

THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2026, COMMENCING AT 17H30 ON MS TEAMS

In terms of Article 16.1 of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa Constitution, notice has been duly given of a Special Meeting of the Federal Council to be held at 17h30 on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, on MS Teams.

Item	Sub-Item	Sub-Item	MINUTES
1			Welcome and Notice of the Meeting The Chairman opened the Special Meeting of the Federal Council, welcoming all present. 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: On a proposal by Cllr Nikki Redtenbacher, seconded by Cllr Michael Vorster, and unanimously endorsed by all the Federal Councillors present at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 1, held on Wednesday, 21 January 2026, a Special Meeting of the Federal Council was unanimously requisitioned by the Federal Council in terms of Article 16.1. Notice of the Special Meeting on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, was properly given by the KUSA Secretary on Monday, 26 January 2026.
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 M Alberts (Chairman – Exco) – MA Cllr C Chelchinsky (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC Cllr RD Jukes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Cllr N Redtenbacher (Chairman – DOGSPC) – NR Cllr LC Thornhill (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – WCPC) – LT Cllr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV Apologies: Cllr L Coetsee (Chairman – NAPC) – LC (Travelling to Cape Town – connectivity poor) Cllr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS (Work emergency, involving an accident with a delivery truck) 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 Relations) – CPA Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS
			The meeting was requisitioned to discuss the following business:
3			Matters of importance proposed by the Chairman of the Federal Council, and <i>unanimously sanctioned</i> by the members of the Federal Council at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 1, held on Wednesday, 21 January 2026. Items of an urgent nature which have subsequently been requisitioned by the Federal Council to be placed on the Agenda at the discretion of the Chairman, brought forward under Item 4. In the above regard, the Chairman called on the KUSA Secretary to read out the communication under which the expanded Agenda had been distributed:

		<i>Dear Members of the Federal Council</i> <i>At the FDF Session 2, held on 18 February 2026, it was agreed that several discussion items requisite of decision or approval should be transferred to the Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council to be held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.</i> <i>Pursuant to the above, I hereto attach the expanded Agenda for the Special Meeting. Please note that the details of all proposals have been included in this revised Agenda, which should greatly facilitate the drafting of the Minutes.</i> The revised and expanded Agenda was endorsed, unanimously.
	3.1	Ratification of Fedco round robin – Consequential Housekeeping Amendments to certain Schedules, following the Approval of Schedule 10 and its Appendices 1, 2 & 3 at the Fedco 12-2025 Special Meeting (Round robin distributed on 19 January 2026 and concluded on 23 January 2026) The amendments approved by round robin were the following: <u>Amendment 1</u> Proposed amendments to Schedule 09 Appendix B – Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by KUSA Motivation: Consequential housekeeping amendments due to changes in the numbering of Schedule 10 Appendix 1 and routine correction of text in to align with KUSA's current house style. Amendment to Schedule 09 Appendix B Code 1.17 (formerly 1.16): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets] 1.17 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-[G]championship Shows pursuant to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations [4.1.3, 5.1.4 and 6.1.4] <u>3.1.3, 4.1.4 & 5.1.4.</u> <u>Amendment 2</u> Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 Regulations 14.7 & 15.6: Motivation: Consequential housekeeping amendments due to the elimination of the term "Provisional Judge" from the various Schedules 10 and routine correction of text to align with KUSA's current house style. Amendment to Schedule 04 Regulations 14.7 & 15.6: Deletions in [struck through square brackets] 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 shall be the Officiating Judge(s), the Learner[Provisional] Judge(s), Steward(s), Ring Clerk/Secretary, and the handlers of exhibits being judged.

		15.6 As far as possible, preference should be given to Learner[Provisional] Judges to fill appointments at Non-[C]hampionship shows rather than Licensed Judges. Invitations should also (as far as possible) be extended to Learner[Provisional] Judges in other Provinces. <i>The Fedco round robin met with 100% approval from the members of Fedco and is therefore eligible to be placed on the Agenda for the Special Meeting of 25 February 2026 for ratification.</i> For ratification. On a proposal from MV, seconded by RJ, the decisions taken by Fedco round robin to amend Schedule 09 Appendix B (Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges Licensed by KUSA) and Schedule 04 Regulations 14.7 & 15.6 were ratified, unanimously.
	3.2	Ratification of a “Special Purposes” grant to Goldfields Showgrounds, approved as an emergency measure in terms of Article 43.5 to cover critical operational expenses For ratification. On a proposal from NR, seconded by MV, the grant of R64 000.00 to Goldfields Showgrounds, as authorised by the Federal Council at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 1, held on 21 January 2026, was ratified, unanimously.
	3.3	Acceptance of Chairmen’s Reports – German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC) & Rottweiler Breed Council (RBC) 3.3.1 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – AGM held on 11.11.2025 German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council Christine Kneidinger Good evening to the GSD Liaison Council. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Jan Louwies, our previous Chairperson who needed to resign early due to work commitments, for his service to our Council. Secondly, thank you to the Council for voting me in and for your faith in me taking over the position. Your continued support is appreciated. The GSDLC has 11 fully functional Clubs. Thank you. Rotek, the GSD Club of Southern Areas and Surrounds, Mpumalanga and Matrix have all hosted successful GSD Graded Breed Shows. Thank you to these Clubs for supporting the GSD Breeders in this necessary qualification. K9 Sport hosted the Grand Victor Breed Show. I hope that this event will be a regular occurrence for our breeders to strive for. We had an International Judge, Albert Spreu, who gave all the dogs entered a written critique. In addition, Mr Spreu also judged a Breed Assessment, something that will also become a regular offering for our German Shepherd Dogs. I am currently busy with Jenny Hubbard and Gérard Robinson of KUSA to update all the GSD Schedules and, once completed, these will come across to the Clubs for review and final approvals. If there are any points for discussion regarding the GSD, please send them to the Secretary, Jackie Paterson, or myself, for inclusion in our Ordinary Meetings. Please also provide a motivation with your point. Thank you. For noting. The above Report was noted with thanks and appreciation to the Chairman of the GSDLC.

	3.3.2	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM held on 29.11.2025 Rottweiler Breed Council Neil Perkins I would like to begin by thanking the Council's Executive, Delegates, Club Committees and Club Members for their continued efforts to maintain and improve our sport and breed. It is important to reflect on our achievements as a collective and ensure we maintain our focus for the future. We must also give thanks to Fedco for their continued support and understanding of the critical role the Breed Council plays in the development of our sport, as it pertains to the Rottweiler Breed. Our breed is faced with many challenges, as with many other breeds, and we strongly believe that this continued partnership ensures good governance and a strong foundation for the existing structures as well as those in development. I am aware of some new proposals in the pipeline, however they still require considerable work before they can be formally proposed and voted on. This year our Clubs have hosted well organised shows and trials overall. Show entries, specifically those in Johannesburg and KwaZulu-Natal are still low and concerted effort is required to encourage additional participation in both breed and working events. This year our National Sieger show was hosted by the WPRC, which hosted a very successful event. The Gauteng Regional Sieger Show in 2025 was also successfully hosted by PRC and a big thank you and congratulations go to both Clubs. Again, we must consider additional fund-raising efforts. For those Clubs with sponsorship-deals it is critical that Clubs ensure that sponsors are getting a tangible return on investment. We continue to celebrate the successes of our Specialist Judges being invited to judge internationally and we are encouraged by the recent addition of further Learner Judges, bringing the total to 6. Rescue continues to be a strain on limited resources and volunteers; these individuals display intimate dedication and patience. Our thanks to Rottweilers rescue for their tireless efforts. We are mindful of our responsibility to promote the immense working ability of our breed and constantly seek ways to grow this area. I would like to encourage the Clubs to host Working Seminars, Trials and Training that display the mental and physical ability of our working breed. Without preserving these aspects of our breed, we lose the essence of the Rottweiler. The Council remains committed to its mandate and will continue to pursue the development of the Rottweiler within the KUSA jurisdiction through the support and input from affiliated Clubs and their dedicated membership bases. I would like to thank all the members of Fedco for their continued support for the Rottweiler and the initiatives that have enabled us to develop our breed to this extent. In closing I am pleased to announce that I have been voted in as the newest member of KUSA's Executive Committee, as well as the newest member of the IFR Board. I am truly honoured by these votes of confidence, both of which I do not take lightly and will endeavour to serve our breed and sport as a whole. Neil Perkins RBC Chairman For noting. The above Report was noted with thanks and appreciation to the Chairman of the RBC.
	3.4	Changes to the JEC Schedules, following the webinar presented to Learner Judges on 16 December 2025, and approved by the JEC at its meetings on 8 January & 12 February 2026

		3.4.1 Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 2.3.2.8 Proposed by the JEC. Motivation: Schedule 10 Regulation 2.3.2.8 appears to imply that, if there is no Licensed Judge or Group Mentor available to observe the Learner Judge, the requirement falls away. It is therefore necessary to impose an obligation on the Learner Judge to travel to a different Centre to fulfil this requirement. Proposed amendment to Regulation 2.3.2.8 (Module 2 – Judging Appointments): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>. 2.3.2.8. A minimum of three (3) judging appointments must be observed by a Licensed Judge or the Group Mentor assigned to the Learner Judge by the JEC Assessment Officer, provided a Licensed Judge or the Group Mentor is available to fulfil such observation. <u>If neither a Licensed Judge, nor the assigned Group Mentor is available, the Learner Judge would be required to travel to a different Centre to fulfil this requirement.</u> For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 2.3.2.8 was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
		3.4.2 Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 2.3.2.7 Proposed by the JEC. Motivation: Learner Judges often receive multiple invitations within a short period of time and, administratively, it is not possible for the KUSA Office to comply with Schedule 10 Regulation 2.3.2.7. Proposed amendment to Regulation 2.3.2.7 (Module 2 – Judging Appointments): Deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 2.3.2.7. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office will record and update the Learner Judge's progress and grant clearance for future judging appointments. [No clearance for future judging appointments shall be granted without this procedure having been completed correctly.] For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the amendment proposed to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 2.3.2.7 was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
		3.4.3 Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.3.7.1 & 6.1.3.1 and Appendix 3 Regulation 6.8.1 Proposed by the JEC. Motivation: The JEC Examination Officer cannot be required to travel to various Centres to observe the Hands-on Practical Test, as contemplated by Schedule 01 Regulation 2.3.7.1. This responsibility needs to be assigned to a suitably qualified JEC-appointed Official.

		Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 2.3.7.1 (Module 7 – Practical Hands-on Assessment): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 2.3.7.1 Under the supervision of two (2) Licensed KUSA Judges with a minimum of five (5) years' experience, together with [the JEC Examination Officer] <u>a JEC-appointed Official</u>, the Learner Judge will undergo a Hands-on Practical Test on a minimum of six (6) breeds listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A2", fulfilling the following requirements: • A verbal commentary or feedback on the examination of each breed • Placement of the exhibits in the breed as if Championship Show regulations were applicable; • Placement of the breeds in the Group from 1st to 4th, explaining the reasons for the position of each placement. Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 6.1.3.1 (Additional Breeds – FCI Alignment – Practical Hands-on Assessment): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 6.1.3.1 Under the supervision of two (2) Licensed Judges with a minimum of five (5) years' experience, together with [the JEC Examination Officer] <u>a JEC-appointed Official</u>, the Licensed Judge will undergo a Hands-on Practical Test on the relevant breed/s being studied, where verbal commentary or feedback on the examination and placement of each breed being studied will be given to the assessors present. Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulation 6.8.1 (Module 8 – Practical Hands-on Assessment): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 6.8.1 Under the supervision of a Licensed Breed Specialist Judge with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the relevant Breed together with [the JEC Examination Officer] <u>a JEC-appointed Official</u>, the Licensed Judge will undergo a Hands-on Practical Test on a minimum of six (6) exhibits, fulfilling the following requirements: • A verbal commentary or feedback on the examination of each exhibit • Placement of the exhibits in the breed as if Championship Show regulations were applicable; For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.3.7.1 & 6.1.3.1 and Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulation 6.8.1 were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
	3.4.4	Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.4.2 & 2.4.3 and Appendix 3 Regulations 6.9.2 & 6.9.3 Proposed by the JEC. Motivation: The Learner Judge's Portfolio has historically been sent to one person to review. This person would confer with the JEC if there were any problems with the Portfolio. Having a second person review every Portfolio would prolong the process unnecessarily. Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.4.2 & 2.4.3 (Portfolio):

		Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 2.4.2 Once the Learner Judge has completed all the requirements of Level 2, the Portfolio is submitted to the KUSA Judges' Department for final review. <u>Once approved, the KUSA Judges' Department must notify the Learner Judge of such successful completion.</u> [2.4.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the KUSA Judges' Department will review and submit the Portfolio to the JEC Examination Officer for final approval. Once approved, the KUSA Judges' Department must notify the Learner Judge of such successful completion.] [Note: Regulation 2.4.4 is misnumbered 3.4.3. With the elimination of Regulation 2.4.3, the numbering will automatically be rectified.] Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 6.9.2 & 6.9.3 (Portfolio): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 6.9.2 Once the Learner Judge has completed all the requirements of the course, the Portfolio is submitted to the KUSA Judges' Department for final review. <u>Once approved, the KUSA Judges' Department must notify the Learner Judge of such successful completion.</u> [6.9.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the KUSA Judges' Department will review and submit the Portfolio to the JEC Examination Officer for final approval. Once approved, the KUSA Judges' Department must notify the Learner Judges of such successful completion.] For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulations 2.4.2 & 2.4.3 and Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 6.9.2 & 6.9.3 were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes. [Note: Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulation 6.9.4 to be renumbered as 6.9.3.]
	3.4.5	Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 6.5.5.2 & 6.5.5.3 Proposed by the JEC. Motivation: To relieve the JEC Examination Officer from certain onerous duties which can more productively be performed by Breed Specialist Judges. Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 6.5.5.2 & 6.5.5.3 (Module 5 – Breed Assignment): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 6.5.5.2 Upon completion of the assessment, the Breed Specialist Mentor will forward the Breed Assignment to [the JEC Examination Officer] <u>a second Breed Specialist Judge for further assessment.</u> 6.5.5.3 The Breed Specialist Mentor and the [JEC Examination Officer] <u>second Breed Specialist Judge [will concur] must agree</u> on the <u>result of the</u> assessment prior to returning the Breed Assignment to the Learner Judge. <u>Should the said Mentor and second Breed Specialist Judge not agree on the result of the assessment, the Examination Officer will make the final decision.</u> For decision.

			On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 6.5.5.2 & 6.5.5.3 were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
		3.4.6	Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 7.2 Brought forward by the JEC at the request of Ms N Redtenbacher. Motivation: Ms Nikki Redtenbacher had queried with the JEC the reason for Schedule 03 Regulation 7.2 imposing extra requirements on Learner Judges aspiring to become Bull Terrier Specialist Judges. The requirement of three Championship Speciality Show Appointments had, apparently, at some stage been introduced to emulate a requirement for Recognition of Merit (ROM) judging status (refer to Regulation 8.2.3 of Schedule 5E (15) Regulation 1.3) when the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme ought to be homogeneous across the specialisation breeds. That there ought to be a synergy between the KBJLP and a Bull Terrier breed-specific judging status, is misconceived. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement that the KBJLP was never intended to be aligned with the breed-specific requirements imposed on Judges to attain an elevated status (such as ROM) in the breed and that the exception in Regulation 7.2 was, therefore, misplaced. Proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulations 7.2 (Licensed Judges): Deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 7.2 The Learner Breed Specialist Judge will be required to judge at least one (1) Championship Speciality Show appointment, and such additional Championship Speciality Show appointments as may be set for the individual Breeds for which Breed Specialisation Courses are offered under KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme. [The Breed(s) for which Learner Breed Specialisation Judges would be required to fulfil additional (more than one) Championship Speciality Show appointments are: * Bull Terrier — Two (2) additional Championship Speciality Show appointments] For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 Regulation 7.2 was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
		3.4.7	Proposed amendment to Schedule 07 – Subscription & Fees – Examination Fees Motivation: Both JEC examinations are currently equally weighted in terms of mark-allocations. These examinations are written at the commencement of each Group Course. Accordingly, there is no justification for a difference in cost to sit each examination paper. It is therefore suggested that the charge for all the papers written by Conformation Judges should be the same. Proposed amendment to Schedule 07, Line Item 18.3: Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. 18.3 Examination Fee Paper I (Conformation Judges) <u>w.e.f. 18.02.2026</u> [R880.00] <u>R440.00</u> For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the proposed amendment to Schedule 07, Line Item 18.3 was approved, unanimously.

			Effective 18.02.2026.
	3.5		Banking Resolution to change signatories on KUSA's Bank Accounts following, the death of Mr RB Jenkins At the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) Session 2, PM had brought the following Article 34.1 to the attention of the Federal Council: <i>34.1 All subscriptions, fees, fines and monies whatsoever received on account of revenue shall be deposited in the name of the Kennel Union in a recognised financial institution approved by the Federal Council and shall be withdrawn by cheques, drafts, electronic funds transfer or other permissible banking forms only, signed or authorised by two of the following mandated persons: The Chairman of the Federal Council, the Vice Chairman of the Federal Council, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the General Manager of the Kennel Union and one further officer in the fulltime employ of the Kennel Union. [Emphasis provided.]</i> A natural consequence of the death of Mr RB Jenkins, former Chairman of the Executive Committee, is his removal as an authorised signatory from KUSA's bank Accounts at First National Bank, and his replacement by the current Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr Michael Alberts. For the change to be effected, all Federal Councillors need to sign the Banking Resolution prepared by PM. In her email dated 25 February 2026 to the members of the Federal Council, PM declared her intention of having the Banking Resolution signed in "counterparts", i.e. by the individual Federal Councillors affixing their digital signatures in the appropriate space on the MS Word version of the Resolution or, alternatively, signing the document in the appropriate space. In both instances, the document needs to be scanned and returned to KUSA for simultaneous upload to the FNB website. PM mentioned that telephonic communication with the bank on this matter had proved a challenge, but hoped that the proposed procedure would satisfy the bank's requirements. The alternative of couriering the document from Federal Councillor to Federal Councillor was a cumbersome, costly and tedious procedure. There were no objections to either the Resolution, or the procedure suggested by PM, and it was agreed, unanimously, that her proposed method of dealing with the matter was the best option.
	3.6		Establishment of Provincial Sub-committees and National Sub-committee for Showmanship Ahead of the Special Meeting, NR had circulated the draft Bylaws she had prepared for DOGSPC Provincial Sub-committee for Showmanship, as well as the draft Bylaws of the National Showmanship Sub-committee, based on the template prepared by the KUSA Office for National Sub-committees of other forms of Dogsport. NR made it clear that she had only included the DOGSPC Bylaws in case another Provincial Council should find them useful when drafting their own Provincial Bylaws. NR's draft of the National Showmanship Sub-committee Bylaws was based on the template provided by the KUSA Office. PM confirmed that the Bylaws of any National Sub-committee need to be approved by the KUSA Office as soon as the Sub-committee is established. It was noted that the draft of the National Showmanship Sub-committee Bylaws, prepared by NR, required a few minor tweaks, mainly due to certain standard clauses having become outdated. These have been replaced by revised clauses in the latest iterations of documents in which they appear. GR and CPA undertook to make the proposed corrections and provide NR with the updated version. The Chairman thanked NR for her efforts, echoed by all. There were no objections to moving towards the establishment of Provincial Showmanship Sub-committees and, ultimately, to the establishment of a National Showmanship Sub-committee.

3.7	Amendment of Schedule 02 Appendix “A1”, Appendix “A2” & Appendix “B” and the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards to accommodate the immediate implementation of FCI nomenclature changes The Chairman reminded the Federal Council of the notification received from the FCI (Circular 30/2025, issued 16/12/2025) that the English nomenclature of the Maremma and the Abruzzes Sheepdog [Maremma Sheepdog] had changed to Abruzzes and Maremma Shepherd Dog. This change was necessitated by a nomenclature change in the country of origin (Italy) from Cane da Pastore Maremmano Abruzzese to Cane da Pastore Abruzzese Maremmano. According to the FCI's Circular, this change became effective immediately and the FCI appealed to its Members and Contract Partners to implement it “as soon as possible”. This change, which impacts on the alphabetical order in which this breed is judged, would require a number of KUSA Schedules and their Appendices to be amended. Both the masters of these Schedules and their published versions on the KUSA website and elsewhere have been identified. The are, <i>inter alia</i>: • Schedule 02 Appendix “A1” (KUSA Championship & Non-championship Shows – Traditional Seven-group Classification of Dog Breeds) • Separately on the Website reflected as Schedule 02 Appendix “A1” • Schedule 02 Appendix “A2” (International Championship Shows FCI Ten-group Classification of Dog Breeds) • Schedule 02 Appendix “B” (BREED STANDARDS) The implementation of Breed Standards, whether new or amended, is guided by Schedule 02 Appendix “B”, which provides as follows: BREED STANDARDS 1. <i>For each breed listed in Appendix ‘A’ of this Schedule, there shall be a written description called a Breed Standard.</i> 2. <i>Once adopted a Breed Standard may not be altered or amended, save for the correction of spelling errors, conversion of measurements, or the insertion of omissions from the Standard by the country of origin, development or patronage, as the case may be.</i> 3. <i>Should notification be received that a Breed Standard accepted by KUSA has been altered or amended, save in terms of paragraph 2 above, by the country of origin, development or patronage such amendments shall automatically be adopted in accordance with the KUSA Breed Standards Protocol and advised to the Federal Council at its first practicable meeting.</i> 4. <i>Amendments adopted in terms of paragraph 3 above will be advised to Judges and Members as soon as practicable after the meeting of the Federal Council at which they were reported and be implemented on 1 January or 1 July, whichever is feasible.</i> The KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards accords with the above Regulation but, unfortunately, does not provide for instances where immediate implementation is required to keep the judging order of especially FCI Shows in alignment with current FCI Regulations. In view of the above, the Breed Standards Committee had thought it prudent to table the following proposal for Fedco's consideration: Motivation: With KUSA and FCI Shows being held in South Africa on a regular basis, it is necessary that Show Organisers be advised immediately of any Country of Origin or Country of Patronage breed name changes where they affect the exhibition order of that breed. As breeds are judged according to a Breed Standard, it is proposed that an addition be made to the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i> to accommodate the immediate effective date of a name change of a breed when advised
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		by either the FCI, or RKC, or the National Canine Organisation which is the Country of Origin, Country of Patronage or Country of Development of the breed in question, save in exceptional circumstances where such amendments might contravene KUSA Regulations, Policies, or national legislation. Proposed amendment to Schedule 02 Appendix “B”: Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>. 4. Amendments adopted in terms of paragraph 3 above will be advised to Judges and Members as soon as practicable after the meeting of the Federal Council at which they were reported and be implemented on 1 January or 1 July, [whichever is feasible], <u>except if directed otherwise by the Federal Council arising from changes to nomenclature announced by the country of origin, development or patronage, in which case implementation shall be immediate.</u> Proposed addition to the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards: Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>. Effective Dates of new or amended Breed Standards, converted Breed Standards via referenda or other means, accepted by KUSA under this Protocol: New or amended Breed Standards confirmed by Fedco under this Protocol at its June Ordinary Meeting, shall become effective on 1 July of the same year, whereas new or amended Breed Standards confirmed by Fedco under this Protocol at its December Ordinary Meeting, shall become effective on 1 January of the following year, <u>except if directed otherwise by the Federal Council arising from changes to nomenclature announced by the country of origin, development or patronage, in which case implementation shall be immediate.</u> For decision. On a proposal from MV, seconded by LT, the proposed amendments to Schedule 02 Appendix “A1”, Appendix “A2” & Appendix “B” and the proposed amendment to the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i> were approved, unanimously, Schedule amendments effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes. Amendments to the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards are effective immediately.
4		Items of an urgent nature which have subsequently been requisitioned by the Federal Council to be placed on the Agenda at the discretion of the Chairman.
	4.1	Proposed amendments to Schedule 01 – Disciplinary Rules Motivation and Proposal: Given Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez’s notice, after many years of service in the capacity of KUSA’s Legal Adviser, that he would no longer be able to continue acting in that capacity, Fedco concluded at the Fedco Discussion Forum Session 1, held on 21 January 2026, that an external interim Legal Adviser must be appointed as a matter of urgency. This action, as a means of reconstituting the Subcommittee of Inquiry (SCI), as required under Schedule 01 Rule 1.5, was taken as an emergency measure in accordance with *Article 43.5. In tandem with formalising the above as a decision by the Federal Council, an amendment to Schedule 01 Rule 1.5 would be required to accommodate Fedco’s decision. Amendment to Schedule 01 Rule 1.5 – Disciplinary Rules: Deletions [struck through in square brackets]

		1. GENERAL PROVISIONS 1.4 In terms of Articles 18.1.1 and 18.3 of the KUSA Constitution, Exco establishes a KUSA Sub-committee of Inquiry ("SCI") consisting of two (2) persons referred to in Rule 1.5 for the purpose of evaluating and conducting the preliminary assessment of a complaint as well as any Notice of Appeal. 1.5 In terms of Articles 18.1.1 and 18.3 of the KUSA Constitution, Exco establishes a KUSA Sub-committee of Inquiry ("SCI") consisting of two (2) persons referred to in Rule 1.5 for the purpose of evaluating and conducting the preliminary assessment of a complaint as well as any Notice of Appeal. The two (2) members of the SCI referred to in Rule 1.4 must be the Secretary of KUSA or his or her duly appointed deputy, and a Legal Adviser appointed by the Federal Council of KUSA ("Fedco") [or, in the event of no such Legal Adviser having been appointed, an appointed member of Exco who holds a degree in law or who has sufficient knowledge of the law and the KUSA Constitution], as Chairman. If the Complainant is the Secretary, he or she must be replaced by the Chairman of Exco. 1.6 While serving on the SCI, a member of Exco may not serve on any Committee or Sub Committee referred to in Rules 1.2, 1.3 or Rule 12.6. *Article 43.5: 43 INTERPRETATION AND FEDERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS & DIRECTIVES 43.5 The Federal Council shall be the only authority to institute such emergency measures as required to resolve any crisis or dilemma resulting from a force majeure event or other calamity affecting the business and operations of the Kennel Union for as long as such adverse conditions endure by issuing clear operational directives, which shall be final and binding. For decision. On a proposal from JH, seconded by MA, the action to proceed with the appointment of an interim Legal Adviser to reconstitute the Sub-committee of Inquiry under Schedule 01, and the proposed amendment to Schedule 01 Regulation 1.5, were approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
	4.2	American Bully matters GR reported, at some length, on the most recent meeting with the two Representatives of the American Bully "collective" and summarised the subsequential steps as follows: • KUSA Interim Breed Standard: ○ Sizes: Only Standards and Pockets to be recognised ○ Approval by the Breed Standards Committee ○ Approval by Fedco ○ Lodging with Department of Agriculture • A KUSA "Statement off Intent" to be drafted and published (18 months moratorium on the take-on of cropped-eared American Bullies already agreed) • Registration Procedure to be put in place, providing for, <i>inter alia</i> ○ Membership Applications to be received from those who wish to migrate their dogs to the KUSA Breed Appendix Register (or Dogsport Record) ○ A bespoke <i>Application for the Registration of a Single Dog</i> to be designed to cater for any additional information required from the Applicants (Appendix Breed Register as well as the Dogsport Record) ○ Addition to Schedule 02 + Appendix "A" ○ Affix Application and Evaluation • Judges – proposed JEC Webinar for Judges interested in judging American Bullies. Fedco noted GR's report and unanimously sanctioned the further actions to be taken by GR, JH and the KUSA Office to bring the migration of American Bullies to the KUSA Breed

		Appendix Register, or Dogsport Record, to fruition. The Chairman of the Executive Committee was requested to formalise the recognition of the American Bully at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Effective immediately. [Note: Preparing this Item for the Agenda of Exco 03-2026, resulted in the checking of Schedule 02 Regulation 17.1, presumed to be the Regulation to be referenced: 17. RECOGNITION OF BREEDS <i>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. [emphasis added]</i> From the above it should be evident that this Regulation requires Exco approval of dogs that are imported (which the migrating American Bullies are not) and recognised by the FCI, The Royal Kennel Club or any National Canine Organisation (none of which apply to the migrating American Bullies; they are predominantly "recognised" by two local "registries" – American Bully Registration South Africa (ABRSA) and Bully Assure). On further investigation, the appropriate Regulations for the recognition and registration of the American Bully were identified as Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1, read with Regulation 1.1.1: <i>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:</i> <i>1.1.1 In the Breed Appendix Register, dogs of recognised or provisionally recognised breeds which have complete or incomplete pedigrees/ancestry issued by registries with which there is a reciprocity agreement and/or registries where no agreement exists but special dispensation is granted by the Federal Council determining the specific requirements to be met. Dogs registered in this register are eligible to enter Championship and Non-Championship Shows, may be awarded CCs, but cannot be awarded Championship Status.[emphasis added]</i> The preceding Regulation makes it clear that the appropriate authority to confirm recognition of the American Bully is, in fact, the Federal Council. At its Special Meeting of 25 August 2025, the Federal Council authorised the migration of the American Bully to the KUSA Breed Appendix Register and also consented to an amendment of Schedule 02 Regulation 7 to accommodate the migration of cropped-eared American Bullies to the Breed Appendix Register as breeding stock. The recognition, by the Federal Council, of the American bully as a breed under KUSA is overtly implicit in the Federal Council's actions in the run-up to the Special Meeting of 25 August 2025 and its subsequent endorsements and actions at FDFs and constituted meetings, even confirming the breed's addition to Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" and its exhibition in the Utility Group at KUSA-licensed Shows. Unanimous acceptance by the Federal Council of the American Bully as a breed under KUSA can, therefore, be safely and doubtlessly assumed.] Effective immediately.
	4.3	Refund of Registration Fees paid for Implicated Dogs – Case 2024-04 (KUSA vs Botes)

		Although this matter had been deliberated at length at Fedco 09-2025 FDF Session 3, it was ultimately deferred for decision to a future constituted meeting of the Federal Council. Due to the crowded Agenda of Fedco 12-2025, it could not be accommodated at that meeting and was deferred to the first Special Meeting of Fedco in 2026, the current meeting. Brief Report and Recommendation by JH: At the FDF 09-2025 Session 3, held on 18 September 2025, the KUSA Secretary had brought this item forward, seeking guidance from Fedco. After a 25-minute discussion, it was decided to defer the matter, which was then brought forward to the FDF Session 2 of 18 February 2026, where it enjoyed further discussion. I (JH) served as the Chairman of the FAC that heard the Appeal in KUSA vs Botes, assisted by Cllr MV and Cllr LT. The FAC directed the cancellation of the registration of the six Rottweilers constituting the so-called "C-litter" and took similar action in respect of any of the progeny of these dogs. The full Penalties imposed by the FAC were the following: <i>"In terms of Schedule 01 Rule 12.13.3, read with Rule 11.1.4; and Rule 11.1.8, read with Schedule 03 Regulation 33.2, the FAC imposed the following additional Penalties:</i> • <i>6 The removal of the 'Imported' status of the six dogs comprising the C-litter.</i> • <i>7 The withdrawal of any awards made to those dogs at any KUSA-licensed Show or Event and the withdrawal of all KUSA titles earned by them.</i> • <i>8 The cancellation of the registrations of the C-litter dogs in terms of Schedule 02 Regulation 12.1.</i> • <i>9 Similarly, the cancellation of the registrations of any offspring of the C-litter, whether produced by any C-litter Dam, or by one of the C-litter Sires to another Dam, and informing the Registered Owners of all the implicated dogs (C-litter and their offspring) of the cancellations and the reason(s) therefor."</i> No decision was taken by the FAC on whether to reimburse Registration Fees paid to KUSA when the "C-litter" was originally registered by Mr Botes, or the Registration Fees paid by other persons for the registration of the progeny of the "C-litter". With the benefit of hindsight, this consequence might have been foreseen by the FAC, but wasn't, and was therefore not taken into account when the Record of Proceedings was drafted. Steps have been taken to ensure that future FACs are cautioned to be mindful of possible fallouts and, within reason, to provide for them in their Findings. In reaching its Finding and imposing Penalties, the FAC considered the following: 1. That KUSA should uphold its principles and Regulations and honour its responsibility to dogdom in Southern Africa by ensuring that the integrity of KUSA's Primary Breed Register is protected at all times. 2. KUSA incurred a heavy and costly administrative burden from researching this case and, ultimately, also from the cancellation of the registrations. In future, it stands to lose further revenue through its voluntary sacrifice of the income from further registrations of progeny from the implicated dogs. 3. The recoupment of the Registration Fees is deemed to be an issue between the original owners of the progeny and Mr Botes, and it should be recommended to them to direct any claims in this regard to Mr Botes. In view of the above, and in line with the vast majority of the sentiments expressed during the earlier discussions on this matter, I recommend to Fedco: <i>To support the view that KUSA should not accept responsibility of the refund of Registration Fees of any of the implicated dogs and that such requests, directed to KUSA, should be refused and the requestors advised to contact Mr Botes with their claims.</i> For decision.
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4.4		KUSA Classic 2027 (DOGSPC) As previously advised to the Federal Council, NR, Chairman of DOGSPC, would be out of the country on the traditional weekend of the KUSA Classic 2027 (Week 22). If the KUSA Classic 2027 were required to be hosted by DOGSPC, NR had proposed that it be moved to Week 17 (one month earlier), to be held from Thursday, 22 April to Sunday, 25 April 2027 for Breed and Handler Classes, with the KUSA Nationals for Agility and Dog Jumping slotting in with the NAPC's Dogsport Bumper Weekend over the same weekend. She had also proposed that Week 23 (Saturday and Sunday, 5 & 6 June 2027) be reserved KUSA Classic-related Dogsport events: Debate ensued on the various Dogsport events to be hosted over the weekend of Week 23 and, with useful input from CC, the following were identified: • FCI-C.A.C.I.A.G. Show for Agility & Jumping • Dog Jumping as an event on the same day as the FCI-C.A.C.I.A.G. Show (held under a separate Club Licence for Dog Jumping only) • KUSA Championship Show for Agility, Dog Jumping, Obedience, Flyball, Carting, Rally Dog & Hoopers • KUSA Nationals for Obedience, Flyball, Carting, Rally Dog & Hoopers During the previous discussion, the matter had been left with the Federal Council for consideration and contemplation and no decisions were taken. For decision. On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, it was approved, unanimously, that the dates mentioned above should be assigned to the KUSA Classic 2027, hosted by DOGSPC, for Breed and Dogsport respectively. Effective immediately. [Note: NS was requested to reserve the dates for the KUSA Classic 2027 on the 2027 Events Calendar and, should there be any conflicts of dates, to resolve them in good time.] [Note: Formal Notice of the transfer of KUSA Classic Dogsport Events to Week 23 in 2027 needs to be sent to NS to assist her in her efforts to persuade Clubs that traditionally offer Dogsport over that weekend to change their dates for 2027 only.] [Note: The Licence for the KUSA Nationals for Dog Jumping & Agility, to be hosted over the NAPC's Dogsport Bumper Weekend (Week 17), must be applied for by DOGSPC and the Bumper Weekend Show Schedule must provide for the Entry Fees for these events to be paid into the KUSA Classic Bank Account,]
4.5		Field Trial Liaison Council – Query regarding contracts required for Helpers (Support Judges) at Retriever Trials and proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Trials The Following query had been received from the Field Trial Liaison Council via its Secretary: <i>For many years J1s have been signed and submitted for only Senior and Open Stake Judges for Retriever Field Trials as per the stipulation in Schedule 05C(1):</i> A.7.1.1.3 This schedule, which must include details of the proposed Judges, together with all Judges' Acceptance Forms for the Open Stake and the Senior Judges for all other stakes, must be received by KUSA not later than four months prior to the date of the trial.

		<i>The WRC with their submission of documents for the 2026 season, received a query about contracts for the other Judges, and the issuing of a licence for the Trial is thus being delayed. This, at the moment, affects the WRC, but will very soon impact on all Retriever Field Trials.</i> <i>As this is a long-standing practice, the FTLC request that this stipulation be kept in place. If this is unacceptable, KUSA must issue an instruction to change Schedule 05C(1).</i> <i>However, if the latter route is to be followed, the FTLC asks that leniency is applied and that licences are not withheld, until such time as this rule is ratified, otherwise clubs will not be able to hold trials.</i> <i>The matter is of some urgency as game and ammunition have to be ordered timeously.</i> It was noted by the Federal Council that the opinion of the JEC had been solicited on this matter, for which purpose it was tabled at the JEC's meeting on 12 February 2026. The JEC was unanimous in its view that amendments to Schedule 05C(1) were necessary and that the FTLC should be requested to prepare suitable amendments for presentation and consideration at the next constituted meeting of the Federal Council. It was further noted by the Federal Council that the matter had also been tabled at Exco 02-2026. The Chairman of Exco informed Fedco that the members of the Executive Committee had, similarly, been unanimous in their conclusion that Judges, for their own protection and that of the Kennel Union, could not be permitted to officiate at a KUSA-licensed event without having signed a J1 contract. Having been communicated to the FTLC, the above two outcomes prompted the FTLC to submit the following proposal to amend Schedule 05(C)1, in time for consideration at this Special Meeting: Proposed amendment to Schedule 05(C)1 Regulation A.7.1.1.3: Deletions in [struck through square brackets]. A.7.1.1.3: This schedule, which must include details of the proposed Judges, together with all Judges' Acceptance Forms [for the Open Stake and the Senior Judges for all other stakes], must be received by KUSA not later than four months prior to the date of the trial. For decision. On a proposal from MA, seconded by NR, the proposed amendment to Schedule 05(C)1 was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.05.2026, but may be implemented upon publication of these Minutes.
	4.6	Application for Inter-variety Mating – Miniature Dachshund Supporting documents provided: ➤ Letter of Application dated 14 January 2026 ➤ Registration Certificates of two Sires under consideration ➤ Registration Certificate of the prospective Dam ➤ ZooOmics results for Dam tested for PRA. Prior to this Special Meeting, NR had submitted letters she had received from the SA Dachshund Club and Teckel Club of SA in support of the application, which were noted by the Federal Council. For decision.

		After discussion, on a proposal from NR, seconded by MV, it was agreed, unanimously, to recommend to the Executive Committee to act in accordance with Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1.7 and to authorise the requested inter-variety mating – Dachshund (Miniature Long-haired) (Sire) to Dachshund (Miniature Smooth-haired) (Dam)...: 1.1.7 Cross-matings <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 1.1.6 hereof the Executive Committee shall be empowered to establish provisos in order to permit matings of different categories of the same breeds where such cross mating is recommended by a Breed Council, where such exists or is considered desirable in the interests of improving a breed where similar arrangements have been permitted by the club in the country of origin or development of such breeds.</i> ...applying the same conditions that were applied to an earlier application (2024) for an inter-variety mating of a Dachshund (Long-haired) (Sire) to a Dachshund (Smooth-haired) (Dam), i.e. 1. First-generation progeny from this proposed inter-variety mating should be registered reflecting the coat variety according to the dominant expression of the gene. 2. The Second-generation progeny, are also to be registered as per expression of the dominant gene, which should be clear by the age of 8 (eight) weeks and any Second-generation puppies intended for breeding will be required to be DNA tested for coat inheritance prior to mating and may only be permitted to be mated to dogs of the same gene expression. 3. The progeny from the present inter-variety coat mating should only be registered once there is clarity on the coat-type. Should this only become clear after the expiration period of the KUSA-regulated registration period, reclassification according to coat variety may be permitted in accordance with Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1.8 – Reclassification of Recessives. 4. In this particular inter-variety mating, the coat-variety classifications, i.e. Long-haired (LH) and Smooth-haired (SH), will be added as bracketed suffixes to the registered names of the Dam and Sire and, subsequently, to the registered names of their progeny, which should make it clear on every "Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree" issued by KUSA, that the registered progeny had resulted from a past inter-variety mating and indicate which coat-varieties of the ancestors had produced the offspring. Moreover, the Federal Council decided, unanimously, that future applications for inter-variety matings of Dachshunds do not require pre-approval by the Federal Council and may be directed to the Executive Committee for adjudication. Effective immediately.
5		Close of meeting Possible Special Meeting of the Federal Council on Wednesday, 8 April 2026: Before closing the meeting, the Chairman reminded the KUSA Secretary and the Federal Council of the possibility of a Special Meeting of the Federal Council being requisitioned for Wednesday, 8 April 2026, if deemed necessary, or expedient. Should such Special Meeting be required by the Federal Council, it was agreed, by all present, that Notice should be given on Tuesday, 10 March 2026. Noted. The Chairman apologised for the delayed start of the meeting due to her connectivity problems and thanked the Federal Councillors for their indulgence. She closed the meeting at 19.50.