duranty</p> <p>The Steering Committee had further requested dispensation for the immediate appointment of a National Decoy and Decoy Trainer.</p> <p>Motivation: The Steering Committee for Mondioring requested this dispensation as it would like to get the Mondioring Decoy Programme underway for establishing this branch of Dogsport under KUSA. With the knowledge-base already in South Africa, a qualified National Decoy and Decoy Trainer would fast-track the process of getting the trials started. Having a qualified Decoy Trainer would go a long way towards growing Mondioring in South Africa.</p> <p>The dispensation requested was to appoint Mr Keith Duranty (KUSA Membership No. 1017982) as a National Decoy and Decoy Trainer. Mr Duranty was eminently qualified and his CV was attached (refer 5.18.5 above) for Fedco’s consideration. The Steering Committee thanked Fedco for recognising Mondioring as a KUSA Discipline and believed that the vast amount of knowledge held between the members would also serve to benefit the running of Mondioring under the KUSA banner.</p> <p>After discussion, all the above proposed Schedules at items 15.18.1 to 15.18.4 were accepted, unanimously, together with the acceptance of Mr Keith Duranty as Decoy Trainer (item 15.18.5). Effective 01.10.2020 Proposed JH, seconded CG</p> <p>[Note: The Mondioring Steering Committee should be informed that the above documents had been approved and that it needed to commence working on the supporting documentation such as Certificates and Record Cards.]</p>
	5.19		Schedule 7 Subscriptions & Fees
		5.19.1	<p>Regulation 18.3 to be amended as follows (already implemented – for ratification only):</p> <p>18.3 Judges Learning Programme (including Junior Showmanship – Entry fee R653 18.3.1 Junior Showmanship (on its own) R305</p> <p>Ratified. Proposed LT, seconded RJ</p>
		5.19.2	Variation of Fees

		<p>Proposed by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>The Entrance Fee and the Re-election Fee as per the Subscription and Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7 ought to be the same – currently R323,00.</p> <p>Motivation: In accordance with Article 11.1 “Whenever a Member’s subscription remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, he shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Kennel Union.” It is therefore illogical to charge a different price for a new member from one who had previously been a member and was applying to be re-admitted as a member. The process is the same, and there is no justification for a person whose membership had lapsed to be treated differently from a new member.</p> <p>The changes required to the Subscription and Fees document:</p> <p>1.1 Entrance Fee (new Membership, Junior Membership excluded) and Re-election Fee (lapsed Membership). Fees are per person. Annual Subscription Fees are extra.</p> <p>1.1.2 Remove.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded GR Effective 01.09.2020</p> <p>[Note: Amendment also required to the KUSA Membership Renewal Form]</p>
	5.20	<p>Schedule 8 – Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary Nil</p>
	5.21	<p>Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging Amendment to Appendix 1 of Schedule 10, submitted by the JEC</p> <p>Motivation: Housekeeping amendments to change of terminology used for exam sections as approved by Fedco 12-2019.</p> <p>1.5.2. Paper 1 is a combined examination that comprises two (2) sections: 1.5.2.1. [Anatomy, Conformation and Movement] <u>Canine Physiology</u> (150 marks) 1.5.2.2. KUSA [Rules and] Regulations (50 marks) 1.5.3. The format of the examination will be multiple choice, naming and labelling questions. 1.5.4. Paper 1 will carry 200 marks with a minimum requirement of 80%.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously Proposed GM, seconded CG Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging Housekeeping addition to harmonise various Regulations dealing with the announcement of results.</p> <p>Motivation: To provide for the announcement of results in reverse order in line with Sub-Regulations 9.4.1.2, 9.4.1.4, 9.4.2.3 and 9.4.3.2.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p>8.9. The Judge shall make his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4 and the exhibits shall be placed in such order at the place markers in the ring before the results are noted and announced by the Ring Steward. <u>The results may be announced in reverse order.</u></p>

			Approved, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded LK Effective 01.10.2020
		5.21.1	Judges Education Council (JEC) The Chairman's Report was tabled as an attachment to the Agenda. Noted.
6			BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	6.1		Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC) Nil
	6.2		Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC) Nil
	6.3		GSD Liaison Council
		6.3.1	<p>Grading of Dogs (Fedco 06-2019 item 6.3.1, Fedco 12-19 item 6.3.1) <i>The confirmation of GSD Judges to award Gradings to GSDs in South Africa (ZA) was discussed at Fedco 06-2019 and agreed that the confirmation of any further GSD Judges be deferred to Fedco 12-2019 at which time it was hoped that there would be greater clarity on the effect of international developments.</i> <i>Further information would be tabled.</i></p> <p><i>The matter was deferred to Fedco 06-2020, by which time the JEC needed to be able to offer a Breed Specialisation Course for GSDs. GR informed Fedco of Ms McFarlane's comments on Breed Specialisation contained in an email to him and Fedco thought that it would be appropriate for the Senior Consultant, GM, to confer with Ms McFarlane and request her to provide the JEC with the work she had done so far on the GSD Specialisation Course to enable the JEC to assess what still needed to be completed in order to offer the Course to aspiring GSD Specialists.</i></p> <p><i>Ms McFarlane has since delivered the German Shepherd Dog Specialisation Study Guide. A report will be tabled by the KUSA GSD Task Team on proposed next steps.</i></p> <p>At Fedco 12-2018, Fedco confirmed a list of Judges authorised to judge and give Gradings to GSDs at GSD Specialist Shows. To continue to give Gradings to GSDs, it was recommended that these Judges ought to complete the GSD Specialisation Course when it became available.</p> <p>The GSD Breed Specialisation Study Guide has since been developed by Ms McFarlane. It was, however, noted that the document had not yet been assessed by the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC).</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed, unanimously, that the responsibility for the assessment and approval the GSD Breed Specialisation Study Guide was the responsibility of the JEC.</p> <p>Fedco directed that the Judges in question should be informed by the JEC that the GSD Breed Specialisation Study Guide had become available and reiterated its previous recommendation that the authorised Judges who wished to continue to give Gradings to GSDs, ought to enrol for, and complete, the GSD Specialisation Course at the earliest opportunity. For Judges who desired to be recognised as GSD Specialist Judges, successful completion of the GSD Specialisation course was mandatory. Proposed CG, seconded GM</p>
7			GENERAL
8			MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

8.1		<p>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFA) vs Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Others</p> <p>CG mentioned that, as he had recently reported to Fedco, the GSDFA had applied to the Local Division of the Gauteng High Court for leave to appeal the finding of Judge Shanaaz Mia. As sanctioned by Fedco, KUSA had instructed its legal counsel to oppose the GSDFA's application.</p> <p>KUSA was awaiting the outcome of the GSDFA's appeal application.</p>
8.2		<p>Fedco Portfolios <i>Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated at Fedco 12-20 as follows:</i></p> <p>Clr CJL Griffith <i>Finance, Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Information Technology, KUSA Constitution & Schedules</i></p> <p>Clr JM Hubbard <i>Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Breed Health, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs, Extraordinary Registrations, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP) and Tracking Trials</i></p> <p>Clr CM Immelman <i>Breed Shows, Handling, Registrations, Exports, Information Technology, Digital Communications, KUSA Web & Social Media.</i></p> <p>Clr RD Jukes <i>DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials</i></p> <p>Clr G Morison <i>Shows, Carting, Canicross</i></p> <p>Clr DC Sparg <i>Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience</i></p> <p>Clr BG Robinson <i>Media/Press, Budgets, KUSA Constitution & Schedules, Club Constitutions & By-laws, Provincial Council Constitutions & By-laws</i></p> <p>Clr L Thornhill <i>Information Technology, Handling, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Flyball & Rally Obedience, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media</i></p> <p>After discussion, the following additions were made to certain Fedco members' portfolios:</p> <p>Clr RB Jenkins – Breed Health Clr BG Robinson – KUSA Membership Clr G Morison – to assist Cl, where appropriate.</p>
8.3		<p>Breed Health</p> <p>The following reflected the discussion at Fedco 12-2019: <i>JH had circulated a comprehensive document from the Raad van Beheer (Dutch Kennel Club), setting out its Breeding Strategy for Brachycephalic Pedigree Dogs, a step with far-reaching implications, as might be clear from the following statement:</i></p> <p><i>“The Dutch Kennel Club ‘Raad van Beheer’ supports the Minister in setting rules for the breeding of brachycephalic dogs. The Raad van Beheer plays a supervising role in breeding of pedigree dogs and therefore takes its responsibility, as expressed in “FairFok” (Fair Breeding), and will set additional requirements for issuing pedigree certificates.</i></p> <p><i>In the future, breeders must demonstrate that brachycephalic dogs are proven free of conformation related problems. Healthier dogs will be used for breeding. Both crossbreds and look-alikes will be eligible to enter the studbook in order to breed dogs with a longer muzzle.”</i></p>

JH also deemed it advisable for Fedco to take cognisance of the Cooperation Agreement on Brachycephalic Breeds signed between the FCI President, Dr Tamás Jakkel, and Dr Jane Ladlow of the Animal Health Trust in the UK and the Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) Research Group, based at the University of Cambridge.

PM thought it prudent that KUSA should formulate its position on BOAS. In the UK, Australia and New Zealand, the NCOs had been investing in research to guide and assist their breeders and KUSA might consider doing the same, or engaging in collaborative efforts. In line with international trends, KUSA might expect to be challenged by various interest groups on the steps already taken, and to be taken prospectively, to diminish the health problems in brachycephalic breeds.

NdP said that BOAS was obviously an emotive issue and LT agreed. The Clubs for certain iconic brachycephalic breeds needed to play a leading role in eradicating health problems in these breeds and those driving the Breed Health agenda within KUSA ought to take urgent steps to devise possible strategy for consideration at Fedco 06-2020.

The Fedco Breed Health Team, comprising JH, BJ, LT & RJ, reported that they had met via Skype on Monday, 15 June 2020, and had requested GR and CI to join the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to explore and discuss the international situation with regard to the 12 Brachycephalic Breeds affected by the controversial legislation passed in the Netherlands.

Following the meeting, members of the Breed Health Team drafted a Statement to reflect KUSA's view of developments in the Netherlands. Members of the Team were also able to provide Fedco with extensive feedback on the global outcry following the Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied in Nederland's (Dutch Kennel Club's) ostensible acquiescence to the legislation.

The Breed Health Team requested Fedco to give consideration to the following:

1. The aptness of the KUSA Statement on developments in the Netherlands affecting Brachycephalic Breeds, drafted by RJ and LT;
2. The publication of the Statement on the KUSA website and Facebook page;
3. KUSA entering into discussions with The Kennel Club with a view to securing permission to implement the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme in South Africa in conjunction with the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA).
4. As part of its commitment to improving the health of Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) affected breeds, KUSA engaging with SAVA at the earliest opportunity to explore matters of practicability around implementation;
5. Once the necessary groundwork has been done, for KUSA's Breed Health Committee to provide the necessary guidance to Clubs eager to support the implementation of the Grading Scheme.

On a proposal from LT, seconded by CI, items 2 – 4 were **unanimously endorsed** by Fedco, whereas item 1 was **endorsed** with one objection.

Further discussion took place on the envisaged implementation of the Grading Scheme and whether the issuing of an Advanced Registration Certificate (ARC) could be used as a possible method of encouraging Health testing and screening. As also alluded to under item 4.3.2, the ARC had, for whatever reason, not proved popular and maybe a less elitist form of Enhanced Registration Certificate for breeders who voluntarily subject their dogs to Health testing and screening, should be considered.

Noted.

8.4	8.4.1	<p>Schedule 3 – Regulation 18</p> <p>Exco recommended that the above Regulation should be tightened up to prevent competing dogs being withdrawn mid-competition. This was sometimes done by exhibitors in order to manipulate results and awards, a practice with great potential for causing conflict.</p> <p>Motivation: Some exhibitors created confusion and disharmony by withdrawing their dogs from further competition in order to achieve a result for another dog through the elimination of competition. The only way to put an end to such devious practice was to regulate against it, thereby hopefully to promote fairness, honesty and good sportsmanship.</p> <p>KUSA's Legal Adviser recommended the replacement of the entire Regulation 18 with the following text:</p> <p>18. Withdrawal from Competition</p> <p><u>18.1 Once a dog has entered the ring to be exhibited in one of the Classes for which he had been entered in advance of the Show, the dog shall be exhibited in all subsequent Classes entered and in all the Challenges and Competitions as contemplated by Regulations 21, 22 and 24 for which it has qualified at that Show. Failure to enter the ring when required to compete in subsequent Classes or Challenges and Competitions as described above shall, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, render the dog liable for disqualification and the cancellation of any awards gained, irrespective of any objection having been lodged in terms of Regulation 31.</u></p> <p><u>18.2 Withdrawal from competition at the Show is only permissible</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>18.2.1 when the Judge listed in the Schedule is changed; or</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>18.2.2 when a dog's Owner or its Authorised Agent deems it necessary due to the dog's illness, injury or other legitimate reason,</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>and in either of the above eventualities, the dog shall be marked as ABSENT on the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets.</u></p> <p><u>18.3 Once a dog has entered the ring with the intention to be exhibited, it shall for purposes of these Regulations be deemed as having been exhibited and may not leave the ring before completion of the judging of that Class unless</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>18.3.1 the dog is excused or dismissed by the Judge for any reason whatsoever;</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>or</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>18.3.2 the dog is withdrawn by the handler due to illness, injury, lameness, bad behaviour, or for any reason considered sufficient not to continue competing.</u></p> <p><u>18.4 When a dog is excused or dismissed by the Judge, the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets shall be marked accordingly, e.g. DISMISSED/EXCUSED – LAMENESS, DISMISSED/EXCUSED – AGGRESSION, etc.</u></p> <p><u>18.5 When a dog is withdrawn by the handler for any reason, the handler must inform the Ring Steward, after which the dog shall be marked as WITHDRAWN on the Judge's and Ring Steward's Sheets.</u></p> <p><u>18.6 If a dog's withdrawal from further competition is forced by an emergency, domestic or otherwise, formal permission shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Show Manager, once he is satisfied that sufficient cause has been shown why the dog should be withdrawn from further competition, after which the dog shall be marked as WITHDRAWN on the Judges' and Ring Steward's Sheets for the Class, Challenge or Competition from which the dog has been withdrawn.</u></p> <p><u>18.7 For the avoidance of doubt, once a dog has, for whatever reason, been withdrawn, excused or dismissed from any one Class, Challenge or Competition, it shall not be permitted to compete in any further Classes, Challenges or Competitions at that Show.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
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8.4.2

Schedule 3 Regulation 21

The KUSA Office submitted a housekeeping proposal to include the procedure for the awarding of Challenge Certificates and Reserve Challenge Certificates in Schedule 3, since this was not covered by the Schedule.

Motivation: The procedure for awarding a Challenge Certificate and Reserve Challenge Certificate was not covered in Schedule 3, only in Schedule 10. It is believed that it should also be provided for in Schedule 3 in new Regulations 21.1 – 21.3, with the irrelevant (to this section) former Regulation 21.2 replaced; the former Regulations 21.1 – 21.6 to be sequentially renumbered as 21.4 – 21.8.

Moreover, there appeared to be uncertainty about the interpretation of the word “exhibited” in the scenario where 10 dogs were eligible for the CC and one was dismissed by the Judge, or withdrawn by the exhibitor. To obviate confusion, an explanatory sentence needed to be added to the former Regulation 21.6, now Regulation 21.8.

Insertions underlined and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

21. Challenge Certificates and Reserve Challenge Certificates

21.1 On completion of the judging of all Classes up to and including the Open Class, which shall be the final Class to be judged for purposes of awarding the Challenge Certificate, and which shall be judged before the Champions Class, all unbeaten Class winners of either sex, with the exception of the winners of the Baby Puppy Class, Neuter Dog Class and Champions Class, shall compete for the Challenge Certificate. Winners in one Class, but beaten in another, shall be deemed to be beaten dogs and ineligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate.

21.2 [~~No specialist club shall invite entries in breeds outside its jurisdiction for its Championship Breed Classes.~~]Once the Challenge Certificate has been awarded, the remaining exhibits shall compete against the runner(s)-up to the CC winner for the Reserve Challenge Certificate.

21.3 The awarding of the Challenge Certificate and Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be at the discretion of the Judge and, if no Challenge Certificate is awarded, no Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded.

21.[4]4 Challenge Certificates signed by the Judge and Show Secretary shall be available to Exhibitors within thirty (30) days of the date of award. Reserve Challenge Certificates signed by the Judge and Show Secretary shall only be issued on request of exhibitors and shall be available to them as soon as convenient after award.

21.[3]5 Every Challenge Certificate and every Reserve Challenge Certificate issued by the Kennel Union shall bear the following declaration[~~words, namely~~]: “I am clearly of the opinion that this exhibit is of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of qualifying for the title of Champion.”

21.[4]6 Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading “2 points”.

21.[5]7 Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading “1 point”.

21.[6]8 Whenever ten (10) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate and a Challenge Certificate is awarded, it shall be a “2 point” Certificate; in all other cases a “1 point” Certificate shall be awarded to the winner of the Challenge Certificate. In this context “exhibited” shall mean entry of the dog into the ring with the intention of being exhibited, irrespective of subsequent exclusion by the Judge, or withdrawal by the exhibitor, for any reason whatsoever.

		<p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p> <p>[Note: The change in Regulation 21.8 also needed to be transferred to Schedule 10 Regulation 9.1.11.]</p>
	8.4.3	<p>Schedule 3 Regulation 22 The KUSA Office recommended a housekeeping change to Regulation 22 to improve its clarity.</p> <p>Motivation: The term, “Restricted Class” had been replaced by “Champions Class” in other contexts and it was deemed necessary to also update Regulation 22.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>22. Competition for Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed and Other Best Class of Breed Awards</p> <p>22.1 On completion of judging of all breed [e]Classes, excluding Baby Puppy and Neuter Dog, Best of Breed will be judged.</p> <p>22.1.1 Those exhibits eligible for the award of [a] Best of Breed [Certificate] and Reserve Best of Breed [Certificate], are both Challenge Certificate winners (provided they are unbeaten) and both [the unbeaten prize] winners of [any restricted class as defined in Appendix 4 of Schedule 3.] <u>the Champions Class (provided they are unbeaten).</u></p> <p>22.1.2 Whenever a Challenge Certificate is awarded, the Judge shall award [a]<u>the</u> Best of Breed [Certificate] to the best exhibit of that breed.</p> <p>22.1.3 In the event of both Challenge Certificates being withheld by a Judge, [a]<u>the</u> Best of Breed [Certificate] and Reserve Best of Breed [Certificate] shall not be awarded unless the Judge considers that <u>either or both of the</u> [exhibits in any restricted class] winners of the <u>Champions Class</u> merit these awards.</p> <p>22.2 Once <u>the</u> Best of Breed has been awarded, the remaining exhibits compete against the runner-up to the Best of Breed exhibit (<u>i.e. the relevant Reserve Challenge Certificate winner or the runner-up in the relevant Champions Class</u>) for Reserve Best of Breed. [A]<u>The</u> Reserve Best of Breed [Certificate] shall be awarded to the dog placed second to the Best of Breed, which shall progress no further.</p> <p>22.3 In the event of the Best of Breed or Reserve Best of Breed winners being entered in the Minor Puppy or Puppy classes, that exhibit shall automatically be awarded Best Puppy of Breed.</p> <p>22.3.1 On completion of Best of Breed judging, and provided that the Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed winners were not entered in the Minor Puppy or Puppy [e]Classes, Best Puppy of Breed will be judged. The exhibits eligible to compete for Best Puppy of Breed shall be the winners of the Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes <u>of either sex</u>, provided they have not been beaten by another Puppy [e]Class winner for the challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge [e]Certificate. If the Judge is not of the opinion that the puppy selected is worthy of the award <u>of</u> Best Puppy of Breed, he/she may withhold it.</p> <p>22.4 Once Best Puppy of Breed has been awarded, the remaining Best Class of Breed awards scheduled by the [e]Club, excluding Baby Puppy and Neuter Dog, will be judged in the same order as the breed [e]Classes.</p> <p>22.5 On completion of the Best Class in Breed awards, the Baby Puppy Dog and Baby Puppy Bitch [e]Classes, if scheduled, shall be judged, followed by Best Baby Puppy of Breed.</p> <p>22.6 On completion of the Baby Puppy of Breed awards, the Neuter Dog [e]Class, if scheduled, shall be judged.</p>

		<p>22.7 By their signature thereto, however applied, the Show Secretary assumes responsibility for the accuracy and validity of [the] <u>any</u> certificates issued [in terms of Regs. 22.1, 22.2 and 22.3] <u>in confirmation of awards made in terms of these Regulations.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded RJ Effective 01.10.2020</p>
	8.4.4	<p>Clearance of Foreign Judges (JEC) Proposed revision of Schedule 3, Regulation 34.4</p> <p>Motivation: The Regulation in question was outdated in that the Executive Committee was not responsible for the clearance of foreign Judges. The drafting of the policy documents for the clearance of foreign Judges had been delegated to the JEC, for approval by Fedco. Clause 4.1.10 of the Constitution of the JEC refers: <i>To draft such policy documents as may be required by the KUSA Office for the clearance of foreign Judges to officiate at KUSA-licensed events for approval by the Federal Council and to update such documents on an ongoing basis.</i></p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>34.4 Before approving a foreign Judge or a Judge from a body recognised in terms of Article 21.4 to officiate at a Championship Show, the [Executive Committee] <u>Kennel Union Office</u> shall be satisfied that such Judge is <u>eligible to judge the Breeds contemplated to be judged at such Championship Show in accordance with the guidelines for the clearance of foreign Judges approved by the Federal Council from time to time</u> [recognised and approved to judge the same Breeds or events in his country of permanent domicile, as it is proposed he should judge at</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed JH, seconded CG Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	8.5	<p>Affix & Name – Number of Characters <i>The minutes of Fedco 12-2018 recorded under Item 9.3 – KUSA System – K9 Upgrade.</i></p> <p><i>A request was made to the KUSA Office and to the developer to permit more characters for the registered name of a dog, which was currently capped in Schedule 2, Regulation 5.2 at 45 characters, inclusive of Prefix, Common Name, Affix, punctuation and blanks. The Office undertook to investigate an extension of the field and to revert to Fedco with a proposal on a revised capping level.</i></p> <p>PM confirmed that, although the new K9 Admin Online Portal was not limited in the number of characters it could accommodate for the registered name of a dog, there was a limitation on the available space on a Registration Certificate in which the name would appear. Work has not yet commenced on the design of the new Registration Certificate and the KUSA Office should therefore be able to ensure that the new Registration Certificate was designed in such a way as to accommodate registered names which included the new common name capped at the proposed level of twenty-five (25) characters.</p> <p>In preparation for the increase of the number of characters for the common name from fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25), the following Regulations needed to be amended:</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Schedule 2 Reg. 5.2</p>

		<p>No registered name, including Affix shall exceed [forty-five (45)] <u>fifty-five (55)</u> characters, which will include a registered [p]Prefix of one word limited to fifteen (15) characters; a common name[, including blanks,] (inclusive of spaces between words, apostrophes, hyphens or other punctuation marks) limited to [fifteen (15) spaces] <u>twenty-five (25) characters in total</u>, with the addition of a registered [s]Suffix, on transfer. (See also Regulation 8.9)</p> <p>Schedule 2 Reg. 8.9 When the name of a dog comprises a [p]Prefix, common name and [s]Suffix, no further change is permitted. Common names may <u>be</u> comprised of more than one (1) word, <u>provided that the twenty-five (25) characters in total as described in Regulation 5.2 are not exceeded</u>, [each word is completely different and totals not more than fifteen (15) letters, counting each space between a word as a letter.]</p> <p>Approved, unanimously Proposed CI, seconded GM Effective 01.10.2020, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>[Note: No change was required to Schedule 2 Regulation 6.1, which provided for a change of name within four (4) months of the date of registration, at a fee set in terms of Schedule 7.]</p>
8.6		<p>Proposal to amend Article 8.6.2 The following appeared in the Minutes of Fedco 12-2018 (Item 3.6)</p> <p>Club Officers – Membership of KUSA <i>Exco recommends that Club Treasurers and any persons with financial banking powers (signing and/or electronic) should be members in good standing of KUSA. If agreed, this will require an amendment to <u>Article 8.6.2</u>.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion ensued on whether the Club Secretary should be included in the proposed amendment and it was agreed that Club Secretaries were likely to be covered by “any persons with financial banking powers”. However, should the Exco recommendation not achieve the desired result, a suitable amendment could be tabled in future to impose mandatory KUSA membership on Club Secretaries.</i></p> <p><i>The above recommendation was upheld and the proposal carried, with one objection. GR was charged with drafting the agreed amendment to Article 8.6.2 and the following was accepted, subject to verification by the KUSA Legal Adviser:</i></p> <p><i>Deletions in [struck through square brackets] and insertions <u>underlined</u>:</i></p> <p><i>8.6.2 details of every Annual General Meeting and any other Special General Meeting specifying the names of persons present and resolutions adopted, together with one copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and the Club’s balance sheet shall be forwarded to the Federal Council. Minutes of Annual/Special General meetings shall be supplied within thirty (30) days of any such meeting and the copy of the audited accounts shall be supplied once in each calendar year. The Club shall ensure that the Club officials (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) names and contact details are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, [and] Vice-Chairman <u>and Treasurer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club’s bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union. At the same time of sending the names and contact details of Club officials to KUSA, the Club shall also advise the names of the Club Committee members with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club’s bank accounts.</u></i></p>

		<p><i>Proposed RD, seconded CB Effective 01.02.2020</i></p> <p>Motivation: In the decision above, it was clearly contemplated that Club Secretaries ought to be members of KUSA, since they normally had signing and transacting powers on the Club's bank accounts. Unfortunately, the experience since the above amendment had come into force had proved that it had done little to compel Secretaries to secure KUSA membership. The provisions of the Article were invariably overlooked by Clubs advising particulars of AGMs. Enquiries to Clubs to declare whether their Secretaries had signing powers on the Club's accounts were routinely ignored and this caused the KUSA Office to indulge in a great deal of futile correspondence.</p> <p>Most Club Secretaries were KUSA members, since they were often Judges, or Exhibitors. However, there were some who sought refuge in the above Article to avoid joining KUSA. Since Secretaries played an important part in Clubs' governance, it was unfair to expect Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Treasurers to be within reach of KUSA's Disciplinary Rules, and not Secretaries.</p> <p>As contemplated by the Minute above, i.e. "<i>However, should the Exco recommendation not achieve the desired result, a suitable amendment could be tabled in future to impose mandatory KUSA membership on Club Secretaries.</i>", it was proposed that the Article be amended to give effect to its intention as follows:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>8.6.2 details of every Annual General Meeting and any other Special General Meeting specifying the names of persons present and resolutions adopted, together with one copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and the Club's balance sheet shall be forwarded to the Federal Council. Minutes of Annual/Special General meetings shall be supplied within thirty (30) days of any such meeting and the copy of the audited accounts shall be supplied once in each calendar year. The Club shall ensure that the Club [officials] <u>Officers</u> (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) names and contact details are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, <u>Secretary</u> and Treasurer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union. At the same time of sending the names and contact details of Club [officials] <u>Officers</u> to KUSA, the Club shall also advise the names of the Club Committee members with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded RJ Effective 01.02.2021</p> <p>[Note: Referring to the Club's Executive (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) as "Officers" is in line with the terminology in the new specimen Club Constitution. The term "Officials" is reserved for positions such as Patron, Vice-President, Honorary Life Member, etc.]</p>
8.7		<p>Article 12 Membership – Amendment to Article 12.3 Amendment advised by the KUSA Legal Adviser to provide for mandatory KUSA Membership of Show Managers in the Articles (not only in Schedules).</p> <p>Motivation: Although the Membership of Show Managers is covered by the various Schedules governing conformation Shows and the individual Working Disciplines, it is not specifically provided for in the Articles, which is the overarching Constitution of KUSA. In the</p>

		<p>interest of good governance, and for the avoidance of doubt in the case of a dispute, this needs to be rectified.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>12.3 Every person representing the Kennel Union in an official capacity, <u>including Show Managers appointed by Clubs</u>, save and except members of the staff, shall be current members of the Kennel Union.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded BJ Effective: 01.02.2021</p>
8.8		<p>KUSA Membership Fees – Lockdown dispensation Proposal from by the KUSA Office in order to make it possible to permit members to settle their Membership Fees on negotiated terms.</p> <p>Motivation: During discussions on a three-month arrangement for a small number of members who had been unable to meet their Membership fees in a single payment due to financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, it was pointed out that the Articles did not permit such a concession. Since this was a necessary course of action, the Articles needed to be amended to grant the Federal Council discretionary powers in this regard.</p> <p>Emanating from the above, it was necessary to amend Article 11 in order to comply with Article 10.4.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p>Amendment to Article 11 – Insertion of NEW article 11.2</p> <p><u>11.2 The Federal Council shall be at liberty to vary the manner and time for the payment of Membership subscription contemplated in Article 10.4 on a blanket or individual basis should circumstances arise which make such variance desirable, or necessary.</u></p> <p>Approved, unanimously Proposed GR, seconded RJ Fedco gave dispensation to implement this Article change immediately as a KUSA emergency measure under the Government’s declared State of Disaster.</p> <p>With regard to the procedure, PM explained that, during the payment period, the Member’s status would be flagged as ‘pending’ and their privileges of Membership, such as Judging, Registration, or exhibition of a dog in their ownership, would be placed under suspension. Should an application for registration of a dog or a litter of puppies be received, no Registration Certificates would be issued until Membership had been fully paid up. Members granted settlement terms would retain their normal Renewal Date.</p> <p>A proposed letter to Members who had requested payment terms, drafted by the PM, was considered and approved.</p>
8.9		<p>Rhodesian Ridgeback The following matters were debated within the context of previous Fedco discussions, decisions and directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture/Illustration for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard • Video presentation for the FCI (PowerPoint Presentation) • Breed Standard status <p>Fedco lamented the fact that, after several years, finalisation of these issues still eluded KUSA, despite the best efforts of certain Federal Councillors to bring them to a conclusion.</p>

		<p>To save KUSA further embarrassment with the FCI due to the non-delivery of a PowerPoint presentation and a Breed Standard illustration, the following actions were sanctioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joy McFarlane to be commissioned to provide an illustration for the Breed Standard and the illustrated version to be uploaded to the KUSA website and lodged with the FCI. • The PowerPoint presentation prepared by Ms McFarlane several years ago be accepted and lodged with the FCI with KUSA's sanction for its educational use. • KUSA's submission to the FCI Breed Standards Commission of certain changes to the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard to be followed up as a matter of urgency. <p>Agreed, unanimously. Proposed CG, seconded LT</p>
	8.10	<p>Proposal for a Dog Trix Class within KUSA. A document attached to agenda, setting out the viability and advisability of establishing a Cyber Sport Division within KUSA, starting with a Dog Trix Class, was considered.</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that the establishment of Cyber Sport Division should be encouraged and that the parties who had mooted the possibility should be invited to prepare a fully motivated formal proposal for consideration at Fedco 12-2020. Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.</p>
	8.11	<p>Frequency of changes to Disciplines Schedules Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 12-1993 item 7.12</p> <p><i>“Recommended at the last meeting that this rule be enforced more stringently and applied to all Schedules although consideration would have to be given to those cases where international regulations are adopted, e.g. IWT. The Five-Year Rule means that once accepted, all Kennel Union Schedules concerned with the exhibition, competition or assessment of dogs shall be operative for the following five consecutive calendar years save and except,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where amendments or alterations are made by the parent organisations to Schedules which are linked to International Regulations (e.g. FCI)</i> • <i>Where amendments have to be re-enacted due to events beyond the control of the Kennel Union (e.g. Provincial Ordinances)</i> • <i>Any Special Event falling within the ambit of Schedules 5E and hosted by a single club.</i> <p><i>By 21 May in the fourth year of operation, affiliated clubs may make representations to the appropriate Provincial Sub-Committee for any suggested amendments or alterations to any Schedule and by 31 July in that year Provincial Sub-Committees must submit their recommendations to the Kennel Union office in order that they may be circulated throughout the KUSA area of jurisdiction. All submissions must have unanimous agreement by the close of the agenda for the Federal Council meeting to be held in the May of the fifth year of operation. Where there is no unanimous agreement, suggested amendments fail. If accepted by the Federal Council such amendments will come into force on 1 January of the sixth year and thus recommence a further five-year cycle. ON a proposal by Clr Pretorius and seconded by Clr Oosthuizen the above as UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED”</i></p> <p>At almost every meeting, Fedco was presented with extensive amendments to Dogsport Schedules. Consideration of these frequent changes was extremely burdensome and time-consuming and it was suggested that, in the light of the previous Fedco ruling, some restriction should be placed on the frequency of Schedule changes to the Schedules of the various branches of Dogsport.</p>

		<p>During the ensuing discussion, it was proposed that changes to the Schedule of any particular form of Dogsport should only be considered every two (2) years, unless new FCI Regulations compel otherwise, in other words, if the changes were necessitated by compliance with newly introduced international practices.</p> <p>After further discussion, it was resolved, unanimously, that changes to Dogsport Schedules would only be considered once every eighteen (18) months, unless the changes were due to changes in FCI Regulations.</p> <p>It was further agreed, unanimously, that in order not to stifle the development of new, or emerging, branches of Dogsport, changes to their Schedules would be considered annually for the first three (3) years from date of the first trial/event held.</p> <p>The new/emerging forms of Dogsport in KUSA were identified as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rally Obedience • Mondioring • Canicross • Rescue Dogs <p>Proposed CI, seconded DS</p>
	8.12	<p>Registrations – German Shepherd Dogs (Fedco 06-2018 Item 1.2.4)</p> <p>As motivated and proposed by the Chairman, general discussion took place on the current situation pertaining to KUSA's registration procedure for German Shepherd Dogs. The KUSA GSD Task Team was charged with investigating possible options, or flexibilities, relating to registrations with the FCI and to revert to Fedco in due course.</p> <p>Agreed, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed CG, seconded GR</p>
	8.13	<p>COVID-19 -Shows and Events, Protocols and Procedures</p> <p>JH prompted discussion on preparations for the resumption of KUSA Shows and events once gatherings, of whatever size, had once again become permissible.</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that the Fedco Shows Task Team's mandate should be broadened to include investigation of the circumstances and conditions under which Shows could possibly be held in future, and to identify the appropriate enabling authorities. In the latter regard, it was noted that KUSA was not a National Sports Federation under the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) in the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. KUSA was recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) as a Breeders' Society and Registering Authority and its exhibition and sporting activities would presumably be considered as means of animal improvement as contemplated in the Animal Improvement Act, 62 of 1998.</p> <p>In broadening the mandate of the current Task Team – GM, LT & CI – Fedco authorised the Task Team to co-opt whatever expertise it required to accomplish its assignments. NdP undertook to establish the appropriate channel for securing authorisations and also to investigate and apprise the Task Team of the restrictions currently in place. BJ offered the assistance of Exco in any area identified by the Task Team as requisite of Exco's input.</p> <p>The Task Team was further charged with making recommendations to Fedco pertaining to the Protocols and Procedures which needed to be put in place before the resumption of Shows.</p> <p>Proposed LT, seconded BJ</p>
9		<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>November/December 2020 & June 2021</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that both the above Fedco meetings should take place on a</p>

		<p>virtual platform and not as face-to-face encounters in Cape Town. JH was charged with exploring the options around virtual meeting sessions with the Members of Fedco and the KUSA Office and to establish the most suitable dates, times, and durations for the various sessions.</p> <p>JH undertook to keep all interested parties informed of her efforts in this regard so that the dates and times might be timeously reserved in the Fedco members' respective diaries. Proposed GR, seconded LT</p>
10		<p>CLOSING</p> <p>In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Federal Councillors and the participating members of KUSA staff for attending the Fedco meeting and for the time and effort they had devoted to KUSA matters. He extended a special word of thanks to NdP, whose wisdom and advice had guided a number of decisions during the various Fedco sessions. He wished the Members of Fedco, the Members of KUSA and the Office staff safety and good health during the inevitable challenging period ahead.</p>