

THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 JULY 2026, 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 Thursday, 30 July 2026, on MS Teams.

Item	Sub-Item	Sub-Item	MINUTES
1			Welcome and Notice of the Meeting As proposed by Cllr LC Thornhill, seconded by Cllr MW Vorster, and agreed, unanimously, by all Federal Councillors present at Fedco 06-2026 Ordinary Meeting, held on Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 June 2026, notice having been appropriately given by the Secretary, on behalf of the Chairman, on Sunday, 28 June 2026, of this Special Meeting of the Federal Council to be held on Thursday, 30 July 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 Chelchinsky (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
3			Matters to be discussed As advised in the Notice convening this Special Meeting, its focus would be on the discussion and finalisation of the KUSA Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year, but certain other items, deemed to be sufficiently urgent by the Chairman, may also be accommodated on the Agenda for this Special Meeting.
	3.1		To discuss and finalise the KUSA 2026/2027 Budget Extract from the Minutes of Fedco 06-2026: <i>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,</i>

		<i>mainly Club-related, costs be exempted from the 5% increase. In the view of the Budget Committee, the exemption should apply to:</i> • <i>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.</i> • <i>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.</i> • <i>Show Licence Fees, not to be increased in 2026/2027, thereby to remain at levels charged in the 2025/2026 financial year.</i> • <i>Judges' Exam Fees, not to be increased in 2026/2027, thereby to remain at levels charged in the 2025/2026 financial year.</i> • <i>Show Penalty Fees, not to be increased and to remain at R50.00 per week.</i> <i>The Chairman enquired whether Fedco members had any questions or concerns about the Budget Committee's recommendations.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>[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.]</i> 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 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
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		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, various 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 202/2027. 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.
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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 02 Appendix "E" Breed-specific Requirements for Imported & Exported Dogs & Imported Semen – Regulation 9 – Rottweilers Submitted by Rottweiler Breed Council Proposal: Housekeeping to update list of approved veterinary institutions in Serbia. Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>. 9. Rottweilers – Imported 9.1 All Rottweilers being imported under twelve (12) months of age must be screened in South Africa once the animal is at least eighteen (18) months. Any HD/ED gradings given to Rottweilers under twelve (12) months of age are not accepted. 9.2 HD requirements for the importation of Rottweilers or semen for breeding or Championship purposes: 9.2.1 The animal must be x-rayed and scored over the age of twelve (12) months 9.2.2 The animal must receive an official FCI/ADRK grading according to FCI/ADRK Regulations 9.2.3 Any grading given must either be performed or endorsed by the Veterinary University of the country, ADRK or hip dysplasia panel of the country. This must be clearly reflected on the official HD/ED certificate. Alternatively, the grading veterinarian must be officially recognised (in writing) by the Veterinary University of the country as being qualified to perform gradings according to the FCI system. Or 9.2.4 Animals receiving an official recognised grading in a country (as per list lodged with KUSA by RBC) over the age of twelve (12) months are accepted. The following additional list of institutions is currently lodged with KUSA by RBC as approved: • Germany ○ GRSK- Gesellschaft für Röntgendiagnostik genetisch beeinflusster Skeletterkrankungen bei Kleintieren e.V • Italy- ENCI - Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana

		○ Centrale Di Lettura Delle Malattie Scheletriche Gentetiche e/o Ereditarie Del Cane (CeLeMaSche) - http://www.celemasche.it ○ Fondazione Salute Animale (FSA) - http://www.fondazionealuteanimale.it • Serbia- Kennel Club of Serbia ○ Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Belgrade, Belgrade ○ Veterinary practice "Novak", Belgrade ○ Veterinary practice "Alessandra", Belgrade ○ Veterinary practice "Pan Vet", Subotica ○ "PVS Pet Company", Nis ○ "PET-VET", Novi Sad ○ Veterinary practice "ROYALVET", Belgrade ○ Veterinary practice "VETLAND", Vrsac ○ Veterinary practice "LEO", Novi Sad ○ Veterinary practice "BARAK", Sombor ○ Veterinary practice "VET MAGIC", Jagodina ○ Veterinary practice "INTERVET" ○ Veterinary practice "Ambulanta NS Vet" ○ Veterinary practice "Zoo Centar Plus" Furog ○ <u>Veterinary practice "Doggy Dog"</u> Alternatively: 9.2.5 If the dog fails to meet the above requirements, the animal must be re-graded in South Africa over the age of eighteen (18) months. For decision PM informed Fedco that the addition of another Serbian veterinary practice to the list of practices already recognised by the RBC to grade hips and elbows of Rottweiler imported from Serbia was, in fact, housekeeping. On a proposal from NR, seconded by LT, the addition of a further Serbian veterinary practice to the list of veterinary practices recognised by the RBC for purposes of breed-specific registration requirements for the registration of Rottweilers under Schedule 02 Appendix "E" Regulation 9.2.4, was approved, unanimously. Effective 01.10.2026, but may be implemented immediately.
4.2		GSD Specialist Breed Shows - Schedule 05E (28) – requested amendment to Effective Date Submitted by the GSDLC on behalf of the Chairman, Ms Christine Kneidinger. From: Christine Kneidinger <allthingsgsd@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, 27 July 2026 10:08 To: Claire Patterson-Abrolat <commsdesk@kusa.co.za>; Club Affairs <clubaffairs@kusa.co.za>; Audrey Hauptfleisch <jecjudges@kusa.co.za>; jhubbard <jhubbard@global.co.za>; Gérard Robinson <secretary@kusa.co.za> Subject: GSD Specialist Breed Shows - Schedule 05E (28) Good day I have noticed that Schedule 05E (28) GSD Specialist Shows has been updated on the KUSA Website. Thank you very much to the FEDCO and the rest of the KUSA Team for assisting the GSD. I see that the date the Schedule is to take effect is 1 October 2026. <u>Is there any possible way to have this schedule take effect on 1 August 2026 so that we can implement it at the Breed Shows to be held in August and September?</u>

		Yours sincerely, Christine Kneidinger For decision. The Chairman informed the Federal Council that it had subsequently been brought to her attention that Ms C Kneidinger had evidently missed the concession, “but may be implemented upon publication of the Minutes” in the Minutes of Fedco 06-2026. She has since been informed that Schedule 05E (28) had been in full force and effect since 17 July 2026 (the publication date the Minutes were published). In view of the above, the Chairman requested the withdrawal of this Agenda Item. It was agreed, unanimously, that Item 4.2 should be withdrawn from the Agenda.
	4.3	Fedco Round Robin – Authorisation for a Temporary Leave of Absence to be granted to Mr JQ Swartz – KUSA Member No. 152597 (sent 22.07.2026 and resolved unanimously on 23.07.2026) [Note: The text below is a truncated version of the KUSA Secretary’s communication to the Federal Council on 22 July 2026.] <i>Dear Members of the Federal Council</i> <i>Earlier today, you were sent a letter, dated 21 July 2026, received from Mr JQ Swartz, requesting to be granted a “temporary leave of absence from the offices I hold within KUSA while that matter is resolved”. The “matter” referred to is explained in the letter.</i> <i>The Offices and Capacities in which Mr JQ Swartz currently serves:</i> • <i>On the GSD Liaison Council (GSDLC), as the Chairman of Rotek GSD Club (NAPC)</i> • <i>As the Convener of the National Sub-Committee for FCI-IGP (NIGPSC), as the delegate of the NAPC’s Provincial Sub-committee for IGP</i> • <i>As an FCI-IGP Judge, so accredited by the Judges Education Council (JEC)</i> <i>The above three structures (GSDLC, NIGPSC and the JEC) report to Fedco and, in terms of Article 43.6, Fedco is entitled to “issue policy directives” on matters not provided for in this Constitution” for the “effective management of the Kennel Union”:</i> <i>“The Federal Council shall have the authority to issue policy directives on general matters not provided for in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws necessary for the effective management of the Kennel Union and the processes necessary to achieve its operational objectives. All policy directives issued by the Federal Council may be reviewed and adjusted from time to time, or withdrawn if no longer applicable.”</i> <i>Given the circumstances explained in Mr Swartz’s letter, it’s essential that he steps down from the offices and statuses he currently holds which, fortunately, he is offering to do voluntarily. It is therefore necessary, if not critically important, for Fedco to make it possible for him to give effect to his intention, by granting the requested leave of absence on an interim basis. It should, however, be understood that Fedco cannot direct beyond the confines of the Articles and it would be made clear to Mr Swartz that the grant of a leave of absence will only hold for the unexpired portion of his current membership, i.e. until it lapses on 15.10.2026, at which time his membership would have been subjected to automatic Exco review. Thereafter, an extension of the leave of absence will only be considered by Fedco if necessary, or appropriate.</i> <i>Please respond with AGREE or DISAGREE as a matter of extreme urgency.</i>

		The above Fedco round robin was concluded on 23 July 2026 with an unanimous affirmative response. For ratification. On a proposal from LT, seconded by JH, the result of the Fedco round robin, issued on 26 July 2026 and explained above, was ratified, unanimously.
4.4		Fedco 08-2026 (27 August 2026) Special Meeting to be agreed to and to be requisition at this Meeting by the Federal Council. Notice needs to be given on this day, 30 July 2026. This Special Meeting was envisaged to focus on the discussion and 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 Assessments and Breed Surveys – but certain other items, deemed to be urgent by the Chairman, may also be accommodated on the Agenda for this Special Meeting, which shall be issued by the Chairman in sufficient time before the meeting. For decision On a proposal from MA, seconded by NR, it was sanctioned, unanimously, by the Federal Council that a Notice should be given forthwith (by the end of the day) of a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, 27 August 2026. [Note: The Notice of the Meeting was given by the KUSA Secretary on Thursday, 30 July 2026, at 19.06.]
4.5		Recognition of new Breed – Catalan Sheepdog Schedule 02 Regulation 17 states: 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.</i> <i>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).</i> The Catalan Sheepdog was approved by the Executive Committee to be added to the list of recognised breeds at Exco 07-2026, held on 21 July 2026. The Breed Standards Committee had recommended that this breed be assigned to the Herding Group. Schedule 02 Regulation 1 states: 1. <i>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.</i> 1.1 <i>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> 1.2 <i>Recognition of Breeds:</i>

		<i>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.</i> Fedco is required to assign the Catalan Sheepdog to the Herding Group and to permit this new breed to be slotted into Schedule 02 Appendix "A1" and "A2" for purposes of order of judging. For decision On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, the assignment of the Catalan Sheepdog to the Herding Group was approved, unanimously. Effective upon publication of these Minutes.
5		With all business under this Agenda completed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 18.51, thanking the Federal Councillors for their time and participation.