

Minutes – Distributed 20.12.2021
KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 3 & 4 DECEMBER 2021,
ON SKYPE

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			<p>ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance: 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 Y Jefferies (Vice-Chairman – Exco) – YJ - Invited by the Chairman to represent Exco Clr RD Juckes (Chairman - FS&NCPC) - RJ Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS – Joined the meeting at 14h00 on Friday, 03.12.2021 Clr L Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT Clr M Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) - MV</p> <p>Apologies: Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) – BJ – Absence due to emergency surgery</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr K Farmer (Office Manager) - KF Mrs A Bastick (Shows Department) – AB - Saturday 04.12.2021 only Ms N Shortland (Shows Department) – NS – Saturday 04.12.2021 only</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 06-2021:</p> <p>Mrs D Mackenzie (GAU) Mr JF Fourie (GAU) Mrs J Meiring (EC) Mr E Bruwer (WC) Mr TE Strydom (GAU) Miss AP Feeny (GAU) Mrs AS Cronjé (GAU) Mrs J Bouillion (WC) Mrs L Jordaan (WC) Mr R Joynt (WC) Mr AT Strydom (GAU) Mr MJ Blandin de Chalain (KZN) Mr SJ Chuter (GAU) Mrs PJ Guild (GAU) Mr P Bezuidenhout (KZN)</p>

		Mr G Ousman (KZN) Mr KE Love (KZN) Noted.
2		MINUTES
	2.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 & 27 June 2021 to be formally adopted. The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 & 27 June 2021 were formally adopted and confirmed, unanimously . Proposed LT, seconded RJ. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.
	2.2	The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 16 August 2021 to be formally adopted. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on 16 August 2021 were formally adopted and confirmed, unanimously . Proposed JH, seconded NdP. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.
3		ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1	Annual Report by the Chairman The Chairman presented her Annual Report.
	3.2	Article 12.5 - Declaration of Interests The Article reads: <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>
	3.2.1	Fedco Members It was noted that the interests of members of Fedco, as declared at Fedco 06-2021, had remained unchanged. It was confirmed, unanimously , that none of the interests earlier declared constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA. Clr Vorster’s interests, declared at Exco and at Fedco 06-2021, had also remained unchanged. Noted.
	3.2.2	Exco Members to be considered by Fedco, including the declaration of the new members of Exco, Mrs Colleen Patience (NAPC) and Mrs Margaret Hancock (KZNPC). It was noted that the interests of members of Exco, as declared at Fedco 06-2021, had remained unchanged. Subsequent to the appointments of Mrs Colleen Patience (NAPC) and Mrs Margaret Hancock (KZNPC) to Exco, their declarations, as submitted by their Provincial Councils to Exco, were confirmed, unanimously . It was noted that, as with the other members of Exco, none of their declared interests constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA. Noted.
	3.3	Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors’ Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2021

		<p><i>Documents to be circulated prior to the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the year ended 31 August 2021 were approved, unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded RJ</p> <p>Upon completion of appraisals, a performance-based annual bonus payable in December 2021 for all KUSA members of staff was approved, unanimously, as were inflationary salary increases from January 2022. Proposed JH, seconded NdP</p>
	3.4	<p>Election of Auditor <i>The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.</i></p> <p>Sprigg Abbott Inc. were appointed, unanimously as the Auditors of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the ensuing Financial Year. Proposed GR, seconded RJ</p>
	3.5	Article 16.2.2
	3.5.1	<p>Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President – Article 16.2.2.1 The current Chairman, Clr JM Hubbard, retires on 31.12.2024 The current President, Mrs DE Powell, retires on 31.12.2024</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.5.2	<p>Election of Vice-Chairman – Article 16.2.2.2 The incumbent Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, Clr BG Robinson, retires on 31.12.2021</p> <p>The Chairman nominated and proposed Clr BG Robinson for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA, which nomination was seconded by NdP. There were no other nominations and the Chairman declared Clr BG Robinson as the duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA for a term of two years, terminating on 31.12.2023.</p>
	3.5.3	<p>Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3 <i>“The Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members; Life Vice-Presidents; and any Vice-Presidents on termination of their fourth year in office.”</i></p> <p><i>The late Mr GRP Eva had passed away on 17 March 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Election of Patron in accordance with Article 16.2.2.3 to serve for the balance of the late Mr Eva’s term, until 31.12.2024.</i></p> <p>On a proposal by CI, seconded by LT, it was decided, unanimously to defer the election of Patron to Fedco 06-2022 to afford Fedco members the opportunity to give the matter proper thought and consideration.</p>
	3.5.4	<p>Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3 <i>“It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 “to adopt a term of at least four (4) years’ service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance.”</i></p> <p><i>List of Life Members:</i> Mrs JD Barrow Brig Gen NJ du Preez Mr GRP Eva (deceased in 2021) Mr CJL Griffith Mrs JM Hubbard Mr C Huyzers</p>

		<p>Mrs CM Immelman Mr RB Jenkins Mr RD Juckes Mrs DE Powell Mr DC Sparg Mr BG Robinson Mrs L Wilson Adv R Zeeman</p> <p>It was noted that no further Members of either the Executive Committee, or the Federal Council, met the qualification criterion for Life Membership at this stage. It was further directed that the name of the late Mr GRP Eva needed to be removed from future lists.</p>
	3.5.5	<p>Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p>List of current Life Vice-Presidents: Mr GRP Eva (deceased in 2021) Mr NS Kay Mrs DE Powell Dr HRA van der Merwe Mr CJL Griffith</p> <p>There were no further nominations. It was directed that the name of the late Mr GRP Eva needed to be removed from future lists.</p>
	3.5.6	<p>Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p>List of current Vice-Presidents: Mr RB Jenkins – retires 31.12.2022 Mrs A Olivier – retires 31.12.2023 Mrs JD Barrow – retires 31.12.2024 Mrs S Bloomfield – retires 31.12.2024</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p>
	3.5.7	<p>Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA At Fedco 12-2018, it was resolved that Brig Gen NJ du Preez should continue as Legal Adviser to the KUSA on an indefinite basis.</p> <p>The current Legal Adviser to KUSA is Brig Gen NJ du Preez.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Brig Gen NJ du Preez for his many years of service to KUSA and expressed the hope that he would be prepared to continue as the organisation’s Legal Adviser.</p> <p>Brig Gen Du Preez indicated that he was prepared to continue serving as KUSA’s Legal Adviser.</p>
	3.5.8	<p>Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee</p> <p>“The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules.” [Note: It was customary for all Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. Three members were appointed to consider an Appeal].</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that the <i>status quo</i> should remain. Proposed CI, seconded DS</p>
	3.6	<p>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9</p>

		<p><i>[Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017]:</i> “Effective 01.01.2018, no licences 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>[Note: 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>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.</p> <p>Clubs that closed since Fedco 06-2021 Australian Cattle Dog Club of KZN (KZNPC) Schipperke Club (DOGSPC)</p> <p>Clubs that declared their disaffiliation from KUSA since Fedco 06-2021 Transvaal HPR Field Trial Club (DOGSPC)</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	<p>3.6.1</p>	<p>Article 9.1.3</p> <p><i>“Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets where applicable in terms of Article 8.6.2.”</i> Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Information was tabled prior to the meeting.</i> (*) reported at Fedco 12-2020 (6 months) indicated in red (**) reported at Fedco 06-2020 (12 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2021 (18 months) indicated in red</p> <p><i>In terms of the “eighteen months” ruling at Fedco 12-2017, unless their constitutional breaches were remedied during the period leading up to Fedco 12-2021, Clubs succeeded by (*)/(**) would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2021.</i></p> <p><i>[Note: In terms of the Articles, Clubs were required to submit their documentation within thirty (30) days of their Annual General Meeting.]</i></p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chihuahua Club (Fin Yr-end 31/12/20, AGM due by 31/03/21) AGM scheduled for 22 Dec 2021) • Golden City Poodle Club (*)/(**)/(#) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/19, AGM due by 31/03/20) Golden City Poodle Club (*) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/20, AGM due by 31/3/21) Reminders elicited no response and the Club had not paid its Affiliation Fees which, in terms of Article 9.2, compelled its disaffiliation. • Highveld Whippet Club (Fin Yr-end 30/4/21, AGM due by 31/7/21) Club was awaiting the Annual Financial Statements from the Treasurer, who was resident in Sweden. An AGM would be called as soon as the AFS have been reviewed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Bulldog Club (Fin Yr-end 28/2/21, AGM due by 31/5/21) Financials have been completed and an AGM was due to be called. • SA Great Dane Assn. (*)**(#) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/19, AGM due by 31/03/20) SA Great Dane Assn. (*) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/20, AGM due by 31/3/20) It was noted that the Club had paid its Affiliation Fees and that it was currently in the process of being rescued by concerned Great Dane enthusiasts. Its Annual Financial Statements were being drafted, after which they would be submitted to an Independent Financial Practitioner for review. An AGM would be called thereafter. • SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (Fin Yr End 28/2/21) 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. • Sporting Dogs' Association (Fin Yr End.30/6/21, AGM due by 30/9/21) Annual Financial Statements were being prepared. After review, an AGM would be called. <p>In deference to Article 9.2, on a proposal from RJ, seconded by MV, and unanimously supported, the Golden City Poodle Club was disaffiliated with immediate effect.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Northern Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Shar Pei Club of Gauteng (Fin Yr-end 28/2/21, AGM due 31/5/21) AGM held. Audited Annual Financial Statements awaited. • Yorkshire Terrier Club of Gauteng (*)**(#) (Fin Yr-end 01/03/20, AGM due by 31/06/20) Rumoured that the Club would be closing. Affiliation Fees outstanding. <p>In deference to Article 9.2, on a proposal from LT, seconded by RJ, and unanimously supported, the Yorkshire Terrier Club of Gauteng was disaffiliated with immediate effect.</p> <p>KwaZulu-Natal Nil</p> <p>Eastern Cape & Border Nil</p> <p>Free State & NC (Incl. Namibia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 30/6/21, AGM due 30/9/21) Due to the illness and death of the Chairman, the Club had not been able to hold its AGM. The Club had undertaken to resolve this at the earliest opportunity in 2022. <p>Western Cape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 31/03/20, AGM due by 30/06/20) The Club was awaiting a report from Investec in order to finalise its Annual Financial Statements, after which an AGM would be convened. • Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 31/3/21, AGM due by 30/06/21) Financials completed and received. An AGM has been scheduled for 08.01.2022. • 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.
	3.6.2	<p>Article 9.1.4</p> <p>"9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in</p>

		<p><i>respect of:</i></p> <p>9.1.4.1 <i>Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence.</i></p> <p>9.1.4.2 <i>Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 8.”</i></p> <p><i>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TKC Kennel Club (as part of NAPC Bumper Weekend 24 April 2021) Catalogue and Show Returns Form and Show Entry Fees outstanding. • Highveld BSD Club (as part of NAPC Bumper Weekend 27 April 2021) Catalogue and Show Returns Form and Show Entry Fees outstanding. <i>[Note: Regarding the Show Entry Fees outstanding from the above two Clubs, the KUSA Office had been advised that the sheets needed to be cross-checked to the entries in order to compile the Catalogues. Due to other commitments, the Clubs would only be able to attend to this early in December.]</i> • Transvaal Terrier Club – Championship Show – 8 May 2021. Show Entry Fees were paid into Mr GRP Eva’s Bank Account in error. The Club still owed KUSA the Show Entry Fees amounting to R2 250,00. • Utility Breeds Club of Gauteng – Non-Championship Show – 6 June 2021 – Dj, Ag, Fly Show Returns Form and Show Entry Fees outstanding. <i>[Note: Flyball Team Sheet received.]</i> • North West GSD Club – Non-Championship Show – 20 June 2021 – BH, IGP Show Returns Form and Show Entry Fees outstanding. <i>[Note: The Club undertook to send this by the weekend of 4/5 December]</i> <p>Discussion ensued on the Transvaal Terrier Club’s outstanding Show Entry Fees and it was confirmed that KUSA could not be expected to bear a loss of R2 250,00 as a result of the Club’s error. The Club would presumably have taken the appropriate action of lodging a claim against Mr Eva’s Estate.</p> <p>On a proposal of DS, seconded by YJ, it was decided, unanimously, that the Club should be advised that the amount of R2 250,00 owing and due to KUSA has not been settled and that no Show Licences would be issued in 2022 unless the outstanding Show Entry Fees have been paid.</p> <p>PM enquired whether the penalties for outstanding documentation and payments, waived for the preceding COVID-19 period during which no Shows were held, should be reinstated.</p> <p>Following discussion, on a proposal from LT, seconded by DS, it was decided, unanimously that, with Shows having been held all over the country during 2021, there was no longer a valid reason for a waiver of post-Show penalties. The waiver in respect of pre-Show penalties should, however, provisionally continue.</p> <p>It was directed that Clubs should be informed that the standard penalties would apply to outstanding post-Show documentation and payments with effect from 1 January 2022.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the KUSA Office for its efforts in following up with Clubs on outstanding documentation and payments and appealed to the Provincial Council Chairmen, where appropriate, to continue engaging with Clubs in default.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.6.3	<p>Article 9.2</p> <p><i>Whenever an Affiliated Club’s annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the</i></p>

		<p><i>fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.</i></p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden City Poodle Club (refer to decision to disaffiliate under Item 3.6.1) <p>Northern Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Terrier Club of Gauteng (refer to decision to disaffiliate under Item 3.6.1) <p>Free State & NC (Incl. Namibia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Free State Bull Terrier Club In deference to Article 9.2, on a proposal from CI, seconded by GR, and unanimously supported, the Central Free State Bull Terrier Club was disaffiliated with immediate effect.
	3.7	<p>K9 Admin System Upgrade</p> <p><i>Report to be tabled.</i></p> <p>PM reported on the progress the program developers had made and, unless bedevilled by unforeseen problems, provided Fedco with her projected timelines for the Phase 1 testing to commence prior to implementation. The Phase 2 development was expected to commence immediately after the testing of Phase 1.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8	<p>FCI</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that the dates of the FCI's General Assembly in Madrid clashed with the provisional dates for Fedco 06-2022. She felt that, after a considerable period of non-engagement as a result of COVID-19, it was necessary for her to represent KUSA at the General Assembly and, time and circumstances permitting, also at the World Show. She reminded Fedco that the KUSA budget provided for the attendance of the FCI General Assembly by a KUSA representative.</p> <p>Discussion followed and there was unanimous support for changing the provisional dates for Fedco 06-2022 to selected days between the dates of Thursday, 16 June 2022 (public holiday) to Sunday, 19 June 2022.</p>
	3.8.1	<p>Rhodesian Ridgeback</p> <p><i>Report on developments, if any.</i></p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco of the current status of the FCI Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard. GR commented on the Rhodesian Ridgeback presentation, which KUSA had provided to the FCI and which had subsequently been uploaded to the FCI's website. This had resulted in KUSA receiving permission requests from certain countries to translate the presentation for use in their own Judges' training programmes.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8.2	<p>FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (Fedco 12-2020 item 3.11.2) <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 Discipline/subject in question.</i></p> <p>The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions: Agility – Mr Rob Hall</p>

		<p>Breeding – Clr Ron Jukes Canicross – Mr Kyle Farmer Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman Rally Obedience – Mr Tinus van der Vyver Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard Show Judges – Clr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office Utility Dogs – Mr John Rautenbach Youth – Ms Andria Haskins Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</p> <p>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.</p>
	3.8.3	<p>FCI Executive Director’s COVID-19 Statement dated 7 January 2021 to FCI Americas and Caribbean & Asia, Africa and Oceania Sections – Requirement for the Titles of FCI International Champion (C.I.B & C.I.E) (Fedco 06.2021 Item 3.8.3; Fedco 08.2021 Item 3.2.2)</p> <p><i>Confirmation of the commencement date of the FCI concession was required in order to enable GR to prepare statement for the KUSA website and Facebook page. It was noted that the FCI had confirmed in an email dated 2 August 2021 that the commencement date for the concession was 1 January 2020. There was, however, still confusion around the fact whether FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s® earned prior to the commencement date could be combined with those earned after the commencement date, and whether FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s® earned during the concession period could later be used to supplement those earned after the concession period. The KUSA Statement would be prepared as soon as clarity had been obtained.</i></p> <p>Report-back by KUSA Office.</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that KUSA had eventually obtained the clarification required on attaining International Championship under local Judges during the period that COVID-19 prevented foreign Judges from travelling to South Africa. This enabled the KUSA Office to publish a Statement on 22 October 2021, clarifying the parameters of the concession, destined to remain in effect until the State of National Disaster was rescinded in South Africa.</p> <p>The Chairman said she was aware that SA Agility was seeking a similar concession and that the FCI’s Agility Commission had advised the National Convener, Mr Rob Hall, that application needed to be made to the FCI’s General Committee. She urged the Fedco Portfolio-holder for Agility, Clr Dudley Sparg, to engage with Mr Hall on a possible submission to the General Committee.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
3.9	3.9.1	<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 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</p>

		<p><i>DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials, Trick Dog Test & Property Acquisition</i> Clr DC Sparg <i>Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience</i> 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> Clr L Thornhill <i>Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Canicross, Rally Dog, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media</i> Clr M Vorster <i>Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Finance</i></p> <p>Discussion ensued and the Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated as reflected above.</p> <p>The Chairman said she was aware that Clr NJ du Preez had not been assigned any Fedco Portfolios. The reason for that 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 <i>inter alia</i> 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.</p> <p>Noted and agreed.</p>
	3.9.2	<p>Fedco Portfolio-holders – Guidelines and Responsibilities Internal Office Document drafted and submitted to Fedco for input.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that she has received only one response from a member of Fedco to her initial request and subsequent reminder for comment on the proposed guidelines for Fedco Portfolio-holders. She must therefore assume that, apart from the comments of the one respondent, there were no further suggestions for amendments to the document. Speaking on behalf of the KUSA Office, PM confirmed that there were no concerns about the document from the KUSA Office's point of view.</p> <p>That being the case, the Chairman proposed that the guidelines be adopted by Fedco as a "living document" to be used as a reference and guide to members of Fedco. The proposal was seconded by GR and supported, unanimously.</p>
	3.10	<p>KUSA Office – Relocation</p> <p>The Chairman called on KF to update Fedco on KUSA's relocation.</p> <p>KF said that the magnitude of the project was best explained in pictures and shared a presentation featuring photographs of the various stages of "packing up" 68 Bree Street and preparing the premises for handover once the move had been accomplished. He also included photographs of the new office environment and attested to the staff's re-invigoration by the very different atmosphere to which the following elements contributed: interaction with non-KUSA employees in a shared office space, complementary coffee and tea, open spaces and pause areas and improved security.</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated KF and PM on a remarkable achievement, accomplished well within the budget and requested PM to convey Fedco's thanks to the KUSA staff for their assistance and patience during the move. All present echoed the Chairman's sentiments.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.10.1	<p>KUSA Office – Lease Agreement (Interim) (Fedco 06.2021 item 8.7) <i>Round robin email generated to Fedco on 29 September 2021 and concluded on 30 September 2021. Proposal to grant authorisation for the General Manager to sign the Lease Agreement with the AfricaWorks Group.</i></p>

		<p><i>The Terms and Conditions of the Lease Agreement require that a Primary Member be appointed by the Lessee.</i></p> <p><i>The Primary Member is defined in the Lease Agreement document as “the only Member authorised to make changes to or terminate this agreement and receive or give notice under this agreement.”</i></p> <p><i>The Primary Member is responsible for the adherence to rules and policies by the Members (KUSA Staff) who are authorised to use the leased office space and authorised to receive benefits of membership.</i></p> <p><i>Approved, unanimously.</i></p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by BJ, the appointment of the KUSA General Manager, Pascale Midgley, as “Primary Member” for purposes of signing the KUSA Lease Agreement with the AfricaWorks Group, approved by Fedco round robin, was ratified, unanimously.</p>
	3.10.2	<p>Proposal for the General Manager to be vested with the necessary powers to execute Agreements on behalf of KUSA, instead of having to seek such permission by Fedco round robin every time an agreement binding KUSA required signing</p> <p><i>Proposed by the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p>Motivation: Seeking permission from Fedco by round robin every time an agreement needs to be signed, which has been pre-approved by the Legal Adviser, or by Fedco, was proving a time-consuming procedure and one which caused unnecessary delays in KUSA’s operations. The Legal Adviser had therefore recommended to the KUSA Office to seek Fedco’s approval for the General Manager to be entrusted with the responsibility of signing off on routine agreements and, in the case of agreements that were out of the ordinary, once they have been scrutinised and approved by the Legal Adviser.</p> <p>The Chairman invited NdP to speak to this proposal on behalf of the KUSA Office and he strongly argued for its acceptance in the interest of improved governance of KUSA and saving the unnecessary time wasted on the preparation and monitoring of requests by Fedco round robin. Entering into agreements, normally with suppliers, was a routine part of day-to-day administration in any organisation and it should be entrusted to a senior person on site.</p> <p>PM assured Fedco that she would never commit KUSA to any obligations under an agreement without consulting with members of the Fedco Finance Committee.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by MV, and supported, unanimously, Fedco vested the required powers in the General Manager to enter into routine agreements on behalf of KUSA. It was fully understood by all that any agreements of an extraordinary nature would be subject to consultation with Fedco and scrutiny by the Legal Adviser prior to execution.</p>
	3.10.3	<p>KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan (Fedco 08.2021 Item 3.3)</p> <p><i>The Chairman thanked RJ for his kind offer to assist the KUSA Office with finding suitable permanent premises. She requested RJ to apprise Fedco how he might be able to be of assistance to the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p><i>RJ reported that he had a close friend, who was in charge of a large property company. His friend was involved in dogs and RJ believed he might be prepared to place his professional services at the disposal of KUSA. He would, however, require a brief from the KUSA Office on preferred locations, space requirements, price range, parking needs, etc., before the scouting could commence. Once potential suitable properties have been identified, RJ declared himself prepared to spend some time in Cape Town in order to accompany KF to the various sites with a view to compiling a short-list for Fedco’s consideration. PM said that she and KF had discussed KUSA’s requirements at length, and that KF would be preparing a detailed brief in due course. In identifying suitable locations, they had consulted with the KUSA staff who were reliant on public transport in their commute to the Office. The Chairman appealed to KF to have the brief required by RJ ready by the end of October but, if this was not possible given the upheaval of the move, then by no later than Fedco 12-2021.</i></p>

		<p><i>BJ reminded Fedco that All-breeds Judge, Mrs Liz Raubenheimer, was also a Cape Town-based estate agent and therefore a potentially useful contact. The Chairman thanked BJ for this information and stressed that this was a major step for KUSA and one in which the organisation could not afford to make a poor choice.</i></p> <p>Report-back.</p> <p>KF informed Fedco that he had prepared a basic brief for those who had offered to assist the KUSA Office with its search for suitable property to be purchased in Cape Town. He shared a map of Cape Town and surrounding areas on which he had identified probable locations, although all of them were likely to present their unique challenges with regard to price, safety and accessibility by public transport.</p> <p>MV mentioned that he had lived in Cape Town for many years and believed that he had a good idea of the areas that might work for KUSA and its staff. He thought that, at this early stage, KUSA should be open to considering all options, from a free-standing house with business rights, to space in an office block in a complex. He declared himself willing to become part of the team charged with the investigation of the property acquisition, i.e. RJ, NdP and KF. <i>[Note: Under Item 3.9.1, MV was appointed a Portfolio-holder of Property Acquisition.]</i></p> <p>KF assured MV that he was in full agreement that, initially, all options should be on the table. Once the marketplace had been fully investigated, options could be narrowed down to specific preferences.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.11	<p>Provincial Councils – Dispensation to Extend Date of Acceptance for nominations for Fedco. (Fedco round robin 03.09.2021 – 07.09.2021)</p> <p><i>Round robin email generated on 03 September 2021 and concluded on 07 September 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Dispensation sought to extend the date of Acceptance for Nominations from 31 August 2021 to 15 September 2021 for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Councils of KwaZulu-Natal, Free State & Northern Cape and Eastern Cape & Border.</i> <i>Fedco’s consideration would be greatly appreciated.</i></p> <p>Background: <i>Due to unforeseen circumstances and in order to nominate/elect a new Chairman, an extended time period is required in accordance with the Provincial Council Constitutions Clauses 16.1.4 & 16.1.4.1.</i></p> <p><i>16.1.4: At the Annual General Meeting, the Members of [Acronym of Provincial Council] shall elect</i> <i>16.1.4.1: A Chairman and, in alternate years, a Vice-Chairman, each of whom shall hold office for a period of two (2) years and retire at the close of the second Annual General Meeting following their respective elections, unless re-elected for a further term.</i></p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by LT, the dispensation granted by Fedco round robin for the extension of the deadline for nomination of Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, in the three named Provincial Councils, to 15 September 2021, was ratified, unanimously.</p>
	3.12	<p>3.12.1 Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013</p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that she had been unable to complete her work on a POPIA Policy and anticipated that she would get around to it by mid-March 2022.</p> <p>Deferred. Work in progress.</p>
		<p>3.12.2 Notification to Clubs – from 1 July 2021 only Owners Names to be listed in Show/Events Catalogues in accordance with the requirements under the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) (Fedco 06-2021 item 8.8.2)</p>

		<p>NdP advised that, although the KUSA Official Show Entry Form contained the following statement: “Unless otherwise indicated, I consent to the publication of my contact details in the Show Catalogue and the posting of the Show Catalogue on the KUSA website” and provided for acceptance or rejection by way of two tick-boxes, he thought that KUSA should err on the side of caution and not permit personal information to be published in Clubs’ Show Catalogues, effective 1 July 2021. At present, it was not clear whether a statutory provision could be overridden by the type of consent given in the Official Show Entry Form and, until we had confirmation of that, it was prudent to confine the published information to the Owner’s Name and KUSA Membership No.</p> <p>NdP’s advice was accepted, unanimously. Proposed CI, seconded NdP. Effective immediately.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired whether the manner of dealing with personal information, as confirmed at Fedco 06-2021, ought to be kept in place, pending the completion of the POPIA Policy. NdP responded that, while the POPIA Policy was in gestation, there was no reason to deviate from the previously-agreed practice.</p> <p>PM queried the fate of the catalogues posted on the KUSA website from 2017 to 2019, which still reflected exhibitors’ personal information. The Chairman said she would consult Ms Sandy du Preez of Infosec on the applicability of POPIA to old documentation and revert. NdP was not sure whether the Act was retroactive, but thought it would be prudent to rather remove the old catalogues and archive them.</p> <p>PM said that, if NdP’s suggestion were to be implemented, it would mean removing all catalogues prior to June 2020. CI said that, in her view, this would be inadvisable and, before removing catalogues, we ought to establish the retroactive status of the Act. The Chairman offered to contact Ms Du Preez without delay to seek her advice on the best way for KUSA to proceed.</p> <p>PM cautioned that a number of the Disciplines catalogues submitted to the KUSA Office still contained full information of exhibitors. The consensus was that such catalogues should be returned to their source with a request for the content to be sanitised of all personal information, either by electronic deletion, or simple redaction. The catalogues then needed to be returned to the KUSA Office for posting, or re-posting, on the website.</p> <p>There was general agreement that the Chairman should revert to the KUSA Office with a directive, once she had consulted with Ms Sandy du Preez.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
4		MATTERS ARISING
	4.1	Any Matters Related to the Articles
	4.1.1	<p>Article 16.2.3 – Proposal for a National Rally Dog Sub-Committee to be established.</p> <p>Proposal received via the Western Cape Provincial Council, put forward by the WCPC Rally Dog Sub-Committee on behalf of itself and on behalf of the KZNPC Rally Dog Sub-Committee and the DOGSPC Rally Dog Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Motivation: Rally Dog Standing Sub-Committees have been established under three (3) Provincial Councils and a 4th Sub-Committee with Ad hoc status under the NAPC was set to “convert” to a Standing Sub-Committee at the next meeting of the NAPC, which would allow it to join the Rally Dog National Sub-Committee.</p> <p>The proposal is supported by the following attached documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Rally Dog Sub-Committee By-laws • A letter from the KZNPC Rally Dog Sub-Committee

- Emails from the DOGSPC Rally Dog Sub-Committee and the Chairman of DOGSPC, Mr Gérard Robinson, showing support of the establishment of the new National Rally Dog Sub-Committee.
- The WCPC Chairman, Mrs Lori Thornhill, was also in full support of the establishment of the new National Rally Dog Sub-Committee.

Existing Rally Dog Standing Sub-Committees were as follows:

Western Cape

Robyn Clements, Chairman, KUSA Member 1019940
 Chantal Ross-Germishuys, Vice-Chairman, KUSA Member 1030919
 Britta van der Merwe, Secretary, KUSA Member 1048359
 Marie Sparks, Treasurer, KUSA Member 163540
 Tinus van der Vyver, KUSA Member 173907
 Silvia Stringer, KUSA Member 1021337
 Samantha Kirkbride

KwaZulu-Natal

Edward Sutcliffe, Chairman, KUSA Member 130695
 Fran Hamilton, Secretary, KUSA Member 10298
 Cherry Nel, Treasurer, KUSA Member 169056
 Kathy Drummond, KUSA Member 1007129
 Edith Gallant, KUSA Member 19851
 Debbie Sutcliff, KUSA Member 60975
 Eleanor Gow, KUSA Member 95862
 Tracey Manthey, KUSA Member 128026

DOGSPC (Gauteng)

Helen Ramsay, Chairman, KUSA Member 61116
 Denise Ramsey, Vice-Chairman, KUSA Member 111441
 Sue Woodiwiss, Secretary/Treasurer, KUSA Member 41501

Each Provincial Standing Sub-Committee had nominated its Representative to serve on the National Rally Dog Sub-Committee for a **four-year term**, being:

WCPC - Robyn Clements, KUSA Member 1019940

KZNPC - Edward Sutcliffe, KUSA Member 61116

DOGSPC - Helen Ramsay, KUSA Member 130695

It was proposed that the Rally Dog National Sub-Committee commenced operations under its elected Representatives on 01 January 2022.

The above Representatives of the WCPC, KZNPC and DOGSPC have nominated

Robyn Clements, KUSA Member 1019940

as the National Convener for the Rally Dog Sub-Committee for a **four-year term**.

The Representatives elect of the newly-established National Rally Dog Sub-Committee were awaiting Fedco 12-2021's favourable response to their proposal.

Since Rally Dog was thriving in the Western Cape, the Chairman requested LT to speak to this proposal, which she did with great passion.

PM praised the Convener of the new National Sub-Committee for her efficiency in the swift submission of the required documentation to the KUSA Office. She had also learnt that the NAPC was in the process of establishing a Rally Dog Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Robyn Harflett. They were finalising the By-laws, after which the Sub-Committee, which currently held Ad hoc status, would presumably be approved as a Standing Sub-Committee by the Council.

On a proposal from LT, seconded by MV, the establishment of a National Rally Dog Sub-Committee was **approved, unanimously**, pending receipt of the signed National By-laws by the KUSA Office. Effective 01.01.2022, but may be implemented immediately.

		Given some urgency, Fedco agreed to a waiver of confidentiality on this item and authorised the immediate release of its decision.
4.2		<p>Any Matters Relating to Disciplinary Action – Schedule 1</p> <p>KF apprised Fedco of the current status of disciplinary hearings – those completed and those pending.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued, during which it was brought to Fedco’s attention that disciplinary hearings posed a major imposition on the resources of KUSA and the time of those who contributed their services voluntarily. NdP explained that, although the process contemplated in Schedule 1 was a “hearing by peers”, it nevertheless had to conform to the rules of natural justice which, by implication, involved a burdensome administrative process.</p> <p>Since the cases were so diverse, it was difficult to set down firm guidelines for penalties. Unfortunately, people were inclined to compare penalties in earlier cases with those imposed in more recent cases, which often led to harmful accusations of inconsistency and sometimes severe criticism of KUSA’s disciplinary processes.</p> <p>LT said she believed that guidelines for sanctions were extremely important and offered to prepare a draft of a handbook for discussion with a designated Disciplinary Task Team. The Chairman thanked LT for her kind offer to put her extensive HR experience at the disposal of KUSA.</p> <p>YJ said she had taken cognisance of Fedco’s concerns and would relate them to Exco.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	4.2.1	<p>Mrs P de Coning vs Mrs M McCluskey – Case 2021-01</p> <p>The following complaint was finalised and details circulated to Exco on 07.07.2021 and subsequently notified to the Fedco:</p> <p>The Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) of KUSA considered the complaint lodged against Mrs McCluskey by Mrs De Coning. The hearing, by teleconference, on 1 July 2021, was conducted exclusively on the papers presented by both parties.</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs McCluskey had elected not to enter an appearance at the hearing, but had made an admission to the complaint levelled against her. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the DSC accepted that the admission was made freely and voluntarily and, subsequently, unanimously found Mrs McCluskey guilty of discreditable conduct in breach of Schedule 3 Regulation 37.3 of the KUSA Constitution.</p> <p>The DSC imposed a sentence of a “Reprimand and a Warning” on Mrs McCluskey in terms of Rule 11.1.7 of Schedule 1.</p> <p>No appeal was lodged.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	4.2.2	<p>KUSA vs Mrs D Cronjé – Case 2021-02</p> <p>The following complaint had been finalised and details circulated to Exco on 05.08.2021 and subsequently notified to Fedco:</p> <p>The Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) of KUSA considered the complaint lodged against Mrs Cronjé brought by the KUSA Secretary, Mr Kyle Farmer. The hearing, by teleconference, on 22 July 2021, was conducted exclusively on the papers presented by both parties.</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs Cronjé had elected not to enter an appearance at the hearing itself, but had made an admission to the complaint levelled against her. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the DSC accepted that the admission was made freely and voluntarily and, subsequently, unanimously found</p>

		<p>Mrs Cronjé guilty of discreditable conduct in breach of Schedule 3 Regulation 37.3 of the KUSA Constitution.</p> <p>The DSC imposed a sentence of a Fine in terms of Rule 11.1.6 of Schedule 1, payable to KUSA by 31 August 2021, in the amount of R500; and in terms of Rule 11.1.7 of Schedule 1, a “Reprimand and a Warning”.</p> <p>No appeal was lodged.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	<p>4.2.3</p>	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 1 – Disciplinary Rules</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u>.</p> <p>2. SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT 2.6 a person appointed to officiate or judge or evaluate at a show or event held under a KUSA licence or sanctioned by KUSA, who has violated a condition of a Judge’s or Evaluator’s or other agreement or who has acted in an improper, disgraceful, or discreditable manner during the execution of his or her judging or evaluating assignment;</p> <p>3. WHO MAY LODGE A COMPLAINT 3.4 a person appointed to officiate or judge or evaluate at a show or event held under a KUSA licence or sanctioned by KUSA, and who is not a member of the KUSA but who is contractually bound to adhere to the KUSA Constitution.</p> <p>4. FOUNDATION FOR A COMPLAINT 4.1.1.2 the breeding, registration, recording, transfer of ownership, exhibition and judging or evaluating of dogs; 4.1.1.5 the violation of the conditions of a Judge’s or Evaluator’s contract or other agreement with KUSA or any Club or PC; 4.1.3 any default or omission relating to a matter connected with the registration, recording, transfer of ownership, breeding, entry for a KUSA-licensed Show or event, or exhibition and judging or evaluating of dogs. 4.2.2 unless it contains sworn evidence of clear prejudice to KUSA or its officials or Judges or Evaluators or members or a Club or a PC or as provided for in Schedule 3 Regulation 37 of the KUSA Constitution or that is prejudicial or injurious to the interests of canine affairs. 4.6 No complaint may be made against a Judge or Evaluator who officiated at a KUSA licensed Show or event based on his or her placement of a dog or any award made to any dog during the Show.</p> <p>5. PROCEDURE FOR BRINGING A COMPLAINT 5.1.1 As an affidavit which must set forth the material facts on which the complaint relies, including full particulars of the act, conduct, default or omission alleged against a member, person, Judge or Evaluator, official, Club or PC;</p> <p>11.2 If the Respondent is a person officiating or judging or evaluating at a Show or an event held under KUSA licence, or held in consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.19 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution, or that is sanctioned by KUSA in terms of a valid judging or evaluating contract or by official appointment, one or more of the following penalties, where applicable, may be imposed by the DSC for a complaint with regard to the execution of such an appointment or judging or evaluating contract: 11.2.2 suspension or exclusion from officiating or judging or evaluating at, or having any official connection with, or participating in an official capacity in, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or held consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.20 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution or from acting as an officer of a Club;</p>

		<p>11.2.3 disqualification from judging or evaluating at, or taking part in the management of, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or held consequence of, or in accordance with, the provisions of Article 3.20 and/or Article 22 of the KUSA Constitution;</p> <p>Motivation: Both Trick Dog and Canine Good Citizen use the term “Evaluator” rather than “Judge” as these classes are designed to pass a dog following an assessment of their performance. Being non-competitive classes, the dogs are not placed 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd. Similarly, dogs are not “judged” in the ring but rather “evaluated”.</p> <p>The proposed changes are to reflect the use of this term in both tests.</p> <p>On a proposal by RJ, seconded by YJ, the above changes to Schedule 1 were approved, unanimously, subject to the backslash being substituted with “or” as indicated in red. Effective 01.04.2022</p>
4.3		<p>Any Matters Related to the Registration of Dogs – Schedule 2</p>
	4.3.1	<p>Breed Health – Advanced Registration Certificate/Enhanced Registration Certificate (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.3; Fedco 12-2020 item 4.3.1; Fedco 06-2021 item 4.3.1)</p> <p><i>In principle, Fedco unanimously supported the motivation for the provisionally-termed “Enhanced Registration”. In consequence, the Health Task Teams were requested to explore nomenclature possibilities for this type of Registration which acknowledged and rewarded Health Testing. While the implementation date was still under review, the Health Task Team was requested to work closely with the KUSA Office on the development of the new Certificate and the manner in which the data would be managed. The provisions of the POPIA also needed to be taken into consideration.</i></p> <p>Proposal carried. <i>Proposed CI, seconded GM. (This decision ties in with Items 4.3.2 & 4.3.4 below.)</i></p> <p>In advance of the Fedco 12-2021, on 11 November 2021, the Chairman had called a meeting with the various Health Portfolio-holders, serving on the respective Health Task Teams - JH, RJ, CI, RT & BJ – and also invited the Vice-Chairman of Fedco, GR, to attend as a guest. During the discussion, the validity of the intention to offer breeders and owners an “Enhanced Registration Certificate” as an incentive for Health testing was confirmed, but it was concluded that the upgrade of the K9 Admin System needed to be at a stage of development where it was receptive to the criteria for an Enhanced Registration Certificate to be captured for verification purposes.</p> <p>A major stumbling block was the manner in which the various laboratories named/coded their tests. The naming and/or coding conventions varied from laboratory to laboratory, which would ultimately necessitate the engagement of the services of a sufficiently qualified person, probably on a contract basis, to analyse and interpret the various laboratories’ test results in order to capture them accurately against the testing criteria adopted by KUSA.</p> <p>In view of the above, the attendees at the meeting accepted that it would be near-impossible to administer a reward system for health testing before KUSA’s new admin system was up and running. A further complicating factor was the fact that, unless the health test results of dogs were made public on the KUSA website, there would be little point in pursuing the stated objective of an incentivised Enhanced Registration Certificate. As initially conceived, transparency was one of the key conditions for introducing an Enhanced Registration Certificate and this has not changed.</p> <p>The Health Task Teams further concluded that there needed to be closer cooperation between the KUSA Office and Task Team members on the K9 Admin System’s developmental targets and roll-out timelines. In the interim, the KUSA Office needed to explore a solution to the problem around interpretation of the various laboratories’ results, so that the necessary preparatory work could be done ahead of the new admin system going live.</p>

		<p>PM did not foresee any problem in giving effect to the Task Teams' expectations, because the manner of recording health test results was already an established part of KUSA's operations. The development that would be required would be the creation of an interface between the K9 Admin System and the KUSA website for placing the results in the public domain.</p> <p>Given the uncertainties alluded to above, it was deemed advisable by all involved in the Task Teams that this item should be removed from future Fedco Agendas and, instead, be confined to the pre-Fedco Informal Discussions. This manner of reporting should persist until there was meaningful progress to be reported to Fedco, in which case the item would revert to the Fedco Agenda.</p> <p>Noted. Work in progress.</p>
	4.3.2	<p>Breed Health - Genetic Health Testing (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.9; Fedco 06-2021 item 4.3.4)</p> <p>At the meeting of the Health Task Teams on 11 November 2021, the view was expressed that progress with Genetic Health Testing also hinged on the KUSA Office's capacity to accommodate the tests recommended for various breeds on a dedicated section of the website, where the information could be available to the public at large. Potential puppy buyers were likely to find this information useful, insofar as it would enable them to establish from breeders to what extent their dogs had been genetically tested for various hereditary ailments in order to make informed decisions on puppy purchases.</p> <p>Needless to say, the recommended testing for particular breeds featured on the KUSA website would always be living documents, since the breed clubs and, in some cases, breeders, would remain at liberty to recommend new tests for the Task Team's consideration. The same applied to the shuffling of priorities in accordance with international trends, or in cognisance of the tests that were available through local laboratories.</p> <p>The view of the Task Team was that, until such time as it was expedient for KUSA to host recommended genetic testing for select breeds on its website, there was little the Task Team could do at present, save as to appeal to the various contributors to continue updating and refining their testing recommendations for reporting progress at the Fedco Informal Discussions. Issues considered by the Task Team to require formal consideration by Fedco would obviously be requested to be promoted to the Fedco Agenda.</p> <p>Noted. Work in progress.</p>
	4.3.3	<p>Breed Health Update – BOAS (Fedco 12-2019 item 9.8; Fedco 06.2020 item 8.3; Fedco 06-2021 item 4.3.5)</p> <p>Invited by the Chairman to address Fedco on BOAS, LT stressed the importance of the FCI's BOAS Podcast under the title <i>Brachy Breeds and BOAS: Seeing Beyond the Nose</i>. She informed the meeting that she had used this informative Podcast and other resources to compile a brief PowerPoint presentation on what she considered to be the way forward for KUSA on BOAS testing, and the marketing strategy associated therewith. The Chairman invited KF to screen-share LT's presentation to enable her to guide the members of Fedco through the various slides.</p> <p>LT stressed the importance of learning from the effective campaign conducted in Norway and the sound advice offered by the Podcast's panel of experts on how to effectively address the problem which, in essence, boiled down to "not throwing the baby out with the bathwater", in other words, not banishing affected dogs from the gene pool. In explaining her proposed marketing strategy, LT expressed her intention to reach as many people as possible by way of a "mass campaign" and to set the timelines for running a webinar, probably as early as January next year, to publicise the introduction of BOAS testing.</p> <p>On conclusion of her presentation, LT expressed the view that the BOAS Task Team should be given the latitude to continue with its consultations and research and only revert to Fedco when there was a significant development to report, or an important recommendation to be made.</p>

The Chairman thanked LT for distilling the information garnered into such a clear and succinct presentation and for sharing it with Fedco. She wished her and the Task Team the very best for the roll-out of the publicity campaign.

In the course of the presentation, LT had mentioned that KUSA had recently written to The Kennel Club to request a virtual meeting with those involved in the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS) in the UK, as had been proposed by The Kennel Club some months earlier. PM confirmed that the KUSA Office had received a reply from Ms Fern McDonnell, Health Scheme Manager, Canine Health & Welfare at The Kennel Club, offering a meeting slot on **Thursday, 25 November 2021, at 15.30**.

The meeting was confirmed and attended by a KUSA delegation comprised of JH, GR, PM & KF. Unfortunately, LT was unable to attend due to work commitments, but had requested the meeting to be recorded for her.

The KUSA delegation was warmly welcomed by Mr Bill Lambert, Head of Canine Health & Welfare at The Kennel Club, along with a delegation from the Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana (ENCI) (Italian Kennel Club) - Mr Stefano Paulo Marelli, accompanied by two geneticists in the employ of the ENCI. Mr Lambert also introduced the main speaker, the Chief Assessor of the RFGS, Dr Jane Ladlow.

Dr Ladlow had prepared an excellent presentation, which not only graphically explained her research and findings, but also audiovisually illustrated what might be observed and heard at Grades 2 & 3 of BOAS. Ms Fern McDonnell explained the implementation and roll-out of the RFGS in the UK and the manner in which the results were aggregated and recorded by The Kennel Club.

Ample time was permitted for questions and Dr Ladlow, Mr Lambert and Ms McDonnell fielded the two delegations' questions, particularly on how the RFGS might be implemented in their respective countries - Italy being within easy travelling distance from the UK for face-to-face encounters, and South Africa being too remote for face-to-face training sessions, and certainly not at short notice. Issues like the possibility of the ENCI and KUSA partnering with universities in their respective countries were also briefly explored.

It was agreed that the two delegations should revert to The Kennel Club with further questions once they've had an opportunity to discuss the RFGS at board level and explored their respective NCOs' implementation options.

Fedco considered the KUSA delegation's report-back and the fact that the Chief Scrutineer identified for South Africa should ideally undergo face-to-face training in the UK, after which he/she would be expected to train selected veterinary practitioners in certain main centres. The desirability of the Chief Scrutineer not only being independent, i.e. not attached to an NCO, or in private practice, but also employed by a University with a Veterinary Science Faculty, was noted. It was felt that the University of Pretoria's Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, with its long and proud tradition of veterinary research on the African continent, would be an eminently fitting environment for a Chief Scrutineer.

CI offered to contact Prof Martin Schulman, Specialist in Veterinary Reproduction at Onderstepoort, to establish whether he had any recommendations for a potential Chief Scrutineer. NdP thought we should also consider people like Dr Roy Williams, a Senior Researcher for the Agricultural Research Centre, based at Onderstepoort, who was involved with Mervander Bulldogs. He also mentioned Prof Koos Coetzer, retired from Onderstepoort, who might be able to advise and assist.

Regarding funding for the training of the Chief Scrutineer, which would involve travel to the UK or, otherwise, Dr Ladlow's travel to South Africa, it was hoped that Onderstepoort might be able to provide research funding. If this were not possible, KUSA might be able to approach the DALRRD for a research grant.

PM said she presumed it was still the intention for this initiative to be driven by the various French Bulldog and Bulldog Clubs. CI responded that she feared that, without KUSA taking the lead, BOAS testing would be unlikely to gain traction in South Africa.

		<p>The Chairman said that, as she recalled from LT's earlier PowerPoint presentation, the involvement of Clubs and breeders, from as early as January 2022 was pivotal. NdP added that, speaking for the French Bulldog Club in the NAPC and the one in the WCPC, they were "waiting with bated breath for this process to unfold" as they were fully committed to be part of it.</p> <p>The Chairman invited the other Federal Councillors, in turn, to comment and their responses were universally in favour of proceeding as mooted by those who had attended the meeting with The Kennel Club officials.</p> <p>Noted. Work in progress.</p> <p><i>Brachy Breeds and BOAS: Seeing beyond the nose. (FCI Podcast) link</i> Brachy Breeds and BOAS: Seeing beyond the nose - The FCI Podcast - YouTube</p>
	<p>4.3.4</p>	<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2; Fedco 06-2021 item 4.3.6)</p> <p>The Chairman reported that she had it on reliable authority that Dr Kurt De Cramer was eager to meet with a KUSA delegation, but would find it difficult to accommodate a face-to-face meeting. Instead, he had suggested that the parties assembled on Zoom and his PA had since reverted with the date and time of Monday, 22 November 2021 at 19.00.</p> <p>What the Chairman termed an "exploratory meeting", the attendance was limited to JH, GR, NdP, PM, KF and Neil Perkins, Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council, who had kindly offered to host the meeting on Zoom.</p> <p>In general, Dr De Cramer made the point that South Africa needed to be guided by international best practice and should not try to reinvent the wheel. The "big boys" in developed countries had done exceptional work and achieved remarkable progress towards preferred practices and South Africa would be well-advised to take its cue from the research already done and practices hitherto instituted. Apart from being the most sensible approach, there were considerable cost-savings in piggy-backing on the knowledge and experience gained around the world.</p> <p>Dr De Cramer indicated that he believed he had sufficient knowledge of the SAVA/KUSA HD/ED Scheme to permit himself three questions about the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was South Africa the only country in the world insisting on two X-ray views, a frog leg lateral view and an extended view? • Regarding the Appeal Process, why was an "open system" preferred above a "blind system", in other words, why should the second scrutineer have sight of the first scrutineer's results prior to making his own finding? • Why make use of a single scrutineer in the Appeal Process, instead of a panel of scrutineers, in order to gain a consensus opinion? <p>In addition, Dr De Cramer appealed for consensus on the age giant breeds' hips and elbows should be X-rayed. He acknowledged that there were differences of opinion on this but, in his view, the body of opinion that made the most sense was for the initial screening to be done at twelve (12) months of age.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around possible ways forward for KUSA. Further discussion and consultation were necessary with all parties in order for the Federal Council to come to an informed decision. Dr De Cramer reminded the attendants of the key words to achieving meaningful participation – "simple, cheap, effective". It was important for KUSA to regulate in such a way as to encourage members' participation in health schemes, and not to send them underground, or to no-questions-asked "registries".</p> <p>Dr De Cramer's view was sought on whether HD/ED results, when received by KUSA, should be reflected on the face of a dog's Registration Certificate, or on the annexed Health Certificate.</p>

		<p>Dr De Cramer said that, in an ideal world, it would be great if this information could be overtly part of the Registration Certificate but, sadly, it has been found that such an “open access” system one, victimised and stigmatised people who participated, and, two, advantaged those who didn’t. Forcing people to accept that their dogs’ hip and elbow scores would be recorded on the face of the primary Registration Certificate was a sure way of discouraging mass participation in HD/ED scrutiny. The recording system of HD/ED results should be flexible and be left to the discretion of the owner, in other words, KUSA would be advised to record them overtly on the Registration Certificate for those who so chose, and on the annexed Health Certificate for those preferring this alternative.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Dr De Cramer for his frank observations and valued insight and stated KUSA’s intentions to re-engage with him once the Federal Council had considered his views.</p> <p>CI enquired whether the possibility of a second set of X-rays being used in the Appeal Process had been raised with Dr De Cramer. NdP said, from his recollection, Dr de Cramer had declared himself in favour of a second set of x-rays, and their examination by an independent foreign panel, as a possible solution to the problem. He mentioned the British Veterinary Association and some of the other reputable associations around the world who did this as part of their normal business. His thinking around this was that, before a person lodged an appeal, the person should be granted the opportunity to obtain a second opinion abroad and lodge it as part of his appeal with the panel of Scrutineers.</p> <p>PM reminded Fedco that the current KUSA/SAVA HD/ED Scheme did permit for a second set of X-rays to be petitioned by the Scrutineer at the “second appeal” stage. There was no doubt that the quality of the X-rays played an important part in the accuracy of assessment.</p> <p>CI made the point that serious breeders obtaining a poor result under the KUSA/SAVA HD/ED Scheme tended to seek a second opinion overseas with fresh X-rays.</p> <p>RJ enquired whether results obtained overseas were recorded by KUSA. PM informed him that, unless these results pertained to one of the seven breeds for which HD/ED screening was mandatory for purposes of breeding, foreign results were recorded on dogs’ annexed Health Certificates, and that this had been the case since 2013. For the seven breeds in question, KUSA only recorded results obtained under the KUSA/SAVA HD/ED Scheme.</p> <p>The Chairman declared her intention to assemble a KUSA delegation to meet with the SAVA representatives in January 2022 to discuss the way forward.</p> <p>Noted. Work in progress.</p>
	<p>4.3.5</p>	<p>FCI Hip Dysplasia Seminar, Copenhagen, 24 - 25.05.2022</p> <p>The FCI had notified all FCI Members and Contract Partners of a meeting for actively serving Hip Dysplasia Panellists to be held in Copenhagen on 24 & 25 May 2022, hosted by the Danish Kennel Club. KUSA was requested to forward the information to Hip Dysplasia Panellists/Scrutineers providing such services to KUSA.</p> <p>It was noted that this meeting was a follow-up on the FCI Hip Dysplasia Conference held in Copenhagen in 2006. The aim of the scheduled meeting was to harmonise and validate the evaluation and scoring of Hip Dysplasia radiographs within the FCI countries. The programme would comprise a mixture of lectures and film-reading workshops, but further details were expected to follow in due course.</p> <p>Approved Panellists/Scrutinisers of Hip Dysplasia from each of the FCI National Canine Organisations would be welcome to participate. The meeting was not intended as a training session for prospective Panellists/Scrutineers.</p> <p>Feedback required.</p>

		<p>PM said that she had sent the information to the Head Scrutineer, Dr Sheryl van Staden and also copied Dr Jono Savadier who was currently in charge of the KUSA/SAVA HD/ED Scheme. Dr Savadier acknowledged receipt, whereas Dr Van Staden reverted with an enquiry on the possibility of virtual participation and whether she should enquire directly, or whether KUSA should enquire on her behalf. PM sent an email to the organisers which has not, as yet, elicited a response. PM said that, since registrations only closed on 20 February 2022, the organisers were probably hedging their bets to first assess the face-to face uptake.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
4.4		<p>Breed Standards Committee (BSC)</p> <p>List of Breed Standards amended/revised under KUSA's Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards. To be tabled.</p> <p><i>List of Breed Standards amended/revised under the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards to be tabled.</i></p> <p>It was noted that changes to the following Breed Standards had been approved by the Breed Standards Committee in accordance with the KUSA Protocol:</p> <p>Hound Group Dachshund (UK) Inclusive of its six (6) varieties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dachshund (Long-haired) • Dachshund (Miniature Long-haired) • Dachshund (Smooth-haired) • Dachshund Miniature Smooth-haired) • Dachshund (Wire-haired) • Dachshund (Miniature Wire-haired) <p>Utility Group Peruvian Hairless Dog (FCI) Inclusive of its three (3) varieties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small) • Peruvian Hairless Dog (Medium) • Peruvian Hairless Dog (Large) <p>Herding Group Maremma and the Abruzzes Sheepdog (FCI)</p> <p>Gundog Group Field Spaniel (FCI)</p> <p>Working Group Siberian Husky (FCI)</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2022 GR advised Fedco that the changes would be advised to the KUSA membership in the customary manner.</p> <p>The Chairman urged the members of the Federal Council to watch the podcast featuring the FCI's President of the Breed Standards Commission, Mr Jorge Nallem, in an interview with Mr Gopi Krishnan. This formed part of the <i>Inside the FCI</i> series of podcasts available on YouTube.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

4.5		Any Matters Relating to Shows & Schedule 3 – Regulations for Championship Shows
	4.5.1	<p>Schedule 3 – Regulation 42 - Champion Dogs – Regulation 42.1.1.1</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>LT 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.</p> <p>NdP and LT apologised for not having had an opportunity to engage with this issue and requested a deferment.</p> <p>There were no objections and the matter was deferred to Fedco 06-2022.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
	4.5.2	<p>Schedule 3 Regulation 31.3 – Regulations for Championship Shows (The grounds for objection to a dog and immediate disqualification of such dog in terms of this Regulation.)</p> <p>Proposed change to Regulation 31.3.14, as read with Regulation 31.3, submitted by the NAPC.</p> <p>Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>31.3 The grounds of objection made to a dog and immediate disqualification of such dog in terms of this Regulation shall be any one or more of the following:</p> <p>31.3.14 that it has been entered and/or exhibited at a Show when it is registered or recorded as owned by an officiating Judge within a period of twelve (12) four (4) months prior to the Show, when said officiating Judge is scheduled to judge any Class or Competition to which the dog may gain admission through its entry, except in the case of a dog owned by the officiating Judge appointed in an emergency, in which case the disqualification of the dog will be automatic without any liability incurred by the emergency-appointed Judge.</p> <p>Motivation: It has been brought to the attention of the NAPC that the intention of Schedule 3 Regulation 31.3.14, read with Regulation 31.3, was not entirely clear and that the period of twelve (12) months imposed by this Regulation was too restrictive and hampered the showing of dogs registered or recorded as owned by an officiating Judge for a much too extensive period than deemed reasonable.</p>

		<p>First, as currently framed, the applicable Regulation contemplated that no dog previously owned by a Judge, may be shown at a show where the Judge was officiating, unless twelve (12) months had lapsed since the dog was transferred to its new owner. This restriction made no sense, because if the dog were not scheduled to be shown under his previous owner in the Group Classes at a particular Show, even though his previous owner was an officiating Judge at the Show, it held no danger or prejudice for other exhibitors and there was no danger of an undue advantage to the dog and its new owner(s). If, however, the previous owner was also the scheduled officiating Judge for the Show's final Competitions (Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and any scheduled Best Class in Show), the dog needed to be precluded from entering and exhibiting at the Show within the restricted period.</p> <p>Second, the period of twelve (12) months before a dog may be shown under its previous owner was unreasonably long. Group and All-breeds Judges were permitted to Judge the same Groups or Best in Show every three (3) months, potentially allowing them to reward the same dogs four (4) times within a period of twelve (12) months! It was therefore proposed that a maximum period of four (4) months was more than sufficient to allow a previous owner-Judge to judge such dogs with integrity and objectivity.</p> <p>With the ever-diminishing number of exhibits at Shows, there was a compelling need to accommodate as many exhibitors as possible at KUSA Shows. Regulations such as 31.3.14 were unnecessarily restrictive and not only impacted negatively on entries, but also seemed to draw into question the integrity and objectivity of our Judges.</p> <p>After NdP had motivated the proposal, the Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Various views were aired and the possible misconception that adherence to the proposed Regulation could be achieved by a "lap of honour" was firmly refuted by GR and NdP.</p> <p>Since there were dissenting views expressed, the Chairman called for a proposer and seconder as a precursor to a possible vote. The acceptance of the proposal was proposed by NdP, seconded by CI.</p> <p>On a vote, the proposal carried with one (1) objection and one (1) abstention. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	<p>4.5.3</p>	<p>Proposed changes to Schedule 3 – Regulations for Championship Shows</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2. Every application for a licence to hold a Championship Show shall be made not less than six (6) calendar months for Shows held from 1 January 2003 before the proposed date, on an official Kennel Union form, signed on behalf of the applicant Club by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall give their full addresses, setting out the information required therein, and such application shall be accompanied by the draft schedule of the Show, a letter of acceptance from each prospective Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> and the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 7.</p> <p>5.15.3 where letters of acceptance received are for persons who are not qualified to judge/<u>evaluate</u> the breeds/groups/events for which they contract themselves, such clubs shall pay a penalty as specified for:</p> <p>5.15.5 each Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> whose letter of acceptance is not enclosed with the Draft Schedule, and/or</p> <p>5.15.6 each Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> who is not qualified to judge/<u>evaluate</u> the breeds/groups/events for which he contracts himself.</p> <p>7.10.1 A Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> may not enter a dog registered in his ownership in the same discipline on the same day at the same venue as he is officiating, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club. Automatic disqualification of the dog(s) will apply and the Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 1.</p> <p>7.10.2 A Judge/<u>Evaluator</u> may not handle a dog in any discipline, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club on the same day at the same venue, as he/she is</p>

officiating. Automatic disqualification of the dog(s) will apply and the Judge/Evaluator will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 1

7.11 No Ring Steward may handle a dog on the same day as he/she is officiating before a Judge/Evaluator for whom he was stewarding unless requested by the Judge/Evaluator to exhibit the entry. Automatic disqualification of the dog(s) will apply and the Ring Steward will be liable for disciplinary action under Schedule 1

9. HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CLASSES

9.1 Whenever competition is subject to compliance with a height limit, the Show Committee shall provide a properly constructed measuring stick or alternative measuring device. Whenever a Judge/Evaluator calls for a measurement to be taken, the exhibit shall be measured by the Judge/Evaluator while it is standing on a firm, level surface within the show ring. If the exhibit fails to comply with the height limitation to which it is subject, the Judge/Evaluator shall mark his/her judging/evaluating sheets accordingly and taking into consideration the requirements of the Breed Standard, make such award as he/she thinks proper. Failure to comply with the height limit shall not disqualify a dog nor render it ineligible for further competition except where specified in the Breed Standard. In the case of dispute, the decision of the Judge/Evaluator shall be final.

13.2 to examine and report upon any dog during the Show at the request of the Judge/Evaluator or the Show Committee or its authorised Show Manager; or

16.1 No dog shall be allowed in the judging/evaluating ring unless it is being judged/evaluated or the exhibitor has been instructed to retain the dog in the ring pending judging of a subsequent class.

16.2 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead or benching chain unless required by the Judge/Evaluator.

16.4 No exhibitor shall allow the dog he is exhibiting to be deliberately and improperly attracted from outside the ring whilst such dog is within the ring to be judged/evaluated.

16.5 No dog shall be allowed into the judging/evaluating ring after having been called three (3) times by the Ring Steward and marked absent.

18.2.1 when the Judge/Evaluator listed in the Schedule is changed; or

18.2.2 when a dog's Owner or its Authorised Agent deems it necessary due to the dog's illness, injury or other legitimate reason, and in either of the above eventualities, the dog shall be marked as ABSENT on the Judge's/Evaluator's and Ring Steward's Sheets.

18.3 Once a dog has entered the ring with the intention to be exhibited, it shall for purposes of these Regulations be deemed as having been exhibited and may not leave the ring before completion of the judging/evaluating of that Class unless

18.3.1 the dog is excused or dismissed by the Judge/Evaluator for any reason whatsoever; or

18.4 When a dog is excused or dismissed by the Judge/Evaluator, the Judge's/Evaluator's and Ring Steward's Sheets shall be marked accordingly, e.g. DISMISSED/EXCUSED – LAMENESS, DISMISSED/EXCUSED – AGGRESSION, etc.

18.5 When a dog is withdrawn by the handler for any reason, the handler must inform the Ring Steward, after which the dog shall be marked as WITHDRAWN on the Judge's/Evaluator's and Ring Steward's Sheets.

18.6 If a dog's withdrawal from further competition is forced by an emergency, domestic or otherwise, formal permission shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Show Manager, once he is satisfied that sufficient cause has been shown why the dog should be withdrawn from further competition, after which the dog shall be marked as WITHDRAWN on the Judges'/Evaluators' and Ring Stewards' Sheets for the Class, Challenge or Competition from which the dog has been withdrawn.

19.1 All dogs exhibited shall be judged/evaluated in suitable rings and all judging/evaluating shall take place in public.

19.2 The Show Committee shall provide each Judge/Evaluator with Judges'/Evaluators' Sheets in which the breed, class and exhibits' numbers only are entered

19.3 Every Ring Steward and ring clerk shall be provided with a steward's sheet similar in content to the Judge's/Evaluator's Sheets and no Show catalogue shall be permitted within any judging/evaluating ring.

19.4 After the Judge/Evaluator has made his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4 the Ring Steward will note the awards and announce them.

19.5 Any alteration made and initialled by the Judge/**Evaluator** in the Judge's/**Evaluator's** Sheets shall be carried on to the office with other copies of Judge's/**Evaluator's** Sheets.

19.6 In the event of a Judge/**Evaluator** making a report on any exhibit that has been improperly tampered with, is blind, deaf or suffering from contagious or infectious disease, the Show Secretary, shall cause such exhibit to be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and submit the facts of the case to the Show Committee, which shall then act in terms of Schedule 3 Regulation 31.

19.7 Save and except for the necessary entry by any official of the show, and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair-bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging/**evaluation** shall be the Officiating Judge(s), **Evaluator(s)**, Learner Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary and the handlers of the exhibits being judged/**evaluated**.

19.8 If a dog attacks a Judge/**Evaluator** or shows aggression towards a Judge/**Evaluator**, it must be immediately excused from the Ring and the Judge/**Evaluator** must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Regulation 14.

20. APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF JUDGES/EVALUATORS

20.1 An Affiliated Club shall have unrestricted discretion to appoint its Judges/**Evaluators** who shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members of the Kennel Union in good standing, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment, subject to:

20.1.1 The Executive Committee's approval for every Judge/**Evaluator** elect shall be obtained in writing not less than six (6) months before the date of the show at which time the Secretary may notify the Club of any restriction imposed upon such Judge/**Evaluator** elect and any disqualification or suspension affecting the Federal Council's approval of appointment.

20.1.2 In the case of a Judge/**Evaluator** elect residing outside the jurisdiction of the Kennel Union, application for approval of appointment shall be made to the Executive Committee of not less than nine (9) months before the date of the Show.

20.2 Notwithstanding the provision of Sub-Regulation 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 the Executive Committee may give special dispensation in cases of emergency, such as illness, or a Judge's/**Evaluator's** inability to travel, and the approval required under Regulations 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 thereof may be applied for within the periods stipulated.

20.3 In the event of a Judge/**Evaluator**, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge/**evaluate**, he/she shall be required to give his reasons in writing within 7 days to the Club Committee with whom he has been contracted and if such reason is considered to be unsatisfactory or if no such reason is submitted, the Club Committee shall request the Club Secretary or any other appointed member of the Club who is a member of the KUSA to submit a complaint to the KUSA in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution.

20.4 Making its arrangements in such a manner that no Judge/**Evaluator** shall be required to judge/**evaluate** more than approximately 175 exhibits during any one day or not more than approximately twenty-five (25) dogs per hour.

31.3.6 that it has been improperly prepared for exhibition in contravention of Regulation 38. Any contravention of this Regulation must be dealt with by the officiating Judge/**Evaluator** at his discretion.

31.3.14 that it has been registered or recorded as owned by an officiating Judge/**Evaluator** within a period of twelve (12) months prior to the Show, except in the case of a dog owned by the officiating Judge/**Evaluator** appointed in an emergency, in which case the disqualification of the dog will be automatic without any liability incurred by the emergency-appointed Judge/**Evaluator**.

33.1 If a dog is entered in a class for which it is ineligible and it is not withdrawn from competition therein, or rectified by the Show Office before such class is judged/**evaluated**, such dog shall be disqualified and the exhibitor may be fined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

34. JUDGES/EVALUATORS

34.1 The Executive Committee or the appropriate Standing Sub-Committee shall be empowered to approve the appointment of all Judges/**Evaluators** at all recognised Shows at which Kennel Union awards are offered for competition and no Judge/**Evaluator** shall officiate at any such Show unless he has been approved by the Executive Committee.

34.2 The Executive Committee shall maintain panels of Judges/**Evaluators** approved to award

Challenge Certificates for Breed, Qualifying Certificates for Obedience Classes, Working Trials, Field Trials, **Companion Events**, and such other Certificates which may be awarded in terms of any Schedule forming part of this Constitution.

34.3 Before any person is approved to award any Certificate or award, the Executive Committee shall have regard to his knowledge and experience as a breeder, exhibitor and Judge/**Evaluator** and may call for such information as may be required to assess such knowledge and experience. In every assessment made the Executive Committee shall take into consideration such evaluations as may have been submitted in terms of the relative Schedules to this Constitution.

34.5 All locally domiciled Judges/**Evaluator** shall be members in good standing of the Kennel Union and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging/**evaluating** qualification commence, and/or any judging/**evaluating** is undertaken.

35. RING NUMBERS

35.1 Every exhibitor or handler shall wear a distinctive number, the digits of which shall be not less than 2.5 cm in height, to identify each dog exhibited in the Judging/**Evaluating** Ring. The dog's number shall be allocated and issued by the Show Secretary.

35.2 When in the Judging/**Evaluating** Ring, no exhibitor, handler or dog shall wear or exhibit any rosette, award, name, Kennel name or other device which may identify or advertise the dog or its kennel save and except winners of Best of Breed rosettes may wear these when in the ring for Group judging and winners for Best of Group rosettes may wear these, but not additional to Best of Breed rosettes, when in the ring for Best in Show judging. Such rosettes shall bear ONLY the nature of the award and the name of the Show holding Club and sponsor, if any.

37.2 Without limiting the extent and meaning thereof, fraudulent conduct shall include, *inter alia*, the exhibition of dogs under the name or registration number of another dog, and any arrangement proposed, suggested, offered or entered into with a Judge/**Evaluator** to influence or intended to influence his placing or awards.

37.3 Without limiting the extent and meaning thereof, discreditable conduct shall include *inter alia* wilfully, by word or letter, attempting to influence exhibitors to boycott a Show, wilfully speaking to or treating a Judge/**Evaluator** or any Show Official in a disrespectful or contemptuous manner, wilfully permitting his exhibit to be improperly attracted from outside the Judging/**Evaluating** Ring whilst within the ring to be judged/**evaluated**; failing to pay entry fees or other dues in respect of the Show; wilfully acting or behaving in opposition to these Regulations; making any false declaration upon his Show entry form; failing to comply with any request properly made by a Show Official; any act of cruelty to or neglect of a dog; any disorderly or unseemly conduct at or within the precincts of a Show; making insulting or disparaging remarks of and about any dog, Exhibitor, handler, Show Official, Judge, **Evaluator** or KUSA Representative at a Show.

37.4 Upon receipt of every report made in terms of Sub-Regulation 37.1 hereof, the Secretary shall transmit the papers to the Sub-Committee of Inquiry and they shall thereupon be dealt with as a complaint made in terms of Disciplinary Rule 2 (Schedule 1) and all the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) shall apply. The complaint deposit shall be waived if the matter concerns discreditable conduct towards a Judge, **Evaluator**, Ring Steward or Show Manager at a KUSA-licensed event.

42.15 Trick Dog Champion

The Federal Council or the Executive Committee shall award:

42.15.1 The title of Trick Dog Champion and a KUSA Certificate to any dog that has achieved a passing evaluation. The performance must be evaluated by two (2) Evaluators.

42.16^[45] Additional Qualifications for Championship Status

The Breeds concerned to be published in the official Kennel Union Journal, from time to time, subject to a resolution of the Executive Committee and the additional qualifications agreed by a Breed Council, will become effective under the provisions of Article 40 in respect of amendments to the Articles of the Constitution.

42.16.1 [42.15.4] German Shepherd Dogs

42.16.1.1 [42.16.1.4] Only one (1) Challenge Certificate gained before the age of eighteen (18) months to count

and the remaining points to be gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.16.1.2 [42.15.1.2] Achieved a grading of "V" (excellent) awarded at a KUSA Licensed Breed Show"

42.16.1.3 [42.15.1.3] Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification,

attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia at the minimum age of 12 months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2.

42.16.3 [42.15.2] **Rottweilers**

42.16.2.1 [42.15.2.1] Only one (1) Challenge Certificate gained before the age of eighteen (18) months to count and the remaining points to be gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.16.2.2 [42.15.2.2] Achieved at least two (2) gradings of "V" (excellent) from a Specialist Rottweiler Judge. The V gradings must be obtained by two (2) different Specialist Rottweiler judges. At least one (1) V grading should be obtained after the age of twenty-four (24) months.

42.16.2.3 [42.15.2.3] Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification, attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia at the minimum age of eighteen (18) months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2. There are currently no restrictions on the elbow scores.

42.16.2.4 [42.15.2.4] The dog has been assessed by a qualified Breed Surveyor. (Note - the Breed Assessment does not include a fighting spirit and courage test).

42.16.3 [42.15.3] **Boerboel**

42.16.3.1 [42.15.3.1] In addition to the requirements as laid down in Regulation 42.1.1 to 42.1.3 (Champion dogs, Breed) an exhibit must have successfully completed a Breed & Character (Temperament) Assessment by a qualified Assessor with an "Excellent 85%+ rating.

42.17 [42.16] **Multiple Champion (M.CH)**

The title M.CH may be recorded on the Certificate of Registration as a Prefix to the registered name of a dog that has been awarded the title of Champion in more than two (2) foreign countries.

44.2 The Show Committee shall be entitled to cancel or postpone a Show in advance of the Show taking place for any cause other than force majeure, such as strife within the Committee, cancellations of Judges/**Evaluators**, unavailability of the venue, etc. Exhibitors who have already submitted their Show Entry Forms and Show Entry Fees for the Show, shall be informed of the cancellation/postponement without delay and be advised of the expeditious procedure for the refund of Show Entry Fees. In the case of cancellation of the Show for the year in question, Exhibitors shall be entitled to a full refund of Show Entry Fees within twenty-one (21) days of the notice of cancellation and, in the case of postponement of the Show to a later date in the same year, shall have the choice of having their Show Entry Fees retained by the Club to be offset against the Show Entry Fees due and payable for the Show to be held on a new date in the same year. Show Entry Fees shall not be retained by the Club to be offset against Show Entry Fees payable for a Show in a future year.

44.4 In the event of a Show being cancelled or postponed as a result of events contemplated in Sub-Regulations 44.1 to 44.3 above, the Club shall immediately inform the KUSA Office, contracted Judges/**Evaluators** and Exhibitors of such cancellation or postponement, and advise Exhibitors of the position regarding Show Entry Fees, i.e. whether they will be retained, partially refunded, or refunded, depending on the circumstances, as provided in Sub-Regulations 44.1 to 44.2 above.

Motivation: Both Trick Dog and Canine Good Citizen use the term "Evaluator" rather than "Judge" as these classes are designed to pass a dog following an assessment of their performance. Being non-competitive classes, the dogs are not placed 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd. Similarly, dogs are not "judged" in the ring, but rather "evaluated". The proposed changes are to reflect the use of this term in both tests.

Under Regulation 34.2, the term "Companion Events" has been inserted above to reflect the inclusion of this term into the KUSA structure.

Under 42.15, the insertion of Trick Dog Champion has been inserted, since it was possible for a Trick Dog to attain Champion status under the Trick Dog Test (Schedule 11(C)). The insertion provides for that possibility.

Discussion ensued. PM pointed out that **Trick Dog Tests** and **Canine Good Citizen** were not KUSA-licensed events and therefore fell outside the ambit of Schedules 3, 4 & 4A. In consequence, on a proposal from JH, seconded by MV, it was **agreed, unanimously**, that the proposed changes could not

		<p>be introduced to Schedule 3, with the exception of the insertion of Regulation 42.15 and the sequential renumbering of the Regulations following thereon.</p> <p>Save for the insertion of 42.15, the proposal failed.</p>
	4.5.4	<p>Proposed changes to Schedule 3 Regulation 43</p> <p>Proposal from the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>BREEDER[']S]S' [DIPLOMA] CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Upon written application being made on an official Kennel Union form, accompanied by the prescribed fee, the Executive Committee shall issue a Breeder[']s' [Diploma] Certificate to the breeder of every dog awarded its title of Champion, [and] Grand Champion[.] and Supreme Champion provided such dog is registered in the Kennel Union Primary Breed Register[s].</p> <p>On a proposal from CI, seconded by LT, the above housekeeping change was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	4.6	<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 3A - Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows</p> <p>No submissions.</p>
	4.7	<p>Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4 - Regulations for Non-Championship Shows</p>
	4.7.1	<p>Proposed changed to Schedule 4 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1. Licensing of Non-Championship Shows and Match Meetings</p> <p>2. 2.1 Every application for a licence to hold a Non-Championship Show or Match Meeting shall be made not less than three (3) calendar months before the proposed date, on an official Kennel Union form, signed on behalf of the applicant by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall give their full addresses, setting out the information required therein, and such application shall be accompanied by a draft schedule of the show, signed contracts from each prospective Judge/Evaluator and the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 7.</p> <p>3.5.3.2 Where a licence issued to an Affiliated Club applies to events held on more than one date each event listed on such composite licence shall be considered closed and concluded one (1) hour after the completion of the judging/evaluation or completion of the event, as the case may be, on the particular date/s as indicated on the licence.</p> <p>3.9 Every Show shall be deemed to have started two (2) hours before the time judging/evaluating commences, as advertised on the show schedule. Every Show shall be deemed to have closed one (1) hour after completion of the judging/evaluating or of the event as the case may be.</p> <p>6.1.5 The names of the Judges/Evaluators for each breed or group/s and variety classes, Handler Classes,</p> <p>11.1 No dog shall be allowed in the judging/evaluating ring unless it is being judged/evaluated or the exhibitor has been instructed to retain the dog in the ring pending judging/evaluation of a subsequent class.</p> <p>11.2 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead or benching chain unless required by the Judge/Evaluator.</p> <p>11.4 No Exhibitor shall allow the dog he is exhibiting to be deliberately and improperly attracted from outside the ring whilst such dog is within the ring to be judged/evaluated.</p> <p>11.5 No dog shall be allowed into the Judging/Evaluating ring after having been called three (3) times</p>

by the Ring Steward and marked absent.

12.1 when the Judge/**Evaluator** announced is changed;

12.3 whenever the Judge/**Evaluator** permits a dog to be withdrawn from further classes after exhibition in its first class;

14. Judging/Evaluating Requirements and Regulations:

14.1 All dogs exhibited shall be judged/**evaluated** in suitable rings and all judging/**evaluating** shall take place in public.

14.2 The Show Committee shall provide each Judge/**Evaluator** with Judge's/**Evaluator's** sheets in which only the breed, class and exhibits' numbers are entered.

14.3 Every Ring Steward and Ring Clerk shall be provided with Ring Steward's Sheets similar in content to the Judge's/**Evaluator's** Sheets and no Show Catalogue shall be permitted within any judging/**evaluating** ring.

14.4 After the judge has made his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4, **or assessed the performance of an entry**, the Ring Steward will note the awards and announce them.

14.5 Any alteration made and initialled by the Judge/**Evaluator** in the judge's sheets shall be carried on to the office together with other copies of the Judge's/**Evaluator's** Sheets.

14.6 In the event of a Judge/**Evaluator** making a report on any exhibit that has been improperly tampered with, is blind, deaf or suffering from contagious or infectious disease, the Show Secretary shall cause such exhibit to be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and submit the facts of the case to the Show committee, which shall then act in terms of Schedule 3, Reg. 31.

14.7 Save and except from the necessary entry by any official of the show and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging/**evaluating** shall be the Officiating Judge(s), the Learner/Provisional Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary, **assistants**, and the handlers of exhibits being judged.

14.8 If a dog attacks a Judge/**Evaluator** or shows aggression towards a Judge/**Evaluator**, it must be immediately excused from the Ring and the Judge/**Evaluator** must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Regulation 9.

15. Appointment and Approval of Judges/Evaluators

15.1 An Affiliated Club shall have unrestricted discretion to appoint its Judges/**Evaluators** who shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members in good standing of the Kennel Union and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging/**evaluating** qualification commence, and/or any judging/**evaluating** is undertaken.

15.1.1 have passed the initial examination for the relevant breed/group of the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme, or

15.1.2 is approved by the Executive Committee to judge the relevant breed/group at Championship Show level, **or** [.]

15.1.3 is approved by the Executive Committee to judge/evaluate the relevant Working Discipline and/or Companion Event.

15.2 The Executive Committee's approval for every Judge/**Evaluator** elect shall be obtained in writing not less than three (3) months before the date of the show at which time the Secretary may notify the club of any restriction imposed upon such Judge/**Evaluator** elect and any disqualification or suspension affecting the Federal Council's approval of appointment.

15.3 Notwithstanding the provision of Sub-Regulation 14.2, the Executive Committee may give special dispensation in cases of emergency, such as illness or a Judge's/**Evaluator's** inability to travel and the approval required under Sub-Regulation 14.2 thereof, may be applied for within the periods stipulated.

15.4 In the event of a Judge/**Evaluator**, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge/**evaluate**, he shall be required to give reasons in writing within 7 days to the Club Committee with whom he has been contracted and if such reason is considered to be unsatisfactory or if no such reason is submitted, the Club Committee shall request the Club Secretary or any other appointed member of the Club who is a member of the KUSA to submit a complaint with the KUSA in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution.

15.6 As far as possible, preference should be given to Learner/Provisional Judges/**Evaluators** to fill appointments at Non-Championship shows rather than Licensed Judges/**Evaluators**. Invitations should

		<p>also (as far as possible) be extended to Learner/Provisional Judges/Evaluators in other Provinces.</p> <p>Motivation: Both Trick Dog and Canine Good Citizen use the term “Evaluator” rather than “Judge” as these classes are designed to pass a dog following an assessment of their performance. Being non-competitive classes, the dogs are not placed 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd. Similarly, dogs are not “judged” in the ring but rather “evaluated”. The proposed changes are to reflect the use of this term in both tests.</p> <p>Proposal failed. Refer to the outcome of Item 4.5.3 above.</p>
4.8		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4A – Regulations for Qualifying Shows
	4.8.1	<p>Proposed changed to Schedule 4A – Regulations for Qualifying Shows</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u>.</p> <p>3. 3.1 Every application for a licence to hold a Qualifying Show or Re-Qualifying Show shall be made not less than six (6) calendar months before the proposed date, on an official Kennel Union form, signed on behalf of the applicant by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall give their full residential addresses, setting out the information required therein, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed, a Draft Schedule, and a letter or letters of acceptance from all its Judges/Evaluators and a specimen Entry form</p> <p>6. SHOW SCHEDULES 6.4 the names of the Judges/Evaluators of each Breed, the Groups and Variety Classes;</p> <p>22. Judges/Evaluators: The provisions of Schedule 3, Regulation 20 shall apply to Qualifying Shows and Re-Qualifying Shows mutatis mutandis</p> <p>Proposal failed. Refer to the outcome of Item 4.5.3 above.</p>
5		WORKING DISCIPLINES
	5.1	<p>Schedule 5A – Regulations for Obedience Classes No submissions</p>
	5.1.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.2	Schedule 5B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)
	5.2.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.2.2	<p>Proposals to amend Schedule 5B (01) (Regulations for Working Trials - Classic) and 5B (04) (Regulations for Working Utility Dog) (Fedco 12.2020 item 5.2.2) No submissions.</p>
	5.3	<p>Schedule 5B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD) No submissions.</p>
	5.3.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.3.2	<p>Proposal submitted by the National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee No submissions.</p>
	5.4	Schedule 5B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)
	5.4.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.4.2	<p>Schedule 5B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 5B(02), submitted by the National IGP Sub-Committee (approved by the Members of the National IGP Sub-Committee)</p>

		<p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>GR raised the poor drafting of this document, which was littered with spelling and grammatical errors. He lamented the fact that there was no quality control exercised over the documents sent to Fedco for approval who, unwittingly, through their acquiescence, contributed to the increasing contamination of the KUSA Constitution.</p> <p>He had repeatedly appealed for all amendments to Schedules to be subjected to the scrutiny of a knowledgeable person to not only ensure that they conform to acceptable grammatical standards, but also to ensure that they've been inserted into the appropriate positions in the text for the purpose of obviating confusion and contributing meaningfully to the narrative. He firmly believed that KUSA's Dogsport Schedules should not be shrouded in mystique for comprehension by practitioners only, but be fully understandable to all those who wished to acquaint themselves with the intricacies of a particular branch of Dogsport.</p> <p>The Chairman assured Fedco that she was acutely aware of this problem and that a provision had been made in the KUSA budget to engage the services of a suitable person to review the KUSA Schedules, starting with the Dogsport Schedules. Work on this would commence no later than January 2022.</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by NdP, the amendments to Schedule 5B(02) were approved, unanimously, subject to the correction of the most glaring spelling and grammatical errors, prior to the submission of the Schedule for a comprehensive review. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	5.4.3	<p>Schedule 5E(06) – Regulations for the KUSA – IGP Annual Event (Meisterschaft)</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 5E(06), submitted by the National IGP Sub-Committee (approved by the Members of the National IGP Sub-Committee)</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by MV, the amendments to Schedule 5B(06) were approved, unanimously, subject to the correction of the most glaring spelling and grammatical errors, prior to the submission of the Schedule for a comprehensive review. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	5.4.4	<p>Schedule 05J – Regulations for KUSA Registered Helpers (IGP)</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05J, submitted by the National IGP Sub-Committee (approved by the Members of the National IGP Sub-Committee)</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by MV, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05J were approved, unanimously, subject to the correction of the most glaring spelling and grammatical errors, prior to the submission of the Schedule for a comprehensive review. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
	5.5	<p>Schedule 5B(3) – Regulations for Tracking Trials</p>
	5.5.1	<p>Schedule 5B(03) - Regulations for Tracking Trials (TT)</p>

Proposed changes to Schedule 5B(03) TT submitted on behalf of the Tracking Trails Ad hoc Sub-Committee of the NAPC.

Insertions in **bold underlining** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

Proposal 1 – Housekeeping:

1.1 **LICENSING** AND HOLDING OF TRACKING TRIALS (TT)

The regulations relating to **licensing** and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows and Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to [~~International~~] Tracking Trials.

Motivation: International Tracking Trials belong to Schedule 5B(02) IGP and should not be referenced Schedule 5B(03) TT

2.2 Eligibility for:

TT1 - No previous qualification required.

TT2 - The qualification required to compete in TT2 is TT1, **IGPI**, [~~SchH-4~~] or TD 1.

TT3 - The qualification required to compete in TT3 is TT2, **IGP2**, [~~SchH2~~] or TD 2 or PD or TD3

TT4 - The qualification required to compete in TT4 is TT3, **IGP3**, [~~SchH3~~] or TD 3.

TT5 - The qualification required to compete in TT5 is TT4.

Motivation: Having downloaded the recent Schedule 5B(03) TT, it has been noticed that Schutzhund SchH is still being referenced under 2.2 only.

2.5 **Record Cards**

When competitors first compete in TT, they are to be issued by the organising club or issued by the Provincial TT Sub-Committee or where there is no Provincial TT Sub-Committee the card shall be issued by KUSA, with a KUSA TT Record Card. All further qualifying TT results will be duly recorded on this card and countersigned by the officiating Judge. Competitors who have obtained qualification for any particular TT grade through any other tracking discipline, must prove the eligibility of their dogs based on a result which has been recorded on any relevant **“Working Record Card/booklet”** issued by KUSA. [~~Such qualification is copied onto the TT Record Card.~~] Once qualified in one particular TT Grade, the dog **cannot** go back to a lower grade.

Motivation: When the TT record cards were designed, this feature was never allowed for on the cards.

8.1 Marks.....Three articles (7+7+6) = 20 marks

8.5 Evaluation:

False starting, dawdling, repeated circling at the corners, constant encouragements, incorrect indication or picking up or dropping an article must be penalised by up to four (4) marks. Reset on track, persistent dawdling, consistently tracking with a high nose, rushing onto the track, voidance of bowels and bladder whilst on track and hunting or similar behaviour will be penalised by up to four (4) marks. For incorrectly indicated or picked up articles up to four (4) marks may be deducted. For each article not found [~~ten (10) marks will be deducted~~], **the relevant mark allocated for each article, as indicated under 8.1. Marks, will be deducted.** For indicating or picking up articles not placed by the handler, four (4) marks will be deducted. Walking on the lead must be penalized by up to 4 marks to be deducted from the article marks.

Motivation: As can be seen by 8.1 marks allocated to Articles in Tracking Trials Grade 3, are 7, 7, and 6. Therefore, the deduction of 10 marks for articles not found is incorrect. You cannot deduct more marks than the actual worth of the article.

ANNEX A – PROPOSED ALTERATION FOR RECORD CARD FOR TT

REGISTERING AND ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS FOR COMPETITION

1. A dog which is on a KUSA Register or Record or registered with an organisation in reciprocity with KUSA and which has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA, or any other National Canine Control Body, may be entered for and compete in any Non-Championship or Championship Tracking Trials at any KUSA sanctioned Show. A Qualifying Record Card shall not be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered.
2. Dogs may not be entered "Registration Applied for (RAF)" or "Transfer Applied for (TAF)" in any Tracking Trials and all terms of Schedule 3, Regulation 7 apply, where applicable.
3. Dogs will not be allowed to compete in any Tracking Trials unless the record card is produced by the owner or designated handler of the dog, as per Schedule 5B(03) Regulation 2.3
4. No Dog under the age of 8 months may compete in TT1, while a dog competing in TT5 shall be at least twenty (20) months old on the day of the trial as per Schedule 5B(03)Regulation 2.6.
5. All dogs are eligible as follows:
 TT1 – no previous qualification required
 TT2 – has previously qualified in TT1, **IGP1** (IP01) or TD1 (SchH1)
 TT3 – has previously qualified in TT2, **IGP2** (IP02) or TD2 (SchH2)
 TT4 – has previously qualified in TT3, **IGP3** (IP03), TD3 (SchH3)
 TT5 – has previously qualified in TT4
 [As per Schedule 5B (3), Reg. 2.2]

TRACKING TRIALS QUALIFYING RECORD

BREED:

DOG'S REGISTERED:

NAME:

REG NO:

DATE OF BIRTH: D D M M Y Y Y Y

CARD NO:

DATE OF ISSUE AND AUTHORITY

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

[This card is issued by and remains the property of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa, PO Box 2659, Cape Town, 8000]

NdP & JH motivated these housekeeping amendments. JH reminded Fedco that Tracking Trials did not have a National Sub-Committee and should not be "lumped together" with Working Trials (Classic). It was important to distinguish between:

- SA TT – which offered TT 1 – 5
- WT (Classic) – which offered TD I – III, together with WUD, PD & CD (a SA event only)
- International FCI-IGP – Tracker Dog

On a proposal from NP, seconded by DS, the above proposed changes to Schedule 5B(03) were **approved, unanimously**. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.

5.6

Schedule 05C(01), (02), (03) & (06) – Field Trials

5.6.1

Report by FTLC Chairman – (attached)
Attached. Noted with thanks.

5.6.2

Schedule 5C (1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials (1989)

Proposed changes to Schedule 5C(1), submitted by the Field Trial Liaison Council.

Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.

		<p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><i>[Note: Items highlighted in yellow that do not indicate inclusions or deletions are simply to show changes in numbering.]</i></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the proposed amendments to Schedule 5C(1) were approved, unanimously, provided they were consistent with the <i>Interpretation of Terms</i> in Article 2 of the KUSA Constitution, insofar as “KUSA Website” should be referred to as “Official Kennel Union Journal”.</p> <p>Effective 01.04.2022</p> <p><i>[Note: “Official Kennel Union Journal” means the official website of the Kennel Union or any social media platform maintained and populated under the control of the Kennel Union, or a combination of these electronic media.]</i></p>
	5.6.3	<p>Schedule 5C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials</p> <p>Proposal 1: Proposed changes to Schedule 5C(2), submitted by the Field Trial Liaison Council.</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><i>[Note: Items highlighted in yellow that do not indicate inclusions or deletions are simply to show changes in numbering.]</i></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the proposed the proposed amendments to Schedule 5C(2) were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.04.2022</p> <p>Proposal 2: Schedule 5C(2) – Addendum – Guideline Standards for the Various Spaniel Stakes</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that she had also permitted this item as a late submission when it was brought to her attention by the FTLC that it had accidentally been omitted from its comprehensive list of submissions.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired whether there were any objections to the <i>Guideline Standards for the Various Spaniel Stakes</i>, as presented. None were raised and, in consequence, the Chairman said she presumed the acceptance of the document was unanimous, which was confirmed on a proposal from JH, seconded by DS.</p>
	5.6.4	<p>Schedule 5C(3) – HPR (Breeds that Hunt, Point and Retrieve)</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 5C(3), submitted by the Field Trial Liaison Council.</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><i>[Note: Items highlighted in yellow that do not indicate inclusions or deletions are simply to show changes in numbering.]</i></p>

		On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the proposed the proposed amendments to Schedule 5C(3) were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.04.2022
	5.6.5	<p>Schedule 5C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests - Pointing Breeds Proposed changes to Schedule 5C(6), submitted by the Field Trial Liaison Council.</p> <p>Amended Schedule distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p><i>[Note: Items highlighted in yellow that do not indicate inclusions or deletions are simply to show changes in numbering.]</i></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the proposed amendments to Schedule 5C(6) were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.04.2022</p>
	5.7	<p>Schedule 5D – Regulations for Dog Jumping No submissions.</p>
	5.7.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.8	<p>Schedule 5E - Regulations for Special Events No submissions.</p>
	5.9	<p>Schedule 5G – Regulations for Dog Carting No submissions.</p>
	5.9.1	<p>Report by NSC Convener: 2021 loomed on the horizon and we thought all the hassles of 2020 were behind us. No. More up and down levels saw us training. Being shut down again. Opened again and even a few shows came our way.</p> <p>All provinces offering Carting have steadfastly continued to train and hold shows when they could.</p> <p>Carting Judges happily stepped forward when asked to judge. Thank you all for giving up your time during dangerous times.</p> <p>Grateful thanks from the hosting Clubs that could operate shows and the carters themselves who also stepped forward and entered. Sadly, some carting dogs and their handlers found ill health and old age upon them and will never return to the show ring again.</p> <p>Let's hope that 2022 will see more activity in the carting arena.</p> <p>Thanks must go to the Carting Sub-Committee of Gauteng who gave us a superb Carting National weekend.</p> <p>It was great to see carters and their dogs who had been absent for almost 2 years.</p> <p>Let's continue to enjoy our sport.</p> <p>Eleanor Gow NATIONAL CONVENER – CARTING</p> <p>Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.10	<p>Schedule 5K – Regulations for Handler Classes No submissions.</p>
	5.11	<p>Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility Classes No submissions.</p>

	5.11.1	Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.
	5.12	Schedule 5M – Regulations for Flyball
	5.12.1	Report by NSC Convener Attached. Noted with thanks.
	5.12.2	Proposal to amend Schedule 5M (Regulations for Flyball) No submissions.
	5.13	Aptitude Testing No submission.
	5.14	Schedule 5Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials (RDT) No submissions.
	5.15	Dog Dancing - Schedules 5R (Heelwork to Music) and 5S (Musical Freestyle)
	5.15.1	Schedule 5R - Heelwork to Music (HTM) No submissions.
	5.15.2	Schedule 5S – Musical Freestyle (MF) No submission.
	5.16	Schedule 5T – Regulations for Rally Dog No submissions.
	5.17	Canicross <i>Report-back on developments</i> KF said he had two prospective locations for events, but had to put the plans on hold as a result of COVID-19. He had hoped to get a person from Disciplines interested, who could spearhead efforts on the ground to get people motivated. He felt that Canicross fitted well into the Companion Events subset of Dogsport.
	5.18	Schedule 5U – Regulations for Mondioring No submissions.
	5.19	Schedule 07 - Subscriptions & Fees No submissions.
	5.19.1	<p>Proposal for the introduction of a new KUSA Membership Category – [Student] Young Adult Membership</p> <p><i>Submitted by DOGSPC on behalf of the Agility & Dog Jumping Standing Sub-Committee of DOGSPC.</i></p> <p>Motivation: <i>[Students] Young Adults, who often have to fend for themselves financially, find it difficult to afford the funds required to become a KUSA member and it is believed that introducing a concessionary rate for people between the age of 18 and 21, the years when most young [people] adults typically study at a tertiary level, would boost KUSA's membership. Creating a membership category between Junior and Adult at a rate commensurate with that paid by Pensioners would serve as an encouragement for young people to join KUSA. It is also proposed that the Election Fee in this category of Membership be waived, as it is for Junior Membership.</i></p> <p><i>Insert into the Subscriptions & Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7:</i></p> <p>[Student] Young Adult – eighteen (18) years to under twenty-one (21) years (Election Fees not applicable) – twelve months Membership Subscription R271.00</p> <p><i>The following forms need to be adjusted to accommodate the new Membership category:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Membership Application Form • Membership Renewal Form <p><i>along with KUSA's electronic documentation, K9 Admin System and Members' Portal.</i></p>

		<p>On the invitation of the Chairman, GR motivated the introduction of the proposed new category of membership, which was age-related and therefore easy to administer by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>During the discussion which ensued, there were reservations expressed about the term “Student”, even though the category was age-defined. Some ideas were exchanged and it seemed that the term “Young Adult” met with broader acceptance.</p> <p>GR said he did not think “Student” was a deal-breaker by any means and that the Agility Sub-Committee would be accepting of “Young Adult”. On that basis, he was prepared to propose the renamed membership category, which proposal CI seconded.</p> <p>The Chairman still sensed some resistance and therefore put the amended proposal (amendments in red) to the vote.</p> <p>On a vote, the proposal carried with two objections. Effective 01.02.2022</p>
5.20		<p>Schedule 8 – Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary No submissions.</p>
5.21		<p>Schedule 9 – Code of Ethics for Members of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA)</p>
	5.21.1	<p>Proposed changes to Schedule 9 – Code of Ethics for Members of KUSA</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Persons become Members of KUSA and maintain their membership of KUSA for a variety of reasons, ranging from the establishment of a non-commercial kennel for the breeding of purebred dogs, to the participation in dog-showing and other forms of dogsport, to the judging or evaluating of conformation Shows and competitions for various Working Disciplines, to the desire to serve in an administrative capacity on the various structures which underpin cynology as a leisure activity.</p> <p>1.6. Members shall respect the reputations and sensitivities of other Members, Judges or Evaluators and elected or appointed KUSA Officials at all events and in all fora, including on social media platforms, such as Facebook, and on various Internet chat groups. In this regard Members are advised to take due cognisance of <i>KUSA’s Best Practice Guidelines for Members in the Use of Social Media</i>, published on the KUSA website.</p> <p>5.14. desist from purposefully delaying judging or evaluating in order to accommodate another competitor or manipulate the judging or evaluating schedule;</p> <p>5.15. desist from trying to get the order of judging or evaluating changed to accommodate their or others’ late arrival, or their presence in other rings;</p> <p>5.17. treat the officiating Judge or Evaluator with the utmost respect and accept his/her decisions graciously, refraining from engaging the Judge or Evaluator in quarrelsome exchanges and subjecting him/her to disparaging remarks;</p> <p>5.18. refrain from berating or insulting the officiating Judge or Evaluator at the Show, especially in the presence of other competitors, or KUSA/Club Officials, or later on social media platforms and in various Internet chat groups;</p> <p>5.19. desist from socialising with an officiating Judge or Evaluator prior to judging or evaluating, which includes being accommodated by the Judge or Evaluator, accommodating the Judge or Evaluator, or travelling with the Judge or Evaluator;</p> <p>5.20. avoid placing an officiating Judge or Evaluator in a compromising situation when Members’ close relationship with the Judge or Evaluator is generally known and be mindful of the recommended procedure in circumstances of potential conflict, i.e. withdrawal from competition by way of a “lap of honour”;</p> <p>6.1. fully abide by this Code insofar as it also applies to them in their interaction with KUSA employees or other KUSA Officials, as dog owners, as dog breeders, as exhibitors or competitors at KUSA Shows</p>

or events, or as Judges **or Evaluators** officiating for KUSA locally, or for the Clubs of National Canine Organisations in foreign countries with which KUSA has a relationship through its membership with the FCI, or through direct reciprocal arrangements;

7. ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR OF KUSA MEMBERS ACTING AS JUDGES **OR EVALUATORS FOR CONFORMATION SHOWS OR WORKING DISCIPLINES EVENTS LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS**

Members acting as Judges **or Evaluators** for conformation Shows or Working Disciplines events locally or overseas shall

APPENDIX “B”

CODE OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (KUSA) (Effective 01.04.2020)

The conduct and practice of Judges **or Evaluators** officiating for the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in all forms of dogsport, whether as a Learner Judges **or Evaluators**, or Licensed Judges **or Evaluators**, must stand up to the highest level of scrutiny and the comportment of Judges **or Evaluators** should manifest their status within dogsport. Judging **or evaluating** at Kennel Union-licensed events, or at events in foreign countries, requires the Judge **or Evaluator** to be a member of the Kennel Union and, apart from adherence to the normal Conditions of Membership, the Code of Ethics (Schedule 9) and the Terms and Conditions of Contract as per the Judging Contract (J1), Judges **or Evaluators** at any level shall be bound by this *Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa*:

1. In General:

1.1. Judges **or Evaluators** shall maintain continuous and unbroken membership of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa throughout their judging **or evaluating** career as contemplated in Article 25.2 of the Kennel Union Constitution.

1.2. Judges **or Evaluators** shall be mindful of their elevated and esteemed status in dogsport and in all their actions and dealings set an example for all participants in the sport.

1.3. In their communications with Club or Show Officials, Exhibitors and Competitors, Judges **or Evaluators** shall act with dignity, authority and decorum and their conduct in all interactions shall be above reproach.

1.4. In accepting assignments, whether local or foreign, Judges **or Evaluators** act as ambassadors of the Kennel Union and in word and deed shall take the utmost care to neither embarrass themselves, nor the Kennel Union.

1.5. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not accept an invitation to judge **or evaluate** unless they are sure, or have ascertained, that they are entitled to do so.

1.6. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not accept an invitation to judge **or evaluate** unless they can declare with a reasonable degree of certainty that they would be able and fulfil the assignment and be fit to do so in accordance with the expectations of the show-holding Club, or entity.

1.7. Judges **or Evaluators** who need to withdraw from assignments, for whatever reason, need to give notice of their intentions to withdraw at the earliest possible opportunity and in a manner prescribed by their contract.

1.8. Judges **or Evaluators** shall ensure that their arrangements regarding reimbursement of expenses by show-holding Clubs or entities are clear and unambiguous, thereby to avoid causing embarrassment or discontentment for either party.

1.9. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not claim any expenses from a show-holding Club or entity to which they are not entitled and for which they cannot provide proof of entitlement.

1.10. Judges **or Evaluators** shall embrace continued education as an integral part of their judging **or evaluating** ethic and undertake self-motivated learning throughout their judging **or evaluating** careers.

1.11. Judges **or Evaluators** shall keep themselves apprised of changes to the Kennel Union's regulatory framework applicable to Judges **or Evaluators** and judging **or evaluating**.

1.12. Judges **or Evaluators** shall keep themselves apprised of changes to the FCI's regulatory framework applicable to Judges **or Evaluators** and judging **or evaluating** and apply these regulations in an FCI judging **or evaluating** environment unless they are in conflict with the Kennel Union's Regulations.

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1.13. Judges **or Evaluators** shall be meticulous in noting changes to Breed Standards of breeds they are licensed to judge/evaluate and diligently apply these changes once they become effective.

1.16. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not solicit judging **or evaluating** assignments, either locally or

overseas, which includes, without limitation, pleading, asking, petitioning or canvassing for an assignment, either directly, or through an intermediary, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, except for Licensed Judges **or Evaluators**, Senior Judges **or Evaluators** and All-breeds Judges volunteering to assist Club Committees in filling the roles at Non-Championship Shows pursuant to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 4.1.3, 5.1.4 and 6.1.4.

1.17. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not solicit the entry of any Dog, Exhibitor and/or Competitor.

1.18. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not travel to a show or event with a person who will be exhibiting a dog under them or otherwise competing in an event judged **or evaluated** by him.

1.19. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not accept accommodation from a person who will be exhibiting a dog under them or competing in an event judged **or evaluated** by them.

1.20. Prior to the show or event to be judged **or evaluated** by them, Judges **or Evaluators** shall avoid socialising with persons likely to compete under them.

1.21. If placed in an unavoidable compromising position as a result of a close relationship with an Exhibitor/Competitor, if and when practicable, Judges **or Evaluators** shall encourage the option of a "lap of honour", instead of subjecting dogs to assessment and placement for awards that may ultimately be deemed suspect.

1.22. It is suggested that, during a discernible period (at Judges' **or Evaluators'** discretion) preceding any judging **or evaluating** assignment, Judges **or Evaluators** shall avoid acting as a spectator to the judging **or evaluating** of dogs they are likely to judge **or evaluate** at such scheduled assignment.

1.23. In deference to the principles of neutrality and impartiality and in order not to show favour, Judges **or Evaluators** shall exercise the utmost discretion when discussing dogs likely to be judged **or evaluated** by them, or by other Judges **or Evaluators**, with any person.

1.24. Similarly, in upholding the principles of neutrality and impartiality, Judges **or Evaluators** shall exercise sound judgement when commenting on dogs likely to be judged **or evaluated** by them, or by other Judges **or Evaluators**, on Social Media, as not to reveal predilection or dislike.

1.25. When commenting on dog- or dogsport-related issues, Judges **or Evaluators** shall use Social Media advisedly and prudently and confine their opinions to reasoned discourse based on fact, resisting speculation, innuendo and aspersion.

1.26. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not criticise the work of other Judges **or Evaluators**, either verbally, in print or on Social Media.

1.27. Judges **or Evaluators** shall refrain from engaging in offensive conduct or defamatory statements aimed at discrediting the Kennel Union or the FCI.

1.28. Judges' **or Evaluators'** shall be mindful of the fact that they derive their judging **or evaluating** licence from the Kennel Union and thereby assume the responsibility not to act in a manner which is inconsistent with the grant of such licence. A licence entrusted in good faith can be revoked when no longer deemed to be in the best interests of the licensor and it should be understood that KUSA will not countenance being besmirched and its reputation tarnished, by those holding its licences.

2. In the Ring:

2.1. Judges **or Evaluators** shall be courteous, polite and respectful towards Exhibitors/Competitors, Ring Steward or Club Officials.

2.2. Judges **or Evaluators** shall be punctual for assignments and avoid inconveniencing show-holding Clubs, Exhibitors/ Competitors or Show Officials through lateness.

2.3. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not leave the showgrounds before they have completed all their assigned/contracted duties.

2.4. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not consult the show catalogue before or during a judging **or evaluating** assignment.

2.5. Judges **or Evaluators** shall assess dogs in conformation shows, or their performance in other forms of dogsport, in a thorough, competent, systematic and kind manner.

2.6. When judging **or evaluating**, Judges **or Evaluators** shall exercise the highest degree of objectivity and discard any knowledge of a dog's background, previous accomplishments or ownership.

2.7. Having regard for the weather, Judges **or Evaluators** shall dress in a manner which creates a neat, professional, yet comfortable, appearance in the ring, avoiding billowy attire, ostentatious headgear and bulky or noisy accessories.

2.8. Judges **or Evaluators** shall not smoke or drink alcohol in the ring and refrain from judging **or evaluating** while clutching a beverage.

2.10. Judges **or Evaluators** shall desist from addressing handlers by their first or last name in the ring.

2.11. Judges **or Evaluators** shall complete all the requirements of an assignment diligently and efficiently, with due regard for any time constraints imposed by the show-holding Club.

		<p>Motivation: Both Trick Dog and Canine Good Citizen use the term “Evaluator” rather than “Judge” as these classes are designed to pass a dog following an assessment of their performance. Being non-competitive classes, the dogs are not placed 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd. Similarly, dogs are not “judged” in the ring but rather “evaluated”. The proposed changes are to reflect the use of this term in both tests.</p> <p>On a proposal by RJ, seconded by MV, the above changes to Schedule 9 were approved, unanimously, subject to the backslash being substituted with “or” as indicated in red. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>PM was charged with checking whether the changes were all consistent with the context and, if not, to make the necessary adjustments.</p>
	5.22	Judges Education Council (JEC)
	5.22.1	<p>Chairman’s Report</p> <p>The Chairman of the JEC presented his bi-annual Report.</p> <p>Noted with thanks.</p>
	5.22.2	<p>JEC Support Officer – Interim Appointment (Fedco round robin – 09.09.2021 – 13.09.2021) <i>Round robin email generated to Fedco on 09 September 2021 and concluded on 13 September 2021. Proposal to permit the Judges Education Council (JEC) to engage experienced All-breeds Judge, Dr Heidi Rolfes, on an interim basis, to fulfil the functions of the JEC Support Officer – the position vacated by Mrs Gael Morison when she and her husband relocated to the UK. Dr Rolfes had kindly agreed to assist the JEC by fulfilling these functions for an indefinite period, until a permanent appointment was made.</i></p> <p>Background: <i>When Mrs Gael Morison recently emigrated to the UK, she resigned from her position as Support Officer of the JEC. As the JEC’s Support Officer, Mrs Morison fulfilled the essential function of signing off Learner Judges’ Portfolios and officiated as External Examiner of requested re-marks of Learner Judges’ exams.</i></p> <p><i>Until such time Fedco is in a position to appoint a replacement Support Officer, experienced All-breeds Judge, Dr Heidi Rolfes, has agreed to fulfil the functions previously performed by Mrs Morison until further notice. The JEC is extremely grateful to Dr Rolfes for being prepared to take time out from her busy career as a practising scientist to devote her expertise as former academic to assist with the education of Learner Judges on an interim basis.</i></p> <p><i>Fedco’s consideration of the proposed interim arrangement would be greatly appreciated.</i></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by DS, the interim appointment of Dr Heidi Rolfes to fulfil the functions of the JEC Support Officer until a permanent appointment was made, approved by Fedco round robin, was unanimously ratified.</p>
	5.22.3	<p>Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging <i>Amendment of the explanatory “Notes” appended to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.4 and 3.1, following the introduction of a Specialist Multi-breed Club at Fedco 06-2021 which no longer acknowledges breeds with separate breed standards as “varieties” of a breed, but as separate breeds.</i></p> <p>Background: <i>The “Note” appended to the Regulations above, clarifies the intention of the Regulation in the applicable section as follows:</i></p> <p><i>(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed or number of individual Breed Standards published, counts as one breed).</i></p>

At Fedco 06-2021, the **Specialist Multi-breed Club** was introduced under the following definition:

*“**Specialist Multi-breed Club**” means a Club, the objects of which include the welfare of, interest in, or breeding of one or more recognised purebred dogs with a common ancestry and a partially-shared nomenclature, but nevertheless considered sufficiently diverse as to warrant separate Breed Standards in their countries of origin and under Schedule 2 Appendix “A”, which may include facilities for training of such dogs, in accordance with training tests approved for these breeds, hold Breed Shows in terms of this Constitution, provide information on breeding and rearing such dogs and generally promote the respective Breeds through Club activities in bringing breeders, members and other interested parties together to encourage interest and involvement in Club affairs to the betterment of these separate Breeds under the Club’s custodianship.*

*With the introduction of the **Specialist Multi-breed Club**, the principle was established that breed-varieties that were given their own individual Breed Standards by their countries of origin would be acknowledged as **separate breeds** by KUSA, whereas those that share a breed standard would be regarded as **varieties of the breed**.*

In consequence, it is necessary for the “Notes” referred to above to be harmonised with this principle and the following amendments are proposed:

Insertions in **bold underlining** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.1:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed[~~or number of individual Breed Standards published~~] **accommodated in a single Breed Standard**, counts as one breed. **Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.**)

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.2:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed[~~or number of individual Breed Standards published~~] **accommodated in a single Breed Standard**, counts as one breed. **Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.**)

“Note” appended to Regulation 2.3.4:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed[~~or number of individual Breed Standards published~~] **accommodated in a single Breed Standard**, counts as one breed **and is equal to one of the eight breeds required for a Shadow Judging Assignment. Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.** [~~One variety within a breed is equal to one of the eight breeds required for a Shadow Judging Assignment~~])

“Note” appended to Regulation 3.1:

(*Note: For purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements, one breed, regardless of varieties within that breed[~~or number of individual Breed Standards published~~] **accommodated in a single Breed Standard**, counts as one breed. **Breed-varieties with separate Breed Standards count as different breeds.**)

GR clarified that the adjustments to the various “Notes” in Schedule 10 Appendix 1 were, in essence, a housekeeping exercise to harmonise the Schedule with the decision taken at Fedco 06-2021 (effective 01.02.2022) to establish a **Specialist Multi-breed Club**, based on the principle that breeds that had been given their own standards in their countries of origin would be recognised by KUSA as **separate breeds** and **not varieties of a particular breed**.

On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the proposed amendments to the various “Notes” in Schedule 10 Appendix 1 were **approved, unanimously**.
Effective upon publication of the Minutes.

	5.23	Schedule 11 – Classification of Certain Branches of Dogsport as Companion Events
	5.23.1	<p>Schedule 11A – 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)</p> <p><i>GR reminded Fedco that the Schedule, as presented by the Fedco Task Team, was incomplete and at this stage a work in progress. It was therefore not tabled for approval.</i></p> <p>Expanded proposed Schedule 11A – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (incomplete) was tabled.</p> <p>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 was no further input from Fedco.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	5.23.2	<p>Schedule 11B - Regulations for Scent Work (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20; Fedco 06-2021 item 5.23.3)</p> <p><i>Work in progress (KUSA Office).</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman reminded PM and AB that the Scent Work Schedule also needed to be checked for anomalies and quoted the above Minute from Fedco 12-2020 pertaining to Scent Work as well as Trick Dog Test.</i></p> <p><i>PM acknowledged that both these Schedules needed to be subjected to rigorous scrutiny by the KUSA Office and thought she might involve Nadine Shortland in this exercise. The Chairman declared this to be an excellent idea.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Feedback required.</p> <p>PM confirmed that the Schedule for Scent Work had been checked by the KUSA Office and cleared for subsumption into the Companion Events Schedule.</p> <p>On a proposal by GR, seconded by CI, Schedule 11B, originally approved at Fedco 12-2020, was ratified, unanimously. Effective 01.02.2022</p>
	5.23.3	<p>Schedule 11C – Regulations for Trick Dog Tests (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.10, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.19; Fedco 06-2021 item 5.23.2)</p> <p><i>The undertaking of the KUSA Office to check the latest version of the Trick Dog Tests Schedule for compliance with KUSA Regulations in accordance with standard KUSA practices, was noted.</i></p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 11C – regulations for Trick Dog Tests</p> <p>Schedule and supporting Guidelines distributed as an attachment to the Agenda.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by YJ, the subsumption of Schedule for Trick Dog Tests (Schedule 11C) into the Companions Events Schedule was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.02.2022</p>
		BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	6.1	Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)
	6.1.1	Chairman’s Report

		Attached, Noted with thanks.
	6.2	Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)
	6.2.1	Chairman's Report Attached. Noted with thanks.
	6.3	GSD Liaison Council
	6.3.1	Chairman's Report Attached. Noted with thanks.
7		GENERAL
8		MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	8.1	<p>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) (formerly Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries – DAFF) and Others</p> <p>Update, if any.</p> <p>NdP had briefly dropped off the call due to a connectivity issue and the Chairman requested GR to give an update on the GSDFSA issue.</p> <p>GR reminded Fedco of the the ruling of the Gauteng High Court in May 2020 that the GSDFSA's PAJA Application had been lodged out of time and that there was no cause for granting condonation for the late filing. Subsequently, the GSDFSA had been granted permission to appeal against the judgement to a Full Bench of the Gauteng High Court.</p> <p>Due to the congestion of the Courts and presumably also the COVID-19 impact on the judicial system, the appeal has not yet been heard.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.2	<p>New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <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.</p> <p>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</p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was accepted, unanimously for introduction by the KUSA Office.</p>
8.3		<p>Lodging of digital signatures with the KUSA Office</p> <p>Some Federal Councillors had expressed a distaste for the proposed practice of lodging their digital signatures with the KUSA Office to be used, principally, for the signing of Provincial Council Constitutions when these were amended by Fedco from time to time.</p> <p>The Chairman invited members of the Federal Council to air their views on the matter and the opinions expressed were noted by all. The Chairman enquired from NdP whether those Federal Councillors who had no objection to granting the KUSA Office custodianship of their digital signatures for a designated purpose were at liberty to do so. NdP confirmed that it was the right of individual Federal Councillors to entrust KUSA with the use of their digital signature for agreed purposes but, equally, it was their right to withhold their signatures.</p> <p>GR explained that the KUSA Office's request for Federal Councillors' digital signatures to be lodged and used for the signing of Provincial Council Constitutions when they were amended under a Fedco directive, was merely to alleviate the administrative burden on, not only the KUSA Office, but also in the individual Federal Councillors. Simply delivering a digitally-signed PDF to the Provincial Council Chairmen would circumvent several steps in a laborious process of sending, receiving and monitoring, fraught with delays, but it was understood that Federal Councillors' privacy concerns needed to be respected.</p> <p>GR said that, in the interest of finding a compromise, he needed to interrogate the necessity of Provincial Council Chairmen signing Provincial Council Constitutions every time they were amended. Unlike the Constitutions of other KUSA-enabled structures, affiliated Clubs for instance, Provincial Council Constitutions were amended under a Fedco directive to which the Provincial Council Chairmen serving on Fedco accede, either unanimously, or by majority vote. Affixing their signature to successive iterations of a Provincial Council Constitution was merely an affirmation of a Federal Council decision of which they were part, which was thereafter recorded and approved in the Minutes of the duly constituted meeting of the highest decision-making body of the Kennel Union.</p> <p>NdP conceded that GR had a point and that there was, in fact, no plausible reason for Federal Councillors affixing their signatures to the document to attest to a round of amendments. It should simply be recorded at which meeting the Federal Council directive to amend the Constitutions had been issued by Fedco and signed off by KUSA.</p> <p>All present was in agreement that the Kennel Union was the appropriate authority to attest to the accuracy and authenticity of the amendments and, on a proposal from RJ, seconded by BJ, it was</p>

		<p>agreed, unanimously, that amendments would, in future, only be attested to by the duly authorised signatory of the KUSA, the General Manager.</p> <p>It was further agreed, unanimously, that GR should revise the Recordals sections of the Provincial Councils' Constitutions to reflect the manner in which amendments would be signed off in future.</p>
8.4		<p>Schedule 5E(15) - Regulations for the Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7s. Request for Dispensation in 2022 only.</p> <p>In 2021, COVID-19 necessitated the cancellation of the SUPA 7s, an event customarily held in January each year. During 2020 and 2021, Animatealk Magazine also discontinued its Top 100 Ratings, the system used for the aggregation of points to determine qualification for the SUPA 7s.</p> <p>Recently, Eastern Districts Kennel Club received the welcome news that Royal Canin would be prepared to grant the Club's sponsorship for the SUPA 7s in 2022, resulting in the necessity to urgently petition KUSA for dispensation to vary the provisions of Schedule 5E(15) for 2022 only, as follows:</p> <p>Insertions in bold underlining and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>4. Qualifications for Entry</p> <p>4.2 The SUPA 7s Adult Stake, is by invitation only to the top seven (7) dogs in each Group as per the ["Animatealk Top Dog Ratings Top 100"] Final 2020 & 2021 KUSA Showdog of the Year Points Table as at Sunday, 26 September 2021. [the 31st December of the year prior to that in which the competition is being held.] Should any of the top seven (7) dogs in each Group not be available to attend, the next in line will be invited to make up the final seven (7) to compete in the Group.</p> <p>4.3 The SUPA 7s Puppy Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Puppy in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (excluding FCI shows) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the two calendar years s prior to the year in which the Competition is being held.</p> <p>4.4 The SUPA 7s Veteran Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Veteran in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (excluding FCI shows) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the two years s prior to the calendar year in which the competition is being held.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by BJ, the Club's request to vary the qualifying criteria for SUPA 7s 2022 under a Fedco dispensation was granted, unanimously.</p> <p>Given the urgency to proceed with arrangements for this gala event, Fedco agreed to a waiver of confidentiality on this item and authorised the immediate release of its decision.</p>
8.5		<p>Publication of Show Catalogues on Social Media ahead of Shows</p> <p>It has been brought to the attention of Fedco that certain Clubs are publishing their catalogues online on social media platforms such as Facebook, to which Judges have unfettered access, and that this practice might work to the advantage of some exhibitors and, conversely, the disadvantage of others.</p> <p>Investigation into the Regulations governing the Judges' access to Show Catalogues yielded the following results:</p> <p>Schedule 3 Regulation 19 19. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS 19.3 Every Ring Steward and ring clerk shall be provided with a steward's sheet similar in content to the judge's sheets and <i>no Show Catalogue shall be permitted within any judging ring.</i> (our emphasis)</p> <p>Schedule 9 Appendix B CODE OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY KUSA 2.4. Judges shall not consult the show catalogue before or during a judging assignment. (our emphasis)</p>

From the above it should be evident that Schedule 3 only regulated the presence of a Show Catalogue in the ring, whereas the Schedule 9 posed an “ethical restriction” on the Judge, which could only be enforced upon the presentation of firm evidence that the Judge had consulted the Show Catalogue before or during judging.

The practice of some Clubs to distribute their Show Catalogue to a closed group of exhibitors prior to the Show was accepted by Fedco as some Clubs’ response to the cost of printing while, at the same time, providing a service to exhibitors. However, it was felt that a line needed to be drawn at the posting of Show Catalogues on social media platforms in advance of the Show, given the possible prejudice to exhibitors and, amongst other adverse consequences, the withdrawal of dogs from competition.

NdP expressed the view that, under KUSA’s present regulatory framework, there was nothing preventing Clubs from publishing Show Catalogues on Social Media Platforms ahead of Shows and that this needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency. He expressed the opinion, which elicited broad consent, that the digital distribution of Show Catalogues should be confined to groupings of exhibitors entered at the particular Show only, and not before the official start of the Show, i.e. two (2) hours before the commencement of judging as advertised in the Show Schedule (Schedule 3 Regulation 3.5). The following amendments to Schedule 3 and Schedule 9 were proposed:

Insertions in **bold underlining** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

Schedule 3

10. **SHOW** CATALOGUE

The Show Committee shall publish a **Show Catalogue** which shall contain entries.....on the Exhibitors entry form. **Show Catalogues shall be neither handed out, nor made available digitally to any person, entity or grouping for any purpose whatsoever prior to the official start of the Show as contemplated in Schedule 3 Regulation 3.5. Show catalogues shall not be published on any public forum or on any social media platform and digital distribution shall be strictly confined to closed groupings of exhibitors entered for a particular Show, which shall exclude officiating Judges, and such distribution shall not take place prior to the official start of the Show as per Schedule 3 Regulation 3.5.**

19. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

19.1 stet

19.2 stet

19.3 Every Ring Steward and ring clerk.....and no Show **Catalogue** shall be permitted within the judging ring. [~~and no Show catalogue shall be permitted within any judging ring and~~] **Judges officiating at a particular Show or KUSA-licensed event are not permitted to have access to a Show Catalogue and shall neither view, nor consult, such catalogue published or distributed in any format whatsoever, including but not limited to, on social media platforms, private chat groups, or forms of personal communication, whether inside or outside the judging ring, or before or during a judging assignment.**

Schedule 9 Appendix B

CODE OF CONDUCT AND PRACTISE FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (KUSA)

2.4 Judges **officiating at a particular Show or KUSA-licensed event** shall not [~~consult the show catalogue before or during a judging assignment~~] **have access to a Show Catalogue and shall neither view, nor consult, such catalogue published or distributed in any format whatsoever, including but not limited to, on social media platforms, private chat groups, or forms of personal**

		<p><u>communication, whether inside or outside the judging ring, or before or during a judging assignment.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by RJ, the above amendments were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
8.6		<p>FCI - Registration of Kennel Names</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
8.7		<p>Junior Handler – Representative to attend the European Dog Show in Hungary on 31 December 2021 and Crufts in March 2022. (Fedco round robin 11.11.2021)</p> <p>The Chairman called for the ratification of the decision obtained by Fedco round robin to permit Basil le Roux Jr from Cape Town, the Runner-up National Junior Handler in 2019, to represent KUSA and South Africa at the above events, should he so choose. As always, Junior Handlers were expected to raise the necessary funds to meet their overseas travel and accommodation costs.</p> <p>On a proposal from CI, seconded by RJ, the decision obtained by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p>
	8.7A	<p>Basil le Roux Jr's possible attendance of the World Dog Show in Madrid (24 – 26 June 2022), following the cancellation of the Junior Handler Competition at Crufts 2022</p> <p>The decision of The Kennel Club not to offer the Junior Handler Competition at Crufts in 2022 was discussed and there were no objections to authorising Basil le Roux Jr to compete at the FCI World Show instead. It was, however, felt that KUSA should direct an official "letter of disappointment" at the decision to cancel this premier event in 2022 to the Crufts Organising Committee as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>It was noted that certain funds had been paid into the Crufts-specific Rosemary Elliot Junior Handler Memorial Fund for Master Le Roux and there was general agreement that he should be entitled to the funds, provided they were used for the purpose of representing KUSA and South Africa at an approved</p>

		<p>Junior Handler competition overseas. Additionally, Fedco was unanimous in its decision that the funds specifically donated for Master Le Roux’s Crufts campaign should be transferred into a Control Account at KUSA, which would enable KUSA to deal with any unlikely claims against the funds on the grounds that they would not be used for the purpose (competing at Crufts) for which they had been donated.</p> <p>It was generally felt that the use of a KUSA Control Account for fundraising purposes would be the most practical solution for the consolidation of donations and a suitable alternative to the REMF. There was obviously no obligation on the Le Roux family to lodge funds raised in the KUSA Control Account.</p> <p>On a proposal of CI, seconded by MV, the decisions above, i.e. one to send a “letter of disappointment” to the Crufts Organising Committee/The Kennel Club, two to offer Basil le Roux Jr the FCI World Show in Madrid in June 2022 and three to transfer funds donated to the REMF for him into a separate KUSA Control Account, to be paid over at the appropriate time, were approved, unanimously.</p>
8.8		<p>Schedule 2 Regulation 12 (title) and 12.1</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Proposal 1</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>12. REFUSAL, [OR]CANCELLATION <u>OR RECTIFICATION</u> OF REGISTRATION 12.1 Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations contained, the Executive Committee may, in addition to the provisions of Schedule 1, Disciplinary Rules, Rule 11.1, for good reason, decline to register or record any dog or its transfer [or its transfer] and may cancel any registration or recording <u>and may alter any record of registration to reflect the correct status of affairs.</u></p> <p>Motivation To clarify that changes/corrections to records may be made after an error had been brought to the attention of the KUSA Office, Exco, Fedco or the Sub-Committee of Investigation and/or any duly authorised person.</p> <p>Proposal 2</p> <p>Schedule 3 Regulation 14</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>14. EXCLUSION OF DOGS A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from the precincts of a Show because of disease, savage disposition or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Show a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident <u>following the procedures as set out in the Temporary Exclusion Order Manual and Annexure A thereof published from time to time by the Federal Council.</u></p>

		<p>Motivation</p> <p>To provide a clear reference to the TEO Manual, of which there was currently none. It was vitally important that, should Club Secretaries follow the guidelines in Annexure A, the reference in Schedule 3 would link to documentation that would assist them in completing applications for TEOs, in this case the TEO Manual (available on the KUSA website).</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by MV, the above two housekeeping proposals were unanimously approved, subject to the corrections in red. Effective 01.04.2022, but may be implemented immediately.</p>
8.9		<p>Imposition of “<i>persona non grata</i>” status by the Federal Council on persons whose conduct has proved detrimental to the Kennel Union</p> <p>Proposed by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>Insertion of new definition into Article 2</p> <p>2 INTERPRETATION OF TERMS</p> <p><u>“Persona non grata” means a person who, through his conduct and/or disciplinary or criminal record, has proved detrimental to the Kennel Union and/or to the interests of Southern African canine affairs and who is therefore deemed ineligible and unsuitable for holding membership of the Kennel Union or any of its Affiliated Clubs or for attending, or participating in, any of its regulated activities.</u></p> <p>Amendment to Article 11</p> <p>(Current 11.2 to become an extension of 11.1. New 11.2 added.)</p> <p>11. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>11.1 Whenever a Member’s subscription remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, he shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Kennel Union. [44-2] The Federal Council shall be at liberty to vary the manner and time for the payment of Membership subscription contemplated in Article 10.4 on a blanket or individual basis should circumstances arise which make such variance desirable, or necessary.</p> <p><u>11.2 When <i>persona non grata</i> status is imposed on a Member by the Federal Council he shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Kennel Union.</u></p> <p>Amendment to Article 33</p> <p>33. DISCIPLINARY POWERS <u>OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>33.1 The Federal Council or the Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction to receive, consider, [A]adjudicate and impose [punishment] <u>penalties and/or fines</u> in respect of and in connection with all complaints and objections[:] <u>properly brought under Schedule 1 (Disciplinary Rules) or Schedule 3 Regulation 33, against a subject contemplated therein.</u></p> <p>[33.1.1 Arising from any dog or dogs Show and any act, conduct, default or omission relating to any dog or Dog Show;</p> <p>33.1.2 arising from any person or Affiliated Club in connection with any dog, Dog Show or canine affairs;</p> <p>whenever any such dog, person and Affiliated Club has submitted to and agreed to be bound by this Constitution and all Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws framed thereunder.</p> <p>33.2 All complaints and objections shall be made, lodged and dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules, Schedule I and any other Regulations or By-Laws which may be in force at the time.]</p> <p><u>33.2 With due regard to the rules of natural justice, the Federal Council shall have jurisdiction and authority to impose <i>persona non grata</i> status on any person if, by majority vote, good cause can be shown for the imposition of such status which, <i>inter alia</i>, shall preclude such person from</u></p>

holding membership of the Kennel Union, from holding membership of any Affiliated Club, from attending or participation in any Kennel Union-licensed show or event and from being involved in any of the regulated affairs of the Kennel Union. The decision of the Federal Council to impose *persona non grata* status on a person shall be final and irreversible and be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

Insertion into Declaration 9 of the Show Entry Form

SHOW ENTRY FORM – DECLARATION BY THE REGISTERED OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT

1. I am fully aware that persons on whom *persona non grata* status has been imposed by KUSA are not permitted to attend Shows and I am further aware that I am fully responsible and liable for any damage, injury, or harm caused to any person, animal or property arising out of any action of a person attending the Show as my employee, assistant or guest and who may, or may not, handle the dog hereby entered, such legal responsibility to continue for the duration of the Show and thereafter during the continued presence of the person on the grounds or in the buildings or amenities where the Show is held. I indemnify and hold harmless KUSA, its Officials and Officers, the KUSA-affiliated show-holding Club, and the Officers and employees of the Club, against any and all claims of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising that may be levelled against them, jointly or severally, in respect of any damage, harm or injury caused by any person attending the show as my employee, guest, assistant or handler of my dogs entered at the Show. I further understand and accept that disciplinary action may be lodged against me in this regard as provided for in terms of Schedule 1 Rule 2.3.2.

Amendment to Schedule 3 Regulations 7 (introductory paragraph), 31.1 and 31.3.9

7.save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows, where entries will also be open to non-members' dogs, with the exception of dogs in the registered ownership of persons on whom *persona non grata* status has been imposed, such dogs not being eligible for exhibition at any KUSA-licensed event.

31.1 Any person, except a person on whom *persona non grata* has been imposed by the Federal Council, or who is under a term of suspension or disqualification imposed by the Executive Committee, may lodge..."

31.3.9 that it has been exhibited by a person disqualified or suspended by the Federal Council or the Executive Committee, or by a person on whom *persona non grata* status has been imposed by the Federal Council;

Amendment to Schedule 3 Regulation 33.3

Housekeeping.

Insertions in **bold underlining** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]

In the event of any fine not being paid within the time stipulated by the Executive Committee, the exhibitor may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be dealt with as if a complaint brought under Kennel Union Disciplinary Rules, Rule ~~[2]~~ 4 (Schedule 1), had been lodged against him and proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

Schedule 2

Insertion of new Regulation 18.

18. NO TRANSFER OF REGISTERED OWNERSHIP

		<p><u>No dog registered with the Kennel Union shall be transferred into the registered ownership of a person on whom <i>persona non grata</i> status has been imposed by the Federal Council.</u></p> <p>Schedule 9</p> <p>Insertion into the third paragraph of the Introduction.</p> <p>Failure to comply with, or adhere to, this Code of Conduct for Members of KUSA may result in disciplinary action under Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution and the loss, or suspension, of membership, <u>the imposition of <i>persona non grata</i> status by the Federal Council</u>, or other penalty.</p> <p>New Regulation 4.26 and the rest sequentially renumbered:</p> <p>4.26 not knowingly transfer from their care, by sale or otherwise, a puppy to a person <u>on whom <i>persona non grata</i> status has been imposed by the Federal Council</u>;</p> <p>Motivation: The KUSA Office was increasingly besieged by queries from Members, the general public and the media about certain people in the dog world whose conduct was alleged to be discreditable, dishonourable and even fraudulent in a variety of spheres, ranging from the breeding, registration and sale of puppies to the exhibition of dogs. Some were KUSA Members, but the majority conducted their business outside the restraints of membership and therefore also out of reach of KUSA's disciplinary rules.</p> <p>KUSA's reputation, image and brand have been severely tarnished by the conduct of some of these people and the general perception was that KUSA did not have the constitutional means to deal with the problem effectively. KUSA was therefore obliged to accept and tolerate the continued tainting of its good name through its involuntary association with people who used its brand and services to their own nefarious ends.</p> <p>The Constitution currently offered no means whereby KUSA could disassociate itself from persons intent on causing it harm, embarrassment and degradation. Freedom of Association was a right enshrined in the South African Constitution and Voluntary Associations such as KUSA should similarly be entitled, through a constitutional provision, to disassociate itself from people who, through their conduct, have perpetrated detriment and prejudice to KUSA and were likely to continue to do so.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and, where necessary, further clarification was provided. On conclusion of the debate, the Chairman requested the members of Fedco, in turn, to express their views on the proposal and received overwhelmingly positive responses.</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by DS, the various changes to the Articles, Schedules and the Show Entry Form were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.02.2023, but may be implemented immediately under the sanction granted under Article 43.3.</p>
8.10		<p>Application for Dispensation of the 2020/21 NAPC Top Dog Competition (Fedco round robin 23 – 24 November 2021)</p> <p>Background: The NAPC presented an annual prestige event called NAPC Top Dog Competition, held in early January each year in accordance with the provisions contained in Schedule 5E(22) of the KUSA Constitution. This Competition was in nature similar to other competitions, for instance the SUPA 7s, presented by Eastern Districts Kennel Club, and were held for dogs that have qualified during the previous show-year according to set criteria contained in the said Schedule. Only dogs that have qualified were invited to enter this Show for either Breed and/or certain identified Disciplines.</p> <p>Motivation: Due to the stringent COVID-19 Government-imposed Regulations applicable to the various levels of lockdown, an embargo was placed on the presentation of certain public and social events during 2020 and during the early part of 2021. As a result, the 2020 NAPC Top Dog Competition could not be presented and had to be cancelled. In order not to prejudice the 2020 qualifiers (of which there</p>

		<p>were only a few), it was considered appropriate to invite them along with the 2021 qualifiers to compete at the event scheduled for 9 January 2022. After the January 2022 event, the Competition would revert to the original time-frames contained in the Schedule.</p> <p>Fedco's considered the proposed interim arrangement by round robin, which was supported, unanimously.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by GR, the outcome of the Fedco round robin was unanimously ratified.</p>
8.11		<p>KUSA Showdog of the Year Presentation</p> <p>JH invited CI to inform the Fedco of the arrangements which had been put in place for the presentation of the KUSA Showdog of the Year awards.</p> <p>CI advised that the presentation ceremony for KUSA Showdog of the Year was scheduled to take place in conjunction with SUPA 7s event on 22 January 2022 at the Indaba Hotel & Conference Centre, Fourways, Sandton. The SUPA 7s organising Committee had kindly agreed to accommodate the presentation ceremony at this prestigious event, which had solved a major dilemma for KUSA.</p> <p>Noted, with appreciation to the Chairman and Committee of Eastern Districts Kennel Club.</p>
8.12		<p>COVID-19 Presidents' address to the Nation on 28.11.2021 - Vaccination Policy</p> <p>Extract from the Statement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on progress in the National effort to contain the COVID-19 Pandemic:</p> <p><i>(Bolding for emphasis.)</i></p> <p><i>"The first, the most powerful, tool we have is vaccination.</i></p> <p><i>Since the first COVID-19 vaccines became available late last year, we have seen how vaccines have dramatically reduced severe illness, hospitalisation and death in South Africa and across the world. Vaccines do work. Vaccines are saving lives.</i></p> <p><i>Since we launched our public vaccination programme in May 2021, over 25 million vaccines doses have been administered in South Africa. This is a remarkable achievement.</i></p> <p><i>It is by far the most extensive health intervention undertaken in this country in such a short period of time.</i></p> <p><i>Forty-one percent of the adult population have received at least one vaccine dose, and 35.6 per cent of adult South Africans are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.</i></p> <p><i>Significantly, 57 per cent of people 60 years old and above are fully vaccinated, and 53 per cent of people aged between 50 and 60 are fully vaccinated.</i></p> <p><i>While this is welcome progress, it is not enough to enable us to reduce infections, prevent illness and death and restore our economy.</i></p> <p><i>Vaccination against COVID-19 is free.</i></p> <p><i>Tonight, I would like to call on every person who has not been vaccinated to go to their nearest vaccination station without delay.</i></p> <p><i>If there is someone in your family or among your friends who is not vaccinated, I call on you to encourage them to get vaccinated.</i></p> <p><i>Vaccination is by far the most important way to protect yourself and those around you against the Omicron variant, to reduce the impact of the fourth wave and to help restore the social freedoms we all yearn for.</i></p> <p><i>Vaccination is also vital to the return of our economy to full operation, to the resumption of travel and to the recovery of vulnerable sectors like tourism and hospitality.</i></p> <p><i>The development of the vaccines we have against COVID-19 has been made possible thanks to the millions of ordinary people who have volunteered to participate in these trials to advance scientific knowledge for the benefit of humanity. They are the people who have proven that these vaccines are safe and effective.</i></p> <p><i>These people are our heroes.</i></p>

		<p><i>They join the ranks of the healthcare workers who have been at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic for close on two years, and who continue to care for the sick, who continue to administer vaccines, and who continue to save lives.</i></p> <p><i>We need to be thinking about the people who have been courageous when we consider getting vaccinated.</i></p> <p><i>By getting vaccinated, we are not only protecting ourselves, but we are also reducing the pressure on our healthcare system and our healthcare workers and reducing the risks faced by our healthcare workers.</i></p> <p><i>South Africa, like a number of other countries, is looking at booster vaccines for people who are at greatest risk and for whom a booster may be beneficial.</i></p> <p><i>Healthcare workers in the Sisonke trial, many of whom were vaccinated more than six months ago, are being offered Johnson & Johnson booster doses.</i></p> <p><i>Pfizer has filed an application to the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority for a third dose to be administered after the two dose primary series.</i></p> <p><i>The Ministerial Advisory Committee on Vaccines has already indicated that it will recommend a staged introduction of boosters commencing with the older population.</i></p> <p><i>Other people with immunodeficiency, such as those on cancer treatment, renal dialysis and on steroids treatment for auto-immune diseases, are allowed booster doses on recommendation of their doctors.</i></p> <p>As individuals, as companies and as government, we have a responsibility to ensure that all people in this country can work, travel and socialise safely.</p> <p>We have therefore been undertaking engagements with social partners and other stakeholders on introducing measures that make vaccination a condition for access to workplaces, public events, public transport and public establishments.</p> <p>This includes discussions that have been taking place at NEDLAC between government, labour, business and the community constituency, where there is broad agreement on the need for such measures.</p> <p>Government has set up a task team that will undertake broad consultations on making vaccinations mandatory for specific activities and locations.</p> <p>The task team will report to the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Vaccination, chaired by the Deputy President, which will make recommendations to Cabinet on a fair and sustainable approach to vaccine mandates.</p> <p>We realise that the introduction of such measures is a difficult and complex issue, but if we do not address this seriously, and as a matter of urgency, we shall continue to be vulnerable to new variants and shall continue to suffer new waves of infection.”</p> <p>The Chairman expressed the belief that, as far as its licensed activities were concerned, KUSA should support any action the Government might take to “make vaccinations mandatory for specific activities and locations”. MV agreed and briefly apprised Fedco on the drastic measures introduced by corporates to keep the workplace safe. CI and DS stressed the importance of KUSA being seen to encourage vaccination.</p> <p>GR said the calls for vaccination checks at shows had already started and he recently had an enquiry to check whether all KUSA’s Judges had been vaccinated!</p> <p>To avoid seeking permission by Fedco round robin, the Chairman appealed for Fedco’s pre-emptive authorisation for the KUSA Office and show-holding Clubs to be instructed to deal with KUSA-licensed activities in accordance with measures which might be introduced by Government to ensure a “fair and sustainable approach to vaccine mandates”.</p> <p>On a proposal by NdP, seconded by MV, the mandate sought by the Chairman was unanimously granted.</p>
8.13		<p>Dispensation request – SA Agility Championship 2022</p> <p>Submitted by the Convener of NAgSC</p>

		<p>The NAgSC requested dispensation for the closing date for the Regional Trials for qualification for the SA Agility Championships 2022 to be extended to the last day of April 2022, instead of the last day of March (Schedule 5L Appendix 4 3.3.2).</p> <p>Motivation: In light of the fact that SA Agility was still playing catch-up this year with competitions such as National Agility League and that it appeared likely that COVID-19 might disrupt plans again in the first quarter of 2022, it would like to act proactively to allow the provinces additional leeway to hold the Regional Trials in case there were further disruptions. As the SA Agility Championships were now being held in mid-June 2022, the end of April still allowed more than adequate time for the necessary invitations to be extended, etc.</p> <p>3.3 Regional Trials 3.3.1 Each year, by the end of September, the SAAC Sub-Committee will appoint a Trials Coordinator.</p> <p>SCHEDULE 5L APPENDIX "D" – EFFECTIVE: 01.10.2020</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <hr style="border: 2px solid black;"/> <p>3.3.2 Four (4) Regional trials will be held, between the first day of November and the last day of March. The Trials Coordinator will specify the deadline dates for the submission of the results for each leg. Written application must be made to the SAAC Sub-Committee if an extension is required to run a Regional trial/s.</p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by JH, the dispensation to extend the closing date for the Regional Trials was granted, unanimously.</p> <p>For reasons of implementation urgency, Fedco agreed to a waiver of confidentiality on this item and authorised the immediate release of its decision.</p>
8.14		<p>Amendment to Article 14.2</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Housekeeping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>bold underlining</u> and deletions in [struck out square brackets].</p> <p>14.2 The Provincial Council Chairmen and, in the case of the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, shall be those persons elected at the first meeting in the alternate financial years of each Provincial Council, in terms of [Article] <u>clause [14.2]16.1.4.1</u> of the Provincial Council Constitutions. Should it be necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for a Provincial Council member of the Federal Council to absent himself from any meeting of the Federal Council, he shall notify the Chairman of the Federal Council who may permit the Vice-Chairman of that Provincial Council to take his place, and in the case of the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds, the duly elected [p]Primary and [s]Secondary [s]Substitutes <u>for the Vice-Chairman to take his/their place/s. Should a Vice-Chairman of any of the other Provincial Councils not be able to substitute for the Chairman of that Provincial Council at a meeting of the Federal Council, the Chairman of the Federal Council may permit the duly elected Substitute for the Vice-Chairman to attend.</u></p> <p>Motivation: This amendment was necessary to align the Articles with the new harmonised Provincial Council Constitutions, essentially to provide for the Substitute elected in terms of clause 16.1.5 to be invited to attend a Federal Council meeting, should both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a Provincial Council be unable to be present. In the past, only DOGSPC, with its two representatives, was permitted to elect a Primary and Secondary Substitute for the Vice-Chairman. In the new Provincial Council constitutions, the election of a Substitute was extended to all Provincial Councils.</p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by RJ, the amendment to Article 14.2 was approved, unanimously.</p>

		Effective 01.02.2023, but may be implemented immediately under the sanction granted under Article 43.3.
9		<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>June Meeting – proposed dates to be decided over the long weekend spanning the dates of 16 to 19 June 2022 (any of the four 4 days).</p> <p>December Meeting – 2, 3 & 4 December 2022.</p> <p>KF was directed to send an email to Fedco to tie down the specific dates of the June 2022 meeting and to confirm the dates for the December 2022 meeting.</p>
10		<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Since there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12h45. All present echoed GR's vote of thanks to the chair.</p>