THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
held on
THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026
at 17.30 on MS Teams

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In terms of Article 16.1 of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, notice had been duly given of this Special Meeting of the Federal Council to be held at 17.30 on Thursday, 27 August 2026, on MS Teams.

Item	Sub-Item	Sub-Item	MINUTES
1			**Welcome and Notice of the Meeting** As **proposed by Cllr V(M) Alberts**, **seconded by Cllr N Redtenbacher**, and **agreed, unanimously**, by all Federal Councillors present at the Fedco 07-2026 Special Meeting, held on, 30 July 2026, notice had appropriately been given by the Secretary, on behalf of the Chairman, on Thursday, 30 July 2026 (at 19.06), of this Special Meeting of the Federal Council, to be held on **Thursday, 27 August 2026, at 17.30, on MS Teams**. **To read the Notice of the Meeting.** At the request of the Chairman, the Notice convening this Special Meeting was read by the KUSA Secretary.
2			**Attendance & Apologies** **To record attendance and any apologies.** **Attendance of Members of the Federal Council:** Cllr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH Cllr LC Thornhill (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – WCPC) – LT Cllr V (M) Alberts (Chairman – Exco) – MA Cllr C Chelchinskey (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC Cllr L Coetsee (Chairman – NAPC) – LC Cllr RD Juckes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Cllr N Redtenbacher (Chairman – DOGSPC) – NR Cllr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Cllr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV **Attendance of Members of the KUSA Staff:** Mrs PLE Midgley (KUSA General Manager) – PM Mr BG Robinson (KUSA Secretary) – GR Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Communications & Public Relation) – CPA (from approx. 19.00) Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS (from approx. 19.00)
3			**Matters to be discussed** **As advised in the Notice convening the meeting, the primary focus of discussions at this Special Meeting would be on the final approval of the KUSA Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year and the proposed amendments to Schedule 05F (9.1.1 & 9.1.2) – Regulations for GSD Breed Surveys and Breed Assessments – but certain other items, deemed to be urgent by the Chairman, may also be accommodated on the Agenda, which Agenda had been issued by the Chairman in sufficient time before the meeting.**
	3.1		**To discuss and approve the KUSA 2026/2027 Budget** ***Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2026:*** *In the knowledge of the projected loss in the 2025/2026 financial year and, having taken into account the average inflation rate, both current and anticipated for next year, PM advised Fedco that the Budget Committee decided to recommend to the Federal Council a 5% "across-the-board" inflation-*

related increase, the same as had been applied at the start of the current financial year. As it had done in the previous year, the Budget Committee once again decided to recommend that certain, mainly Club-related, costs be exempted from the 5% increase. In the view of the Budget Committee, the exemption should apply to:

- *Annual Affiliation Fees, not to be increased in 2026/2027, thereby to remain at levels charged in the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 financial years.*
- *Show Entry Fees, not to be increased in the 2026/2027 financial year and to remain at R32.00 per dog for Championship Shows and R5.00 per dog for Non-championship Shows for the second year in succession.*
- *Show Licence Fees, not to be increased in 2026/2027, thereby to remain at levels charged in the 2025/2026 financial year.*
- *Judges' Exam Fees, not to be increased in 2026/2027, thereby to remain at levels charged in the 2025/2026 financial year.*
- *Show Penalty Fees, not to be increased and to remain at R50.00 per week.*

The Chairman enquired whether Fedco members had any questions or concerns about the Budget Committee's recommendations.

RJ enquired from PM whether she still anticipated savings on staff costs when the new KUSA Online Portal had become fully operational. PM was confident that certain areas of KUSA's operation would become less reliant on human resources, but did not foresee any immediate decrease in headcount, due to skills and staffing required to optimally provide marketing, communication, breed health and IT services.

MA reminded Fedco that, once operational, the use of the KUSA Online Portal should result in considerable savings in printing and postage costs and even negate the need to lease a sophisticated printer. PM echoed MA's sentiments.

As there were no further questions or comments, the Chairman called for the acceptance of the Budget Committee's proposal and, on a proposal from RJ, seconded by NR, the 5% inflation-related increase of KUSA's fees was approved, unanimously, subject to the increase being stayed in respect of the fees bulleted above.

*[**Note:** PM undertook to ensure that the Notice advising the fee increases would be published on the KUSA website on 1 July 2026 to meet the requirements under Article 41.]*

Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 07-2026 Special Meeting:

2026/2027 Budget for discussion and finalisation.

The Chairman called on PM to address the Federal Council on the KUSA Budget for 2026/2027.

PM informed Fedco that, despite the considerable impositions on her time currently, she had managed to prepare a draft Budget for discussion at this Special Meeting. Although the draft Budget has not been shared with Fedco in advance of the meeting, it was her intention to do so directly after the meeting, once she had clarified the methodology applied and had elaborated on some of the salient features of the Budget.

Before proceeding with her presentation, PM reminded Fedco of the decision taken at Fedco 06-2026 to apply a 5% across-the-board inflationary increase to most forms of customary income, but to exempt certain income streams from the increase, as per the extract of the Minutes from that meeting quoted above. It should be evident from the forms of income exempted that the primary object was to provide a measure of financial relief to Clubs.

During her presentation, PM intermittently screen-shared her Excel Worksheets containing the draft

Budget for Income and Expenditure and explained that, these being documents of considerable complexity, it was necessary to remind Fedco of the principles, methodology and conventions applied in their compilation. As a general principle, and in line with past practice, the Budget was premised on the actuals of the first nine months of the current financial year, leaving the final three months to be estimated by extrapolation. Comparing these estimates to the actuals received and expended during the same months of the previous financial year (2025/2026), enabled, for every line-item, the calculation of variance estimates of either overachievement, or underachievement, against the previous year's figures, expressed as a percentage.

As should be evident, the same convention was applied to every descriptor, whether Income or Expenditure, the detail of which was accessible for interrogation by engaging with the appropriate descriptor's breakdown via the Worksheets' multiple tabs. These breakdowns reflect the actual transactions applicable to each descriptor during the previous financial year and during the first nine months of the current financial year, with the estimated Income/Expenditure for the remainder of the Income in the current financial year built thereon, as previously explained. The 2026/2027 Budget is then predicted, taking the 5% inflationary increase on Income into account, where permissible. PM advised that, in her predictions, she had adhered to the basic budgetary principle of stating Income conservatively while, conversely, overstating Expenditure at a "worst case scenario" level.

Taking the 5% increase across the main income streams into account, a cumulative growth of 1% is predicted in the new financial year, which equals the percentage growth in the current financial year. For the interest of the Federal Council, PM provided a percentage breakdown of KUSA's income streams:
Affiliations = 2.8% of Income;
Affixes = 2.8% of Income;
Interest Received = 6% of Income;
Membership Fees = 23.5% of Income;
Registration Fees = 51% of Income;
Show Entries = 8% of Income;
Show Licences = 3% of Income;
Transfers = 0.7% of Income; and
Other = 2.2% of Income,
noting that Registration Fees and Membership Fees outrank the others by a considerable margin. At present, KUSA's payroll was its principal expense, followed by computer- and IT-related costs.

In dealing with KUSA's current financial position, PM apprised Fedco of the balance held across its current accounts, respective investment accounts and control accounts, the latter holding funds for various structures within the KUSA which prefer to access their funds via KUSA, when required. She was at pains to point out that the total of the various control accounts reflected in the accounts as a liability.

In concluding her presentation, PM reminded Fedco that the inevitable operational loss in the current financial year, the first in five years, was foreseen and expected when Fedco made its decision to not only invest in computerisation, digitisation and systems development, but also to address staffing shortfalls and capacity and production deficiencies. Benefits from KUSA's improved service levels have been reaped during the year, evidenced by a notable decrease in complaints from members.

PM informed the meeting that she had met with the Budget Committee the previous day (29 July 2026) for an in-depth pre-discussion of the proposed KUSA Budget for 2026/2027. During the discussion, it became clear that, with so many items requiring deliberation and decision, Fedco would need to be afforded sufficient time to properly engage with the draft Budget. She, therefore, proposed that, following the distribution of the Worksheets immediately following this Special Meeting, Fedco should be afforded sufficient time to engage with the Budget and be requested to revert with queries, questions and recommendations by no later than Wednesday,19 August 2026.

PM declared her intention to, thereafter, collate the feedback from the Federal Councillors for presentation to the Budget Committee and to make the necessary amendments and enhancements to the Worksheets as directed by the Budget Committee. That would enable her to table the final

			draft to the Special Meeting envisaged to be held on 27 August 2026, of which authorisation of notice to be given would be sought by the Chairman under Item 4.4. *PM's proposal of next steps in securing approval for the Budget, was accepted by all present.* *Before proceeding with discussion of the remainder of the Agenda items, LT interjected, speaking as a member of the Budget Committee. She assured the Federal Council that, at the meeting of the Budget Committee on 29 July 2026, every line-item of the Budget was rigorously interrogated to ensure that the document ultimately presented to Fedco would have been subjected to thorough scrutiny and agreed by consensus. She appealed to the Fedco members to heed PM's call for feedback, thereby to validate the transparency and inclusivity of the process that effectively charts the future course of KUSA. As she had only recently joined the Budget Committee, she thanked JH and MV for their collaboration and support in making her first Budget Meeting such a positive learning experience.* *PM echoed LT's sentiments, also extending her thanks to the three members of the Budget Committee for their insights, support and assistance. JH expressed her gratitude to her colleagues on the Budget Committee and, especially, to PM fort the hours and effort expended in putting it all together.* *Deferred to Fedco 08-2026 – to be scheduled for 27 August 2026.* **2026/2027 Budget for discussion and approval.** PM reminded Fedco, as had been envisaged in the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 30 July 2026 (recorded above), the Draft Budget was circulated to the members of the Federal Council on 31 July 2026. The Federal Council was invited to submit comments, queries and recommendations to PM by 19 August 2026. PM reported that, subsequent to the distribution of the Draft Budget, she had received feedback from RJ, MA and NR, which she proposed dealing with under headings, since their queries/proposals were requisite of decision. She screen-shared a document she had prepared to, *inter alia*, deal with the issues raised by the three Councillors. **Monthly Data & Connectivity Allowance for Federal Councillors and other elected or appointed KUSA Officials** In the past, an arbitrary differentiation had been made between the allowance paid to the Fedco members representing large Provincial Councils and those representing smaller Councils, ostensibly based on the number of Affiliated Clubs in each Provincial Council. In the feedback received by PM, it was pointed out that there was no valid cause for discrimination between the Provincial Councils, since the costs for connectivity were the same, with the frequency of the online meetings more or less on par. In view of the above, it was proposed that the Data & Connectivity Allowances paid to Federal Councillors be harmonised. The current disparity in the fees paid to the respective Federal Councillors was briefly discussed and, on a **proposal from CC**, **seconded by LT**, it was **agreed, unanimously**, that the budgetary provision for Data & Connectivity Allowances should be the same for all Federal Councillors. **Necessity for budgetary provision for a Second Delegate to represent KUSA at the FCI General Assembly to be held in Tulln, Austria, in May 2027.** It was explained by PM that, compared to the General Assembly in Helsinki, Finland, in 2025, where delegates were compelled to accept the conference package on offer, there was no such imposition on attendees of the General Assembly in Tulln. To contain costs, KUSA's designated attendees had opted to subscribe to the basic conference package, which includes lunches and teas only, and to

secure accommodation in an Airbnb. Not being a major centre in Austria, prices in Tulln were appreciably more reasonable than those in a metropole like Helsinki and, upon investigation of return air fares to Vienna, these also seemed to be at the lower end of fares to European destinations.

Concerning the beneficiality and the desirability of the presence of a second KUSA delegate at the FCI General Assembly, especially in a year where a deficit was projected, the following potential benefits to KUSA were cited:

- The attendance of a second delegate is part of a well-considered **and very necessary succession and induction plan**.
- Networking, building of long-term relationships and securing allies are **vitally important to KUSA's standing and influence in the FCI**. In the limited time available, these responsibilities become more manageable if split between two people.
- Important discussions are often conducted simultaneously in breakaway sessions, and one person cannot attend all of them. **Non-attendance of sessions leads to miscommunication and misunderstandings**.
- A two-person delegation **bears testimony to the esteem in which the FCI is held by KUSA** and adds exponentially to the **gravity of KUSA's presence at a conference**.
- It is of great benefit for any delegate to be able to **exchange ideas, compare experiences and strategise with a colleague after conference hours**.

After thorough interrogation of the pros and cons, on a **proposal from LT**, **seconded by MA**, it was **decided, unanimously**, that the current budgetary provision for two delegates to attend the FCI General Assembly in Tulln in 2027 should remain, but with regard for the possibility that cost adjustments might be necessitated by the volatility of the financial markets due to geopolitical conflicts or other economic factors.

Budgetary provision for Dog of the Year 2026/2027

It was noted that the provision in the Draft Budget fell appreciably short of the anticipated expenditure on an award presentation ceremony in 2027 which, as agreed by Fedco, would also acknowledge and award achievements in all other forms of Dogsport. A member of the Budget Committee explained that the initial cost estimation was set when there was still uncertainty about the award criteria for certain forms of Dogsport, but said that the Budget Committee was accepting of the general view that it would be preferable to make budgetary provision for the full slate of Dogsport and, should some Dogsport turn out to be ineligible, or not yet ready for awarding in 2027, for the presentation ceremony to come in ***under*** budget.

On **a proposal from CC**, **seconded by NR**, and **approved, unanimously**, the provision for the 2027 award function was raised to meet the anticipated expense of the event, **on the proviso that** organisers accept that the adjusted allowance would be inclusive of ***all*** the Dogsport currently regulated by KUSA and, should some Dogsport be excluded from the awards in 2027, that the available operating budget should be proportionately reduced.

The finalisation of Schedule 05E (24) came under discussion and, in this regard, it's prudent to refer the conclusion reached at Fedco 06-2026:

*On a **proposal from MA, seconded by NR**, the amendments to Schedule 05E(24), **including the change of its title to "KUSA Dog of the Year Competitions"**, were **approved, unanimously**, subject to the following:*

1. *The Competition Period, which commenced on 02.06.2025 and terminated on 28.06.2026, **shall apply to Breed only**, with the achievements of the seven Group Showdogs of the Year and the overall winner – the KUSA Showdog of the Year 2025/2026 – being awarded at an Award Presentation Ceremony, provisionally scheduled for 8 August 2026.*
2. *Schedule 05E(24), as amended at this meeting, shall become effective on 01.10.2026, **but its implementation date shall be backdated to 01.06.2026**, i.e. the date on which the*

2026/2027 Competition Period started, which Competition Period shall terminate on the last day of the KUSA Classic Weekend in 2027;

3. *The reservation of the Federal Council's right to **further amend Schedule 05E(24) at Fedco 12-2026** to include any or all outstanding Dogsport.*
4. *The Competition Period in 2. above shall apply to **Breed and Dogsport** and the achievements of the various Dogsport included in the Schedule after Fedco 12-2026 shall be awarded at the Presentation Ceremony in August 2027;*
5. *NR and MA to advise the National Sub-committees for Carting, Flyball, Working Trials (Classic), Working Utility Dog, Rally Dog, and the Ad Hoc Provincial Sub-committees for Dog Dancing, of Fedco's decision and apologise to them for the unavoidable delay in their inclusion in the Dog of the Year Awards.*

[**Note:** As recorded under Point 3 above, Fedco reserved the right to further amend Schedule 05E (24) – Regulations for KUSA Dog of the Year Competitions – at Fedco 12-2026 and such proposed amendments need to be discussed and finalised ahead of Fedco 12-2026 for tabling at the meeting.]

Adjustment to the Budget for Computer Software

PM informed Fedco that she had under-budgeted for the annual fee payable for the 5-user Licence for QuickBooks Online and requested permission for the upwards adjustment of this fee.

On a **proposal from JH**, **seconded by MA**, permission was **granted, unanimously**, for PM to adjust the Draft Budget to accommodate the increased fee payable for the QuickBooks Licence.

Approval of the KUSA Budget for 2026/2027

Taking the above adjustments into account, PM provided Fedco with the adjusted Income and Expenditure figures and, since all the queries and concerns had been addressed and resolved, the Chairman called for the approval of the KUSA Budget for 2026/2027.

On a **proposal from MA**, **seconded by RJ**, the KUSA Budget for 2026/2027 was **approved, unanimously**.

Proposed Resolution by the Federal Council for the monthly Financial Management Reports to be presented to the Federal Council instead of the Executive Committee in future

PM brought to the attention of Fedco that, over time, the practice had developed for KUSA's Financial Management Reports to be made to the Executive Committee at its monthly meetings. Evidenced by several quoted Articles, PM pointed out that this practice amounted to a constitutional disregard and ought not to be perpetuated. She proposed that, in future, these Reports be given to the Federal Council at the regular Fedco Discussion Forums (FDFs) and approved by Fedco round robin soonest thereafter and, ultimately, ratified at the first available Special Meeting or Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council. If accordingly ***resolved*** by Fedco, the Financial Management Reports will cease to form part of the Agendas of the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee.

Having considered PM's appeal, the Federal Council was satisfied that, henceforth, the monthly Financial Management Reports should be given to the Federal Council as suggested by PM and **proposed by MA**, **seconded by LT**, it was **agreed, unanimously**, to make the following Resolution in terms of Article 43.2 to legitimise the revised practice:

In terms of Article 43.2, the Federal Council resolves that, on interpretation of the KUSA Constitution, the responsibility for all matters related to the financial affairs of KUSA shall, with immediate effect, fall squarely and exclusively within the remit of the Federal Council. For the avoidance of doubt, the Federal Council shall be the body to receive and approve all financial reports routinely prepared by the KUSA Office.

Effective immediately.

			[**Note 1:** MA was authorised to bring this resolution to the attention of the Executive Committee, if necessary, before the publication of these Minutes.] [**Note 2:** The date for the meeting of the Budget Committee (JH, MV & LT) and the General Manager, with the members of the Executive Committee was confirmed as Wednesday, 16 September 2026, at 18.00.
CPA AND NS JOINED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 19.00			
	3.2		**Proposed Amendments to Schedule 05F (9.1.1) – Regulations for German Shepherd Dog Breed Survey AND Schedule 05F (9.1.2) – Regulations for German Shepherd Dog Breed Assessment** Submitted by the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council. ***Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2026:*** *The Chairman thanked MA for his scrutiny of this Schedule and his proposed amendments to it.* *PM said that she presumed that this Schedule, which had been reviewed by MA with some significant amendments proposed, needed to be sent back to the GSDLC for consideration and, possibly, further adjustment, before being re-tabled to Fedco for acceptance at a constituted meeting. In this regard, PM suggested the revised Schedule, if cleared by the GSDLC in time, might be considered by Fedco at the Special Meeting Scheduled for 30 July 2026.* *The general feeling was that, scheduling this item for discussion at the Special Meeting of 30 July 2026, did not give the GSDLC sufficient time to work through the proposed changes and confer with its constituents (member Clubs). In any event, this Special Meeting was envisaged to be devoted entirely to the finalisation of the Budget.* *Another possibility was mooted, i.e. that the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF), scheduled for 27 August 2026, be split into a Special Meeting (to consider this Item), with the rest of the session continuing as an FDF. Should that be the preferred option, notice of the Special Meeting on 27 August 2026 would need to be given at the Special Meeting of 30 July 2026, where it could be called by unanimous agreement of all the Federal Councillors. To permit the Federal Councillors sufficient time to engage with the revised Schedule 05F (9.1.1 and 9.1.2), the document must be returned by the GSDLC in amended form by 7 August 2026.* *After discussion, it was decided that, should approval of the Schedule 05F (9.1.1 and 9.1.2) be urgently required by the GSDLC, that its consideration in amended form should take place at the envisaged Special Meeting of the Federal Council on 27 August 2026. In such case, the Schedule, as revised by the GSDLC, must reach the KUSA Office no later than 7 August 2026. Alternatively, if submission within these timelines prove to be unachievable, the consideration of the revised Schedule should stand over till Fedco 12-2026 and be submitted by 7 September 2026, along with all other Breed & Liaison Council submissions.* ***Deferred.*** *[**Note:** It was authorised by Fedco that Notice to the above effect be given to the GSDLC before publication of the Minutes.]* **For decision.** It was reported that the GSDLC had accepted the changes to Schedule 05F (9.1.1 and 9.1.2) made by MA to bring these Schedules in line with the Schedules which regulate Breed Assessments for other breeds. CPA reported on her exchanges with the Chairman of the GSDLC which, ultimately, resulted in the Council's acceptance of MA's changes. In consequence, the version tabled for approval was inclusive of those changes, marked up as per the customary convention. GR cautioned that there were grammatical errors throughout the Schedule and appealed that, should it be approved, it be done on the proviso that these errors were rectified prior to publication. This was generally agreed.

			On a **proposal from NR**, **seconded by DS**, the amended Schedule 05F (9.1.1 and 9.1.2) was **approved, unanimously**, **subject to grammatical review and adjustment prior to publication**. **Effective 01.11.2026, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.**
4			**Any other matters of an urgent nature brought forward by the Chairman to be placed on the Agenda for this Special Meeting**
	4.1		**Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E (14) – Regulations for the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational – to change the method of judging of the Top Veteran Competition and Top Puppy Competition** Submitted by the Western Cape Provincial Council. **Motivation:** Due to the popularity of the **Top Veteran Competition** and **Top Puppy Competition**, which form part of the Western Cape Top Dog Invitational, it had been decided by the Western Cape Provincial Council to align the method of judging of these two Competitions with that of the main Competition, i.e. **Western Cape Top Dog**. **Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E (14) Regulations 8, 9 & 11, and making an unrelated housekeeping amendment:** Deletions [~~Struck through in square brackets~~] **8. JUDGING OF TOP VETERAN COMPETITION** 8.1 The Top Veteran Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Puppy Competition. [~~8.2 The order in which the Veterans are judged:~~ ~~8.2.1 The Dog Veterans will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.~~ ~~8.2.2 The Bitch Veterans will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Veterans, and assessment of each individual Veteran, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced Veterans.~~ 8.2.3 ~~The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Veteran and the Reserve Top Veteran.~~] **8.2 The Veterans will be judged in their respective groups.** **8.3 The order in which the Veteran Groups will parade will be drawn by lot by the Judge, or determined by the Organising Committee of the Competition.** **8.4 At the conclusion of the parade of a Veteran Group, and assessment of each individual dog, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced dogs.** **8.5 At the conclusion of the judging of all the Veteran Groups, the two (2) dogs that were selected from each Group must re-enter the ring and the Judge will select the First-placed dog and a Reserve from each Group.** **8.6 The dog that is placed First in each Veteran Group shall go forward to the Final.** **8.7 All the Veteran Group winners will parade before the Judge, who will then place the Top Veteran and the Reserve Top Veteran.**

			9. JUDGING OF THE TOP PUPPY COMPETITION 9.1 The Top Puppy Competition will be judged before the commencement of the Top Dog Competition. [~~9.2 The order in which the Puppies are judged:~~ ~~9.2.1 The Dog Puppies will parade first. At the conclusion of the parade of the Dog Puppies, and assessment of each individual puppy, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced puppies.~~ ~~9.2.2 The Bitch Puppies will parade second. At the conclusion of the parade of the Bitch Puppies, and assessment of each individual puppy, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced puppies.~~ ~~10.3 The four (4) finalists will parade before the Judge and the Judge will place the Top Puppy and the Reserve Top Puppy.~~] **<u>9.2 The Puppies will be judged in their respective groups.</u>** **<u>9.3 The order in which the Puppy Groups will parade will be drawn by lot by the Judge, or determined by the Organising Committee of the Competition.</u>** **<u>9.4 At the conclusion of the parade of a Puppy Group, and assessment of each individual dog, the Judge shall select two (2) unplaced dogs.</u>** **<u>9.5 At the conclusion of the judging of all the Puppy Groups, the two (2) dogs that were selected from each Group must re-enter the ring and the Judge will select the First-placed dog and a Reserve from each Group.</u>** **<u>9.6 The dog that is placed First in each Puppy Group shall go forward to the Final.</u>** **<u>9.7 All the Puppy Group winners will parade before the Judge, who will then place the Top Puppy and the Reserve Top Puppy.</u>** **11. JUDGES** 11.1 The Organising Committee of the Competition may appoint one or as many Judges as the Committee deem suitable. 11.1.1 The name(s) of the Judge(s) shall be advised to the Competitors at the time their Invitations are despatched or at the commencement of the Competition, at the discretion of the Organising Committee. 11.1.2 Any Judge selected shall be an All-breeds Judge and approved by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa not later than six (6) months before the date of the Competition. ~~11.2~~ [~~The management of any Rally event at a Show shall be entrusted to the Show Manager who shall be a Member in good standing of KUSA and appointed by the show-holding Club.~~] On a **proposal from LT**, **seconded by LC**, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05E (14) were **approved, unanimously**. **Effective 01.11.2026, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.**

			[**Note:** The replacement of certain Sub-regulations under Regulations 8 & 9 were not indicated in the markup presented to Fedco, but this omission has been rectified in these Minutes. The amended version of Schedule 05E (14) approved by Fedco is unchanged.]
	4.2		**Proposed Amendments to Schedule 02 – Subjecting the transfer of the Registered Ownership of dogs seized by the SPCA, or any other authority so empowered by law, on grounds of cruelty or neglect, to the approval of the Executive Committee** Submitted by the Federal Council. **Motivation:** To avoid possible interference with legal processes and the rule of law involving dogs seized by the SPCA, or any other authority so empowered by law, KUSA is obliged to exercise due caution when effecting the transfer(s) of the registered ownership of such dogs, whether they were part of those seized, or not. To avoid processing applications for the transfer of registered ownership of dogs that might have been seized by the SPCA, it is necessary for KUSA to establish the whereabouts of specific dogs and, if they're accessible, to have them microchip-scanned to verify their identity. Given the uncertainty around the fate of specific dogs when a seizure of multiple dogs had taken place, it is prudent that the requested transfers be stayed by the KUSA Office, pending the acquisition of the required information. With the information gathered by the KUSA Office at its disposal, the Executive Committee should be in a position to make an informed decision on the transfer(s) applied for. [**Note:** The initial draft of the proposed amendment to Schedule 02 Regulation 10 was sent to the members of the Federal Council under cover of the KUSA Secretary's email of 14 August 2026, with the caution that the renumbered Regulation 10.1 was requisite of further amendment due to the imminent introduction of the new KUSA Online Portal. The version presented below contains **updated Regulation 10.1** as well as the **new Regulation 10.2 (**unchanged from the draft presented to Fedco on 14 August 2026)]. **Proposed amendment to Schedule 02 Regulation 10 by numbering the first Regulation and making some housekeeping amendments to it, and inserting a new Regulation 10.2:** Insertions in **bold underlining** and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **10 TRANSFER OF REGISTERED OWNERSHIP OF A DOG** **10.1** An application for the transfer of registered ownership for each individual puppy in a litter, may be submitted simultaneously to the application for registration of the litter, [~~on the proviso~~] **provided** that the breeder **furnishes complete and accurate contact details for the new owner in whose name the Certificate of Registration should be issued.** [~~attaches to the application for registration of a complete litter, an official application for transfer of registered ownership at simultaneous time of registration of litter, signed by the breeder~~. ~~The~~] Certificates of Registration will be sent directly to the designated ~~r~~**R**egistered ~~o~~**O**wner**(s)**[~~.~~] **and, where no details of the designated Registered Owner(s) are provided, the puppy will be registered in the ownership of the Breeder (owner(s) of the Dam).** [~~Alternatively,~~] **W**henever the **Registered** ~~o~~**O**wner of a dog wishes the Kennel Union to record a transfer of [~~the registered~~] ownership of [~~such~~] **the** dog, application shall be made [~~on the reverse side of the Certificate of Registration for such dog~~], signed and dated by the transferor and the transferee **or, when submitted online, consent granted by the transferor and acceptance confirmed by the transferee**, [~~and~~] accompanied by the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 07[~~.~~]**,where applicable.** [~~Certificates which have been separated, altered by Tippex or other means, mutilated or have had the format changed will not be acceptable to the KUSA~~]. Upon receipt of an application [~~for the~~] **to** transfer [~~of~~] a dog, **in the prescribed manner,** such application shall be processed and a new Certificate of Registration [~~sent~~] **issued** to the designated Registered Owner**(s),** save **and except** where approval of the transfer of the dog in question has been refused by the Executive Committee under the provisions of, ***inter alia***, **Regulations 10.2 and 18 hereof, and** Schedule 01 Rule 9.4.

			<u>10.2 Without prejudice to any applications received prior, from the date the KUSA Office is notified, or is placed in knowledge, of the seizure of a member's dogs by the SPCA, or another authority so empowered by law, no dog owned, co-owned, registered or recorded in the member's name, whether solely, jointly, or in the name of a nominee, shall be transferred or assigned to another party without the approval of the Executive Committee. Such restriction shall apply to all dogs in the member's ownership or co-ownership, whether proven to be part of the confiscated dogs, or not. Having acquainted itself with all the information and evidence gathered by the KUSA Office, permission by the Executive Committee to proceed with any requested transfer(s) shall be based on the Committee having secured the assurance that such transfers would not be prejudicial to any party involved in a legal case, that the identity of the dogs are not in dispute, that the whereabouts of the dogs are known and that, in the circumstances, the transfer(s) are justified and in the best interests of the dogs concerned and KUSA. Pending a decision by the Executive Committee, any transfer(s) of an implicated member's dogs shall be stayed.</u> **For decision.** MA raised a reservation about the length and detail of the new Regulation 10.2, which was discussed at some length. Consensus was reached on accepting the Regulation as presented and, should the impositions on Exco ultimately prove to be too onerous, consideration could be given to diluting the Regulation. On a **proposal from NR**, **seconded by RJ**, the amendments to Schedule 02 Regulation 10 were **approved, unanimously**. **Effective 01.11.2026, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.**
	4.3		**Amendments to Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" & "A2" and Schedule 03 Appendix 1 and Schedule 03A Appendix 1 – Order of Judging to correctly recognise the Russian Toy as a breed with two varieties.** Submitted by the KUSA Office as housekeeping, on behalf of the Breed Standards Committee. ***Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2026:*** ***Item 11.2.1* Recognition of a new Breed – Russian Toy** *"Schedule 02 Regulation 17 states:* *17. Recognition of Breeds* *17.1 Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, when a dog of a breed not already listed in Appendix "A1" or Appendix "A2" to this Schedule is imported, the breed may be added to the list of recognised breeds and the dog registered, provided that the breed is recognised by the FCI, The Royal Kennel Club or any National Canine Organisation with which the Kennel Union is in reciprocity and the conditions in respect of Registrations contained in this Schedule are adhered to.* *17.2 A breed recognised for registration in terms of 17.1 above shall not be eligible to enter any Kennel Union Breed Show unless there is an acceptable Breed Standard in English as required in terms of Regulation 3.1.4 (should read 3.5).* *The **Russian Toy** was approved by the Executive Committee to be added to the list of recognised breeds at Exco 04-2026 held on 21.04.2026.* *The Breed Standards Committee had recommended that this breed be assigned to the **Toy Group**.* ***Schedule 02 Regulation 1 states:***

1. The Kennel Union shall maintain a Primary Breed Register for each pure breed of dog recognised by it and a dog shall be deemed to be of the breed named in the Breed Register in which it is entered or eligible for entry.

1.1 The Kennel Union may also accept for registration, subject to such terms and conditions as ***the Federal Council may stipulate from time to time:***

1.2 Recognition of Breeds:
The breeds of dogs recognised by the ***Federal Council*** *for the purpose of* ***classification, registration and competition****, are those listed in Appendix "A1" (for KUSA Championship and Non-Championship Shows) and Appendix "A2" (for FCI International Shows) to this Schedule.*

On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH*, the assignment of the Russian Toy to the Toy Group was approved, unanimously.*
Effective upon publication of these Minutes."

Motivation for housekeeping change:
At Fedco 06-2026, the **Russian Toy** was officially recognised and added to Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" and Appendix "A2", the breed lists compiled for KUSA and FCI Group classification purposes, and to Schedule 03 Appendix 1, thereby to formalise the breed's order of Judging in the Toy Group.

KUSA member, Mrs AW van Staden, recently submitted applications for the registration of three imported Russian Toys to be processed by the KUSA Office. In commencing with the processing of the applications, it was discovered by the Data Capture Department that there was no provision on the K9 Admin System to record different coat varieties for this breed.

On the Certified Export Pedigrees issued by the Russian Kennel Club, the Breed is described as Russkiy Toy (Russian Toy) **Long-haired**; **Export ID Orosz Toy**. On the Certified Export Pedigree issued by the Hungarian Kennel Club, the Breed is described as **Orosz/Russkiy Toy FCI Breed Standard No. 352**, with the coat type listed under Coat heading.

Further research undertaken by the KUSA Office revealed that two coat varieties of Russian Toy were recognised by the FCI – Smooth-haired and Long-haired – and that the two coat varieties were eligible for separate CACIBs. The three dogs imported into South Africa were all Long-haireds.

Proposal:
The Breed Standards Committee recommends that the following amendments be made to the various Appendices of Schedules 02 & 03.

Proposed amendments to Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" and Appendix "A2", Schedule 03 Appendix 1 and Schedule 03A Appendix 1:

Insertions in **underlined bold text**.

Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" Toy Group should read * Russian Toy **(Two Varieties)**

Schedule 02 Appendix "A2" Group 9 should read * Russian Toy **(Two Varieties)** [***RU***]

Schedule 03 Appendix 1 Order of Judging 4.4 Toy Group **4.4.2 (2 Varieties for CC, A2O CAC & CACIB) – 4.4.2.1 Russian Toy (Long-haired)** and **4.4.2.2 Russian Toy (Smooth-haired)**

Schedule 03A Appendix 1 Order of Judging 3.6 Group 9 **3.6.4 (2 Varieties for FCI-C.A.C. & FCI-C.A.C.I.B.) – 3.6.4.1 Russian Toy (Long-haired)** and **3.6.4.2 Russian Toy (Smooth-haired)**

[**Note:** The Russian Toy is not listed on the FCI list of Breeds, varieties and crosses and thus inter-variety matings do not appear to be permissible, unless approval is specifically sought.]

For decision.

			On a **proposal from MV**, **seconded by LT**, the insertions into the various Appendices of Schedules 02 & 03, as indicated above, were **approved, unanimously**. **Effective 01.11.2026, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.**
5			**Close of meeting** **With all the business under this Agenda completed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.50, thanking the Federal Councillors for their time and participation.**