

Minutes – Distributed 06.07.2022
KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD AT 08H30
ON THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022, ON MS TEAMS

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			<p style="text-align: center;">ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <p>Clr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH Clr BG Robinson (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR Clr NJ du Preez (Chairman – NAPC & KUSA Legal Adviser) – NdP Clr CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CI Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) – BJ Clr RD Jukes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Clr LC Kasselmann (Chairman – WCPC) – LK Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Clr M Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV</p> <p>KUSA members of staff in attendance:</p> <p>Mrs PLE Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Club Affairs Administrator) – CPA Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council.</p> <p>With nine Federal Councillors present, for all Constitution-related items, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be six (two-thirds), whereas five would constitute a simple majority as required for any other decision to carry.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 12-2021:</p> <p>Mrs R Alberts (GAU) Ms L Coleman (GAU) Mrs CM Dias (WC) Mrs A Els (WC) Mrs B Evans (WC) Mr CJL Griffith (KZN) Mr J Heyns (WC) Dr P Larkin (WC) Mrs P Marais (GAU) Mr MB May (GAU) Mr AM Murray (WC) Mr N Raubenheimer (WC) Mrs SA Rose (GAU) Mrs VV Tarr (GAU) Mrs PA van der Merwe (WC)</p>

			Noted with condolences extended to the families.
2			MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 & 4 DECEMBER 2021
		2.1	<p>Minutes to be adopted</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of the Federal Council held on 3 & 4 December 2021 were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded LK</p>
		2.2	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of Fedco 12-2021 not covered by the Agenda</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
3			ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1		<p>Article 12.5 – Declaration of Interests</p> <p>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>
		3.1.1	<p>Fedco Members:</p> <p>It was noted that the interests of Fedco members, as previously declared and re-confirmed at Fedco 12-2021, had remained unchanged. It was confirmed, unanimously, that none of the interests earlier declared by Fedco members constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</p>
		3.1.2	<p>Exco Members:</p> <p>It was noted that the interests of Exco members, as previously declared and re-confirmed at Fedco 12-2021, had remained unchanged. It was confirmed, unanimously, that none of the interests earlier declared by Exco members constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</p>
	3.2		<p>KUSA Budget 2022/2023</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that she had not been able to complete her work on the Budget and, as had been authorised in previous years, requested that a separate Special Meeting be convened to deal with the Budget. She pointed out that the new Budget and annual fee increases were only due to come into effect on 1 September 2022 and that there was therefore sufficient time to finalise the Budget at a later meeting.</p> <p>NdP suggested that the dates for the discussion with the Fedco Budget Portfolio-holders, and the ensuing Special Meeting of the Federal Council to approve the Budget, be set at the present meeting in order to confirm Fedco members’ availability.</p> <p>Following discussion, the following was agreed, unanimously:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion between the KUSA Office (the General Manager and Mr Byron Delily) and the Fedco Budget Portfolio-holders – JH, GR, MV & BJ: <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 6 July 2022, at 14.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Meeting of Fedco to approve the Budget, also attended by the relevant members of KUSA Office staff: <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 26 July 2022, at 17.30</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded BJ</p> <p>To assist her in her preparations, PM sought directives from Fedco on certain budgetary provisions. Following discussion, the following directives, as required by PM, were provisionally given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in KUSA Fees across the board: 7% • Provision for Legal Fees: R300 000.00 • Provision for Trade Mark Registrations: R70 000.00 • Provision for Judges' Education Council (JEC): Nil • Provincial Councils: Provincial Councils finding it difficult to manage on the current allocation were welcome to apply for an allocation to more appropriately suit their annual needs. <p style="text-align: center;">[Note: Provincial Councils requiring top-ups to meet expenses in the current financial year were requested to advise PM.]</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that the FCI had scheduled a General Assembly to be held in conjunction with the World Dog Show on 24 – 27 August 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. The WDS was normally preceded by the General Assembly and, if Fedco deemed it necessary for KUSA to be represented at the 2023 General Assembly, budgetary provision would be required.</p> <p>After discussion, Fedco was united in the view that KUSA needed to field a delegate at the 2023 General Assembly and the requisite budgetary provision was authorised, unanimously.</p> <p>PM thanked Fedco for its indulgence and guidance.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
3.3		<p>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</p> <p>PM reported in summary:</p> <p>Although plans were put in place for her to focus exclusively on the K9 Administration Upgrade Project during the first quarter of 2022, the unexpected resignation and departure of Mr Kyle Farmer unfortunately put paid to that objective. This unforeseen set-back necessitated the re-assignment of Mr Farmer's daily tasks to others, providing training and support to them, recruiting and training new staff and taking on some of Mr Farmer's</p>

		<p>functions, such as the role of Acting KUSA Secretary, amidst continuing to oversee the daily office activities and finances.</p> <p>It became essential to find a way to minimise the impact of the diminished staff capacity which resulted from Mr Farmer’s demission and also the subsequent retirement of Mrs Adele Bastick. As a means of mitigating the repercussions, consultations with the Systems Developers, SrsBsns, resulted in a proposal to engage their Project Manager, Mr Nathan Burrows, on a part-time basis and to increase the development hours allocated to the project. The proposal was considered by the Budget Portfolio-holders and accepted.</p> <p>Although this course of action lent fresh impetus to the project, exponential progress continued to be hampered by PM’s inability to devote her undivided attention to Mr Burrows’s queries. However, despite the impediments, Alpha Testing was set to commence as soon as possible after PetExpo in July. This would involve testing each online transaction one by one and checking the related database tables and data sets, system-generated push notifications, emails, etc. For the testing to be carried out, it would be necessary for PM to take herself offline for the duration of the testing phase.</p> <p>PM cautioned that the launch of a new service/portal would require an entire operational and marketing strategy, supported by announcements on the website and social media, and the circulation of supporting user guidelines, etc. She was of the view that, the more information provided to the users, the greater the level of engagement was likely to be.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion, CPA informed Fedco that she had gained considerable experience in the implementation of systems in her previous workplace, which included staff training and the development of user manuals. She was more than willing to assist PM with the implementation of the K9 Admin Project on any level required.</p> <p>LK expressed the view that, if progress of the project were impeded by the unavailability of KUSA staff to give the developers the assistance required to get the job done, there was only one solution, i.e. to free up PM, whether it was for a month or six weeks, to focus 100% on the project. She quoted the maxim, “If you’re standing still, you’re moving backwards” and implored Fedco to release PM from all other duties and responsibilities for a period in order to bring the K9 Admin System Upgrade Project to the swiftest possible conclusion.</p> <p>CI and MV supported LK’s view and appealed to PM to make use of the resources at her disposal, such as those offered by CPA, and recommended that CPA be brought into the fold to assist on whatever level required during PM’s effective “absence”.</p> <p>PM thanked the members of Fedco for their support and understanding and reiterated her commitment to the K9 Admin Upgrade Project. She undertook to do the necessary planning and revert with the proposed dates she intended to be “absent” from the KUSA Office and unavailable for consultation.</p> <p>Noted with thanks to PM for her commitment.</p>
	3.4	Appointment of Interim Acting KUSA Secretary
	3.4.1	<p>Article 2 – Interpretation of Terms & Article 43.3 & 43.4 and Resolution (Fedco 06-2020 Item 4.1.3) (Fedco round robin 21 – 25.02.2022)</p> <p>Background:</p>

Extract from the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Monday, 26 October 2020, suspended and continued by unanimous agreement of the Federal Council on Monday, 2 November 2020, via Skype:

3.1	<p>Article 2 – Interpretation of Terms & Article 43.3 & 43.4 Interpretation and Resolution (Fedco 06-2020 Item 4.1.3)</p> <p>2. “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa <u>or a person appointed to act in his stead.</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 force majeure 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.</p> <p>Motivation: As required by the above Articles and given the retirement of the KUSA Secretary on 31 July 2020, Fedco was required to appoint a person to act in the stead of the Secretary for an interim period. It was decided to appoint Kyle Farmer to act in the stead of Secretary for an interim period. Proposed CG, Seconded RJ Approved, unanimously.</p>
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Motivation
As required by the above Articles and, given the resignation of Mr Kyle Farmer who had been appointed to act in the stead of the Secretary for an interim period, Fedco is required to once again appoint a person to act in the stead of the Secretary following Mr Farmer’s departure from KUSA on 25 February 2022.

It is proposed that the General Manager, Mrs Pascale Midgley, be appointed as Acting Secretary of KUSA, until a permanent appointment to the position can be made.

The discussion that ensued led to the **unanimous conclusion** that the appointment of PM as Acting Secretary was the most viable option for KUSA at present.

Proposed RJ, seconded DS
Effective immediately.

3.4.2	<p>KUSA Bank Resolution – Change of Signatories</p> <p>With reference to Article 34 of the Kennel Union Constitution, the Federal Council, acting in terms of Article 6.1, requires that Mr Kyle Farmer be removed from the list of joint</p>
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		<p>authorised representatives and list of mandated signatories in respect of all KUSA Bank Accounts. Mr Farmer left the employment of KUSA on 25 February 2022.</p> <p>It is further proposed that the Finance & HR Administrator, Mr Byron Delily, be added to the list of joint authorised representatives and list of mandated signatories and be appointed as an Online Banking Administrator.</p> <p>If agreed, the following persons would be authorised to sign on behalf of KUSA:</p> <p>Mr RB Jenkins (Chairman of the Executive Committee) OR Mrs LC Kasselmann (Member of the Federal Council)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Mrs PLE Midgley (General Manager) OR Mr BJ Delily (Finance & HR Administrator),</p> <p>making a total of two signatories.</p> <p>A brief discussion ensued on the process of securing all Federal Council members' signatures on the Banking Resolution, following which, the removal of Mr Kyle Farmer from the list of signatories, and the addition of Mr Byron Delily to the list of signatories, were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded CI Effective upon completion of the process.</p> <p>[Note: PM confirmed that all the signatures of the Federal Council members had been obtained and that the fully executed Banking Resolution was awaiting collection at PostNet.]</p>
	3.5	KUSA Office – Lease & Relocation
	3.5.1	<p>KUSA Office – Lease Agreement (Interim) (Fedco 06-2021 Item 8.7, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.1)</p> <p>PM briefed the Federal Council on the terms of the Lease Agreement with AfricaWorks Group and it was noted that, under the current agreement, occupancy was for one year, ending 30 September 2022. In the case of an extension, one month's notice needed to be given and it was also pointed out that the Lease Agreement provided for an annual increase of 5% in the monthly rental fees.</p> <p>There was general satisfaction with the flexibility of the Lease Agreement as negotiated by PM. In contemplating the next step, it seemed to be the majority view of the members of Fedco that it would be unwise to inflict another unsettling experience on the KUSA staff by uprooting the organisation again after a year. After discussion, it was foreseen that KUSA would be occupying the premises for at least another year, with an option of extending the lease for yet a further year. That would hopefully allow sufficient time for permanent re-settlement options to be investigated. Although not a deal-breaker, NdP requested PM to do her best to negotiate an annual increase below the 5% as contemplated by the current Lease Agreement.</p> <p>GR and JH gave their impressions of the new premises after their brief visit in April and were pleased to report that the staff members present on the day had nothing but praise for the modern office environment with its shared meeting rooms, pause areas and</p>

		<p>refreshment stations. These facilities appeared to handsomely compensate for the somewhat cramped work stations.</p> <p>PM expressed relief at the conclusion Fedco had reached on remaining in the present accommodation for the foreseeable future and hoped that this decision might be formalised at the current meeting for the benefit of employees, although she was cognisant of the fact that Fedco might need to vary its conclusion should a suitable property in an ideal location come onto the market earlier than the anticipated lease extensions.</p> <p>Subject to Fedco's right to terminate the current Lease Agreement earlier (obviously dependent on the terms of any extension) it was agreed, unanimously, that the current lease was foreseen to be extended for a one-year period, with an option to extend it for a further year after its expiration on 30 September 2023.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded MV</p>
	3.5.2	<p>KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan (Fedco 08-2021 Item 3.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.3)</p> <p>RJ informed Fedco that he had travelled to Cape Town at the end of February with the intention of viewing properties that might be suitable for the future permanent home of KUSA. Prior to the trip, he had been in contact with several estate agents and had given them an idea of KUSA's requirements. Although he had received some suggestions from the agents, only one property sounded promising but, unfortunately, it turned out to be located in an unsuitable area.</p> <p>While in Cape Town, RJ also met with PM to discuss the possible acquisition of permanent premises for KUSA. During this discussion, it became apparent that, given the fluidity of the manner in which KUSA was functioning at present that, perhaps, a more measured approach to relocation was justified. For instance, before committing to the acquisition of a property, it was necessary for Fedco to assess and interrogate possible business models and agree on the most suitable one for KUSA going forward.</p> <p>Fedco would, for instance, at the very least have to reach agreement on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the property to be acquired should only meet KUSA's present requirements; or • whether such property should have sufficient space to accommodate KUSA and allow a section to be rented out, affording KUSA the flexibility to upsize or downsize in future. <p>RJ also informed Fedco that he had been in contact with NdP and MV and had obtained their agreement that, until a clearer picture of KUSA's future requirements emerged from Fedco's deliberations, hasty decisions should be avoided. He had nevertheless requested agents to contact him should a suitable property come onto the market, so that it may be investigated immediately.</p> <p>In view of the above, RJ assured all that he was in full accord with the decision reached by Fedco under Item 3.5.1.</p> <p>Noted with thanks to RJ.</p>
3.6		Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013

			<p>PM reported that, despite her and Mr Kyle Farmer's best efforts, they had not succeeded in registering the KUSA's Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer through the online portal of the Department of Justice (DoJ). As an alternative action in an effort to effect registration, PM had sent the information to the DoJ per email, but this communication had elicited neither acknowledgment, nor response.</p> <p>Recent information received from a third party had alerted PM to the fact that the DoJ's portal was operational again. In consequence, she undertook to make a further attempt to register KUSA's POPIA Officers through the portal.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		3.6.1	<p>Appointment of a Deputy Information Officer for KUSA under the POPIA</p> <p>Following the resignation of Mr Kyle Farmer, the previously-appointed POPIA Deputy Information Officer, it is incumbent upon the Federal Council to appoint a new Deputy Information Officer.</p> <p>PM proposed the appointment of Mr Byron Delily as Deputy Information Officer. There were no objections and it was agreed, unanimously, that Mr Byron Delily would replace Mr Kyle Farmer as KUSA's Deputy Information Officer under the POPIA.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded MV Effective immediately.</p> <p>[Note: PM reiterated her intention to pursue registration of herself and Mr Delily through the DoJ's portal.]</p>
		3.6.2	<p>Provincial Councils – Appointment of Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers under the POPIA</p> <p>NdP enquired whether all the Provincial Councils had elected their Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers in compliance with the provisions of the POPIA.</p> <p>From the responses, it appeared that the majority of the Provincial Councils had not yet dealt with this matter at their Council meetings and NdP urged the members of Fedco to attend to it at the earliest opportunity. He reminded the Provincial Council Chairmen that all Provincial Council Constitutions had been updated to provide for compliance with the POPIA and it was therefore necessary for the Councils to make the requisite appointments and register the appointed Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers through the DoJ's online portal.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
	3.7		<p>Subscriptions & Fees – Schedule 7</p> <p>The fees applicable to the various services offered by KUSA were subject to the customary annual adjustment as approved by Fedco in conjunction with the Budget. A revised Subscriptions and Fees document was due to be issued and published prior to the effective date of 1 September 2022.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8		<p>Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary – Schedule 8 (refer to Item 9.5 below)</p>

			<p>With COVID-19 restrictions no longer in place, it was necessary to phase in the reinstatement of constitutional deadlines for the submission of show documents and returns, and the penalties applicable to late submissions, as fully recorded under Item 9.5.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
4			MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS
	4.1		<p>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9 (Fedco 12-2017, Fedco 06-2019, Fedco 06-2020, Fedco12-2020, Fedco 06-2021, Fedco 12-2021)</p> <p><i>Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017:</i> “Effective 01.01.2018, no licences will be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs are 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 fail 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, will be recommended for disaffiliation.”</p> <p><i>(Note from Fedco 06-2020:</i> 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.)</p> <p><i>It was unanimously confirmed that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.</i></p>
	4.2		<p>Dissolution of Clubs since Fedco 12-2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chihuahua Club (DOGSPC) – AGM held 15/01/22, where it was decided to close the Club. Minutes received 04/05/22. Financials received showed that the Club had no assets to be distributed. <p>Noted.</p>
	4.3		<p>Clubs that declared their disaffiliation from KUSA since Fedco 12-2021</p> <p>None.</p>
		4.1.1	<p>Article 9.1.3 “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.”</p> <p>(*) reported at Fedco 06-2020 indicated in red (**) reported at Fedco 12-2020 indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2021 indicated in red (##) reported at Fedco 12-2021 indicated in red</p>

In terms of the "eighteen months" ruling at Fedco 12-2017, unless their constitutional breaches were remedied during the period leading up to Fedco 06-2022, Clubs denoted by **(*)(**)** should be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 06-2022. Clubs denoted **(#)(##)** should be considered for disaffiliation for failing to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.

[**Note:** In terms of the Articles, Clubs were required to submit their documentation within thirty (30) days of their Annual General Meeting.]

Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)

- **Australian Shepherd Dog Club of E. Gauteng** (Fin Yr-end 31/01/22, AGM due 30/04/22). AGM held 22/05/22; no documents received as yet.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Dalmatian Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/01/22, AGM due 30/04/22). AGM held 22/05/22; no documents received as yet.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **GSD Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds** (Fin Yr-end 31/01/21, AGM due 31/04/22). AGM held 21/11/21; no financials received.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Highveld Hound Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). No details of the 2022 AGM received as yet; no documents received as yet.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Highveld Pomeranian Breeders Association** (Fin Yr-end 31/10/21. AGM due 31/01/22). AGM held 24/02/22, minutes received 14/03/22, but no financials.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Highveld Whippet Club (##)** (Fin Yr-end 30/04/22, AGM due by 31/07/22). No financials on file since 30/04/17. No response to reminders.

Fedco discussion:

GR undertook to engage with the Chairman of the Club in an attempt to resolve the issue of the outstanding financials and obtain the Chairman's views on the future viability of the Club.

Accepted, unanimously.

- **SA Alsatian & All-breeds Training Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 19/03/22, minutes received 29/04/22, but financials outstanding since 31/12/2018.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation

without delay.

- **SA Great Dane Assn. (*)(**)(#)(##)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due by 31/03/22)

[**Note:** At Fedco 12-2021, on a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, and unanimously supported, the SA Great Dane Association was granted a six months' grace period to restore the Club to full constitutionality, failing which, the Club would be tabled for disaffiliation at Fedco 06-2022. AGM scheduled for 19/6/22.]

Fedco discussion:

It was noted by Fedco that the Club had scheduled an "AGM" (presumably an "SGM") on 19 June 2022 (the day after the final day of Fedco 06-2022). Presumably, the intention was to restore the Club's constitutionality, given the ultimatum imposed at Fedco 12-2021.

GR appealed to Fedco to suspend the effective date of possible disaffiliation for a month to give the Club the opportunity to make its submission of outstanding documentation to KUSA following its scheduled AGM/SGM and to advise its elected Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer – all members in good standing of KUSA) and other elected Committee members.

Fedco **granted** GR's request and **directed, unanimously** that, failing receipt of the documentation and information which would enable KUSA to confirm the restoration of the Club's constitutionality by Friday, 15 July 2022, the Club would be disaffiliated, effective **Saturday, 16 July 2022**.

GR thanked Fedco for its understanding and leniency and urged the KUSA Office to bring the urgency of the submission of documentation and provision of information to the attention of the Club.

- **SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (##)** (Fin Yr-end 28/02/22, AGM 31/05/22)

[**Note:** At Fedco 12-2021, Club had been given till 31 December 2021 to submit its approved 2020 audited Annual Financial Statements, which were rejected by the AGM on 30 May 2021. No further progress.]

Fedco discussion:

Having attended the Club's aborted SGM on 28 December 2021, NdP provided Fedco with his assessment of the possibility of an amicable resolution of the differences between the Club's members being reached. In his opinion, the Club had reached an impasse due to irreconcilable differences between certain members, which thwarted any prospect of restoring the Club to constitutionality.

NdP's comments were **noted** and Fedco **concluded, unanimously**, that there was no solution other than to disaffiliate the Club which, in terms of Article 9.1, "shall forthwith cease to enjoy the rights and privileges of an Affiliated Club and shall forfeit all rights or claim upon the funds or property of the Kennel Union." This should enable those members still interested in reviving the Club and restoring it to good governance, the unfettered opportunity to do so, as contemplated by Article 9.3:

9.3 Whenever a Club has been disaffiliated under provisions of sub-paragraph 9.1 and 9.2 of the Article, it may submit a request to the Federal Council for reinstatement to the list of Affiliated Clubs and the Federal Council may, on consideration of all the circumstances, grant reinstatement on such terms and conditions as may be decided including payment of all sums due and payable to

the KUSA and provided such appeal is received by the Secretary within fifteen (15) months from the date of the Federal Council's meeting at which the decision to disaffiliate the Club was taken.

Proposed LK, seconded DS
Approved, unanimously.

Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)

- **Central Field Trial Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 15/01/22, but financials have not been signed by an auditor.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **IGP Club of Northern Areas** (Fin Yr-end 30/11/21, AGM due 28/02/22). AGM has apparently been held, but no documents submitted as yet.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Jacaranda City Kennel Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). No AGM held to date, or information thereof, received.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **North West GSD Club (##)** (Fin Yr-end 31/10/20, AGM due 31/01/21). AGM Minutes received. Annual Financial Statements were still with the Independent Financial Practitioner. Would be approved at an SGM as soon as received. No progress.

Fedco discussion:

NdP reported that he had difficulty getting in touch with this Club and that he hadn't been able to secure a commitment from the Chairman of the Club.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)

- **Hibiscus Kennel Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). Financials for 2020 not on file; keep requesting, but only receive 2021 which are in order.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Highway Agility Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/3/22). AGM was 20/03/22; no documents received as yet.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Margate Kennel Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). Financials for 2020 not on file, keep requesting but only receive 2021 which are in order.

			<p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natal Rottweiler Association (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM was held on 26/03/22; no documents received as yet. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siegerhunde GSD Club (Fin Yr-end 31/10/21, AGM due 31/01/22). AGM was on 7/05/22; no documents received as yet. Club having difficulty accessing books from previous Treasurer. <p>Fedco discussion: MV advised that it had been brought to the attention of the Club's previous Treasurer that failure to hand over the Club's books and property to a successor constituted grounds for a complaint to be brought under Schedule 1 Rule 4.1.10.</p> <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to secure the Club's books from the previous Treasurer and to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Shepherd Club of the WC (Fin Yr-end 28/02/21, AGM due 28/05/22) AGM last held 27/05/21; no notification of next AGM as yet. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Bulldog Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22. AGM to be held 06/06/22. <p>[Note: AGM subsequently moved to 07/07/22 due to poor response.]</p> <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Hound Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM to be held 4/06/22. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Utility Dog Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM to be held 6/06/22. <p>[Note: AGM subsequently moved to 07/07/22 due to poor response.]</p> <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Bulldog Club of the WC (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM to be held 6/06/22. <p>[Note: AGM subsequently moved to 07/07/22 due to poor response.]</p>
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			<p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mother City Poodle Club (Fin Yr-end 28/02/22, AGM due 31/05/22). AGM was held 9/04/22; minutes received 07/06/22; financials outstanding. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overberg Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 28/02/22, AGM due 31/05/22). AGM to be held 20/07/22. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swartland Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM to be held 4/06/22. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 4/06/22. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Province Boxer Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 20/02/22; no documents received as yet. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Province Rottweiler Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 12/05/22; Minutes still outstanding but all other documents received. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whale Coast Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM set for 20/07/22. <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC (##) (Fin Yr-end 31/01/21, AGM due by 31/04/21). There has been no response to the KUSA Office's reminders. <p>Fedco discussion: LK informed Fedco that she had been in contact with the Club and was doing her best to assist with resolving its problems.</p> <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p>
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Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)

- **Baakens Valley W & H Breeds & ABTS** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 22/05/22; financials supplied but no IFP report.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Grahamstown & Districts Kennel Club** (Fin Yr-end 28/02/22, AGM due 31/05/22). AGM last held 31/07/21, financials received up to 28/02/21.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Terrier Club of EC** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 05/06/22; minutes received but financials still with auditor.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

- **Western Suburbs Dog School** (Fin Yr-end 28/02/22, AGM due 31/05/22). AGM last held 11/09/2021, financials up to 28/02/2021 received.

Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.

Also:

- **East London Kennel Club**
- **Kaffrarian Hound Association**
- **Port Rex Kennel Club**
- **Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club**
- **Quinera Working & Herding Breeds**

The above clubs had been audited together as the committees are shared. The Auditor's Report noted:

- *All bank accounts were closed and money transferred to East London Kennel Club.*
- *Queenstown & D KC has a different year-end and it was assumed that there were no transactions.*
- *No supporting documents were received for any clubs other than bank statements.*
- *There is a discrepancy of R4 340 between the clubs which is thought to be cash unaccounted for or poor control of show entries.*
- *It appears this money has now been accounted for but revised financials are still outstanding.*

[**Note:** Updated Financial Statements for these Clubs have since been received by the KUSA Office, containing a note from the Auditor with regard to conditions to be met for the following year's audit.]

Free State and Northern Cape Provincial Council ((FS&NCPC) including Namibia

- **Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (##)** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/21, AGM due 30/09/21).

[**Note:** Due to the illness and death of the Chairman, the Club had not been able to

			<p>hold its AGM. The Club had undertaken to resolve this at the earliest opportunity in 2022. No further update; last financials up to 31/01/2020.]</p> <p>Fedco discussion: RJ undertook to continue his efforts to resolve this Club's problems.</p> <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p>
		4.1.2	<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>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gundog Club – Championship Show – 29 Apr 2022 – No returns – FT <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to provide the outstanding documentation without delay.</p> <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Agility Club – Non-Championship Show – 30 Jan 2022 – Outstanding late Show Returns Penalty – DJ & AG <p>Noted, with an appeal to the Club to settle the outstanding penalties without delay.</p>
	4.4		Club Constitutions
		4.4.1	<p>New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions (Fedco 12-2021)</p> <p><i>For various reasons, it was recommended that KUSA no longer made "Specimen Club Constitutions" available on its website which, in the past, had enabled new Clubs, or Clubs that wished to upgrade their Constitution to the most recent versions, to draft their own proposed Constitutions. Over time, it has become evident that there were simply too many categories of Clubs, and variations within those categories, to expect Clubs to draft their Constitutions unassisted. Certain clauses in the Constitutions were mandatory under a Fedco directive and it took an inordinate amount of time for the KUSA Office to check proposed Club Constitutions submitted by Clubs for possible omissions, or insertions, which did not accord with the principles of sound governance of affiliated Clubs, or did not include the mandatory clauses expected by KUSA to be enshrined in Club Constitutions.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to amendments to Club Constitutions, it was further recommended that KUSA adopted a system of "replacement Constitutions", rather than permitting amendments to be inserted into existing Constitutions. The latter practice invariably caused contradictions within the Constitutions, or resulted in ill-fitting contrivances being tagged onto Constitutions. For instance, it was extremely difficult to graft certain amendments, such as the now-mandatory POPIA amendments, onto the previous generation of KUSA Club Constitutions.</i></p>

*It was suggested that, instead of leaving Clubs to cobble together their own Constitutions, **new Clubs seeking affiliation to KUSA, or existing Clubs seeking amendments to their Constitutions**, should be requested to complete a simple **Information Sheet**, stating their preferences in relation to certain “variables”, which would enable KUSA to provide new or existing Clubs with pre-drafted Constitutions, meeting the requirements of Fedco and Exco, for consideration by the members. Such proposed bespoke Constitution would be sent to requesting Clubs as soon as possible after receipt of the completed Information Sheet.*

Existing Clubs seeking amendments to their Constitutions would, of course, be expected to additionally draft the proposed amendments for consideration and approved amendments would obviously be accommodated in the redrafted Constitution. Once a Club has upgraded to a new-generation Constitution, it is foreseen that there would be little need for further amendments, unless impelled by new legislation. Currently, amendments were invariably requested by Clubs operating under previous generation Constitutions.

With the realisation of the aim of every affiliated Club eventually upgrading to a new-generation Constitution, and KUSA becoming the custodian of MS Word and PDF versions of every Club Constitution, the process of introducing mandatory amendments to Club Constitutions, for instance those necessitated by changes in national laws, would be greatly facilitated.

*Discussion ensued, with most contributors declaring themselves in favour of KUSA dealing with future new Club Constitutions, or those requisite of amendment, under the two-pronged proposal outlined above, i.e. that, **one**, in order to prevent text contamination and drafting errors, **existing Club Constitutions be replaced, rather than amendments being grafted onto them** and, **two**, that **Specimen Club Constitutions on the KUSA website be replaced by a simple Information Sheet** for completion by Clubs seeking new Constitutions.*

*On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was **accepted, unanimously** for introduction by the KUSA Office.*

CPA screen-shared a list of Clubs that had “converted” to new-generation Club Constitutions, but pointed out that some of these conversions had taken place prior to the insertion of the POPIA clauses. It was the intention to update the Constitutions of Clubs in the latter category and request them to adopt updated Constitutions at the earliest opportunity.

*CPA said she was in the process of devising a strategy to expedite conversion and envisaged starting with the Specialist Multi-breed Clubs, followed by the Specialist Clubs, followed by Group Clubs, followed by All-breeds Clubs, followed by the rest. Requested by GR, NdP identified the Bull Terrier Clubs which were likely to convert to Specialist Multi-breed Clubs and those that were likely to remain as Specialist Clubs. It was also pointed out that the Club identified as “Western Cape Bull Terrier Club” on CPA’s list was, in fact, “Western **Province** Bull Terrier Club”.*

GR said that it had recently been brought to his attention that The Kennel Club UK might have “unbundled” the Dachshund Breed Standard. He intended to seek clarity on this and, should it transpire that the six Dachshund varieties no longer shared a Breed Standard, but each have their own Breed Standard, The SA Dachshund Club and Teckel Club of SA would presumably also fall within the definition of a Specialist Multi-breed Club.

[Note: It has subsequently been confirmed by the Dachshund Breed Council in the UK that the Dachshund has **one** Breed Standard, covering the six varieties, and that the unbundling

		<p>of the Breed Standard on The Kennel Club's website was merely to obviate confusion between the "three-coats, two-sizes" varieties.]</p> <p>In GR's view, the uptake of new Club Constitutions had been sporadic and he urged the Provincial Council Chairmen to convince their Clubs to "convert" to new-generation Constitutions in the interest of improved governance of KUSA-affiliated structures. Old Club Constitutions were no longer in sync with either the KUSA Constitution, or the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils, which created a serious problem. It was also imperative for KUSA-affiliated structures to at least show deference to the Animal Improvement Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act in their founding documents.</p> <p>After discussion, Fedco directed, unanimously that the KUSA Office should advise all affiliated Clubs, which had not already done so, of the importance of upgrading their Constitutions to the latest versions by completing and submitting the prescribed Information Sheet. The "conversion rate" should be carefully monitored by the KUSA Office over the next few months and a report on the status of all the Clubs be presented at Fedco 12-2022.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded GR</p> <p>For report-back at Fedco 12-2022.</p>
5		MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)
	5.1	<p>Rhodesian Ridgeback (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.18; Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.9; Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.1, Fedco 06-2021 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.1)</p> <p><i>Report on developments as recorded on the Fedco 12-2020 minutes:</i></p> <p><i>JH informed the meeting that;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard on the KUSA website had since been adorned with the superb illustration commissioned from Ms Joy McFarlane, and that</i> • <i>Ms McFarlane had requested time to revisit the PowerPoint presentation she had prepared a number of years ago, prior to its submission to the FCI.</i> <p><i>On 17 September 2020, PM followed up with the FCI on the status of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard after its scheduled submission to the FCI's Breed Standards Commission. A copy of the Breed Standard, featuring the new illustration, was attached to PM's reminder to the FCI.</i></p> <p><i>The Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard, inclusive of the amendments approved by KUSA, was due to be tabled at the meeting of the Breed Standards Commission scheduled for 20 May 2020 in Milan. Since PM's reminder had met with no response from the FCI, one might safely assume that the meeting in Milan did not take place, given the COVID-19 lockdown which had been in force in Italy at the time.</i></p> <p><i>PM undertook to follow up with the FCI and to report any further developments to Fedco.</i></p> <p><i>PM reported at Fedco 12-2021:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breed Standard: <p><i>The KUSA Office has been notified by the FCI Breed Standards Commission that it was mandatory that all FCI Breed Standards record "Aggressive or overly-shy dogs" as a disqualification. Originally, KUSA had proposed that "Overly-shy dogs" be listed under FAULTS, with 'Aggressive behaviour' listed under DISQUALIFYING FAULTS. The Breed Standards Commission further advised that, once this has been rectified to meet the FCI's Breed Standards protocol, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard would be tabled at the next meeting of the General Committee for approval.</i></p>

		<p><i>This mandatory requirement has been actioned and the FCI Breed Standard for the Rhodesian Ridgeback returned to the FCI Breed Standards Commission for presentation to the FCI General Committee.</i></p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that she recently had an opportunity to speak to Mr Jorge Nallem, President of the FCI Standards Commission, when he visited South Africa on a judging assignment. Mr Nallem initially thought that the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard had been posted on the FCI website but, upon investigation, confirmed that the Breed Standard was still under consideration by the FCI Scientific Commission. He believed that the FCI Scientific Commission might recommend for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard to be accommodating of ridgeless dogs as a variety of the breed.</p> <p>The Chairman believed that the FCI Scientific Commission might well table a proposal as envisaged by Mr Nallem to the General Assembly in Madrid (20 & 21 June 2022) and sought a mandate from Fedco to oppose any proposal to recognise ridgeless dogs as a variety of the Rhodesian Ridgeback. The mandate sought by the Chairman was unreservedly and unanimously granted by Fedco.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
5.2		<p>FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2)</p> <p><i>As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the dogsport/subject in question.</i></p> <p><i>The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions:</i></p> <p><i>Agility – Mr Rob Hall</i> <i>Breeding – Clr Ron Juckes</i> <i>Canicross – Mr Kyle Farmer</i> <i>Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton</i> <i>Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman</i> <i>Rally Obedience – Mr Tinus van der Vyver</i> <i>Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett</i> <i>Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard</i> <i>Show Judges – Clr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office</i> <i>Utility Dogs – Mr John Rautenbach</i> <i>Youth – Ms Andria Haskins</i> <i>Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill</i> <i>Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</i></p> <p><i>On a proposal from GR, seconded by CI, it was agreed, unanimously to endorse the re-appointment of representatives above and to support the appointment of the new representatives for Show Judges.</i></p> <p><i>With Mr Kyle Farmer no longer available to serve as KUSA's representative for Canicross, it was felt that there was not currently a person with the desired level of interest to fill the position and that, for the time being, KUSA should not be fielding a representative for Canicross. In consequence, it was agreed that Canicross should be removed from the above list of dogsport with KUSA representation.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman informed Fedco that Mr Rob Hall, KUSA's Agility representative, had brought to her attention the fact that some of the FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions, including Agility, were contemplating returning to face-to-face meetings. This would limit the</i></p>

		<p>participation of delegates from remote countries and he appealed to the Chairman to persuade the FCI to make it possible for representatives from distant countries to join meetings virtually. The Chairman said she was in agreement with Mr Hall and would do her best to put South Africa's view on this matter across at the FCI General Assembly.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
5.3		<p>FCI – Registration of Kennel Names (Fedco 12-2021)</p> <p><i>PM informed Fedco that, historically, KUSA had dealt with Kennel Names (Affixes) on a national basis, which differed appreciably from the practices of the FCI in its management of Kennel Names on an international level. She highlighted the principal differences which would be difficult to reconcile, unless there was a Fedco-directed resolve that KUSA should take the necessary steps to bring its regulations in alignment with those of the FCI over a period of time.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman screen-shared the KUSA Regulations pertaining to the registration and renewal of Affixes and the manner in which their application affected the registered name of a dog when used as a Prefix, or Suffix. In the document, she identified the areas where the KUSA Regulations were at serious odds with those of the FCI.</i></p> <p><i>GR said he had done an analysis of the relevant section of the FCI's Standing Orders dealing with Kennel Names and had found the wording of some of the provisions rather nebulous. But, as has also been pointed out by the Chairman, certain provisions were in clear conflict with KUSA's entrenched practices, which would be impossible to abrogate overnight. He suggested that, should Fedco decide to move towards harmonisation, that a phased approach over a realistic time period should be considered and advised some of his ideas on how the integration of the two systems might ultimately be achieved.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman said that, from her reading of the FCI's Standing Orders, she believed that NCOs had some discretionary powers in dealing with Kennel Names on a national level and thought it prudent that, before taking any firm decisions in this regard, KUSA should consult with the A2O Section to establish the possibility and scope of the compromises which might be on offer.</i></p> <p><i>There was general support for the Chairman's suggested engagement with the A2O Section, which would hopefully yield some flexibilities to make FCI compliance with regard to Affixes somewhat easier to achieve.</i></p> <p>The Chairman and PM reported on the meeting held with the President and Vice-President of the Asia, Africa & Oceania (A2O) Section of the FCI, Messrs Augusto Benedicto (Dinky) Santos III (Philippines) and Gopi Krishnan (Malaysia), on 8 February 2022. One of the discussion points was the difficulty experienced by KUSA to "convert" to the FCI's internationally-based system of Kennel Name registration, when its own nationally-based system had been in operation since the organisation's inception.</p> <p>During the A2O discussion, it had become evident that KUSA was not the only NCO experiencing difficulty complying with the FCI's Kennel Name Regulations, since many countries' NCOs had operated a system of Kennel Name registration outside of the ambit of the FCI, prior to joining the world body. By the time these countries joined the FCI, they all had well-established databases of national Kennel Names.</p> <p>Having taken the advice offered by the A2O officials into account, the Chairman expressed the view that for KUSA to fully comply with the FCI's system of Kennel Name registration would be a long-term objective, only achievable through a phased approach. She believed that a Kennel Name Registration Protocol should be drafted to guide the KUSA Office and</p>

		<p>that this should serve as a basis for a proposal to the FCI on how KUSA envisaged working towards ultimate compliance through incremental steps.</p> <p>The Chairman stated her intention to appoint a Task Team as soon as possible after the Fedco meeting to draft the Protocol and, ultimately, a proposal for the FCI's consideration.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
	5.4	<p>FCI General Assembly Agenda 2022</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted and contextualised the important items on the FCI's General Assembly Agenda scheduled for 20 & 21 June 2022 in Madrid, Spain. She thanked the members of Fedco for their confidence in entrusting KUSA's mandate to her and undertook to deliberate and vote in the best interests of KUSA in this forum.</p> <p>Fedco wished the Chairman a safe journey and a productive A2O meeting and General Assembly.</p>
6		FEDCO MATTERS
	6.1	<p>Fedco Portfolios (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.13)</p> <p><i>Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated at Fedco 12-2021, as follows:</i></p> <p>*Clr NJ du Preez <i>Legal Matters & Property Acquisition.</i> <i>*See decision below</i></p> <p>Clr JM Hubbard <i>Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, 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 RB Jenkins <i>Finance, Breed Health & Scent Work.</i></p> <p>Clr RD Jukes <i>DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials, Trick Dog Test & Property Acquisition.</i></p> <p>Clr LC Kasselmann <i>Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media.</i></p> <p>Clr BG Robinson <i>Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Finance, Budgets, KUSA Constitution & Schedules, Club Constitutions & By-laws, Provincial Council Constitutions & By-laws, KUSA Membership, Media/Press.</i></p> <p>Clr DC Sparg <i>Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience.</i></p> <p>Clr M Vorster <i>Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Finance.</i></p>

			<p><i>Discussion ensued and the Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated as reflected above.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman said she was aware that Clr NJ du Preez had not been assigned any Fedco Portfolios. The reason was that his responsibilities as Legal Adviser needed to be covered in a set of guidelines, the drafting of which was overdue. The guidelines would conceivably cover Clr Du Preez's responsibilities in respect of inter alia Disciplinarys, Contracts, Property Acquisition, etc. She appealed to Clr Du Preez to provide her with some "bullet points" on what he deemed appropriate to be included under his responsibilities as Legal Adviser, which would greatly assist her in the drafting of the guidelines. Clr Du Preez agreed to provide the Chairman with a list of his duties as Legal Adviser.</i></p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that, as requested, NdP had submitted a document which itemised his responsibilities as KUSA's Legal Adviser under ten points. She believed that this should serve as an internal reference document for the KUSA Office, to which all agreed.</p> <p>It was further agreed, unanimously, that NdP should be added to the above list as the holder of the Fedco portfolios for "Legal Matters & Property Acquisition".</p> <p>Proposed, RJ, seconded DS</p>
7			MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES
	7.1		Any items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1
		7.1.1	<p>Case 2021-03 – Sauer vs Schmidt</p> <p>Case was withdrawn.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		7.1.2	<p>Case 2021-04 – KUSA & Theunissen vs Jooste</p> <p>The above complaint was finalised and the following report issued by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee:</p> <p><i>"After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits on 21 December 2021, the DSC unanimously reached the following decisions on a balance of probabilities:</i></p> <p><i>Careful analysis of the evidence, especially the contents of the representations submitted in her defence by the Respondent, indicated that she did not act in wilful breach of the KUSA Rules and Regulations and found that the complaints were not sufficiently substantiated and consequently found the Respondent not guilty.</i></p> <p><i>The awards made to the said three dogs at the Swartland and West Coast Kennel Clubs' Championship Shows of 18 April 2021, remain valid and intact.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC, however, noted that the actions of the Respondent towards the involved KUSA staff member were disturbing and cause for alarm and duly instructed the Acting KUSA Secretary to formally caution the Respondent to in future act in strict observance of the KUSA Code of Ethics for Members (Schedule 9) Regulation 1.2 and Regulation 2.1 and of the KUSA Constitution, when dealing with KUSA members of staff.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC further instructed that the KUSA registration database be amended to reflect the correct date of transfer of ownership in accordance with the KUSA Office policy on the registration documents of the three dogs. The Registration Certificates previously issued, reflecting the incorrect dates of transfer of ownership, must be</i></p>

			<p><i>destroyed and proof thereof provided by the Respondent to the satisfaction of the Acting KUSA Secretary. After receipt of satisfactory proof of destruction, the KUSA Office is instructed to re-issue the Registration Certificates, reflecting the correct dates of transfer of ownership of all three of the affected dogs.”</i></p> <p>Noted.</p>
		7.1.3	<p>Case 2021-05 – KUSA vs Gresty</p> <p>The above complaint was finalised and the following report issued by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee:</p> <p><i>“After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision on a balance of probabilities:</i></p> <p><i>The DSC found that the Respondent had made an admission to the complaint levelled against him in his response in explanation of his conduct and defence. In the absence of corroborative evidence to the contrary, it is accepted that these admissions were made freely and voluntarily.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated and found that the Respondent wilfully engaged in conduct of discreditable and/or improper and/or dishonourable and/or disgraceful conduct at a KUSA Show which conduct was prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith and subsequently found the Respondent guilty.</i></p> <p><i>The DSC imposed the following penalty on the Respondent:</i> <i>In terms of Schedule 1 Rule 11.1.2 read with Rule 11.4 of the KUSA Constitution, the Respondent is suspended and excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating, or handling any dog at any KUSA Show or event, or from acting as an officer of any KUSA affiliated Club, for a period of six (6) months starting from 1 March 2022 and ending on 31 August 2022.</i> <i>No Appeal was lodged.”</i></p> <p>Noted.</p>
8			<p>MATTERS RELATED TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 2</p>
	8.1		<p>Breed Health – BOAS (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.8; Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.3)</p> <p>The Chairman invited LK to update Fedco on progress with the implementation of the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS).</p> <p>As LK had been unable to attend the meeting with The Kennel Club on 25 November 2021, she thanked PM for having sent her the information subsequently received from the KC, being an information booklet and a licence template. In her view, the next step would be for a letter to be sent from the KUSA Office to the appropriate person at the University of Cambridge (which LK undertook to draft) to establish the process for the certification of veterinarians in South Africa to undertake Respiratory Function Grading.</p> <p>On this topic, the Chairman mentioned to LK that, in his Presidential Interview – 2022, the President of the FCI, Dr Tamás Jakkel, had mentioned that an FCI conference and training session were being planned for later in the year, probably September or October, involving the BOAS Researcher at the University of Cambridge, Dr Jane Ladlow. The conference would cover the processes and protocols associated with the RFGS and be followed by a hands-on training session where groups of veterinarians would be able to grade the dogs</p>

		<p>provided. For this event to achieve its objectives, Dr Jakkel appealed to NCOs to engage and contract with identified veterinarians in their countries with a view to these veterinarians attending the training and, ultimately, becoming the trainers in their home countries.</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that, during the previous discussions of Fedco, it had been mooted that those South African veterinarians identified for potential involvement in RFGS should ideally be sourced from the academic environment. The Chairman reminded Fedco that she had expressed the intention to approach the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development for possible funding.</p> <p>LK said there was no reference to costs in the Licence Agreement with the KC. The Chairman responded that, from her understanding, access to the RFGS was free to participating NCOs. PM confirmed that the only cost mentioned during the meeting with the KC was for the optional use of the KC's pre-printed stationery prepared for the administration of the RFGS.</p> <p>NdP expressed the view that it was not necessary to look further than the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University of Pretoria, based at Onderstepoort, for the right person to undergo training in the RFGS and reminded Fedco that vets from around the country regularly attended short courses offered at Onderstepoort to stay abreast of international developments in various fields of Veterinary Science. This was therefore an ideal environment in which to base the RFGS training. He therefore suggested that the Faculty of Veterinary Science be formally approached to identify the most appropriate person to undergo the RFGS training in Europe.</p> <p>BJ recommended that KUSA established contact with Prof Andrew Leisewitz, a specialist in companion animal clinical medicine at Onderstepoort Academic Veterinary Hospital. Prof Leisewitz was most approachable and should be able to point KUSA in the right direction.</p> <p>LK thanked Fedco members for their contributions and said she was clear on the next steps. Once the basics were in place, she would initiate consultations with the Specialist Clubs and devise the envisaged social media campaign. She had various ideas on the roll-out of the RFGS and proposed that she set it all out in a document which she would distribute to Fedco.</p> <p>NdP cautioned that, in the implementation of the RFGS, Fedco would need to consider the eventuality of some dogs being identified as serious BOAS cases, with surgical intervention recommended. Under KUSA's present rules, surgical intervention would, effectively, put an end to these dogs' show careers. In the future, Fedco would therefore have to decide whether to amend its Regulations to permit dogs that have been surgically altered to be used for breeding and exhibition, with the possibility of their attaining Champion status.</p> <p>LK responded that she had given the issues raised by NdP a great deal of thought and there was no doubt that the RFGS posed an ethical dilemma in the sense that those who tested their dogs and took the necessary steps to have their condition surgically alleviated, would be precluded from showing, whereas those who didn't test would be at liberty to continue showing dogs suffering from the condition.</p> <p>MV suggested that we should establish what protocols were being followed in the UK in the above regard. LK agreed and explained that testing was no longer confined exclusively to research centres, but was currently on offer at certain Championship Shows in the UK. Although the increased testing contributed to the expansion of the University of Cambridge's database, they were still heavily reliant on the cooperation of ethical breeders. LK was doubtful whether we had reached the point where testing was eliminating poor health in the "general dog population", but with the active involvement of the Clubs in the</p>
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			<p>UK, she was confident that a general shift towards improved health should become evident in due course.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked LK for her comments and her undertaking to do the necessary legwork to get the RFGS off the ground in South Africa.</p> <p>Noted with appreciation.</p>
	8.2		<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 Items 8.21.1 & 8.21.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3)</p> <p>The Chairman said she had no information to share on this item, since the way forward would hopefully be informed by the outcome of the FCI Hip Dysplasia Seminar in Copenhagen (see next Agenda point). She had been led to believe that, following the seminar, the organisers had released a statement, but she had not yet been able to lay her hands on it.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.3		<p>FCI Hip Dysplasia Seminar, Copenhagen, 24 - 25.05.2022 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.5)</p> <p>While in Madrid, the Chairman hoped to engage with the delegates from Denmark to obtain a copy of the statement. She therefore proposed that the matter be held over till her return, after which she would call a meeting of the Task Team to consider the statement and thereafter start the process of engaging with SAVA and other key players to try and get the issues around HD/ED resolved.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
9			MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 3 ET AL
	9.1		Breed Standards Committee
		9.1.1	<p>It was noted that changes to the following Breed Standard had been approved by the Breed Standards Committee under the KUSA Breed Standards Protocol:</p> <p>Gundog Group</p> <p>Retriever (Labrador) – Kennel Club UK</p> <p>PM confirmed that the KUSA Office was ready to send out the bulk mailer, advising all interested parties of the breed standard change, as soon as possible after the present meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>[Note: It was agreed to set the Effective Date as 01.08.2022, by which time the bulk mailer should have reached the intended recipients.]</p>
		9.1.2	<p>Dobermann Breed Standard - Moratorium ended on 31 December 2020</p> <p>Background Extract from Fedco 12-2016 4.4.1.2.5 Dobermann Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda. Further information was required to support objections to the amendments. To be carried forward to next agenda.</p>

		<p>Extract from Fedco 06-2017 4.4.1.1.13 Dobermann (Fedco 12-2016 Item 4.4.1.2.5) Deferred from Fedco 12-2016. Further information was required to support objections to the amendments. A discussion on the acceptance, by KUSA, of the new Dobermann Breed Standard ensued and CG requested that a specimen new Breed Standard, featuring the proposed citation and asterisked directive (see 4.4.1.1.1 above) be prepared and forwarded to him for distribution to, and consideration by, the Dobermann fraternity. Deferred</p> <p>Extract from Fedco 12-2017 4.4.2.4.2. Dobermann (Fedco 06-2017 Item 4.4.1.1.13) <i>Breed Standard attached to agenda. Deferred pending approval of footnote as per 4.4.2.4.1 above.</i> After a lengthy discussion it was resolved, with four objections, that a moratorium be placed on the acceptance of the current FCI Breed Standard for a period of three (3) years. It is recommended that, during this period, the Dobermann fraternity, or the envisaged to-be-established Dobermann Liaison Council, should enter into negotiations with the FCI's Standards Commission on the wording of the tail clause in the current FCI Breed Standard. Proposed RD, seconded JH</p> <p>Proposal: In the absence of feedback to the contrary from the Dobermann fraternity, the 2015 version of the Dobermann Breed Standard is recommended for adoption.</p> <p>Motivation: The moratorium granted at Fedco 12-2017 expired in December 2020 and, in the COVID-19 haze, the KUSA Office unfortunately neglected to bring the matter back to Fedco subsequent to the expiry date. Since no action was taken by interested parties during the period of the moratorium, the adoption of the 2015 version of the Dobermann Breed Standard was approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded CI Effective 01.08.2022</p> <p>[Note: This breed Standard change should be advised to interested parties as part of the same bulk mailer contemplated under Item 9.1.1 above.]</p>
9.2		<p>Schedule 3 Regulation 42 - Champion Dogs – Proposed new Regulation 42.1.1.1 (Fedco 06-2020 Item 4.5.2, Fedco 12-2020 Item 4.5.1, Fedco 06-2021 Item 4.5.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.5.1)</p> <p><i>Carried forward from Fedco 12-2020.</i></p> <p><i>In the absence of a proposal, the Chairman permitted this issue to be further debated. As deliberations progressed, it became evident that a viable solution to the problem of the "away-CC" would remain elusive if continued to be based on "out-of-Province" or "out-of-Centre" criteria.</i></p>

		<p><i>NdP expressed the opinion that, in the interest of fairness to all Provinces, a solution based on travelling distance should be investigated. There was general acceptance that this opinion might present a possible solution and the Chairman enquired which Federal Councillors would be prepared to pursue this option and revert to Fedco 12-2021 with a proposal.</i></p> <p><i>LK declared herself willing to be involved, but would require the assistance of NdP in drafting the proposal. NdP pledged his assistance, but also requested the collaboration of GR in the preparation of the proposal.</i></p> <p><i>PM expressed the view that, since an “out-of-Province” or “out-of-Centre” solution had now effectively been shelved by Fedco, there should be no point in retaining the “baggage” which preceded this latest development. Hopefully the process could be started afresh at Fedco 12-2021 with a distance-based proposal, which was no longer tethered to the discarded prior proposals.</i></p> <p>Noted. Fedco 12-2021 <i>NdP and LK apologised for not having had an opportunity to engage with this issue and requested a deferment.</i></p> <p><i>There were no objections and the matter was deferred to Fedco 06-2022.</i></p> <p>Proposal required.</p> <p><i>Since no proposal had been prepared or tabled, there was a unanimous appeal for the withdrawal of this item from the Agenda.</i></p> <p>Agreed, unanimously. Item withdrawn.</p>
9.3		<p>Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2.2 - Extension of moratorium regarding numbers required for Specialist & Group Clubs to retain Championship Breed Show Status (Fedco 06-2017, Fedco round robin 03 – 07.03.2022)</p> <p>Background: <i>Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2017:</i> 4.5.8 Minimum number of dogs to be present and exhibited in order to retain Championship Show-holding Status – Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2.2</p> <p><i>At Fedco 06-2014, a moratorium was put in place, effective from 1.10.2014 to 31.12.2017, during which there is no requirement for a minimum number of dogs to be present and exhibited in order for a Specialist Club or Group Club to retain Championship show-holding status. This system was to be monitored before deciding whether the Regulations should be amended, or voided.</i></p> <p>Note:</p> <p><i>During the moratorium, Clubs are required to pay the levy for the minimum numbers of dogs present and exhibited as per Schedule 3, even if fewer dogs than the prescribed minimum are present and exhibited. If the number of dogs present and exhibited were greater than the prescribed minimum number as per Schedule 3, the levy would be payable for all the dogs exhibited.</i></p> <p><i>Statistical information was provided by the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that the statistical information needed to be scrutinised for an ultimate decision on whether Schedule 3 should be amended. In the meantime, the moratorium would be extended for a further four (4) years until 31.12.2021.</i></p>

		<p>Proposal: It is proposed that the moratorium be extended to 31 December 2022 and, in order to allow discussion on a possible permanent change to the Regulations, for the item to be placed on the Fedco 06-2022 Agenda (refer Item 9.4 below).</p> <p>Motivation: The extension of the moratorium was due for discussion at Fedco 12-2021, but had inadvertently been left off the Agenda.</p> <p>For ratification. The extension of the moratorium to 31 December 2022, granted by Fedco round robin, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed CI, seconded NdP</p>
9.4		<p>Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2 – Possible amendment of Regulation pertaining to numbers required for Specialist & Group Clubs to retain Championship Breed Show Status (Fedco 06-2017, Fedco round robin 03 – 07.03.2022)</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2 – Championship Shows <u>To be read with Item 4.5.2 above.</u></p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>1.2.1 Championship shows may be held by:</p> <p>1.2.1.1 All-breeds Clubs</p> <p>1.2.1.2 Group Clubs</p> <p>1.2.1.3 Specialist Clubs</p> <p>1.2.1.4 Specialist Multi-breed Clubs</p> <p>1.2.1-4-5 Clubs that are neither All-[B]breeds Clubs, Group Clubs [nor], <u>Specialist Multi-breed Clubs, or Specialist Clubs</u>, but that had been accorded Championship status prior to 1 September 1975, provided that they are qualified to hold a Championship Show.</p> <p>1.2.2 To retain Championship status the following [minimum number of dogs] shall <u>apply</u> [be present and exhibit]:</p> <p>1.2.2.1 All-b[B]breeds Clubs - no minimum number <u>of dogs entered or additional Show Entry Fees are</u> required.</p> <p>1.2.2.2 Group Clubs – <u>a minimum of forty (40) exhibits entered for the Show or, when fewer than 40 (forty) exhibits are entered, the Club shall be liable to pay KUSA Show Entry Fees equating to 40 (forty) exhibits.</u></p> <p>1.2.2.3 <u>Specialist Multi-Breed Clubs and Specialist Clubs - a minimum of twenty (20) exhibits entered for the Show or, when fewer than 20 (twenty) exhibits are entered, the Club shall be liable to pay KUSA Show Entry Fees equating to 20 (twenty) exhibits.</u></p> <p>1.2.2.4 Clubs contemplated in Regulation 1.2.1.5 above – <u>a minimum of twenty (20) exhibits entered for the Show or, when fewer than 20 (twenty) exhibits are entered, the Club shall be liable to pay KUSA Show Entry Fees equating to 20 (twenty) exhibits.</u></p> <p>1.2.3.1 It is not compulsory for a Club qualified to hold a Championship Show or to hold one (1) in each calendar year.</p> <p>1.2.3.2 Whenever a Club, <u>for whatever reason,</u> becomes unqualified to be issued with a Championship Show licence, [because of its inability to comply with the</p>

		<p>requirements of Regulation 1.2.2 above,] it may seek re-qualification for a Championship Show licence by holding a Re-qualifying Show.</p> <p>1.2.3.3 Whenever a Club elects not to hold a Championship Show for two (2) successive years, or longer, it shall be obliged to hold a Re-qualifying Show at which the minimum number of dogs required <u>to be entered and present – i.e. forty (40) at a Group Club and twenty (20) at a Specialist or Specialist Multi-breed Clubs – shall be the qualifying criteria for regaining</u> Championship status.</p> <p>1.2.3.4 Stet</p> <p>1.3 Stet</p> <p>1.4 Stet</p> <p>1.5 Nothing in [paragraphs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 contained] this Regulation shall be construed to mean that the minimum number of exhibits present and shown at a Qualifying or Re-qualifying Show shall be the sole criterion on which the Club will be assessed for compliance and on which the issuing of a subsequent Championship Show licence will be based.”</p> <p>Motivation: The above amendment was drafted to afford Fedco the option to elect to permanently change Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2, currently under moratorium.</p> <p>CI argued for a permanent change to Regulation 1.2, since it was unlikely that Clubs would be able to achieve increased numbers at their shows in the foreseeable future. MV and RJ supported CI’s view and NdP also indicated his agreement.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired whether all the members of Fedco agreed to a permanent change and, in the absence of a dissenting view, declared a unanimous vote in favour of a permanent change to the Regulation.</p> <p>Proposed CI, seconded NdP Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>[Note: CI reminded Fedco that the Regulation which removed Championship Show-holding status from Clubs that failed to hold a Championship Show for two years in succession, which was suspended during COVID-19, needed to be reactivated. The Chairman agreed to place this item on the Agenda for Fedco 12-2022.]</p>
	9.5	<p>Schedule 3, 4 & 8 – Re-instatement of Pre-show Penalties in respect of the late submission of Licence Application Documentation (Fedco round robin 05 – 06.04.2022)</p> <p>Recommendation put forward by the KUSA Office and approved by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Background: At the Fedco 03-2020 Emergency Special Meeting, under Item 3.2, i.e. Show Cancellations/Postponement, <i>“it was agreed that pre-show Penalties on all Shows would cease accruing with effect from Sunday, 14 March 2020 (date the State of Disaster was announced). Post-Show Penalties were not affected.”</i></p> <p>Motivation: The Show Administrator was struggling to keep abreast of last-minute urgent submissions which severely hampered workflow and required that everything else be set aside, causing delays and inconvenience to the Clubs that had submitted their documentation well in</p>

		<p>advance, which cannot be processed due to the last-minute submissions needing to be attended to first.</p> <p>Proposal: All pre-show and post-show timeframes in respect of Schedules 3, 4 and 8 need to be reinstated, with some allowances made for the remainder of the 2022 Show Calendar. It is proposed that the following timeframes come into effect from 1 May 2022:</p> <p>For the remainder of the 2022 Show Calendar, all Show licence application documentation for Championship and Non-Championship Shows must be submitted to the Shows Department (showadmin@kusa.co.za) no later than 3 months prior to the date of the event in order to avoid paying penalties for the late submission of show documentation.</p> <p>For Shows scheduled to be held after 01 January 2023, all Show licence application documentation must be submitted in accordance with Schedule 8 to avoid paying penalties for the late submission of show documentation. Thus, the documentation for Championship Shows scheduled to be held in February 2023 must have been submitted by August 2022.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>The above proposal, which was accepted unanimously by Fedco round robin, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded DS Effective 01.05.2022.</p>
	9.6	<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 3A – FCI International Shows</p> <p>None.</p>
	9.7	<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4 – Non-Championship Shows</p> <p>None.</p>
	9.8	<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4A – Qualifying Shows</p> <p>None.</p>
10		MATTERS RELATING TO DOGSPORT
	10.1	<p>Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.2	<p>Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.3	<p>Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)</p> <p>Housekeeping An error crept into the Working Utility Dog (WUD) Schedule. Regulation 4.1.9 – Search and Identify Article – currently states, “The article must be placed no less than 30m forward from the base at point of entry.”</p> <p>A proposal to remove this clause was submitted to Fedco 12-2016, and approved (Regulation 5.5.2, bottom p. 30). The rationale was that handlers would enter the search</p>

		<p>area, send their dogs to each baseline corner (so as to 'cover' the area), walk up 30m and then tell their dog to search. This effectively halved the exercise.</p> <p>The phrases "The area must be clearly demarcated (but not necessarily by poles/flags)" and "The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines" need to be inserted. Schedule was corrected 28.01.2022.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>The corrections made to Schedule 05B(04) on 28.01.2022 as a housekeeping exercise, and unanimously approved by Fedco round robin, were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded LK Effective immediately.</p>
10.4		<p>Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)</p> <p>None.</p>
10.5		<p>Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials</p> <p>None.</p>
10.6		<p>Schedules 05C (01), (02), (03), (04), (05) & (06) – Regulations for Field Trials</p>
	10.6.1	<p>Proposed changes to Schedules 05C (01), (02), (03), (04), (05) & (06) – Regulations for Field Trials</p> <p>FTLC submission:</p> <p>Background: According to the Minutes of a meeting of the FTLC, held 12 April 2022, the Chairman of the FTLC explained that a precedent had been set with a number of Field Trial Clubs in the past to run trials out of the province in which they are domiciled. This was due to drought and other reasons, and also the fact that that Field Trial Clubs are dependent on water and birds to be able to run Field Trials successfully. As a result of an objection raised by a Club to Field Trial Clubs running trials out-of-province, this principle needed to be formalised and the required amendments made to the relevant Schedules listed above.</p> <p>Proposal: It is proposed that the following paragraph be added to all the Schedules listed above under the Regulation for Licensing: <u>"In view of the need for Field Trials to be held on working farms, with natural game and sufficient open water (dams/rivers) in most instances, Field Trial Clubs may be permitted to Run their trials outside the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council through which the Club is affiliated, as per the dispensation granted by Fedco in June 2022"</u></p> <p>For ease of reference, the FTLC appeals for the inclusion of the date into the amendment as it is often difficult to trace the source of historical changes.</p> <p>The FTLC urges Fedco to favourably considered this grant of flexibility to Field Trial Clubs in the interest of the future of KUSA Field Trials.</p> <p>Note: The revised Schedules have been sent to the KUSA Office for uploading, should the proposal be accepted with effect from 1 September 2022.</p>

		<p>The above proposal was discussed and Fedco found the motivation for the change reasonable and justifiable for this particular branch of dogsport. The proposal was accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded CI Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	10.6.2	<p>Schedule 05C (01) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials, in conjunction with Schedule 2 Regulations for the Classification, Registration and Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs</p> <p>NFTLC submission:</p> <p>Proposal for the Participation in Field Trials of Single Registration Dogs.</p> <p>The Issue: Only Retrievers registered with KUSA as part of a litter may enter Field Trials.</p> <p>Current Result:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many 'first timers' are unaware of this requirement and attend training for the purpose of participating in Field Trials. 2. They are then disappointed, and leave the sport, under the impression that they have 'second-rate' dogs. 3. The handler never returns and is lost to the sport. <p>The Objective: To permit 'Single Registration Dogs' to enter Retriever Field Trials, subject to similar conditions pertaining to other registered Gundog breeds, with certain added safeguards.</p> <p>The how:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FTLC would like to request that KUSA to amend Schedule 2 and Schedule 5C(1) to allow otherwise unregistered 'Retriever type' dogs to be registered as "Single Registration Dogs" with KUSA, and to allow them to enter Retriever Field Trials, provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 That the dogs may not be placed, nor receive awards, Guns' Choice, SAHR points, or Champion status; 1.2 Entries are at the discretion of the Retriever Club hosting the Field Trial; 1.3 That the dogs only be permitted to enter the Puppy, Junior, Maiden and Novice Stakes; 1.4 That the application for registration as a 'Single Registration Dog' be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified KUSA registered Gundog breed Judge to the effect that the dog in question is in fact a 'Retriever type'; 1.5 Only the following 'Retriever type' dogs be allowed: Retriever (Chesapeake Bay); Retriever (Curly Coated); Retriever (Flat Coated); Retriever (Golden); Retriever (Labrador); 1.6 A handler/owner may only be allowed to submit registration for one 'Single Registration Dog' ever to ensure that new handlers are encouraged to purchase purebred Retrievers. <p>General: Whilst the number of dogs affected is not known, this will at least prevent handlers who are at present precluded from entering as they do not have registered Retrievers, to do so, until such time as circumstances permit the purchase of registered purebred dogs.</p>

		<p>Proposal: The FTLC proposes that, should Fedco accept this objective in principle, the necessary amendments would be submitted to Fedco for approval at Fedco 12-2022, and that the Application to Register a Single Dog – <i>Canine Dogsport Record</i> (Dogs of Any Ancestry) be used in conjunction with the Rules specified in 1.1 – 1.6 above.</p> <p>Fedco Discussion: PM mentioned that if this proposal were to be accepted down the line, it would have to be with accompanying changes to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 2 Regulation 1.1.3 • Schedule 2 Regulation 1.1.4 • Schedule 5C(1) • Application Form: Application to Register a Single Dog – Dogsport Record (Dogs of Any Ancestry) <p>Having considered the prospective proposal above, Fedco found it acceptable and confirmed its amenability to considering a formalised proposal at Fedco 12-2022, provided the proposal was practicable and met all requirements of the KUSA Office. In the latter regard, PM appealed to the FTLC to work with the KUSA Office in the preparation of the proposal in order to ease its passage at Fedco 12-2022.</p> <p>Deferred to Fedco 12-2022, pending receipt of formal proposal.</p>
	10.7	<p>Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.8	<p>Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting</p> <p>Amendments submitted by the Convener of the National Dog Carting Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>SCHEDULE 5G REGULATIONS FOR DOG CARTING (Effective 01.10.2019)</p> <p>4.4 A dog awarded fifteen (15) [twenty-five (25)] Carting Qualifying Certificates will qualify as a Grand Champion Carting and shall be issued with a KUSA certificate to that effect.</p> <p>This is providing that no more than four (4) [three (3)] of such Carting Qualifying Certificates shall have been awarded by any one (1) Judge and not more than eleven (11) [twenty (20)] certificates [were gained] are obtained in [any] one province and four (4) [with the balance of five (5)] certificates are obtained [having been gained] in at least one (1) [two (2)] other province.</p> <p>Motivation: This requested amendment is in line with the criteria applied in other branches of dogsport, e.g. Dog Jumping, Tracker Dog and Rally Dog. A survey was conducted in all four Provincial Councils with Dog Carting Sub-Committees and the majority favoured the proposed change.</p> <p>Fedco Discussion: It was pointed out to Fedco by the KUSA Office that the comparison mentioned in the Motivation above was not a fair one, as QCs were awarded to all Carting competitors in a class whereas, in the case of, say, Dog Jumping, only the winner in a class received a QC.</p>

			<p>In the course of the discussion, certain Fedco members expressed concern about relaxing the requirements for Grand Championship. The opinion was expressed that making it easier to attain Grand Championship was not a viable way of keeping carters in the ring and growing Carting as a dogsport and that KUSA should guard against lowering standards which competitors had always been able to achieve in the past.</p> <p>The Chairman gave all members of Fedco an opportunity to air their views on the proposal, after which she called for a proposer and seconder to accept the proposal.</p> <p>Although proposed, a seconder was not forthcoming.</p> <p>The proposal failed.</p>
		10.8.1	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 3 Regulation 42.8.2</p> <p>Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>42.8.2 the title of Grand Champion – Carting and a KUSA certificate to any dog which has been awarded [twenty five (25)] fifteen (15) Carting Qualifying Certificates, provided that no more than [three (3)] four (4) of such Carting Qualifying Certificates shall have been awarded by any one (1) Judge and not more than [twenty (20)] eleven (11) of such certificates were gained in any one province, with the balance of [five (5)] four (4) certificates having been gained in at least [two (2)] one (1) other province[s]. Twelve (12) Carting Qualifying Certificates awarded to a dog prior to 1 January 2006 shall count towards this award.</p> <p>Refer to 10.8 above. The proposal similarly failed.</p>
	10.9		<p>Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.10		<p>Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility</p>
		10.10.1	<p>Qualification of Judges – Schedule 05L Regulation 2.6.1.1 – Candidates acting in various capacities for “one (1) calendar year” before eligible to Judge – Amendment of Schedule 05L Regulation 2.6.1.1</p> <p>Submission by the DOGSPC Agility Sub-Committee via DOGSPC and brought forward by the Chairman given the earlier decision by Exco.</p> <p>The literal interpretation of the above Regulation – in other words, that it requires involvement and activity on the Judge’s part for a full calendar year (January to December) is proving to be an impediment to the progress of Agility Judges. Fedco is requested to issue a directive to amend the Regulation to provide for a more realistic timeframe for involvement/activity of Candidate Judges post fulfilment of the examination requirements.</p> <p>NS pointed out that this matter had been addressed by the Exco and referred Fedco to the Minutes of Exco 03-2022 where the following was recorded under Item 5.12.1:</p> <p>Dispensation requested for Learner Judges:</p> <p><i>The wording regarding the time required to be active in the sport of Agility in the Schedule 5L is technically misleading, and the National Sub-Committee will rectify it</i></p>

		<p><i>at the next Fedco meeting (as housekeeping). In the meantime, some Judge Applicants are not able to begin their learner appointments due to this technicality.</i></p> <p><i>The NAgSC has agreed the following already:</i></p> <p><i>That our rule change request will include dropping the word “Calendar Year” as a reference of time and replace it with “Year” – as it can vary anywhere between 12 months, and 23 months in length for no logical reason.</i></p> <p><i>The National Sub-Committee requests that they apply this ruling with immediate effect as it will allow a number of Learner Judges that have already completed their exams to begin their Agility careers during 2022, instead of 2023.</i></p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>PM confirmed that, in the interim, a “housekeeping amendment” had been received from the National Convener to amend Schedule 05L Regulation 2.6.1.1 as follows:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>2.6.1.1 Such applicant should have acted as an official (Steward, Marshall, Timekeeper, Scribe, Scorer) or competitor at agility shows for not less than [one (1) calendar year] <u>twelve (12) months</u>.</p> <p>In his covering email, the National Convener stated the following:</p> <p>“The NAgSC will then debate and agree the remaining elements of the proposed changes and put forward whatever is agreed as part of our submission for the Dec 2022 Fedco meeting.”</p> <p>The proposed housekeeping amendment was accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded DS Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>[Note: NS pointed out that the same confusing provision appeared in the Dog Jumping Schedule. The Chairman appealed to NS to bring it to the attention of the National Convener for Dog Jumping and urge him to submit a similar amendment to Fedco 12-2022.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	10.10.1	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix C</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.10.2	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix D</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.10.3	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix F</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.11	<p>Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball</p>

			None.
	10.12		Schedule 05F(9.1.5) – Aptitude Testing None.
	10.13		Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT) None.
	10.14		Schedule 05R – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) & Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS) NAPC submission: Proposed changes & Motivation – Schedule 05R Regulations for HTM and Schedule 05S Regulations for MFS attached .
		10.14.1	Schedule 05R – Heelwork to Music (HTM) NAPC submission: Proposed changes to Schedule 05R attached . Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets] Fedco Discussion: The insertion of the following into Schedule 05R was debated and concern was expressed that longstanding KUSA reciprocity agreements could be compromised and it would therefore be against KUSA policy to appoint Judges from these organisations to make awards to local participants, whether live or videoed, which count towards KUSA Championship. The Dog Dancing fraternity were aware of the fact that the principle of reciprocity played a pivotal role in the approval and clearance of Judges by the KUSA Office. After an extensive debate, it was decided that the proposed pool of potential foreign judges needed further consideration by the NAPC’s Dog Dancing Sub-Committee and that, in order for common ground to be reached, the amendment below needed to be deferred to Fedco 12-2022. <u>15.2 Overseas Judges</u> <u>15.2.1 International Judges are recognised as Dog Dancing judges and eligible to judge Dog Dancing Video Competitions if they belong to the following organizations:</u> <u>15.2.1.1 FCI</u> <u>15.2.1.2 WCFO (World Canine Freestyle Organization) (USA)</u> <u>15.2.1.3 Dog Dancing UK and Scotland</u> <u>15.2.1.4 DDI (Dogdance International e.V.)</u> In conclusion, the proposal was accepted, unanimously, <u>with the exception of</u> the above insertion into Regulation 15. The latter was deferred for further consideration by the Dog Dancing fraternity. Proposed RJ, seconded LK

			Effective 01.09.2022, applicable to the authorised changes only.
		10.14.2	<p>Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS)</p> <p>NAPC submission:</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05R attached.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>The acceptance of the proposal <i>with the exclusion of</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2 Overseas Judges</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2.1 International Judges are recognised as Dog Dancing judges and eligible to judge Dog Dancing Video Competitions if they belong to the following organizations:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2.1.1 FCI</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2.1.2 WCFO (World Canine Freestyle Organization) (USA)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2.1.3 Dog Dancing UK and Scotland</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15.2.1.4 DDI (Dogdance International e.V.)</u></p> <p>as recorded under 10.14.1 above, applied mutatis mutandis to this proposal.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded LK Effective 01.09.2022, applicable to the authorised changes only.</p>
	10.15		Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog
		10.15.1	<p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05T Regulation 8.2 – Regulations for Rally Dog</p> <p>NRDSC submission:</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>8 RALLY JUDGES</p> <p>8.2 Learner Rally Judges, who are not current Working Disciplines Judges, are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Rally Judges' Workshop • Pass a written exam on KUSA Schedule 3 and 5T • Receive a Judge's record card from KUSA <p>[In addition to the above, a Learner Rally Judge must shadow judge under 2 (two) different judges at 2 (two) separate shows.]</p> <p>The Learner Rally Judge will be required to shadow judge at 2 (two) [Non-Championship] Shows while <u>the</u> Qualified Rally Judge judges the shows. On completion and after the Qualified Rally Judge has checked and endorsed the Learner Rally Judges' marking, the Qualified Rally Judge will sign the Learner Judge's record card, which is submitted to the Rally Sub-Committee and then submitted to KUSA, that will, in turn, issue a Rally Judge's Licence. The now qualified Rally Judge may accept judging appointments for Non-Championship or Championship Shows.</p> <p>Motivation:</p>

			<p>The reason for the deletion of the first sentence below the listed items, is that it is repeated below, and the reason to request the deletion of the words 'Non-Championship' in the second sentence is that we have some provinces who have more Championship than Non-Championship Shows and that needs to qualify judges urgently. Having them wait for Non-Championship Shows for their learner Judges to shadow judge at, is delaying them in qualifying as Judges.</p> <p>All provinces in the NRDSC have agreed to the above amendment (via a Whatsapp discussion held on 3 May 2022). We are hoping on a favourable outcome.</p> <p>The above proposal was discussed and accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed LK, seconded BJ Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	10.16		<p>Canicross</p> <p>None.</p>
	10.17		Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring
		10.17.1	<p>NAPC submission:</p> <p>Proposed Schedule 05U attached.</p> <p>It was noted that some fine-tuning of the Mondioring Schedules had been suggested by the KUSA Office, especially with regard to Judges, but that, in substance, the Office had ironed out most of the problems with the drafting during its meetings with the NAPC Officials who were driving the introduction of this new branch of dogsport. The KUSA Office believed that the Schedules were in a fit state for approval and that refinements could follow in due course.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed MV, seconded RJ Effective 01.09.2022.</p>
		10.17.2	<p>Schedule 05U – Appendix A – International Rules of Mondioring Competition</p> <p>NAPC submission:</p> <p>Proposed Schedule 05U – Appendix A attached.</p> <p>Refer to comments under 10.17.1.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed MV, seconded RJ Effective 01.09.2022.</p>
		10.17.3	<p>Schedule 05U – Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA) Requirements for Mondioring</p> <p>NAPC submission:</p> <p>Proposed Schedule 05U – Appendix B attached.</p>

		<p>Refer to comments under 10.17.1.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed MV, seconded RJ Effective 01.09.2022.</p>
11		MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 5E
	11.1	<p>Schedule 05E (04) – Regulations for Dog Jumping Championship of Southern Africa</p> <p>None.</p>
	11.2	<p>Schedule 5E(15)(1.6) – Regulations for Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7s (Fedco round robin 13 – 14.01.2022)</p> <p>Proposal from Eastern Districts Kennel Club for dispensation to slightly alter the judging Regulations for the SUPA 7s to be held on 22 January 2022.</p> <p>Schedule 5E(15)(1.6) – Regulations for Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7s. Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>6. Judging</p> <p>6.1 There is no steward in the ring.</p> <p>6.2.1 Initial judging of the Puppy Stakes will not be in Group format. The puppies will be divided into batches of no more than 7 per batch (in numerical order) and will enter the ring one batch at a time. The Judge will assess each batch but will not select any shortlists or winners at this stage.</p> <p>6.2.2 <u>On conclusion of the initial judging of the Puppy Stakes, all of the Puppy Stakes entrants will return to the ring and the Judge will select seven (7) exhibits to go forward to the final.</u></p> <p>6.2.3 Initial judging of the <u>Veteran</u> [Puppy] Stakes will not be in Group format. The <u>Veterans</u> [puppies] will be divided into batches of no more than 7 per batch (in numerical order) and will enter the ring one batch at a time. The Judge will assess each batch but will not select any shortlists or winners at this stage.</p> <p>6.2.4 <u>On conclusion of the initial judging of the Veteran Stakes, all of the Veteran Stakes entrants will return to the ring and the judge will select seven (7) exhibits to go forward to the final.</u></p> <p>6.2.5 Initial judging of the Adult Stakes will be in Group format, with the seven (7) entrants from each Group entering the ring one Group at a time. The Judge will assess the seven (7) exhibits <u>and</u> choose a <u>Group</u> winner. <u>The Seven (7) Group Winners will go forward to the final.</u> [secretly and record the winner's exhibit number. The dogs will leave the ring and the Group winner's numbers will not be announced at this stage.]</p> <p>The rest of the clause to be sequentially renumbered as follows:</p> <p>6.3 Final judging will proceed as follows:</p>

		<p>6.3.1 The seven (7) Puppy Stakes finalists will enter the ring for the final judging and a winner and runner-up will be announced.</p> <p>6.3.2 The seven (7) Veteran Stakes finalists will enter the ring for the final judging and a winner and runner-up will be announced.</p> <p>6.3.3 The seven (7) Adult Stakes finalists will enter the ring for the final judging and a winner and runner-up will be announced.</p> <p>Motivation: <i>Eastern Districts Kennel Club requests dispensation to slightly alter the judging regulations for the SUPA 7s to be held on the 22nd of January 2022. Due to time constraints imposed by the venue, and an additional KUSA Showdog of the Year event to be accommodated, we need to expedite judging. We believe a time-saving can be achieved by choosing and announcing the Adult Stake Group Winners during the initial judging stage. This will allow us complete the SUPA 7s and the KUSA Showdog of the Year event within the 6-hour event time limit imposed by the venue. The request for dispensation is only applicable to the January 2022 SUPA 7s and, at present, the intention is to revert to the current regulations for future years.</i></p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>The changes to the Schedule governing the Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7s, approved by Fedco round robin for the 2022 event only, were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed DS, seconded BJ</p>
11.3		<p>Schedule 5E(18) Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show (Fedco round robin 20 – 24.02.2022)</p> <p>Proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council, in accordance with their Special Meeting held on 27 January 2022, for dispensation to slightly vary the Regulations of the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show to be hosted by the Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association and held in Gauteng on 18 & 19 June 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE 5E (18) KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN ROTTWEILER SIEGER SHOW</p> <p>6. REQUIERMENTS FOR THE TITLES</p> <p>6.2 Entrants to the ZA Sieger Competition must have: either a Breed Suitability Test (BST) or Character Test (CT) awarded at a South African Rottweiler Specialist Show, AND been graded 'V1' awarded, only on the day(s) of the Show.</p> <p>The Praetor Rottweiler Club proposes an addition to the current requirement for the ZA Sieger and Siegerin titles. It is proposed that the Breed Assessment be added as an alternate requirement for the ZA Sieger and ZA Siegerin title. Whenever we introduce a new requirement, we should start off with a base requirement. This can evolve and in 3 – 5 years' time as we re-evaluate the situation and possibly increase the level/complexity. During the 3 – 5 years we should promote the Character Test and BA, we can see what the effect it has had and re-assess.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>6.2 Entrants to the ZA Sieger Competition must have:</p>

either **Breed Assessment (BA)**, or Breed Suitability Test (BST) or Character Test (CT) awarded at a South African Rottweiler Specialist Show, AND been graded 'V1' awarded only on the day(s) of the Show

Motivation:

Let us have a look at our current situation and concerns:

1. We only have 3 judges that can judge the CT, (Neil Perkins, Barron Africa and Tom Bezuidenhout)
2. The Clubs need to provide training for their members. Do all the Clubs have the knowledge and expertise?
3. The CT needs specialised training, owners need to travel to get to possible training venues. What about the lady staying in Bloemfontein, or Ermelo, or any remote location? What will it take for these people to be able to train their dog for the CT?
4. Do we really have the "buy in" from the exhibitors?
5. On the current RBC Council, it is only Neil Perkins, Marc Odendaal and Lida Heyden (Observer at 2021 meeting and Learner Judge) that have qualified a dog in IGP 1. Do the rest of us know what it really entails?
6. Are we aware of the fact that to train a Rottweiler to bite on the sleeve and take 2 stick blows, you need a dog that is balanced in prey drive, defense and aggression?
7. We have worked so hard for 30 odd years to change the perception of people regarding the Rottweiler, and now we want to make bite work the MINIMUM requirement for the top National Title.
8. How many dogs have qualified in BA or BST in the last 5 or even 10 years? Very few and it continues to diminish.
9. It is only Italy and now the IFR that has this requirement for their Sieger title winners. No other country has it, not even the President of the IFR's Belgium Rottweiler Club.
10. In our opinion we put the cart in front of the horse, we were very ambitious, and we need to get people used to the idea that the adult titles require at least a BA, CT or BST.

The benefits of the BA as an alternate requirement:

1. The person that wants to pursue the CT qualification is welcome to do so, but the BA is an alternate requirement for awarding the title.
2. The following components makes the BA a more complete evaluation of the dog.
 - 2.1 The dog is measured and physically assessed to be within the Breed Standard (not required in CT).
 - 2.2 The dog's Health is checked as the HD and ED are required (not required in CT).
 - 2.3 The overall character of the dog is assessed throughout the whole procedure.
 - 2.4 The dog is tested for "Gun sureness" (not required in CT).
 - 2.5 The dog's ability to handle group pressure is evaluated, with the "crowd test" (not required in CT).
 - 2.6 The Character of the dog is further evaluated during the Confrontation element. Where the dog's ability to switch between defense and attack and accepting a friendly person is also evaluated.
3. We have enough Judges, Helpers and the Clubs are all familiar with the procedure.

For ratification.

		<p>The proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council to slightly vary the Regulations of the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show, as approved by Fedco round robin, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed LK, seconded RJ Effective immediately.</p>
11.4		<p>Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Show, Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show & Schedule 05E(25) – Regulations for the Rottweiler Regional Sieger Show. Approval of Judges by KUSA/RBC (Fedco round robin 03 – 06.05.2022)</p> <p>RBC Submission:</p> <p>Background: The Rottweiler Breed Council, while reviewing the Schedules listed above, realised that somehow Austria, Portugal and Spain had been omitted from the current list. These countries had historically always been there.</p> <p>Motivation: The Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association have invited a Judge from Spain to judge their Show in June 2022 and the air ticket has been paid for in the knowledge that Spain was originally on the list of approved countries. This Specialist Show is to be held in June 2022, prior to the Fedco 06-2022 Formal Meeting, hence the request for this round robin vote.</p> <p>Proposal: Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>Schedule 05E(21) Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Show</p> <p>5. JUDGES</p> <p>5.1. Only Specialist Judges meeting the following requirements may judge a show held under this Schedule.</p> <p>5.1.1. Any Rottweiler specialist Judge qualified under the auspices of the Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA and in good standing with KUSA and the RBC.</p> <p>5.1.2. Specialist Rottweiler Judges from a list of countries which for the time being is:</p> <p>5.1.2.1. Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, <u>Austria, Portugal and Spain that</u> [who] are also approved by KUSA.</p> <p>Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show</p> <p>8. JUDGES</p> <p>Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent residence. Specialist Rottweiler Judges from a list of countries which for the time being is Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, <u>Austria, Portugal and Spain that</u> [who] are also approved by KUSA. Alternatively, any judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World show or the ADRK World Family show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA in</p>

		<p>consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements.</p> <p>Schedule 05E(25) - The Rottweiler Regional Sieger Show</p> <p>8. JUDGES</p> <p>Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent residence. Specialist Rottweiler judges from a list of countries which for the time being is: Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Portugal and Spain that [who] are also approved by KUSA. Alternatively, any Judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World show or the ADRK World Family Show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA in consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements.</p> <p>It is proposed that the aforementioned amendments come into immediate effect and be ratified at the Fedco 06-2022 meeting, should the round robin vote be successful.</p> <p>[Note from the Chairman: <i>Prior to requesting this round robin, the Chairman checked on historical Fedco Minutes and found that, indeed, Portugal was to be added to the list in accordance with the Fedco 12-2014 minutes which subsequently had somehow dropped off the list. Schedule 05E(21) was approved at the Fedco 05-2011 meeting. She further advised Fedco that a proposal has been submitted by the RBC for consideration at the Fedco 06-2022 meeting. The proposal is to allow for a further process to accommodate Judges outside of these criteria, which will save Clubs the additional administration, when in fact the RBC is very happy with Specialist Judges from these 3 countries, namely, Austria, Portugal and Spain.]</i></p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>The approval obtained by Fedco round robin to include Austria, Portugal and Spain into the various Regulations, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed BJ, seconded LK Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
11.5		<p>Schedule 05E(22) – Regulations for Northern Areas Top Dog Competition</p> <p>NAPC Submission:</p> <p>Proposed changed to Schedule 05E(22). Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annexure to Schedule 05E(22) changes summary attached. • Schedule 05E(22) Regulations for Northern Areas Top Dog Competition attached. <p>Schedule 05E(22) – Regulations for Northern Areas Top Dog Competition.</p> <p>NdP explained that the majority of the proposed changes were of a “housekeeping” nature, but drew attention to the inclusion of “Small, Medium, Large” in the Dog Jumping Competition (Regulation 6.3.3), changing “Tracker” to “Tracking” (Regulations 6.3.6 & 8.7)</p>

		<p>and amending the qualification criteria for the Obedience Competition (Regulation 6.3.7). The latter was necessary to improve entries.</p> <p>The proposed changes were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded BJ Effective 01.09.2022.</p>
11.6		<p>Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition – Presentation Ceremony 2022</p> <p>Having been mandated by Fedco to explore with Mr Louis Kruger the possibility of holding the presentation ceremony at PetExpo, CI reported that Mr Kruger had agreed to the proposal and she had subsequently received the following confirmation from PetExpo:</p> <p><i>“The Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for 14h30 on Saturday, 16th July, 2022, in the Main Arena prior to the commencement of BIS judging for Western Gauteng KC’s Championship Show. A 30-minute slot has been allocated to this Awards Ceremony and there will be no charge levied to KUSA for this Awards Ceremony.</i></p> <p><i>Please bear in mind that no recipients of any KUSA award will be given any “airtime” upon receiving their award in the Main Arena, as the programme times and scheduled events preclude sufficient time for this. We would suggest that KUSA request all owners of the respective dogs receiving awards be asked to supply 5 – 10 lines of written text (30 – 45 seconds verbal), introducing their Breed and dog (imported/local, age, some highlights of their show career to date etc), which can be read out as each dog enters the Main Arena to receive their award. This summary can either be read out by the person handing over the awards or by PetExpo management, whichever suits better.”</i></p> <p>CI pointed out that there would not be time for photographs to be taken in the Arena during the presentation and, therefore, either a suitable place needed to be found, or the photographs could be taken against the customary photo wall at KUSA stand. Since the venue and layout were new and unfamiliar, a decision on the photography location needed to be reserved until the venue was set up.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked CI for having arranged a venue and time with Mr Kruger and PetExpo and enquired whether there were any objections to the event taking place as per the arrangements made by CI. There were none and it was agreed, unanimously, that the offer and proposal from PetExpo be accepted.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded CI</p> <p>[Note: PM informed Fedco that NS was busy with the allocation of the points of the KUSA Classic 2022 (the final shows) to the points table. The results should be available soon, which would necessitate the sending of invitations. Invitations obviously needed to be sent without delay, to afford out-of-town winners as much time as possible to prepare for their attendance.]</p> <p>[Note: PM offered to bring the Peter Collins Memorial Shield for the Winner of KUSA Showdog of the Year and the Tregoning Family Trophy for Best Opposite Sex KUSA Showdog of the Year as part of her luggage when she travelled to Johannesburg for PetExpo and she also undertook to courier the medals to CI for framing in Johannesburg.]</p> <p>[Note: A statement about the presentation ceremony should be prepared for the KUSA website and Facebook page and published as soon as possible.]</p>

			Noted.
	11.7		<p>Schedule 05E(15)1.3 – Regulations governing the Supreme Bull Terrier of SA and Bull Terrier Major Trophy Show</p> <p>NdP thanked the Chairman for bringing this amendment forward for formalisation, which was, in essence, comprised a series of housekeeping changes. To ease the burden on the KUSA Office and to obviate confusion, the changes to Schedule 05E(15)1.3, which had already been put into operation at the most recent Major Trophy Show, had been incorporated into a replacement Schedule.</p> <p>There were no objections to the proposed replacement Schedule and its acceptance, in toto, was agreed, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded GR Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
12			MATTERS PERTAINING TO COMPANION EVENTS – SCHEDULE 11
	12.1		<p>Schedule 11(A) – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) (Fedco 06-2019 end of Item 5.1, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.1.2, Fedco 06-2021 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 5.23.1)</p> <p><i>NS Informed Fedco that the Task Team was making good progress with the drafting of the Schedule and that that the Task Team should be able to put the completed product on the table by Fedco 06-2022. Apart from gratitude and encouragement, there had been no further input from Fedco.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>CPA informed Fedco that the draft Schedule 11(A) had been completed and the Task Team was currently working on Guidelines for Evaluators, a list of questions for the various ‘Care and Responsibility’ sections and a suggested syllabus for the training of new Evaluators and Evaluators revision workshops. It was the intention to submit the final package for Fedco 12-2022, following consultation with stakeholders.</p> <p>Prior to submission, the Task Team would be presenting the draft Schedule to various bodies across the country in a “roadshow” to gain their buy-in and address any concerns, and also to put the provisions of the new Schedule to the test.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	12.2		<p>Schedule 11(B) – Regulations for Scent Work (Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.20)</p> <p>None.</p>
	12.3		<p>Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog Tests (Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.10, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.19)</p> <p>None.</p>
		12.3.1	<p>Housekeeping amendments: The proposed changes are primarily of a housekeeping nature to clarify or correct terms and address a few issues that the KUSA Office raised last year.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 11(C) Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in struck through square brackets</p>

**SCHEDULE 11(C)
KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
REGULATIONS FOR TRICK DOG TESTS**

Motivation for changes to Schedule 11(C) for June 2022 meeting of Fedco:

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Dogs that are eligible to participate in the Trick Dog Tests include:

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees), deaf and/or blind dogs are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the Evaluator [judge], they display no signs of physical discomfort or stress and can safely complete the selected tricks.

MOTIVATION: Correction of term – Trick Dog has Evaluators, not Judges.

1.2 Dogs that have already achieved titles under another trick dog programme may apply ~~[(please refer to Schedule 7 “Subscription & Fees” for prices)]~~ to convert those titles to KUSA Trick Dog titles. Eligibility is as follows:

MOTIVATION: There is no charge for the transfer of qualifications. Such transfer will fall away after one year of the Schedule coming into effect.

1.3 Champion status

Any dog which has been evaluated as ‘passed’ **in the Champion Level** by two Evaluators, on one occasion, one of whom must be a Senior Evaluator, will be eligible to apply for the title of KUSA Trick Dog Champion.

MOTIVATION: To provide clarification that only dogs taking part in the Champion class are eligible for the title of Champion.

5. TRICK DOG CLASSES

All dogs will be eligible to apply to KUSA for an original certificate and/or rosette subject to the payment of the prescribed fee ~~[(please refer to Schedule 7 “Subscription & Fees” for prices)]~~.

MOTIVATION: The fees for Shows hosted by Clubs are not listed in Schedule 7. This was originally included using text from Canine Good Citizen, but is not relevant as the fees appear on the Trick Dog website and Facebook page.

7. EVALUATORS

7.2 Any person who has the qualifications listed below may also apply to KUSA to become an Evaluator:

- Judged multiple branches of dogsport (e.g. Agility, Obedience, Flyball, Dog Dancing, Working Trials); and
- Has successfully handled a dog to at least Intermediate Level; and
- Is in good standing with KUSA.

Such applications may only be made within a period of one calendar year following this test first coming into effect. This is to ensure that there is a sufficient pool of **Evaluators** ~~[judges to be]~~ available.

MOTIVATION: Correction of term – Trick Dog has Evaluators, not Judges.

7.3 Any other person wishing to become a Trick Dog Evaluator, should apply in writing to the ~~[ir provincial council]~~ **Provincial Council in the area they reside**. At a mutually

agreeable time, two qualified Evaluators will arrange a training programme for the aspirant Evaluators. Training programmes may be offered face-to-face, or via an online platform. The training course shall culminate in a theoretical exam and evaluation of online videos developed for the purpose of the course. Evaluators will also be required to complete **an examination on** Schedule 3 if not already completed. **This examination will also include questions on Schedule 9 Appendix B.**

MOTIVATION: Clarification of terms as suggested by the KUSA Office.

8. EVALUATIONS

Leads – tricks should be performed off-lead, unless the contrary is required by the trick. Leads must be used when tricks are performed in a public environment or in spaces where leashes are a requirement, e.g. park, beach, shopping centre.

MOTIVATION: The aim is to see the dog working willingly and a lead detracts from that. There is also no need for dogs to be on lead when tricks are filmed at home and several submissions to date have shown dogs on lead in a safe, home environment. This is not in the spirit of having a good relationship with one’s dog.

11. TRICK DOG TESTS

Please refer to the **document Trick Dog Guidelines for Handlers & Evaluators** [Criteria for Tricks document (under development)] for clarification on the requirements for each trick.

MOTIVATION: Remove drafting text.

11.1 ELEMENTARY TRICK DOG

Category	Trick
Balance & Coordination	Balance beam (plank[dog walk])
Foundation	Come
	Down
	Focus (hold eye contact)
	Muffin tin game
	Pull on a rope/tug
	Sit
	Stand
	Walk on a loose leash

MOTIVATION: The term dog walk was used as the trick progresses to this. However, many submissions are being made using a dog walk at the lower levels which is contrary to what the Guidelines require. As there is a potential safety concern here, the term ‘dog walk’ has been removed to avoid confusion at this level.

11.2 BEGINNER TRICK DOG

Category	Trick
Balance & Coordination	Balance beam (plank[dog walk])

	Balance on ball or peanut (all 4 feet)
Handler Interaction	{Figure 8's - through legs}
	Kisses
	Peekaboo (between my legs)
	<u>Weave through handler's legs / arms</u>

MOTIVATION: The term dog walk was used as the trick progresses to this. However, many submissions are being made using a dog walk at the lower levels which is contrary to what the Guidelines require. As there is a potential safety concern here, the term 'dog walk' has been removed to avoid confusion at this level.

MOTIVATION: The three terms 'Figure 8s through legs', 'Weave through legs' and 'Weave through arms' have been conflated for simplicity and to illustrate the progression more clearly.

11.3 NOVICE TRICK DOG

Category	Trick
Handler Interaction	{Footsies (peekaboo, dog places paws on my feet)}
	{Leg weave}
	<u>Peekaboo (between my legs)</u>
	Remove handler's slipper, shoe
	Under handler (handler on hands and knees)
	<u>Weave through handler's legs / arms</u>

MOTIVATION: The three terms 'Figure 8s through legs', 'Weave through legs' and 'Weave through arms' have been conflated for simplicity and to illustrate the progression more clearly.

MOTIVATION: The two terms 'Peekaboo' and 'Footsies' have been conflated for simplicity and to illustrate the progression more clearly.

11.4 INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG

Category	Trick
Handler Interaction	{Footsies (peekaboo, dog places paws on my feet)}
	Jersey - help handler undress
	<u>Peekaboo (between my legs)</u>
	{Weave through handler's arms}
	<u>Weave through handler's legs / arms</u>

MOTIVATION: The three terms 'Figure 8's through legs', 'Weave through legs' and 'Weave through arms' have been conflated for simplicity and to illustrate the progression more clearly.

			<p>MOTIVATION: The two terms ‘Peekaboo’ and ‘Footsies’ have been conflated for simplicity and to illustrate the progression more clearly.</p> <p>CPA informed Fedco that, despite having only been introduced as a dogsport in February 2022, 65 dogs had so far been titled across the Elementary, Beginners and Novice classes. Two new Evaluators have been accepted, bringing the total number to seven. As each new level is opened, all Evaluators would be checking and discussing the submissions to ensure that they were “on the same page”, resolving issues as they arise.</p> <p>There was considerable interest in the higher levels being opened up. Information on how to take part may be found on the website (https://kusa-trick-dog.weebly.com/) and the Trick Dog Facebook page.</p> <p>There were no questions on the changes and they were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded MV Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
13			<p>MATTERS RELATED TO BREED JUDGING</p>
	13.1		<p>The Judges Education Council (JEC)</p> <p>The Chairman of the JEC, GR, reported on the activities of the JEC since Fedco 12-2021 and the achievements of Learner Judges on the KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme.</p> <p>Noted with thanks.</p>
14			<p>MATTERS RELATED TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS</p>
	14.1		<p>Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)</p>
		14.1.1	<p>Schedule 05E(21) Regulations 6 & 8 – Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows</p> <p>RBC submission:</p> <p>Proposal Currently, Baby Puppies can receive a maximum grading of ‘Promising’ instead of ‘Very Promising’ Proposed: Baby puppies are awarded gradings that include ‘Very Promising’ in the interest of consistency.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(21): Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>CLASSES</p> <p>6.1 Classes for this show shall be as laid down in Schedule 3 of the KUSA constitution.</p> <p>6.2 All dogs shown in the Neutered Dog Class may only receive a maximum grading of “OB”.</p> <p>[6.3 All dogs shown in the Baby Puppy Dog/Bitch class may only receive a maximum grading of “vsp”].</p> <p>6.3[4] The order of judging starts at the youngest class, being the Baby Puppy Class, followed by older classes, with the first four (4) dogs being placed in each section of the Competition, Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy in Show, Best Junior in Show (if offered), Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show in this order. Any Novelty Classes will be</p>

judged after Best in Show. All Rottweiler Specialist Shows shall be Grading and Critiquing Shows.

8. GRADINGS

Age	Grading	English Description	German Description
4 [6]to 12 Months	v v	Very Promising	Vielversprechend
4 [6]to 12 Months	vsp	Promising	Versprechend
4 [6]to 12 Months	wv	Little Promise	Wenig Versprechend

Motivation:

The current Schedule only allows for a Promising grading for Baby Puppies, instead of Very Promising, as is the case at International Shows. This creates confusion for international Judges, administrative issues, when a Judge announces Very Promising, and is inconsistent with Puppies of other Breeds, as well as international practice.

It is proposed that this be aligned, and Baby Puppies receive Very Promising gradings as well. At worst, it still is just Very Promising, and this grading does not count towards any other awards or merits at the show or towards Championship status.

Noted: Clean copy of Schedule provided for KUSA Office purposes, should the proposal be accepted by Fedco.

No objections were raised to the changes of Schedule 05E(21) Regulations 6 & 8 and their acceptance was **approved, unanimously**.

Proposed, GR, seconded MV
Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.

14.1.2

Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Show, Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show & Schedule 05E(25) – Regulations for the Rottweiler Regional Sieger Show. Rottweiler Specialist Judges – Extension of International Judges (Refer Fedco round robin Item 11.4 above)

RBC submission:

Proposal:

The requirements for international Judges are extended to include the option to have a Rottweiler Specialist Judge who is suggested by a Club, who may not be from the current list of approved countries, and that also may not have recently (past 10 years) judged the IFR or ADRK World Show.

Such Judges are to be approved by a panel of RBC Judges, and/or RBC Officials, as determined by the RBC Judges' Convener for voting or approval, and will be recommended to KUSA.

Insertions in **bold underlining**.

Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(21):

5 JUDGES

5.1.2.2. Alternatively, any Rottweiler Judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World Show or the ADRK World Family Show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA, in consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. **However, where a Rottweiler Specialist Judge has not judged at the forementioned shows, the host club may request the RBC Judge's Convener to convene a panel of RBC Judges, or RBC Officials, to review the Judge and recommend to KUSA to accept the Judge.**

Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(18):

8. JUDGES

Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent residence. Specialist Rottweiler Judges from a list of countries which, for the time being, comprises Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, **Austria, Portugal, Spain** who are also approved by KUSA. Alternatively, any judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World Show or the ADRK World Family Show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA, in consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. **However, where a Rottweiler Specialist Judge has not judged at the forementioned shows, the host club may request the RBC Judge's Convener to convene a panel of RBC Judges, or RBC Officials, to review the Judge and recommend to KUSA to accept the Judge.**

Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(25):

8. JUDGES

Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent residence. Specialist Rottweiler judges from a list of countries which, for the time being, comprises Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, **Austria, Portugal, Spain** who are also approved by KUSA. Alternatively, any judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World Show or the ADRK World Family Show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA, in consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. **However, where a Rottweiler Specialist Judge has not judged at the forementioned shows, the host club may request the RBC Judge's Convener to convene a panel of RBC Judges, or RBC Officials, to review the Judge and recommend to KUSA to accept the Judge.**

Motivation:

The current Schedule only allows for a Rottweiler Specialist Judge meeting the following requirements:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Rottweiler Specialist Judge approved by KUSA/RBC from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, <u>Austria, Portugal, Spain.</u> • Alternatively, any Rottweiler Judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World Show or the ADRK World Family Show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA, in consultation with the RBC. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. <p>This requirement still excludes certain excellent Judges from countries where the Judge may not have judged the two prestigious World Shows during the last 10 years. This opens up many other reputable Judges to have the option for officiating, once the panel has reviewed, and will be able to provide the KUSA Office with a recommendation for the Judge.</p> <p>Noted: Clean copies of Schedules provided for KUSA Office purposes, should the proposal be accepted by Fedco.</p> <p>The amendments the Schedules 05E(21), (18) & (25), inclusive of Austria, Portugal and Spain joining the list of countries from which Rottweiler Specialist Judges might be sourced, were approved, with one abstention.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded BJ Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	14.1.3		<p>Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show Introduction of Breed Assessment (BA) (Refer Fedco round robin Item 11.3 above)</p> <p>RBC submission</p> <p>Proposal: The RBC introduced the Character Test requirements for Sieger Shows, effective 1 January 2022, which required only the Sieger dogs (adult titles) to have completed a Character Test or full Breed Survey Test (not the Breed Assessment). The proposal is to add the Breed Assessment element as well.</p> <p>Insertion in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets] Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(18)</p> <p>6. <u>REQUIREMENTS</u> [REQUIREMENTS] FOR THE <u>ZA SIEGER SHOW</u> TITLES</p> <p>6.2 Entrants to the ZA Sieger Competition must have: either a Breed Suitability Test (BST) or Character Test (CT) <u>or Breed Assessment (BA)</u> awarded at a South African Rottweiler Specialist Show, AND been graded 'V1' awarded only on the day/s of the Show.</p> <p>Motivation: The RBC clubs, at a special meeting held January 2022, felt that many clubs and exhibitors may not be ready for the full 2022 requirements to include the Character Test as part of the National Sieger title. In order to assist exhibitors with the requirements, the phased-in approach of including the Breed Assessment would make this easier for exhibitors for the next few years. The current requirements for Champions already include a Breed Assessment, and thus only the "CC dog" or other adult dog competing would also need to have a BA in order to be awarded the Sieger title. Note that the requirement is not applicable for Junior dogs. The previous requirement for the Character Test or Breed Suitability Test remains.</p>

			<p>Noted: Clean copies of Schedules provided for KUSA Office purposes, should the proposal be accepted by Fedco.</p> <p>The inclusion of a Breed Assessment as an alternative to a Breed Suitability Test as an entry requirement for the ZA Sieger Competition was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded RJ Effective 01.09.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	14.2		<p>Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)</p> <p>None.</p>
	14.3		<p>German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)</p>
		14.3.1	<p>German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship and Open Shows</p> <p>Proposal submitted by the GSDLC, unanimously approved by the Council at their meeting 03.03 2022.</p> <p>Proposed Schedule attached.</p> <p>The Schedule was subjected to Fedco's scrutiny and certain deficiencies in the drafting were identified. The Chairman requested the KUSA Office to prepare a fresh draft for consideration by the GSDLC.</p> <p>The lengthy discussion resulted in the draft Schedule 05E(28) – Regulations for German Shepherd Dog Specialist Championship Shows being accepted, unanimously, subject to the GSDLC working with the KUSA Office on the finalisation of a Schedule which satisfied KUSA's requirements.</p> <p>Proposed CI, seconded MV Effective 01.09.2022, subject to the receipt of the redrafted Schedule by this date.</p>
		14.3.2	<p>German Shepherd Single Dog Registration requirements – Abolishment of DNA requirement for Single Dog Registrations</p> <p>Proposal submitted by the GSDLC, unanimously approved by the Council.</p> <p>Proposal: Abolishment of the DNA requirement for a single dog registration.</p> <p>Motivation DNA is a breeding requirement and not a registration requirement and all dogs registered, that will subsequently be used for breeding, will have to provide DNA before the mating.</p> <p>Dog owners would like to register their dogs with KUSA in order to participate in trials but cannot with the current DNA requirement. Owners of neutered dogs are especially unwilling to have DNA done solely for registration.</p> <p>The working register is only a limited solution for these dog owners as only dogs registered on the Breed register may enter the KUSA IGP Meisterschaft.</p> <p>Fedco Discussion: Discussion on the above proposal ensued and Fedco found it surprising that a requirement, once deemed so important for GSDs being accepted onto the KUSA registers, should</p>

			<p>suddenly be relegated to irrelevancy. Taken at face-value, the proposal seemed to have serious implications for the future veracity of especially KUSA's Primary Breed Register.</p> <p>In particular, Fedco found the proposal to be lacking in crucial details in that it was unclear on whether the abolishment of DNA was contemplated for all single dog registrations, i.e. was inclusive of imported dogs and dogs holding GSDFSA Certificates of Registration. It also lacked clarity on whether the dogs without DNA-profiling were envisaged for registration on KUSA's Primary Breed Register, Appendix Register and Non-registry Breed Listing.</p> <p>The Canine Dogsport Register, Breed Appendix Register and Non-registry Breed Listing offered adequate scope for owners' intent on participating in IGP Trials to register their dogs with KUSA. The limitation of only permitting dogs registered on the Primary and Appendix Breed Registers to compete in the KUSA IGP Meisterschaft, was imposed by the National IGP Sub-Committee and IGP fraternity, not KUSA.</p> <p>Given the above, the Federal Council was united in its view that the proposal, as framed above, could not be supported. DNA-profiling was not an onerous requirement and was put in place for valid reasons and in line with best practices of NCOs worldwide.</p> <p>In view of the potential prejudice to KUSA's responsibilities as the designated Registering Authority for German Shepherd Dogs, it was agreed, unanimously, to refer the proposal back to the GSDLC with a request to provide clarity on the reservations raised by Fedco.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded LK</p>
		14.3.3	<p>German Shepherd Dog Registrations – Recording of HD Grading</p> <p>Submission by the GSDLC to the KUSA Office and brought forward by the Chairman:</p> <p>GSDFSA dogs with non-FCI HD scores A+, A0 and A- must be registered correctly. Either it clearly says on the certificate that it is not an FCI recognised score, or the dogs need to be registered in accordance with KUSA/FCI scores, i.e.:</p> <p>HD A+ = HD A HD A0 = HD B HD A- = HD C</p> <p>It is misleading if a KUSA-registered dog has an A- grading, where people are led to believe that the dog has an A hip, whereas its correct grading is actually an HD C, in other words, a mildly dysplastic hip (albeit still permissible for breeding).</p> <p>Note from the KUSA Office: The KUSA Office does not believe that it is qualified to make HD Grading conversions and, from the outset, the KUSA Office was instructed to only record on the dog's Registration Certificate the HD Score that appears on the Certified Export Pedigree or, in the case of take-on GSDs, what is recorded on the GSDFSA Certificate of Registration.</p> <p>Action required: A decision needed to be made by Fedco and a directive issued, so that both the KUSA Office and the GSDLC know what protocol was required to be followed going forward. It needed to be established whether Fedco agreed with the above protocol followed by the GSDLC and, if so, provide a directive for implementation going forward.</p>

			<p>LK expressed the view that if, in the interest of consistency, the GSDLC wanted to maintain its own list of “converted” hip scores, it was welcome to do so. The KUSA Office, however, was not at liberty to make discretionary changes to validated health certifications issued by third parties. The Chairman agreed and said that under no circumstances could HD Gradings issued in accordance with KUSA’s standard protocols, be changed.</p> <p>PM undertook to revert to the GSDLC with the unanimous view of Fedco and to do her best to pursue a different solution with the GSDLC from the one proposed.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
15			KUSA CLASSIC 2022
	15.1		<p>Ratification of dispensation obtained via Fedco round robin to permit <u>five</u> Junior Handlers and <u>five</u> Child Handlers to progress to the Finals should the preliminary rounds for these Classes be limited to five entrants only Fedco round robin by virtual meeting on 24.05.2022</p> <p>The unanimous decision of Fedco obtained via round robin to permit all five Junior Handlers and all five Child Handlers to progress to the Finals if the preliminary rounds for these Classes were limited to five entrants, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed CI, seconded NdP Effective immediately.</p>
16			MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	16.1		<p>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others</p> <p>The current status of the GSDFSA’s appeal to a Full Bench of the South Gauteng High Court was reported to Fedco, with Fedco being reminded that KUSA was the Third Respondent in the matter under appeal, the other being the Registrar of Animal Improvement: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (1st Respondent) and the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (2nd Respondent).</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	16.2		<p>Amendment to Article 38 – SECRETARY</p> <p>Proposal submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>38. SECRETARY 38.1 A Secretary of the Kennel Union shall be appointed by the Federal Council. 38.2 The Secretary’s terms of appointment and remuneration shall be decided by the Federal Council. 38.3 The Secretary shall be responsible to the Federal Council and he shall perform all such duties as may from time to time be prescribed in accordance with instructions given by the Federal Council and in execution of the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities determined for this office in the Constitution of the Kennel Union. 38.4 The Secretary 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. 38.5 Save for the acquisition and sale of his own dogs, [F]the Secretary shall not [judge or exhibit at any Show, neither shall he] have any interest in, [whether] or benefit directly</p>

		<p>or indirectly from, [in] the purchase and sale of dogs of members of the Kennel Union[on commission or otherwise].</p> <p>38.6 [Void]The Secretary shall maintain unbroken membership of the Kennel Union for the duration of his contract of service as Secretary.</p> <p>38.7 The Secretary shall be at liberty to judge and compete at any KUSA-licensed show or event, provided that he shall exercise the utmost discretion when acting as a Judge or competitor to avoid any conflict of interest and any action which may lead to a complaint being lodged against him in terms of Schedule 1 of the Constitution of the Kennel Union, whether real or perceived. Should a valid conflict occur or a valid complaint against him be lodged, despite the Secretary's best efforts to avoid same, a person shall be appointed by the Federal Council to act in his stead in the matter to which his judging or competing posed a conflict of interests and/or in pursuance and finalisation of the prescribed and applicable disciplinary process.</p> <p>Motivation: The mandatory position of Secretary of the Kennel Union is currently occupied in an acting capacity by the General Manager. This is an interim solution and, given the workload of the General Manager, this situation cannot be sustained indefinitely.</p> <p>In its appointment of a Secretary, KUSA needs to be in a position to also consider the skills and expertise of people involved in the dog world in certain capacities and, in order to do so, Article 38 needed to be amended. The prohibition on people active in exhibition or other forms of dogsport from contributing to KUSA's future prosperity was deemed archaic and placed an unnecessary constraint on the acquisition of much-needed skills in a National Canine Organisation focussed on modernisation and efficacy.</p> <p>After consideration, the above amendment was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded DS Effective 01.02.2023 but, since this was a matter which currently adversely affected the business and operations of KUSA, Fedco deemed it appropriate to invoke its powers under Article 43.4 to declare the immediate implementation of the amendment.</p>
16.3		<p>Exhibition of Dogs with Cropped Ears</p> <p>Amendments proposed by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Insertions in bold underline and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Amendment to Schedule 2 Regulation 7:</p> <p>7. CROPPED EARS</p> <p>7.1 Any dog [with cropped ears] born within the jurisdiction of the KUSA that had its ears cropped after birth, or [-] any dog imported into [it]the KUSA area of jurisdiction that had its ears cropped after importation[within it], shall not be eligible for registration or recording by the Kennel Union in any of its registries, records or listings and, should any such dog [is] be found to have been so registered, [or] recorded or listed in contravention of this Regulation, upon discovery, its registration, [or] recording or listing shall be summarily cancelled and the registration, recording or listing of any progeny be similarly nullified.</p> <p>7.2[4] Dogs of which [Any dog with]the ears had been cropped [before]prior to their importation into the KUSA area of jurisdiction[-] shall be[is not] eligible for registration in the Kennel Union's registries, records or listings, but shall be ineligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the [competition at any]Kennel Union.</p>

		<p>New Regulations 16.6 and 16.7 to be inserted into Schedule 3</p> <p><u>16.6 No dogs born or imported into the KUSA area of jurisdiction that have had their ears cropped after birth or importation, shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union.</u></p> <p><u>16.7 No dogs of which the ears were cropped prior to their importation into the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union, despite being eligible for registration by the Kennel Union in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 7.2.</u></p> <p>New Regulation 4 to be inserted into Schedule 3A and the rest to be sequentially renumbered:</p> <p><u>4. Dogs with cropped ears shall not be eligible for exhibition at an FCI International Dog Show, irrespective of any of them being registered by the Kennel Union in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 7.2.</u></p> <p>New Regulations 11.6 and 11.7 to be inserted into Schedule 4</p> <p><u>11.6 No dogs born or imported into the KUSA area of jurisdiction that have had their ears cropped after birth or importation, shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union.</u></p> <p><u>11.7. No dogs of which the ears were cropped prior to their importation into the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction shall be eligible to compete in any Show or event licensed by the Kennel Union, despite being eligible for registration by the Kennel Union in terms of Schedule 2 Regulation 7.2.</u></p> <p>Motivation: The only Regulation which refers to the prohibition of the exhibition of dogs with cropped ears at KUSA-licensed events appears in Schedule 2 (Regulation 7), which Schedule deals primarily with the registration of dogs. Regulation 7 is requisite of amendment to remove any doubt that cropped dogs imported into South Africa may be registered by KUSA, but not exhibited at KUSA-licensed events. The latter prohibition needs to be echoed in the Schedules which deal with exhibition of dogs, i.e. Schedules 3, 3A and 4.</p> <p>After discussion, the proposed amendments were accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded RJ Effective 01.09.2022.</p>
16.4		<p>Examinations for Judges on the Schedules for the various forms of Dogsport as well as Schedules 3 and 9 Appendix “B”</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office:</p> <p>The Chairman explained that, in the area of Judges’ qualification, the various dogsport Schedules generally contained the requirement of a “written exam” on their own Schedules as well as Schedule 3, although some Schedules did not specify whether the exams were to be written with, or without, the use of reference material. This has led to certain National Sub-Committees ostensibly deciding that “open book” exams for their Learner Judges were permissible.</p>

		<p>The inconsistencies in the manner in which the various forms of dogsport qualified their Judges on a theoretical level, made the lives of those in the KUSA Office who had to accredit them, untenable, and it was therefore necessary for Fedco to issue a directive, not only on the “open book” question, but also on the inclusion of Schedule 9 Appendix “B” (Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa) in the study material for examination purposes. Discussion ensued and Fedco was in agreement that, although not specified, it was never the intention for aspiring dogsport judges to sit “open book” exams, since the latter form of examination, as pointed out by NdP, “was no test of knowledge”. “Open book” exams were strictly reserved for the JEC’s Introductory Course, or for examinations authorised by Fedco as part of its harmonisation or transitional policies with regard to take-on Judges.</p> <p>On the question of Schedule 9 Appendix “B”, Fedco was united in the view that this Schedule was an integral part of Judges’ education.</p> <p>In consequence, proposed by GR, seconded by NdP,</p> <p>Fedco directed, unanimously, that the National Sub-Committees of all branches of dogsport should be informed to prepare amendments to their Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to <i>provide for the inclusion of Schedule 9 Appendix “B” as study material for exam purposes;</i> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to <i>clarify in their Schedules that exams on the said Schedules and Schedules 3 and 9 Appendix “B” should be written exams <u>without reference to study materials</u>, i.e. “closed book” exams.</i> <p>In addition to notifying the National Sub-Committees, PM thought it would also be appropriate to send the notice to the Provincial Council Secretaries with a view to their informing their Provincial Sub-Committees, where appropriate. The notice also needed to be published on the KUSA website and shared on the KUSA Facebook page.</p> <p>GR appealed to the KUSA Office to prepare an inventory of the clauses dealing with Judges’ qualifications in the various dogsport Schedules and, once the above directives had been sent to the National Sub-Committees and others, and published on the KUSA website and Facebook page, to monitor the responses at regular intervals to ensure receipt of the amendments prior to Fedco 12-2022. CPA undertook to do everything possible to enable Fedco to approve the amendments, as directed, in all the relevant Schedules at Fedco 12-2022.</p> <p>Noted and deferred to Fedco 12-2022.</p>
	16.5	<p>Re-examinations for Judges on Schedules 3 and 9 Appendix “B” when taking on the judging of another form of Dogsport.</p> <p>It was noted that, when a Judge had, at some stage, qualified to judge, say, Obedience, the judge was seemingly not expected to repeat the Schedules 3 and 9 Appendix “B” exam when pursuing qualifications for another form of dogsport, e.g. Rally Dog.</p> <p>During the discussion, it was pointed out that breed Judges were examined up to eight times on KUSA Regulations in the course of their studies towards All-breeds status. Schedule 3 (Regulations for Championship Shows) was amended frequently to keep up with an ever-changing show environment and there was consensus that the Judges of</p>

			<p>breed and dogsport needed to be <i>au fait</i> with the latest Regulations. In a Schedule that was essentially breed-focussed, it was not unreasonable to expect dogsport Judges to acquaint themselves with Schedule 3 content that was applicable to dogsport and the provisions that ought to be part of the knowledge-base of all Judges.</p> <p>There was general agreement that Fedco should issue a directive in this regard to remove all doubt that Judges taking on another form of dogsport for judging would be expected to sit a refresher exam on Schedules 3 and 9 Appendix "B" in addition to being examined on the Schedule applicable to the new dogsport.</p> <p>Noted and deferred to Fedco 12-2022.</p>
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18			<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – CONFIRMED</p> <p>2022 2, 3 & 4 December 2022.</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED</p> <p>2023: 23, 24 & 25 June 2023 1, 2 & 3 December 2023</p>
19			<p>CLOSING</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 16h00 with thanks to the Chair.</p>