

THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF KUSA HELD AT 13H00 ON TUESDAY,
20 JANUARY 2026, VIA MS TEAMS

1.	ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS
	<p><i>Mr V (Michael) Alberts (MA) (Chairman), Mrs YC Jefferies (YJ) (Vice-Chairman), Mrs MJ Hancock (MH), Mrs GB Rossi (GBR), Mr N Perkins (NP) & Ms P Byleveld (PB).</i> <i>Staff in Attendance: Mrs PLE Midgley (PM) (General Manager), Mr BG Robinson (GR) (KUSA Secretary), Mr B Delily (BD) (Finance & HR), Mrs Z Petersen (ZP) (Administrator), Mrs N Shortland (NS) (Shows & Judges), Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (CPA) (Club Affairs & Communications).</i></p> <p>Apologies: Nil</p> <p><i>The following deaths were noted with sadness:</i> <i>Mr EAV Sutcliff (KZN)</i> <i>Mr GW Bidder (WC)</i></p>
2.	MINUTES
2.1	<i>The Minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.2025 were formally adopted.</i>
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
3.1	Exco-imposed Fines
	<p><i>R500 Exco fine to Member paid on 19.12.2025.</i> Noted.</p>
3.2	Guidelines to improve the financial reporting of Clubs (Exco 11-2025 item 15.2)
	<p><i>Proposed guidelines attached.</i> <i>YJ requested that the members of Exco consider the list of proposed guidelines to improve financial reporting and revert with comments by the next Exco meeting.</i> Carried forward to the next Agenda. YJ called for verbal feedback as she had not received written feedback. MA suggested that a List of Assets be added to the list of proposed guidelines. MA and YJ agreed to discuss the matter further at the Exco informal meeting to be held 27.01.2026. Noted.</p>
4.	KUSA OFFICE
4.1	Office Report
	<p><i>Office Report attached to Agenda.</i> After discussion, the Office Report was approved</p>
4.2	Finance and Stats
	<p><i>Reports for December 2025 attached to Agenda.</i> After discussion, the Financial Reports for December 2025 were approved.</p>
4.3	KUSA Online Portal
	<p><i>Report to be presented.</i> MA presented the KUSA Online Portal Report, which had been attached to the Agenda. Noted.</p>
5.	ELECTION OF KENNEL UNION MEMBERS IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 10(1)
5.1	<i>20 new Members and 25 lapsed Members elected.</i>
6.	FCI
6.1	Communication sent to Fedco Members
	<p>19.12.2025 <i>FCI Breeding Commission: Meeting Invitation – 21.02.2026.</i> 19.12.2025 <i>FCI Mondioring Commission: Minutes Of The Meeting Held 08.10.2025.</i> 19.12.2025 <i>FCI Hoopers Commission: Invitation For A Meeting To Be Held 31.01.2026 And 01.02.2026 Paris (Fr).</i> 19.12.2025 <i>Change of Name: Cane Da Pastore Abruzzese Maremmano.</i> 23.12.2025 <i>PETDOGINFO Website Information.</i></p>

	23.12.2025	<i>Report on The Distribution of FCI Pedigree Dogs in the European Union in 2023 (A. Marton).</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>FCI Mondioring Commission: Invitation and Agenda for a Meeting to be held 14.02.2026.</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>Breeds not subject to a Working Trial: Entry in Working Class – Updated list.</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>FCI Dog Dancing World Championship 2026: Heelwork to Music and Freestyle – Invitation/Program.</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>FCI Utility Dog Commission: Invitation for an Online Meeting to be held 05.01.2026.</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>FCI Agility Commission: Minutes of the meeting held 22.09.2025.</i>
	23.12.2025	<i>FCI Rescue Dogs Commission: Invitation and Agenda for a Meeting to be held 31.01.2026.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>FCI Rally Obedience Commission: Online Meeting to be held 02.02.2026 – Invitation and Agenda.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>2026-2027-2028 FCI International Dog Shows.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>2026-2028 FCI Championships.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>FCI Show Judges Commission: Agenda and attachments for a Meeting to be held 07.02.2026.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>FCI Shows Commission: Agenda and attachments for a Meeting to be held 07.02.2026.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>FCI Shows and Show Judges Commission: Agenda and attachments for a Meeting to be held 08.02.2026.</i>
	16.01.2026	<i>World Dog Show 2026: First Registration deadline.</i>
7.	SCHEDULE 01 MATTERS	
7.1	Disciplinary Sub-Committee	
7.1.1	Case 2025-01 – Olivier vs Fyfe <i>The Appeal application from the Respondent will be evaluated by the SCI as soon as this Sub-Committee is re-established by the Federal Council following the resignation of the KUSA Legal Adviser. Pending its re-establishment, the functions of the SCI shall be deemed suspended under Schedule 01 Rule 1.16.</i> For noting. Noted.	
7.1.2	Case 2025-02 - Tregoning vs Redtenbacher <i>A DSC has been appointed, and DSC is expected to set a Hearing Date once the members have scrutinised the papers.</i> For noting. Noted.	
8.	SCHEDULE 02 MATTERS	
8.1	Schedule 02 Reg. 4.6 & 4.7 – Dispensation for Registration of a litter after 12 months of the date of birth of the litter	
8.1.1	Biewer Terrier: Dam – Lovebythesea Darling Toshka – Reg No. ZA001028AA19 – DoB 03.11.2018. <i>Litter of one (1) puppy – DoB 29.09.2023. Litters whelped: 17.07.2020 – 14.02.2021-31.08.2021 – 25.03.2023 – 29.09.2023.</i> <i>Sire: Chaodella Ferdinand – Reg No: ZA001060AA20.</i> <i>Breeder – Mrs CJ Hitge.</i> <i>Affidavit and DNA parentage verification attached.</i> Approved. Since five (5) litters have been whelped from the Dam, no further dispensation will be granted. Dam Status: Exco Restriction	
8.2	Schedule 02 Reg. 4.10 – Dispensation for Registration of an Extraordinary Nature	

	Nil.
8.3	Schedule 02 Reg. 9 – Amendments to Register
	Nil.
8.4	Schedule 02 Reg.12 (12.2 to 12.5) – Adjudication for Registration
8.4.1	Regulation 12.2 – Litter whelped within 12 months of the date of birth of the Dam
	Nil.
8.4.2	Regulation 12.3 – Third litter whelped within 18 months
	<p>French Bulldog: Dam – Bellelavie Carmella of Chernerwena – Reg No. ZA001756B23 – DoB 14.06.2022. Litter of four (4) puppies. Litters whelped: 05.06.2024 – 14.01.2025 – 12.09.2025. Breeder – Mrs C van der Merwe. Affidavit received. Approved. Letter: 3 litters within 18 months Dam status: Exco – 3 litters (1st)</p>
	<p>Retriever (Labrador): Dam – Rubywood Scarlet of Bankeveldt – Reg No. ZA001097C21 – DoB 27.02.2021. Litter of eleven (11) puppies. Litters whelped: 02.09.2022 – 26.03.2023 – 05.04.2024 – 25.10.2024 – 23.09.2025. Breeder – Mrs MC Oosthuizen. Affidavit received. Approved. Since five (5) litters have been whelped from the Dam, no further dispensation will be granted. Dam Status: Exco Restriction</p>
8.4.3	Regulation 12.4 – More than 5 litters whelped
	Nil.
8.4.4	Regulation 12.4 and 12.5 – Dam older than 8 years of age
	Nil.
9.	SCHEDULE 03 MATTERS
9.1.	Temporary Exclusion Orders (Schedule 03 Reg. 14 & Reg. 19.8)
	Nil.
9.2	<p>Referral of TEO dogs to Fedco for Permanent Barring Extract from the TEO Manual: 14.5 The Owner of any Implicated Dog, which has been issued with a confirmed TEO, has a maximum period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of the TEO (the date the TEO was confirmed by the Executive Committee) to successfully complete the requirements as provided for in Step 1, 2 and 3 of this Manual, failing which, the Executive Committee will apply to the Federal Council to have the Implicated Dog permanently barred from entry to and exhibition at any future KUSA-licensed Shows/Events subject to compliance with the procedure as provided for in Clause 11.11 hereof. 11.11 The Owner of the Implicated dog must be informed by the Secretary of KUSA that the matter has been forwarded to the Federal Council and that he/she has the right to make written representations to the Federal Council as to why the Implicated dog should not be permanently barred from entering and exhibition at KUSA Shows/Events. Provisional list of dogs for Fedco 06-2026 Nil. The following dog(s) will be submitted to Fedco 06-2026 for permanent barring:</p>

	<p>- Tapeatom Quincy (ZA011890B22) – Retriever (Labrador) – TEO confirmed 22/01/2025.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
9.3	Schedule 03 Regulations 38.3.2 and 38.4 Veterinary Certificates
	Nil.
10.	CLUB AND SHOW MATTERS
10.1	<p>Applications for Second Championship Show Article 29 – Championship Shows – Frequency 29.1 No Club shall hold more than one (1) Championship Show in any calendar year, unless dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee.</p>
10.1.1	<p>Grahamstown & District Kennel Club – 04.09.2026. The above Club is making an application to hold a second Championship Show on their regular weekend in order to create a fuller weekend of Shows to make the weekend more attractive for Exhibitors. Motivation attached. Approved.</p>
10.1.2	<p>Limpopo Bull Terrier Club – 25.07.2026. The above Club is making an application to hold a second Championship Show on the same day as their Championship Show, as they have done in the past. Motivation attached. Approved.</p>
10.2	Applications for Club Affiliation/Notification of Closure
	Nil.
10.3	Application for Affiliation
	Nil.
10.4	Club Constitutions
	Nil.
10.5	OTHER
	<p>Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape This Club, which had been inactive for some time, recently acquired a new Committee who arranged for an AGM to be held on 31 August 2025 (see attached). In the AGM Minutes, under the Treasurer’s Report, it is reflected that “The Previous Committee dissolved the Club and donated the funds elsewhere”, presumably in anticipation of the dissolution of the Club. There are no financial records available for the Club and the last Financial Statements submitted to KUSA were for the Financial Year Ending 30 September 2023 (see attached). CPA to send a reminder to the members of the previous Committee, requesting the Minutes of the meeting confirming the closure of the Club and the Financial Statements presented at the meeting, as well as proof of the disbursement of surplus funds as per the Club’s Constitution. WCPC to be copied on all communications with the Club. Letter sent 23.10.2025 – no response received. MA to follow up with the Club’s previous Committee regarding the outstanding documentation. For discussion and decision. Carried forward to the next Agenda. MA reported that no response was received from the previous Committee. Club to be monitored going forward. The item is to be removed from future Agendas. Noted.</p>
10.5.2	DISPENSATION REQUEST - Judging Restrictions Schedule 10, Regulation 3.5

	<p>3. JUDGING RESTRICTIONS</p> <p><i>The following time restrictions apply to Judges at all levels:</i></p> <p>3.1 <i>Between two Non-championship Shows in the same province: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final.</i></p> <p>3.2 <i>Between two Non-championship Shows in different provinces: there is no time restriction.</i></p> <p>3.3 <i>Between a Non-championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final.</i></p> <p>3.4 <i>Between a Non-championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in different provinces: there is no time restriction.</i></p> <p>3.5 <i>Between two Championship and Qualifying Shows in any province: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same Breed, Group or Group Final</i></p> <p>Natal Terrier Club - 03.07.2026 and Durban & Districts Kennel Club 2 - 04.07.2026</p> <p><i>The above Clubs are requesting dispensation from Schedule 10, Regulation 3.5.</i></p> <p><i>The contracted Judge is being shared between Clubs on the weekend in order to save on costs, and failed to disclose that she had already signed for Terriers & Hounds in another Province, one day short of the 3-month restriction for each Club. They appeal to Exco that the Judge be given dispensation for this one day for Terriers & Hounds.</i></p> <p><i>Motivation attached.</i></p> <p>Decision Required.</p> <p>After discussion and consideration, the matter was put to a vote. By majority vote, it was decided that dispensation will not be granted.</p>
10.5.3	<p>DISPENSATION REQUEST – Championship Events</p> <p><i>Schedule 03, Regulation 1.2.3.3</i></p> <p>1.2.3.1 <i>It is not compulsory for a Club qualified to hold a Championship Show or to hold one (1) in each calendar year.</i></p> <p>1.2.3.2 <i>Whenever a Club, for whatever reason, becomes unqualified to be issued with a Championship Show licence, it may seek re-qualification for a Championship Show licence by holding a Re-qualifying Show.</i></p> <p>1.2.3.3 <i>Whenever a Club elects not to hold a Championship Show for two (2) successive years, or longer, it shall be obliged to hold a Re-qualifying Show at which the minimum number of dogs required to be entered and present – i.e. forty (40) at a Group Club and twenty (20) at a Specialist or Specialist Multi-breed Clubs – shall be the qualifying criteria for regaining Championship status.</i></p> <p>1.2.3.4 <i>In those years where a Championship Show-holding Club elects not to hold a Championship Show, and in any year it holds a Qualifying Show, in terms of Regulation 1.2.3.2 or 1.2.3.3, it shall remit the Affiliation Fee of a Championship Show-holding Club.</i></p> <p>Working Retriever Club of Gauteng – 30.04.2026</p> <p><i>The above Club is requesting dispensation from Schedule 03, Regulation 1.2.3.3.</i></p> <p><i>The Club, registered as a Championship Show-holding Club for Field Trials, last held a Championship event on 02 April 2023 under their licence, however they did run the KUSA National Retriever Trials in 2024, a Championship event. If the Event under the KUSA licence is taken into consideration, the Club would fall within their 2-year allowable window for Championship events. It is worth noting that not all Dogsport Clubs, if hosting a National event, holds their own event in that year. It is also worth noting that, once approved by the Field Trial Liaison Council, a Field Trial Club that is affiliated with KUSA is not required to hold two Non-championship and a Qualifying event before holding Championship events. There is no precedent, for a Field Trial Club that has not complied to the Regulations, wanting to resume such events.</i></p> <p><u><i>More information on the Field Trial events:</i></u></p> <p><i>Schedule 05C(1)</i></p>

	<p>A.2 LICENCING AND HOLDING OF TRIALS</p> <p><i>The Regulations relating to licencing and to all other matters to do with Field Trials as set in Schedule 03 (Championship Breed Shows) and Schedule 04 (Non-Championship Breed Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to Field Trials so far as they can be relevant to Field Trials and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05C(1).</i></p> <p><i>In view of the need for Field Trials to be held on working farms, with natural game and sufficient open water (dams/rivers) in most instances, Field Trial Clubs may be permitted to Run their trials outside the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council through which the Club is affiliated, as per the dispensation granted by Fedco in June 2022.</i></p> <p><u>Championship events</u></p> <p>Retriever Trials – Open & Field Qualifying</p> <p>Spaniel Trials – Open & Championship</p> <p>HPR Trials – Natural Ability Test, Open & Field Qualifying & Championship</p> <p><u>Non-championship events</u></p> <p>Retriever Trials – Puppy, Junior, Maiden & Novice</p> <p>Spaniel Trials – Puppy, Junior, Limit & Novice</p> <p>HPR Trials – Puppy, Derby, Maiden & Brace</p> <p>Weimaraner Shooting Ratings</p> <p>Gundog Hunting Tests</p> <p>Versatile Hunting Tests</p> <p>Motivation attached.</p> <p>Decision Required.</p> <p>Dispensation granted unanimously.</p>
10.6.	KUSA CLASSIC
10.6.1	KUSA Classic Breed 2026 – Gauteng
	<i>Week 22 – KUSA National Event, KUSA Championship A20 Show, KUSA FCI International Show, KUSA Winners Show.</i>
10.6.2	<p>KUSA Classic Dogsport 2026 – Gauteng</p> <p><i>Week 17 – KUSA National Event – Dog Jumping & Agility</i></p> <p><i>Week 18 – KUSA Championship Show & KUSA National Event – Dog Dancing</i></p> <p><i>Week 21 – IGP Meisterschaft (Cape Town)</i></p> <p><i>Week 22 – KUSA Championship Show – Obedience, Rally Dog, Flyball, Carting, Dog Jumping, Agility, Hoopers</i></p> <p><i>Week 22 – KUSA National Event – Rally Dog, Obedience, Flyball, Carting</i></p> <p><i>Week 22 – KUSA FCI CACIAG International Show</i></p>
10.6.3	KUSA Classic 2027 – Gauteng
11.	JUDGES
11.1	Judges Education Council (JEC)
	Nil
11.2	<p>Judges who have become inactive/retired/deceased</p> <p><i>Article 25.2: Judges shall maintain continuous and unbroken membership of the Kennel Union from the time their formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence until their voluntary retirement from judging, advised in writing to the Executive Committee, or their incapacitation (at the discretion of the Executive Committee), or their death.</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr EAV Sutcliff (KZN) – Obedience, Rally, CGC and Aptitude (deceased)</i></p> <p><i>Mrs M Short (Gau) – DD (retired)</i></p> <p>Noted.</p>
11.3	Judges who have passed exams/assessments
	<i>*Indicates a distinction</i>

	Nil.
11.4	Judges who have become licensed
	<i>Mrs J van Heerden (GAU) – Herding Group</i> Noted with congratulations.
11.5	Helpers, Stewards and other Ring Officials
11.5.1	IGP Tutor Helpers accepted by the National IGP Sub-Committee Nil.
12.	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
12.1	Districts Of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council
	Nil.
12.2	KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council
	<i>Ordinary Meeting held 27.11.2025. Minutes awaited.</i> Noted.
12.3	Northern Areas Provincial Council
12.3.1	<i>Unconfirmed Minutes of the NAPC Ordinary Meeting held 03.12.2025 via Zoom. Circulated 06.01.2026. Quorum present.</i> Noted.
12.4	Western Cape Provincial Council
	<i>Ordinary Meeting held 17.11.2025. Minutes awaited.</i> <i>[Note: Unconfirmed Minutes of the WCPC Ordinary Meeting held 17.11.2025 via Zoom circulated 18.12.2025]</i> Deferred to the Exco 01-2026 Agenda for noting. Noted. Meeting held 19.01.2026. MA provided brief feedback on the Meeting. Minutes awaited. Noted.
12.5	Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council
12.5.1	Nil.
12.6	Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council
	Nil.
13.	BREED COUNCILS/LIAISON COUNCILS
13.1	Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council
	Nil.
13.2	Field Trial Liaison Council
13.2.1	Nil.
13.3	German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council
13.3.1	<i>AGM held on 11.11.2025. Minutes awaited.</i> <i>[Note: Unconfirmed Minutes of the GSDLC AGM held 11.11.2025. Circulated 19.12.2025. Quorum present.]</i> Deferred to the Exco 01-2026 Agenda for noting. Noted.
13.4	Rottweiler Breed Council
	<i>Meeting held 29.11.2025. Minutes awaited.</i> NP committed to follow up with the RBC Secretary on when the Minutes of the Meeting will be finalised and submitted. Noted.
4.	NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES AND AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEES
14.1	Agility
	Nil.
14.2	Canine Good Citizen (Exco Sub-Committee)
	Nil.
14.3	Carting

	Nil.
14.4	Dog Dancing (Ad hoc)
	Nil.
14.5	Dog Jumping
	Nil.
14.6	FCI-IGP
	Nil.
14.7	Flyball
	Nil.
14.8	Hoopers
	<i>With three Provincial Councils having confirmed their Sub-Committees, a National Sub-Committee can now be formed. The relevant Provincial Hoopers Representatives and Fedco Hoopers Portfolio-holder have been duly informed and steps are in place to hold the inaugural AGM and elect a Convener.</i> Noted.
14.9	Obedience
	Nil.
14.10	Rally Dog
	Nil.
14.11	Temperament Testing – Health
	Nil.
14.12	Tracking Trials (Ad hoc)
	Nil.
14.13	Trick Dog
	Nil.
14.14	Working Trials (Classic) & Working Utility Dog
	Nil.
14.15	Other
	Nil.
14.15.1	Aptitude Testing
	Nil.
14.15.2	Mondioring
	Nil.
14.15.3	Rescue Dog
	Nil.
15.	ANY OTHER MATTERS
15.1	MA reminded the Exco members to forward a list of topics they wish to discuss at the Exco informal Meeting to be held 27.01.2026.
15.2	YJ advised that the Hochland DC will be holding their AGM on 21.01.2026.
15.3	CPA advised that in accordance with the guidelines for Companion Events a new Sub-Committee reporting to Exco for Scent Work will be established.
16.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	17 February 2026
	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 14h22 with a vote of thanks to the Chair
	<i>[Note: Unless otherwise stated, all decisions taken at this meeting are based on consensus of the members of Exco present.]</i>