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KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
1, & 2 DECEMBER 2023, ON MS TEAMS, AT 08h30 (BOTH DAYS)**

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	AGENDA
1			<p>ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance: Clr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH Clr BG Robinson (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR Clr C Chelchinsky (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC Clr NJ du Preez (Chairman – NAPC) – NdP Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) – BJ Clr RD Jukes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Clr L Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT Clr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr B Delily (Finance & HR Administrator) – BD (attendance not required for 01.12.2023) Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Club Affairs Administrator) – CPA Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS (attendance not required for 01.12.2023)</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council.</p> <p>With nine Federal Councillors present on Friday, 1 December, and Saturday, 2 December, for all Constitution-related items, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be six (two-thirds), whereas five would constitute a simple majority as required for any other decision to carry.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Due to various Councillors' requests to be excused from the meeting on Friday for brief periods due to prior work commitments, or a new emergency, or on Friday and Saturday as a result of loadshedding, GR appealed to the Federal Council that, in order not to disturb the quorum requirements at various times of the meeting, Federal Councils leaving the meeting at any stage, should agree to be counted in for quorum purposes when decisions needed to be taken during their absence. Moreover, since all Federal Councillors had, by way of the Agenda, been put in prior knowledge of all matters likely to be tabled for decision or resolution, they should state any dissent to any proposed decision or resolution ahead of their departure, in the absence of which, their vote <i>in absentia</i> would be counted in favour of the proposed decision or resolution.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, it was resolved, unanimously, that brief periods of absenteeism from the meeting by any Federal Councillor would not affect the quorum at the time of his/her departure and that his/her vote on any matter shall be counted in and, in the absence of directive to the contrary by the departing Councillor, such vote shall be registered in favour of any proposed decision or resolution.</p> <p>The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 06-2023:</p> <p>Mr I Paulus (KZN)</p>

			<p>Mr DW Thompson (WC) Mrs A Hoffmann (NAM) Mrs M Muller (GAU) Prof LJS Steenkamp (GAU) Miss B Jackson (GAU) Miss DA Fabian (WC) Mr D Babbin ((GAU) Miss J Hoseck (KZN)</p> <p>Noted, with sadness. On behalf of KUSA, condolences were extended to the families.</p>
2	2.1		MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 & 24 JUNE 2023
		2.1.1	<p>The Minutes of the meeting of the Federal Council held on Friday, 23 and Saturday, 24 June 2023, were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed BJ, seconded MV</p>
		2.1.2	Matters Arising from these Minutes not covered by this Agenda
		2.1.2.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Matters Arising from Fedco 06-2023 Minutes – Item 4.1.6 – Dissolution of Clubs (Fedco round robin 24 July 2023)</p> <p>Housekeeping submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal: Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Motivation: It had been brought to the attention of the KUSA Office that there was an error in the Minutes of Fedco 06-2023, where it was recorded, under Item 4.1.6 – Dissolution of Clubs – that Natal Coast Kennel Club were to close and its remaining funds to be transferred to Hibiscus Kennel Club. It should have read, “to be transferred to <u>Highway Kennel Club</u>”.</p> <p>4.1.6 Dissolution of Clubs The following Clubs closed since Fedco 12-2022: Information tabled at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natal Coast Kennel Club (KZNPC) – a decision was taken at the AGM of 15/02/23 to close the Club. The remaining funds were to be transferred to [Hibiscus] <u>Highway*</u> Kennel Club. However, some irregularities were noted in the reporting of the financials and the Club’s auditors have been contacted for more information at the request of Exco. <p>*Amendment approved by Fedco round robin, for ratification at Fedco 12-2023.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by RJ, Fedco’s approval of the amendment of the Minutes by round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: The Minutes published on the KUSA website were authorised to be amended to reflect this change immediately after Fedco’s approval by round robin resolution.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		2.1.2.2	Ratification of Fedco round robin – Matters arising from Fedco 06-2023 Minutes – Item 18.2 – FCI Asia, Africa and Oceania (A20) Championship Shows (Fedco round robin 4 September 2023)


		<p>Proposal: Correction of a misstatement in the Minutes of Fedco 06-2023 regarding awards at an FCI A2O Championship Show.</p> <p>Motivation: There was a misstatement under the 4th bullet under Item 18.2 of the Minutes of Fedco 06-2023, which stated that “the national CC and RCC awards shall be replaced by an A2O Dog CAC and A2O Bitch CAC”. This had been our initial impression, which had subsequently been refuted in the course of our discussions with the A2O, and unfortunately not rectified in the final draft of the Minutes.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shows shall be held under KUSA Regulations applicable to National Championship Shows, but the national CC and RCC awards shall be [replaced] supplemented by an A2O Dog CAC and A2O Bitch CAC. Reserve CACs may be introduced down the line, once A2O Shows had gained traction in the country. <p>The Federal Council agreed, unanimously via round robin to the correction of the Minutes of Fedco 06-2023 under Item 18.2; this correction to be made without delay to obviate confusion in the minds of Club Officials considering A2O Shows.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from BJ, seconded by MV, Fedco’s approval of the correction of the Minutes by round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: The Minutes published on the KUSA website were authorised to be amended to reflect this change immediately after Fedco’s approval by round robin resolution.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	2.2	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2023
	2.2.1	The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Thursday, 14 September 2023 , were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.
		Proposed LT, seconded DS
	2.2.2	Matters Arising from these Minutes not covered by this Agenda
		No matters were raised.
3		ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1	Annual Report by the Chairman
		The Chairman presented her Annual Report, which was received with thanks and acclamation.
	3.2	Article 12.5 – Declaration of Interests
		The Article reads: “Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is

		<i>delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members' appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.</i>
	3.2.1	<p>Fedco Members:</p> <p>It was noted that the interests of members of Fedco, as declared at Fedco 06-2023, had remained unchanged. The declaration of interests submitted by Dr Carolyn Chelchinsky subsequent to her appointment to Fedco as Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC was confirmed, unanimously. It was noted that, as with the other members of Fedco, none of her declared interests constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</p>
	3.2.2	<p>Exco Members:</p> <p>The interests of Exco members, as previously declared and re-confirmed at Fedco 12-2021, Fedco 06-2022, Fedco 12-2022 and Fedco 06-2023 had remained unchanged. It was confirmed, unanimously, that none of the interests earlier declared by Exco members constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.3	<p>Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2023</p> <p>[Note: The AFS had been circulated by PM prior to the meeting, with a request to revert to her by close of business on Wednesday, 29 November 2023, with queries, or comments.]</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that she had received no queries, or comments, prior to the deadline and therefore assumed that the members of Fedco were satisfied that the AFS of KUSA, as prepared and endorsed by the Auditors, had been accurately and fairly stated and reported.</p> <p>PM briefly reflected on the financial performance of KUSA in the year under review and expressed her satisfaction that KUSA had managed to achieve satisfactory growth in a challenging economic environment. Although she highlighted a decline in some key revenue streams, as experienced by NCOs all over the world, she was grateful that KUSA had been able to mitigate these negative trends through disciplined financial prudence. Needless to say, negative trends would be closely monitored during the next financial year.</p> <p>The members of Fedco were united in their praise and appreciation for the positive results achieved in the 2022/2023 Financial Year and thanked PM for her effective management and leadership and BD for his diligent liaison with the Auditors on behalf of KUSA.</p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by JH, the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the year ended 31 August 2023 were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Federal Council had unanimously approved KUSA's Operational Budget for 2023/2024 at Fedco 06-2023, which approval had been recorded in the Minutes of that meeting. Prior to its approval by Fedco, the Budget, as presented by PM, had been subjected to rigorous scrutiny by the Fedco Finance and Budget Portfolio-holders over two meetings designated for the purpose, before its final endorsement.</p> <p>Having reviewed the latest figures pertaining to KUSA's financial position and cashflow immediately preceding Fedco 12-2023, the Portfolio-holders agreed, unanimously, to propose to Fedco that the envisaged performance-based bonuses as provided in the Budget should be paid to members of staff, supplemented by inflation-related salary increases as from January 2024.]</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that, since the Budget had been approved at Fedco 06-2023 and, since there would be no deviation from the prior approval obtained at Fedco 06-2023, she</p>

		<p>assumed that it would be in order to call for an appropriate resolution to formalise the payment of performance-related bonuses, commensurate with the outcome of performance appraisals, in December 2023, and salary increases, as from end-January 2024.</p> <p>There were no objections and, on a proposal from GR, seconded by MV, it was resolved, unanimously, that, upon completion of appraisals, a performance-based annual bonus should be paid to all KUSA staff members, and that staff salaries should be adjusted by increases as from the end of January 2024.</p>
	3.4	<p>Election of Auditor The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.</p> <p>Sprigg Abbott Inc. were appointed, unanimously as the Auditors of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the current Financial Year.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded GR.</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>
	3.5	Article 16.2.2
		<p>3.5.1 Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President – Article 16.2.2.1 The current Chairman, Clr JM Hubbard, retires on 31.12.2024 The current President, Mrs DE Powell, retires on 31.12.2024</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		<p>3.5.2 Election of Vice-Chairman – Article 16.2.2.2 The current Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, Clr BG Robinson, retires on 31.12.2023</p> <p>The Chairman nominated Clr BG Robinson for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA, which nomination was seconded by NdP. On enquiry by the Chairman, Clr Robinson agreed to take up the position of Vice-Chairman for a further two-year term and thanked the members of Fedco for their confidence.</p> <p>Since there were no other nominations, the Chairman declared Clr BG Robinson duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA for a term of two years, terminating on 31.12.2025.</p> <p>The Chairman, on behalf of Fedco thanked Clr Robinson for his diligence and guidance, and for the enormous number of tasks he regularly undertook to improve the governance of KUSA. PM, on behalf of the KUSA Office, also thanked Clr Robinson for his assistance to her and to other members of staff, whenever called upon.</p>
		<p>3.5.3 Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3 (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.5.3) <i>“The Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members; Life Vice-Presidents; and any Vice-Presidents on termination of their fourth year in office.”</i></p> <p><i>On a proposal by CI, seconded by LT, it was decided, unanimously, to defer the election of Patron to Fedco 06-2022 to afford Fedco members the opportunity to give the matter proper thought and consideration.</i></p> <p>The late Mr GRP Eva passed away on 17 March 2021.</p> <p>Election of Patron in accordance with Article 16.2.2.3 to serve for the balance of the late Mr Eva’s term until 31.12.2024.</p>

		<p>The general view was that, during the preceding months, no person on whom the Federal Council might wish to bestow this honour, had become apparent.</p> <p>GR thought that, given Fedco’s ambivalence, the matter ought to be deferred for a year, i.e. till Fedco 12-2024, by which time a worthy honouree might have become evident to start a new term of four years. All present agreed.</p> <p>Deferred to Fedco 12-2024.</p>
	3.5.4	<p>Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3 <i>“It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 “to adopt a term of at least four (4) years’ service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance.”</i></p> <p>List of Life Members: Mrs JD Barrow Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez Mrs JM Hubbard Mr C Huyzers Mrs CM Immelman Mr RB Jenkins Mr RD Juckes Mrs DE Powell Mr DC Sparg Mr BG Robinson Mrs L Wilson Adv R Zeeman</p> <p>In the course of the preceding six-month period, the following Fedco/Exco members had qualified for Life Membership, to be confirmed at Fedco 12-2023: Mrs LC Thornhill Mrs YC Jefferies Mr V Alberts (Preferred name – Michael Alberts)</p> <p>It was resolved, unanimously, that Clr LC Thornhill, Mrs YC Jefferies and Mr V (M) Alberts be elected as Life Members of KUSA.</p> <p>Proposed RJ, seconded GR.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman requested the KUSA Office to inform the newly elected Life Members of their revised status by letter, and to extend Fedco’s thanks and appreciation for their dedicated service to the Kennel Union.]</p>
	3.5.5	<p>Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p>List of current Life Vice-Presidents: Mr NS Kay Mrs DE Powell Dr HRA van der Merwe</p> <p>In accordance with the decision taken by Fedco under 3.5.6 below, the following persons have been elevated to the status of Life Vice-Presidents:</p> <p>Mr RB Jenkins Mrs A Olivier Mrs JD Barrow Mrs S Bloomfield</p>

			Noted.
		3.5.6	<p>Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3 List of current Vice-Presidents: Mr RB Jenkins – retires 31.12.2022 Mrs A Olivier – retires 31.12.2023 Mrs JD Barrow – retires 31.12.2024 Mrs S Bloomfield – retires 31.12.2024</p> <p>Proposal: To “upgrade” all current Vice-Presidents to Life Vice-President status, thereby to eliminate Vice-Presidents as a category of service acknowledgement in future.</p> <p>Motivation: The Vice-President status is administratively cumbersome to track and unnecessary when there is a suitable status of Life Vice-Presidents with which to honour deserving members of the dog community who had rendered exceptional services to the Kennel Union.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Articles 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 16.2.2.3</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>5.2.1 The Kennel Union may have a Patron (who shall remain in office at pleasure), Life Members and Life Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and shall have a President, a Chairman of the Federal Council and a stipendiary General Manager.</p> <p>5.2.2 The President; and the Chairman of the Federal Council [and Vice-Presidents] shall retire quadrennially but shall be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>16.2.2.3 the Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members; and Life Vice-Presidents; and any Vice-Presidents] on termination of their fourth year in office.</p> <p>For decision.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded DS Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.02.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
		3.5.7	<p>Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA <i>At Fedco 12-2018, it was resolved that Brig Gen (retd) NJ du Preez should continue as Legal Adviser to the KUSA on an indefinite basis.</i> The current Legal Adviser to KUSA is Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez for his many years of service to KUSA and expressed the hope that he would be prepared to continue serving as the organisation’s Legal Adviser.</p> <p>Brig Gen (retd.) Du Preez indicated that it was an honour for him to serve KUSA in this capacity and declared his willingness to continue fulfilling the duties of Legal Adviser to KUSA.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by MV and approved, unanimously, Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez was appointed Legal Adviser to KUSA for the ensuing year.</p>
		3.5.8	Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee

		<p><i>“The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules.”</i></p> <p><i>[Note: It was customary for all Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. Three members were appointed to consider an Appeal, when necessary.]</i></p> <p>NdP informed the meeting that, over time, he had noticed a number of inconsistencies in the manner in which Appeals Committee Hearings have been conducted and reported and believed the time had come to appoint a “Standing Chairman” for Appeals. He proposed that this position should be filled by the person who, for the time being, held the office of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and further clarity was provided by NdP. In the interest of consistency in the manner in which criteria pertinent to Appeals were applied, the Chairman expressed her support for NdP’s proposal and enquired whether any of the other members of Fedco held a different view. No dissenting views were expressed and the Chairman suggested that the proposal be formalised as a resolution of the Federal Council.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by MV, it was resolved, unanimously, that, in future, the Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, for the time being, should chair any Fedco Appeals Committee (FAC) as contemplated under Schedule 01 Rule 1.7.</p> <p><i>[Note: The profile of the FAC is not formalised in Schedule 01, hence the regular confirmation in the Minutes of Fedco Meetings that the FAC shall, in every case, comprise three members of Fedco. In view of the above resolution, the chairmanship of the FAC would now become a supplementary element to Fedco’s customary statement on the composition of the FAC. It might well be advisable to formalise the composition of the FAC in Schedule 1 in due course.]</i></p>
3.6		<p>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</p> <p>Report-back from the KUSA Office.</p> <p><i>[Note: The report below, prepared by SrsBsns, had been shared with the members of Fedco in advance of the meeting.]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status Report 2023/11/28</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Project Vision Our vision remains steadfast from our previous report in August: to develop a modern, web-based application for KUSA, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of its day-to-day operations. This application will continue to address the limitations and challenges posed by the existing, outdated system. We are committed to ensuring that the application is not only intuitive and user-friendly but also robust, maintaining the highest standards of data safety and security.</p> <p>We persist in our goal to bridge the gap between KUSA’s members and the organisation itself, fostering a more connected community. This vision includes the integration and streamlining of various systems to replace the current fragmented and partially manual K9 online system. Our focus remains on creating a cohesive, seamless experience for all users, reinforcing our commitment to this unaltered vision.</p> <p>Project Health Project health is good: Reflecting on our previous report in August, we had identified the project as being in a satisfactory state, with a performance spectrum ranging from average to good. At</p>

that time, the majority of the significant tasks were accomplished, although it was recognised that certain areas required fine-tuning, especially in light of new rulings and process flow amendments.

Building on the solid foundation laid previously, the project has made remarkable strides. The application is in a testable state, now incorporating the critical functionalities necessary for KUSA's operational efficiency. The bulk of the application's sections are complete and have entered a phase where they are being tested by the SrsBsns Team and awaiting testing from the KUSA Testing Working Group. Currently, our focus is on making minor adjustments and refinements across the app to enhance its performance and to ensure that any bug found is fixed.

We have continued to advance the project, bringing it closer to fruition.

Completed To Date
 "Completed" in this instance means they are in the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Phase – and changes to suit KUSA's operations or adapt to new improvements may still be necessary.

Milestones:

Certificates
 Working state for testing. The point calculator has been added to the application form to indicate the current total of points a user has whilst completing the application form. The application submission notifications have been set up, as well as completion of the approval process. Certificate pdf's can now be created and downloaded once they have been submitted and approved by Admin.

Database
 The import process for the entirety of the historical data into the database is underway. The import of data from the current system has highlighted data integrity issues that have had to be accounted for. Duplicate and shared user details, as well as some critical data being omitted in the legacy system has caused issues with the import and has necessitated the need to create ways to handle these issues in order to import usable data into the new system. This has meant that the databases have had to be rebuilt, as some critical structures had to be refactored. The data is currently being copied to the new system with many data points already in and accessible.

Show Schedules
 The development of the Show Schedule section has been completed. The Show Schedules are now generated by the system with the relevant data populating the generated pdf. This is also downloadable from within the application.

A public Show Schedule has been created, allowing users who do not have KUSA profiles to view upcoming event information. This is accessed through a button on the login screen. The viewable sections of the application are also limited as the user is not logged in.

Show Licences
 The feature enabling the creation of downloadable Show Licences has been incorporated into the application, and is accessible through the shows section. Users can view the Licence online as well as download the pdf.

Notifications
 The notifications that are sent to users and administrators have been updated throughout the application. These will need to be reviewed by the KUSA Testing Working Group in order to ensure that the copy and design of the mails have hit the mark.

A need for a notifications tab to allow authorised users to manage the content of notifications has been identified. The notifications tab has not yet been set up as this is an enhancement and another necessary piece of scope creep that has taken a backseat to the more pressing sections of the application that need to be completed first.

		<p>Testing The SrsBsns teams testing remains an integral and ongoing activity. After all work is completed and merged to either the staging or development environments of the app, it is critical that all work be tested to ensure there are no conflicts or issues caused by the additional code.</p> <p>SrsBsns is also reliant on user acceptance testing by the KUSA Testing Working Group – contemplated further below.</p> <p>Milestones Outstanding</p> <p>Certificates Testing has highlighted some minor issues with this section that still need to be resolved. Things we are currently working on include: Member lookups hanging when running a search. The ruling around award certificates is being double checked and tested. Info pulled into the pdf requires alignment adjustments. The qualification requirement notes need to be adjusted, this is a copy change and will be changed once the rule logic testing has been completed.</p> <p>Notifications Notifications are in a testable state and need to be reviewed by the KUSA Testing Working Group in order to finalise design and copy required. The notifications tab in the menu will be added once all the critical sections of the application have been completed in full.</p> <p>Database The data in each environment is imported from a point in time backup of KUSA’s data and mimics the environment and arrangement that will be used to go live with real data. The new KUSA system connects to both databases simultaneously and performs ETL (Extract Transform & Load) operations on the legacy data to populate the new database.</p> <p>Testing As the project advances through its various development stages, testing remains an integral and ongoing activity. This continuous testing protocol is instituted to ensure that each component and functionality is rigorously evaluated for performance, reliability, and compliance with specifications. We are at a stage where we need the KUSA Testing Working Group to start testing in order to provide notes and feedback so that the various sections of the application may be finalised.</p> <p>Issues/Roadblocks The biggest issue that we are currently facing is that the KUSA Testing Working Group has been unable to do much testing thus far due to their other Kusa commitments that have taken precedence. It is vital that Pascale be given enough time for testing and note-taking to ensure the sections of the application are in line with KUSA’s processes and requirements.</p> <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unforeseen logic complexities that have not been catered for. Identified during user acceptance testing. • Potential misunderstandings in the implementation of concepts. There may be issues within the logic created that have not been discovered and will only reveal themselves through use of the application. • Payment gateway logic change. For instance: Post Paygate’s purchase, Payfast has changed some of its functionality, this risk still exists as the two may merge various functions going forward. • Unforeseen database and data structure complexities and nuances. • Communication delays based on KUSA workload and capacity. • Testing delays. <p>Timeline</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates – new nuances – Next week • Database – next planned work at Go-Live • SrsBsns Testing – Ongoing/Continuous • UAT Testing – Ready – KUSA-dependant • Newly identified Bug fixing – End December <p>Conclusion The KUSA project is advancing well towards its goals, with significant progress in key areas like Certificates, Database, and Show Schedules. The move to the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Phase is a major step, highlighting our commitment to delivering a high-quality, efficient application. We are now focusing on resolving minor issues and finalising the application, with an emphasis on active participation from the KUSA Testing Working Group for essential feedback. Despite challenges, particularly in ensuring adequate testing time, the project's trajectory remains positive and on track to fulfil our vision of enhancing KUSA's operations through this technological advancement.</p> <p>Future Looking ahead, our focus is set on completing the final development stages and user acceptance testing, leading to the launch of the new application and the retirement of the old K9 Online System. Our next significant goal is to enhance the KUSA website, aligning it closely with the new application. This integration, which has been engineered into the new system, will streamline KUSA's operations, reducing administrative workload and improving efficiency. We are committed to this path of digital transformation, ensuring that these advancements bring tangible benefits to KUSA's day-to-day functions.</p> <p>Report noted.</p> <p>PM elaborated on some elements contained in the report and invited the members of Fedco to pose any questions or queries. NdP enquired whether a definitive end-date has been set for the project, to which PM replied that, given the unpredictability of problems which might be identified during the testing phase, it was unfortunately not possible to predict a specific date for the finalisation of the project.</p> <p>The members of Fedco expressed their thanks and appreciation to PM for her dedication to the project and also thanked the internal Testing Working Group, comprising CPA, NS, BD, Zainoe Petersen and Karene Karstadt, as well as the SrsBsns Team, for their perseverance.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.7	KUSA Office – Lease & Relocation
	3.7.1	<p>KUSA Office – Lease Agreement (Fedco 06.2021 Item 8.7, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.1)</p> <p>Report-back on the New Lease Agreement signed with AfricaWorks Group:</p> <p>PM informed the members of Fedco that, as she had reported prior to signature of the new lease agreement, due to certain compelling factors, AfricaWorks Group had substantially varied the rental terms for the current office space occupied by KUSA in Touchstone House. Although she had tried her best to hold AfricaWorks Group to the favourable terms negotiated for the preceding two years, escalation in the demand for office space in downtown Cape Town, coupled with an exponential escalation in rental fees, AfricaWorks Group was not able to extend the same concessions to KUSA which had been possible in a vastly different economic climate immediately post-COVID. KUSA was given the option of mitigating the increase somewhat by reducing its number of parking bays from three to two.</p>

		<p>In consultation with, and subsequently sanctioned by, the Fedco Finance and Budget Committee Portfolio-holders and the KUSA Legal Adviser, PM recommended to Fedco that, in order to avoid disruption to KUSA’s services and operations at a critical stage, acceptance of the terms offered by AfricaWorks Group was preferable to a frantic search for alternative accommodation. Fedco accepted PM’s recommendation and agreed to her renewing the lease with AfricaWorks Group from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, with an option to renew for a further twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The Chairman called for ratification of Fedco’s mandate given to PM and, on a proposal from RJ, seconded NdP, the mandate given to PM to sign the lease for the present office space occupied by KUSA, on the terms offered by AfricaWorks Group, was ratified, unanimously.</p>
	3.7.2	<p>KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan (Fedco 08.2021 Item 3.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.2)</p> <p><i>The Chairman enquired from the Acquisitions Team – RJ, NdP & MV – whether there had been any subsequent developments in their investigation into a property acquisition to possibly serve as KUSA’s headquarters in future.</i></p> <p><i>Speaking on behalf of the Acquisitions Team, RJ said it was very difficult to actively pursue the acquisition of a property in the absence of a budget, a proper brief and timelines. In view of this, he recommended that, since the status quo seemed to adequately meet KUSA’s requirements at present, it was probably advisable to wait until KUSA’s current accommodation was no longer suitable.</i></p> <p><i>All present agreed.</i></p> <p>Report-back from the KUSA Office.</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that the brief and timelines related to a possible property acquisition by KUSA would be scheduled for discussion at the Fedco Discussion Forum in either January, or February 2024.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8	<p>Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013 (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5)</p> <p><i>Progress report.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman informed Fedco that the drafting of a document to establish a framework for KUSA’s compliance with the POPIA was far advanced and should be completed by the end of June 2023. The framework requires a Privacy Policy to be put in place, part of which would be the drafting of a Privacy Notice for publication on the KUSA website. Considerable progress has been made with the drafting of the Notice, which still needed to be supplemented and edited by the KUSA Office prior to upload to the website.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion ensued on whether it was necessary for the KUSA-enabled structures, e.g. Provincial Councils, Breed Councils, Liaison Councils and Clubs, to comply with the provisions of the POPIA. The Chairman said that she could only be guided by the expert opinions KUSA had obtained at the time the POPIA came into effect, and Fedco’s endorsement thereof. In the absence of a legitimate directive to the contrary, KUSA’s formal sub-structures should be deemed obligated to comply with the POPIA.</i></p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p>

		<p>Progress report from the Chairman.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.8.1	<p>Provincial Councils – Appointment of POPIA Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer (Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5.1)</p> <p>Update from the various Provincial Council Chairmen to be provided.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman requested the KUSA Office to follow up with the respective Provincial Council Chairmen on their appointments of an Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer for their Provincial Councils. Hopefully, she would be able to report on this matter to Fedco at the earliest possible Fedco Discussion Forum in 2024.]</p>
	3.9	<p>Subscriptions & Fees – Schedule 07</p>
	3.9.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed implementation of an interim remedial measure pertaining to Pre- and Post-Show Penalties, Championship and Non-Championship Shows, as well as other Events – (Fedco round robin 7 August 2023, Fedco 09-2023 Special Meeting Item 3.1 as per Minutes)</p> <p><i>Interim amendment to the Subscription and Fees document, issued pursuant to Schedule 07, given the Federal Council's powers under Article 43.4:</i></p> <p><i>“The Federal Council shall be the only authority to institute such emergency measures and regulations 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. Decisions taken by the Federal Council in dealing with the effects of catastrophic events shall be final and binding.”</i></p> <p>Proposal: Proposed amendments to Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024.</p> <p>Motivation: At the Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, the current dilemma of a number of affiliated Clubs being unable to meet their accumulated debt of accrued Penalty Fees was discussed extensively. It was noted that the situation had developed mainly because of the post-COVID economic woes, which had impacted on Clubs’ ability to generate sufficient funds from their normal activities to meet their financial obligations.</p> <p>Fedco had been requested by Exco to consider instituting some form of interim relief for Clubs with regard to accumulated Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees by, at the very least, staying the imposition of further Penalty Fees and their accumulation during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023, with a view to allowing a future Penalty structure to be investigated and implemented. During the four-month “window” period contemplated above, payment of Penalty Fees already incurred would be deferred till 31 December 2023, and only commence accruing again with effect from 1 January 2024. Hopefully, during this four-month grace period, Clubs would be able to do the necessary fundraising to meet their accumulated Penalty debt.</p> <p>Although KUSA's Penalty Fees structure had been in place for some sixteen (16) years, factors such as reduced entries, exorbitant travel costs, Judge shortages and the difficulties experienced by Clubs to find people to serve on Committees, had gradually taken their toll on Clubs’ finances, now compelling Fedco to take the remedial action proposed above. The “window” period would further allow Fedco the necessary time to prepare a formal proposal for future Pre- and Post-Show Penalties.</p>

		<p>[Note: At the Fedco 09-2023 Special Meeting, the Federal Council agreed, unanimously, to the interim remedial measure on Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees for Championship and Non-Championship Shows and other licensed Events as set out below.</p> <p>Proposed NdP, seconded RJ]</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">All prices are VAT inclusive. Prices effective from 1 September 2023 & subject to change without prior notice.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">16 PENALTY FEES For the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023, inclusive</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">For late submission in terms of Schedule 03, Regulations 5, 6 & 10 and Schedule 04 and Schedule 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.1</td> <td>The first four weeks or part thereof</td> <td>per week [R29.00] R0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.2</td> <td>Each succeeding week thereafter</td> <td>per week [R45.00] R0.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ratified.</p> <p>Effective 01.09.2023</p>	Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024			All prices are VAT inclusive. Prices effective from 1 September 2023 & subject to change without prior notice.			16 PENALTY FEES For the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023, inclusive			For late submission in terms of Schedule 03, Regulations 5, 6 & 10 and Schedule 04 and Schedule 08			16.1	The first four weeks or part thereof	per week [R29.00] R0.00	16.2	Each succeeding week thereafter	per week [R45.00] R0.00
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4		<p>MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS</p>
	4.1	<p>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9 (Fedco 12-2017, Fedco 06-2019, Fedco 6-2020, Fedco12-2020, Fedco 06-2021, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1)</p> <p>Note: <i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017:</i> “Effective 01.01.2018, no licences will be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs are up to date with all returns required in terms of the KUSA Constitution.”</p> <p>Note: <i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017:</i> “Clubs that fail to comply with the provisions of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 for a period of eighteen months from the Fedco meeting where the breach was reported, will be recommended for disaffiliation.”</p> <p>Note from Fedco 06-2020: During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few “repeat offenders” and it was agreed, unanimously, that the overdue Clubs in red should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.)</p> <p><i>It was unanimously confirmed that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.</i></p>
	4.1.1	<p>Article 9.1.3 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.1) “Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets, where applicable, in terms of Article 8.6.2.”</p> <p>Information tabled at the meeting.</p> <p>(%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (24 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (18 months) indicated in red (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (12 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet. • Eastern Districts Kennel Club (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet. • Highveld Whippet Club (Fin Yr-end 30/04/2023, AGM due 31/07/2023); no documents received as yet. • Mpumalanga GSD Club (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2023, AGM due 31/05/2023); no documents received as yet.

- **Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders' Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2022, AGM due 30/09/2023). No documents received for 2022. The Club is having issues with its bank account. All 2023 documents submitted.
- **SA Alsatian & All-breeds Training Club (@\$#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM held 19/03/22, minutes received 29/04/22, but financials outstanding since 01/11/21. 2023 documents received but financials are not signed by an Auditor/Independent Financial Practitioner.
- **Saint Bernard Club of Transvaal** (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); Club is out of sync with its AGM as the 2022 AGM was held 19/02/2023. 2022 financials were unsigned by an Auditor/Independent Financial Practitioner. No documents received for 2023.

Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)

- **Dog Training Club of Bredell (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet.
- **Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club (\$#)** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/22, AGM due 30/09/22). AGM held 18/09/22, no documents received as yet. No documents received for 2023.
- **K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2022, AGM due 30/11/2022); no documents received for 2022 or 2023.
- **North West GSD Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/10/22, AGM due 31/01/23); no documents received as yet.
- **Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2022, AGM due 31/03/2023); all documents submitted but financials are unsigned by an Auditor/Independent Financial Practitioner.

Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)

- **Algoa Hound Club** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2023, AGM due 30/11/2023); financials for 2022 outstanding; all documents for 2023 outstanding.
- **East London Kennel Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet. Auditor accepted 2022 financials with conditions that need to be monitored.
- **Port Rex Kennel Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet. Auditor accepted 2022 financials with conditions that need to be monitored.
- **Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet. Auditor accepted 2022 financials with conditions that need to be monitored.
- **Terrier Club of Eastern Cape (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet.

Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)

- **Central Free State Bull Terrier Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/23, AGM due 30/11/23); financial statements not received as yet.
- **Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club** (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2023, AGM due 30/09/2023); no documents received as yet.
- **Hochland Dog Club (#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/12/22, AGM due 31/03/23); no documents received as yet.

KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)

- **Barks GSD Club of KZN (\$#)** (Fin Yr-end 31/08/22, AGM due 30/11/22); no documents received as yet.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Agility Club (\$#) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/3/22). AGM held 19/03/23, but only the minutes of the meeting after the AGM to elect the Officers has been received to date. • Natal Rottweiler Association (\$#) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/21, AGM due 31/03/22). AGM was held on 26/03/22; minutes of AGM received 07/09/22 but no financials. <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Shepherd Club of the Western Cape (#) (Fin Yr-end 28/02/23, AGM due 31/05/23); no documents received as yet. • Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape (Fin Yr-end 30/09/2023, AGM due 31/12/2023); no financials submitted with balance of documents – approval of financial statements was neither on the AGM Agenda, nor discussed at the AGM. • White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC (%@\$#) (Fin Yr-end 31/01/21, AGM due by 31/04/21). No documents received for 2022 or 2023. <p>Noted with a request to the KUSA Office to continue following up with the Clubs in default of Article 8.6.2 and to actively pursue their submission of the outstanding AGM documentation.</p>
	4.1.2	<p>Article 9.1.4 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06.2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12.2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.2) “9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of: 9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence. 9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 08.”</p> <p>Information tabled at the meeting.</p> <p>Shows and events held up to 30 September 2023 (Penalty payments due by no later by 31 December 2023):</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marks Park All-breeds Dog Training Club – Championship Show – 18 June 2023 Penalty owing – R1200 – reminded 02/11/2023 • Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng – Non-championship Show – 25 June 2023 Penalty owing – R1032 – reminded 02/11/2023 <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club – Championship Show – 07 May 2023 Penalty owing – R720 – reminded 06/11/2023 <p>Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council (incl. Namibia)</p> <p>Nil.</p> <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barks GSD Club of KZN – Non-championship Show – 17 March 2023 Penalty owing – R624 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Agility Club – Championship Show – 07 May 2023 Penalty owing – R54 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023 • Highway Agility Club – Championship Show – 29 July 2023 Penalty owing – R108 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023 • Pinetown GSD Club – Championship Show – 08 July 2023 Penalty owing – R705 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023 <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Western Cape Provincial Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Shepherd Club of the Western Cape – Championship Show – 09 June 2023 Penalty owing – R2061 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023 • The Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape – Non-championship Show – 24 June 2023 Penalty owing – R792 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023 • Western Cape Working Trials Sub-Committee – Championship Show under Swartland Kennel Club licence – 19 August 2023 Penalty owing – R702 – Provco reminder 06/11/2023
	4.1.3	<p>Article 9.2 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.3)</p> <p><i>Whenever an Affiliated Club's annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.</i></p> <p>Information tabled at the meeting.</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC) Dalmatian Club</p> <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC) Nil</p> <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC) Nil</p> <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC) Nil</p> <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC) Nil</p> <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC) Breede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>The disaffiliation of the two Clubs was discussed and it was noted that the Dalmatian Club had requested leniency while trying to get the Club's bank account re-activated, it having been frozen due to non-compliance under the FICA. LT requested an opportunity to liaise with the</p>

		<p>management of Breede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club in the hope that the Club could be convinced to settle its outstanding Affiliation Fees.</p> <p>Having considered the above, on a proposal by GR, seconded by LT, it was decided, unanimously, to suspend the Clubs in question from all the privileges of membership as required under the KUSA Constitution, but to postpone their formal disaffiliation to 31 January 2024, by which time the Clubs would hopefully have remedied their breaches and restored their good standing within KUSA.</p>
	<p>4.1.4</p>	<p>Article 8.6.2</p> <p>[extract] “The Club shall ensure that the names and contact details of the Club’s Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer) are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club’s bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union.”</p> <p>[Notice to Clubs: The above Regulation directs, <i>inter alia</i>, that Clubs must elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and that these four Officers need to be members in good standing of KUSA.</p> <p>The KUSA Office can only provide Fedco with information supplied by the Affiliated Clubs. If interim appointments of Officers are made, or other constitutional breaches remedied, the KUSA Office needs to be notified without delay so that KUSA’s records may be updated.]</p> <p>Information tabled at the meeting:</p> <p>(%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (24 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (18 months) indicated in red (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (12 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collie Club of SA No Vice-Chairman. • Highveld GSD & All-breeds Training Club Secretary’s membership due 15/10/23, lapsed 15/11/23. <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beagle Association of Gauteng (#) Vice-Chairman’s membership due on 15/05/23, lapsed 15/06/23. • Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (\$#) No Vice-Chairman. • K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng (\$#) No Vice-Chairman Treasurer’s membership due 15/11/22, lapsed 15/12/22. • Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club (#) Vice-Chairman’s membership due 15/12/22, lapsed 15/01/23. Treasurer’s membership due 15/12/22, lapsed 15/01/23. • Pomeranian Club of Gauteng Vice-Chairman is not a member. Treasurer is not a member.

These 2 positions are held by the same individual.

Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)

- **Algoa Hound Club (#)**
No Treasurer.
- **East London Kennel Club**
No Treasurer.
- **Eastern Cape Gundog Association**
No Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
- **Port Rex Kennel Club (#)**
No Chairman.
- **Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club (#)**
No Chairman
- **Terrier Club – Eastern Cape**
Chairman's membership due 15/07/23, lapsed 15/08/23
Secretary's membership due 15/09/23, lapsed 15/10/23

Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)

- **Hochland Kennel Club (#)**
Vice-Chairman passed away earlier this year. To be replaced at AGM in February 2024.
- **Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club**
Secretary's membership due 15/10/2023, lapsed 15/11/2023.

KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)

- **Barks GSD Club of KZN (\$#)**
No Vice-Chairman.
- **KZN HPR Field Trial Club**
Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/10/21, lapsed 15/11/21.
- **Natal Border Collie Club**
Treasurer's membership due 15/10/23, lapsed 15/11/23.
- **Siegerhunde GSD Club**
Chairman's membership due 15/10/23, lapsed 15/11/23. Subsequently, the Treasurer's membership, due on 15/11/23, lapsed on 15/12/23.

Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)

- **Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape**
Treasurer's membership due 15/09/23, lapsed 15/10/23
- **Cape Bullmastiff Club (\$#)**
No Vice-Chairman.
- **Mother City Poodle Club (\$#)**
No Secretary, Chairman acting as Secretary.
- **White Swiss Shepherd Club of the Western Cape (#)**
Treasurer's membership due 15/03/23, lapsed 15/04/23. Subsequently, the Secretary's membership, due on 15/11/23, lapsed on 15/12/23.

Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office by also following up with the Clubs currently in default of Article 8.6.2.

4.1.5

Article 9.3

Whenever a Club has been disaffiliated under provisions Articles 9.1 and 9.2, it may submit a request to the Federal Council for reinstatement to the list of Affiliated Clubs and the Federal

			<p>Council may, on consideration of all the circumstances, grant reinstatement on such terms and conditions as may be decided, including payment of all sums due and payable to the KUSA and provided such appeal is received by the Secretary within fifteen (15) months from the date of the Federal Council's meeting at which the decision to disaffiliate the Club was taken.</p> <p>None.</p>
		4.1.6	<p>Dissolution of Clubs</p> <p>The following Clubs closed since Fedco 06-2023:</p> <p>Information to be tabled prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natal Coast Kennel Club (KZNPC) – a decision was taken at the AGM of 15/02/23 to close the Club. The remaining funds were to be transferred to Highway Kennel Club. However, some irregularities were noticed in the reporting of the financials and the Club's auditors have been contacted for more information at the request of Exco. The financial issues have since been resolved and the Club closed. • Pekingese Association (DOGSPC) – a decision was taken at the AGM of 12/06/23 to close the Club and to distribute its assets to various Toy Group Clubs. The Club's closure was noted at Exco 07-2023. <p>Noted.</p>
		4.1.7	<p>Voluntary disaffiliation of Clubs from KUSA</p> <p>The following Clubs had declared their voluntary disaffiliation from KUSA post Fedco 06-2023:</p> <p>None.</p>
	4.2		Club Constitutions
		4.2.1	<p>New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions (Fedco 12-2021 Item 8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.4.1, Fedco 12.2022 Item 4.2.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.2.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.2.1)</p> <p>From Fedco 12-2021: <i>Discussion ensued, with most contributors declaring themselves in favour of KUSA dealing with future new Club Constitutions, or those requisite of amendment, under the two-pronged proposal outlined above, i.e. that, one, in order to prevent text contamination and drafting errors, existing Club Constitutions be replaced, rather than amendments being grafted onto them and, two, that Specimen Club Constitutions on the KUSA website be replaced by a simple Information Sheet for completion by Clubs seeking new Constitutions.</i></p> <p><i>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was accepted, unanimously for introduction by the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p>From Fedco 06-2022: <i>In GR's view, the uptake of new Club Constitutions had been sporadic and he urged the Provincial Council Chairmen to convince their Clubs to "convert" to new-generation Constitutions in the interest of improved governance of KUSA-affiliated structures. Old Club Constitutions were no longer in sync with either the KUSA Constitution, or the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils, which created a serious problem. It was also imperative for KUSA-affiliated structures to at least show deference to the Animal Improvement Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act in their founding documents.</i></p>

After discussion, Fedco **directed, unanimously** that the KUSA Office should advise all affiliated Clubs, which had not already done so, of the importance of upgrading their Constitutions to the latest versions by completing and submitting the prescribed Information Sheet. The “conversion rate” should be carefully monitored by the KUSA Office over the next few months and a report on the status of all the Clubs be presented at Fedco 12-2022.

Proposed NdP, seconded GR

Information tabled at the meeting.

Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)

Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions Adoption Date

Eastern Districts Kennel Club	19/09/2023
German Shorthaired Pointer Gauteng Club	28/08/2023
Gundog Club	22/03/2023
Highveld Versatile Hunting Dog Club	19/09/2023
Labrador Retriever Kennel Club	26/01/2023
Pretoria Kennel Club	19/09/2023
SA Mastiff Club of Gauteng	22/03/2023
SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	04/10/2022
Schnauzer Club of Gauteng	15/08/2023
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Tvl	22/03/2023
Toy Dog Breeders' Association	24/02/2022
Transvaal Cocker Spaniel Club	16/09/2023
Transvaal Field Trial Association	17/08/2023
Transvaal Midlands Kennel Club	06/12/2022
Weimaraner Klub of Gauteng	26/01/2023
Witwatersrand Kennel Club	09/10/2022
Working Gundog & Conservation Club	18/04/2023

Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them

Bouvier Des Flandres Club, Golden Reef	In progress
Gauteng Golden Retriever Club	In progress
Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng	In progress
Marks Park All-breeds Dog Training Club	In progress
Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club	In progress
SA Great Dane Association	In progress
SA Short-Legged & Working Terrier Club	In progress
Shetland Sheepdog Club	In progress
Siberian Husky Club of Gauteng	In progress
Teckel Club	In progress
Witwatersrand Corgi Club Tramordwy	In progress
Working Retriever Club of Gauteng	In progress
Working Spaniel Association	In progress

Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions Date of current Constitution

Alaskan Malamute Club Gauteng	01/05/2005
Australian Shepherd Club of Eastern Gauteng	31/03/2015
Bearded Collie Club of Gauteng	24/04/2008
Centenary Terrier Club	11/04/2019
Collie Club of South Africa	15/01/1993

		Dalmatian Club	01/09/1995
		Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club	01/07/2009
		Goldfields Kennel Club	24/04/2019
		Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng	12/09/2015
		German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds	23/11/2018
		Highveld GSD & ABT Club	01/03/2009
		Highveld Hound Club	10/09/2011
		Highveld Pomeranian Breeders' Association	17/11/2016
		Highveld Rottweiler Club	13/05/1999
		Highveld Whippet Club	27/09/2011
		IGP Training Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds	26/08/2020
		Jolly Dog School	08/02/2019
		Junior Kennel Club of Gauteng	23/10/2007
		Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng	01/05/2008
		Meridian Rottweiler League	15/11/1985
		Mpumalanga GSD Club	04/04/2021
		Mpumalanga Bulldog Club	02/06/2017
		Orion Kennel Club of Gauteng	06/10/2015
		Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders' Club	15/08/1981
		Roodepoort & Districts Kennel Club	01/06/1990
		SA Alsatian and All-Breeds Training Club	12/06/2021
		SA Bull Terrier Club	18/01/2011
		SA Bulldog Club	14/01/2013
		SA Dachshund Club	08/10/1991
		Saint Bernard Club of Transvaal	13/02/1998
		Sporting Dogs' Association	01/03/2014
		Transvaal Terrier Club	01/06/2012
		Vereeniging & Districts Kennel Club	04/12/2012
		Western Gauteng Kennel Club	01/06/2006
		Working & Herding Breeds Association, Golden Reef	01/07/2009
		Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)	
		Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
		Birch Acres Dog Training Club	25/11/2023
		Golden City Fox Terrier Club	13/04/2022
		Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club	20/09/2020
		K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng	21/08/2021
		Limpopo Bull Terrier Club	16/10/2021
		Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club	19/09/2023
		Northern Areas Terrier Club	15/08/2023
		Utility Breeds Club of Gauteng	18/04/2023
		Working Deutsch Drahthaar Club	18/05/2022
		Working Weimaraner Club	28/08/2023
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Jacaranda City Kennel Club	In progress
		North-West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	In progress
		Praetor Rottweiler Club of Tshwane	In progress
		Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club	In progress
		Rotek GSD Club of Northern Areas	In progress
		TKC Kennel Club	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-	

Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
Beagle Association of Gauteng	11/07/2013
Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng	15/01/2013
Boxer Club - Gold Reef	28/01/2018
Dog Training Club of Bredell	01/07/2007
Goldfields Supporters Club of Northern Gauteng	12/09/2015
IGP Club of Northern Areas	06/02/2019
Jubilee Toy Dog Club of SA	01/03/2007
North-West GSD Club	01/11/2019
Northern Areas French Bulldog Club	22/08/2021
Northern Boxer Club	13/03/2018
Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club	20/03/2012
Northern Tshwane Kennel Club	18/09/2020
Pomeranian Club of Gauteng	12/06/2020
Pretoria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	13/05/2009
Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association of Gauteng	03/02/2012
SA Ladies Kennel Association	13/11/2012
Saint Bernard Association of Northern Gauteng	22/09/2014
Shar Pei Club of Gauteng	01/10/2009
Transvaal Working Trials Association	29/01/2008
Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)	
Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
Bay GSD IGP Sport Club	22/02/2022
Eastern Cape Gundog Association	15/08/2023
Herding Club of the Eastern Cape	26/01/2023
Madiba Bay Agility Club	22/04/2022
Walmer & Suburban Kennel Club	30/09/2023
Wild Coast Dog Training Club	24/11/2021
Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
Border Dog Training Club	In progress
Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
Algoa Hound Club	25/03/2015
Baakens Valley Working & Herding Breeds Club	06/10/2019
East London Kennel Club	25/03/2021
Grahamstown & District Kennel Club	28/07/1977
Port Elizabeth Kennel Club	22/09/2015
Port Rex Kennel Club	05/07/2016
Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club	01/07/2019
Terrier Club - Eastern Cape	21/10/2007
Uitenhage Kennel Club	07/08/2012
Western Suburbs Dog School	01/11/2006
Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)	
Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
Bloemfontein Kennel Club	22/03/2023

		Free State Kennel Club	24/01/2022
		Kimberley Kennel Club	22/03/2023
		Northern Free State Kennel Club	22/03/2022
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Central Free State Bull Terrier Club	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	
			Date of current Constitution
		Free State Bulldog Club	13/05/2016
		Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	21/08/2005
		Free State Terrier Club	21/06/2011
		Hochland Dog Club	10/09/1996
		Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club	01/01/2014
		Sasolburg Kennel Club	31/08/2021
		Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (S.V. Namibia)	19/11/2015
		Windhoek Dog Club	21/01/2015
		KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)	
		Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	
			Adoption Date
		Barks GSD Club of KZN	17/08/2021
		Bluff Dog Club	18/04/2023
		Golden Retriever Club of KZN	14/10/2023
		Hibiscus Kennel Club	22/03/2023
		KwaZulu-Natal Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	18/04/2023
		KZN Carting Club	18/04/2023
		KZN HPR Field Trial Club	26/04/2021
		Margate Kennel Club	06/04/2021
		Natal GSD Club	15/01/2022
		Natal Gundog Club	18/04/2023
		Natal Working & Herding Breeds Association	18/04/2023
		Northern Natal Kennel Club	18/04/2023
		Zululand Kennel Club	18/04/2023
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Durban & Districts Kennel Club	In progress
		Highway Agility Club	In progress
		KwaZulu-Natal Junior Kennel Club	In progress
		Pinetown GSD & All Breeds Training Club	In progress
		Siegerhunde GSD Club	In progress
		Umbogintwini Dog Training Club	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	
			Date of current Constitution
		Dobermann Club of KwaZulu-Natal	16/09/2004
		Highway Kennel Club	31/10/1979
		KwaZulu-Natal Boxer Club	21/01/2018
		KZN Dog Athletics Association	11/06/2019
		Natal Border Collie Club	23/06/2015

		Natal Rottweiler Association	21/03/2009
		Natal Sporting Hound Association	17/12/2014
		Natal Terrier Club	21/02/2015
		Pietermaritzburg Kennel Club	10/03/2003
		Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)	
		Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
		Cape Terrier Club	16/05/2023
		Kennel Association	18/04/2023
		Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape	23/09/2021
		Versatile Pointing Dog Club	18/04/2023
		Western Province Bull Terrier Club	19/09/2023
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of WC	In progress
		Cape Bullmastiff Club	In progress
		Cape Gundog Club	In progress
		Cape Heritage Bull Terrier Club	In progress
		Cape Hound Club	In progress
		Cape Town Kennel Club	In progress
		George Kennel Club	In progress
		Liesbeek Kennel Club	In progress
		Matrix GSD Western Cape	In progress
		Mother City Poodle Club	In progress
		Outeniqua Kennel Club	In progress
		Sirius Western Cape IGP Dog Club	In progress
		Victory Toy Dog Club	In progress
		Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	In progress
		Working & Herding Breeds Club of the Cape	In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
		Australian Shepherd Club of Western Cape	30/10/2018
		Breede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club	12/06/2003
		Cape Bulldog Club	10/10/2020
		Cape Field Trial Club	22/11/2022
		Cape Handlers Dog Club	24/11/2015
		Cape Rottweiler Club	01/03/2009
		Cape Utility Dog Club	13/06/1991
		Cape Welsh Corgi Club	16/10/2020
		Dobermann Club of the Cape	16/05/1994
		French Bulldog Club of the Western Cape	20/03/2011
		Hottentots Holland Kennel Club	26/06/2019
		Overberg Kennel Club	31/03/2019
		South Cape IGP Club	04/04/2016
		Swartland Kennel Club	11/12/2014
		West Coast Kennel Club	11/12/2014
		Western Province Boxer Club	28/01/2018
		Western Province Kennel Club	25/05/2019
		Western Province Rottweiler Club	14/06/2001
		Whale Coast Kennel Club	26/08/2019
		White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape	27/09/2016

			<p>Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office by also urging Clubs in their Provincial Councils to “convert” to new-generation Constitutions as soon as possible.</p>
	4.3		<p>Provincial Council Constitutions</p> <p>[Note: Acceptance of proposed amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and are for noting by all other parties.]</p>
		4.3.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions (Fedco round robin 19 October 2023)</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clause 3.3.1</p> <p>3.3.1. “Ad hoc Sub-Committee”, means a sub-committee of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] appointed in terms of Clause 15 of this Constitution, for a branch of <u>D[e]ogsport</u> for which KUSA has not appointed a National Sub-Committee, or for any other activity or endeavour encouraged or supported by [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM].</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To amend Clause 3.3.4. to adjust Clause reference numbering.</p> <p>3.3.4 “Chairman” means the Chairman of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elected in terms of Clause 16.1.5[4].1. of this Constitution.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To insert a new Clause 3.3.5. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.6. (in the case of DOGSPC, NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) to allow for a definition of “Dogsport”, followed by sequential re-numbering.</p> <p><u>3.3.5./3.3.6. “Dogsport” means a competitive canine activity involving the various Working Disciplines regulated in applicable Schedules 05 of the KUSA Constitution, and the different Companion Events regulated in Schedule 11 of the KUSA Constitution.</u></p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To amend Clause 3.3.25. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) and 3.3.26. (in the case of WCPC) to adjust Clause reference numbering.</p> <p>3.3.25./3.3.26. “Secretary” means the Secretary of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.7[6] of this Constitution.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clauses 3.3.25. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.26. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC).</p> <p>3.3.25./3.3.26. “Standing Sub-Committee” means a sub-committee of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 14 of this Constitution, for a branch of <u>D[e]ogsport</u> for which KUSA has appointed a National Sub-Committee.</p>

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 3.3.28. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.29. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC) to adjust Clause reference numbering.

3.3.28./3.3.29. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.7[6] of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 3.3.29. (in the case of WCPC) and 3.3.30. (in the case of DOGSPC NAPC, KZNPC, EC&BPC & FS&NCPC), to adjust Clause reference numbering.

3.3.29./3.3.30. "Vice-Chairman" means the Vice-Chairman of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elected in terms of Clause 16.1.5[4].1. of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:

To change "dogsport" to "Dogsport" in Clause 4.1.6.

4.1.6. To observe, promote, support and uphold, in all its activities, the principles of KUSA and, in particular, to encourage the responsible breeding, registration and participation of dogs in conformation shows and their training for and participation in any other forms of D[e]ogsport.

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 4.1.18. to adjust Clause reference numbering.

4.1.18. To provide KUSA with financial statements, audited by the qualified auditor or Independent Financial Practitioner appointed in terms of Clause 16.1.11[8]., before 30 November of each year.

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 5.1.12. to provide for a declaration of Ineligible Member Clubs at **all** meetings, not just at Ordinary Meetings.

5.1.12. At any Ordinary Meeting, **Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting**, declare a Member Club to be an Ineligible Member Club if the Member Club is not properly constituted in terms of its own constitution, or the KUSA Constitution, thereby rendering it ineligible to be taken into account for Quorum Quantum calculation, or to participate in, or to vote at, that Ordinary Meeting, **Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting** of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM].

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause to change "Paragraph" to "Clause".

6.1. [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall be domiciled in the area designated in [~~Paragraph~~] **Clause** 2 of this Constitution and its address shall be that of the Secretary, for the time being, to which all official notices and communications of every kind shall be addressed and delivered.

Proposal & Motivation:

To insert a missing word "of" into Clause 11.3.

11.3. To retain their membership of, and representation on, [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], Member Clubs shall at all times be properly constituted under their own constitutions and they shall notify [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] of their Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) within fourteen (14) days of their election, whether full-term, or part-term. Should the resignation of any Officers of a Member Club occur mid-term, such vacancy needs to be filled without delay and approved at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Member Club and [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] be informed of the replacements within the prescribed period.

Proposal & Motivation:

To expand Clause 12.1.3. to clarify the concept that a person may serve on the Council as Alternate for two Clubs.

12.1.3. An Alternate may act as Alternate for no more than two (2) Member Clubs on [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], in other words, **act as a “swing Alternate” for two (2) Member Clubs of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM]**, but may only act as Alternate for one (1) Member Club at any particular meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], and may not serve in any capacity on more than one (1) Provincial Council.

Proposal & Motivation:

To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clause 14.1.

14.1. Standing Sub-Committees may be appointed from Members in Good Standing of KUSA who reside in the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of jurisdiction and who are practitioners and/or administrators of the branch of D[é]ogsport to be served by the Standing Sub-Committee. The scope of operation of such Standing Sub-Committees shall be laid down and incorporated into By-laws which will form part of this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:

To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clause 14.2.

14.2. Standing Sub-Committees shall encourage, oversee and administer, within the KUSA area of jurisdiction, various branches of D[é]ogsport for which KUSA has established National Sub-Committees.

Proposal & Motivation:

To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clause 15.1.

15.1. Ad hoc Sub-Committees may be appointed from Members in Good Standing of KUSA who reside in the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of jurisdiction and who are practitioners and/or administrators of the branch of D[é]ogsport to be served by the Ad hoc Sub-Committee. Terms of reference shall be laid down for all Ad hoc Sub-Committees and appended to this Constitution.

Proposal & Motivation:

To change “dogsport” to “Dogsport” in Clause 15.2.

15.2. Ad hoc Sub-Committees shall encourage and nurture, within the [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] area of jurisdiction and in collaboration with enthusiasts in other Provincial Councils, fledgling branches of D[é]ogsport with the purpose of developing them and increasing their popularity, in order to achieve National Sub-Committee status for them under KUSA.

Proposal & Motivation:

To insert a new Clause 16.1.2., followed by sequential renumbering, to provide a notice period for convening AGMs.

16.1.2. The Secretary shall give twenty-one (21) days' Notice, as contemplated in Clause 7 hereof, to convene the Annual General Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM].

Proposal & Motivation:

To insert new Clause 16.1.5.2., followed by sequential renumbering, to make it clear that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Council shall either be the Chairman and Representative of a Member Club, or the Representative of a Standing Sub-Committee.

16.1.5.2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall either be the Chairman of a Member Club at the time of their election, or the elected Representative of a Standing Sub-Committee, and shall hold either such office for the duration of their respective terms of office.

Proposal & Motivation:

To insert a reference into Clause 16.1.5.3. to make it subject to the new Clause 16.1.5.2 above.

16.1.5.3. Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall submit, before 31 August in any year, to the Secretary, nominations for the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, which shall be placed on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held in the second year of the respective term of office of the current Chairman, or Vice-Chairman. In the absence of nominations for one or more persons, the incumbent Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be declared re-elected for a further term, provided they meet the requirements set forth in Clause 16.1.5.2.

Proposal & Motivation:

To insert a reference into Clause 16.1.5.4. to make it subject to the new Clause 16.1.5.2 above.

16.1.5.4. If, during the course of his term of office, the Chairman should become permanently unable to continue to act in the capacity of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall become the Chairman for the unexpired term of office of the Chairman and the Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall, at the earliest Ordinary Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], elect a replacement for the Vice-Chairman to serve out his unexpired term of office, subject to the requirements set forth in Clause 16.1.5.2.

Proposal & Motivation:

To expand Clause 16.1.10. to provide for the polling functionality of online meeting platforms.

16.1.10. [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall appoint one or more Scrutineers to tally and confirm closed ballots, or votes cast using the secure and secret polling functionality of any of the online meeting platforms.

Proposal & Motivation:

To expand Clause 16.2.1. to also provide for the members of the Provincial Councils' Executive to call for a Special meeting, not only 25% of the Members of the Council.

16.2.1. The Secretary shall give notice to convene a Special Meeting of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] upon receiving a written requisition on behalf of not less than twenty-five per centum (25%) of the unsuspended Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM], **or at the written requisition of all four the Executive Members**, specifying the business to be brought before such meeting.

Proposal & Motivation:

To expand Clause 16.3.1. to also provide for a notice period to convene an Ordinary Meeting of the Provincial Councils.

16.3.1. **Upon twenty-one (21) days' Notice given by the Secretary in accordance with Clause 7 hereof for each of its Ordinary Meetings**, [INSERT COUNCIL INITIALISM] shall hold no fewer than four (4) Ordinary Meetings in each year and shall meet not less than once every three (3) months, but may meet as often as Members of [INSERT PROVINCIAL COUNCIL INITIALISM] deem necessary, or convenient.

Proposal & Motivation:

To expand Clause 17.4. to provide for the polling functionality of the various online meeting platforms and also to adjust the Clause references.

17.4. At an Annual General Meeting, voting for the Officers to be elected in terms of Clauses 16.1.5[4].1., 16.1.6[5]. and 16.1.7[6]., if they are opposed, shall be by closed ballot, **or by use of the secure and secret polling functionality of one of the various online meeting platforms**. The voting for Standing Sub-Committee members shall also be by closed ballot if the number of membership nominations exceed the quota contemplated by the By-laws for the particular Standing Sub-Committee.

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 17.6. to provide for the disclosure of either the number of votes polled by candidates, or the percentage votes polled by them, at the discretion of the Chairman.

17.6. For any closed ballot at face-to-face meetings, ballot papers must be distributed and collected by the Scrutineer(s) appointed as part of the Annual General Meeting proceedings or, at an Ordinary Meeting, appointed before voting. The Scrutineer(s) must report the result to the Chairman, who will announce the outcome. In a vote for a contested office, simply disclosing the result, rather than the number of votes **or percentage of votes** polled by each candidate, would be at the sole discretion of the Chairman.

Proposal & Motivation:

To amend Clause 17.7. to expand on the polling procedure at virtual meetings.

17.7. For any closed ballot at a virtual, or partially virtual meeting, the confidentiality of the vote shall be the responsibility of the Chairman, using either the **secure and secret** polling functionalit[ies]y of any of the various online meeting platforms, or by conducting the vote by email ahead of the meeting, sent to [an] **one or more** independent Scrutineers. For a show of hands at a virtual meeting, the showing-of-hand-functionality of the particular virtual platform should suffice, with the **Meeting H[ost]** tallying the votes. **The Scrutineer(s) or the Meeting Host must report the result to the Chairman, who will announce the outcome. In a vote for a contested office, simply disclosing the result, rather than the number of votes or percentage of votes polled by each candidate, would be at the sole discretion of the Chairman.**

		<p>Proposal & Motivation: To delete the word “in” from Clause 26.1.</p> <p>26.1. Nothing [in] contained in this Constitution shall derogate from the provisions of Article 42 of the KUSA Constitution, the provisions of which apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i></p> <p>[Note: The above amendments will be referenced under the heading <i>Sixth Iteration</i> in the <i>RECORDALS</i> Section of all the Provincial Council Constitutions, once ratified at the Fedco 12-2023 meeting.]</p> <p>[Note: The above amendments were approved, unanimously, by Fedco round robin on 19 October 2023.]</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal by GR, seconded by LT, Fedco’s approval of the amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions by round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: PM confirmed that the KUSA Office would be sending the signed PDFs of the updated Provincial Council Constitutions to the various Provincial Council Chairmen as soon as possible after Fedco 12-2023.]</p> <p>Noted.</p>
5		<p>MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)</p>
	5.1	<p>FCI General Assembly (Geneva, August 2023)</p> <p>Report-back.</p> <p>JH and MV briefly reported on the FCI General Assembly and thanked Fedco for the opportunity to have attended this extremely important meeting. The proceedings at the General Assembly focussed heavily on administrative issues, fortunately none of them contentious. Both KUSA delegates found the deliberations and debates at the meeting extremely stimulating and informative.</p> <p>The Minutes of the General Assembly were distributed to FCI members under Circular 34-2023 on 15 September 2023, and have since been posted on the FCI website. FCI Circular 34-2023 was forwarded to the members of Fedco by the KUSA Office with a request to revert with any queries by 30 October 2023. Since there had been no requests to provide clarity on any of the items, JH and MV assumed that the Minutes were sufficiently self-explanatory.</p> <p>JH reminded Fedco of the General Assembly’s approval of two new non-mandatory Dogsport commissions, namely Truffle Searching and Hoopers. After discussion, it was concluded that Truffle Searching was unlikely to spark any interest in South Africa and was therefore merely for noting by Fedco, but that Hoopers ought to be investigated as a possible Dogsport under KUSA. NS informed Fedco that some dog-training schools in the Western Cape were already training dogs to compete in Hoopers and that a number of “fun events” had been held in that province. Certain Members of Fedco expressed an interest in learning more about this curiously-named Dogsport, which prompted CPA to share a video-link with the Council.</p> <p>CC advised that, since Hoopers was essentially a Dogsport that could be practised by, amongst others, retired or young Agility dogs, she would be prepared to investigate the level of interest within the Agility and Dog Jumping community. DS agreed to assist CC in her survey and NS shared the name of the person currently involved in Hoopers-training in the Western Cape.</p>

		<p>The Council agreed that, should there be sufficient interest, Hoopers ought to be constituted as a stand-alone Dogsport. This would, however, depend on the level of enthusiasm and the willingness of people to become actively involved in forming a steering committee to drive the promotion of Hoopers in order to advance its ultimate acceptance as a Dogsport under KUSA.</p> <p>The outcome of the survey to be undertaken by CC and DS would be discussed at future Fedco Discussion Forums, as soon as the results became available.</p> <p>Noted, with thanks. Fedco commended JH and MV for promoting and safeguarding KUSA's interests at this important international forum concerned with all facets of cynology.</p> <p>[Note: Prior to the release of these Minutes, CC shared with Fedco the results of the survey, which had elicited 129 responses. 100 Respondents confirmed their interest in Hoopers and 28 Respondents confirmed their willingness to serve on a steering committee to drive the ultimate establishment of Hoopers as a Dogsport under KUSA.]</p>
5.2		<p>FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.2)</p> <p><i>As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the dogsport/subject in question.</i></p> <p><i>The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions:</i></p> <p><i>Agility – Mr Rob Hall</i> <i>Breeding – Clr Ron Juckes</i> <i>Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton</i> <i>Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman</i> <i>Rally Dog – Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys</i> <i>Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harlett</i> <i>Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard</i> <i>Show Judges – Clr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office</i> <i>Utility Dogs – Clr Dudley Sparg</i> <i>Youth – Ms Andria Haskins</i> <i>Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill</i> <i>Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</i></p> <p>Representatives to be reviewed.</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, to continue with the above representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions until circumstances necessitated one or more changes.</p>
5.3		<p>FCI – Registration of Kennel Names (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.3)</p> <p><i>Fedco agreed, unanimously that the proposed fee structure was fair and reasonable and was also in unanimous accord with the KUSA proposal as accepted by the FCI and its proposed implementation date of 31 January 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed JH, seconded RJ</i></p> <p>Report-back from the KUSA Office</p> <p>PM advised Fedco that the implementation of the new fee structure for the registration of Kennel Names was on track for 31 January 2024 and an appropriate Notice would be circulated by the KUSA Office to the membership in advance of that date.</p>

			Noted.
6			MATTERS RELATING TO FEDCO
	6.1		<p>Fedco Portfolios (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.13, Fedco 06-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 6.1)</p> <p>Fedco Members' Portfolios had been updated at Fedco Discussion Forums 08-2023, 09-2023 & 11-2023 as follows:</p> <p>Clr JM Hubbard Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Extraordinary Registrations.</p> <p>Clr RB Jenkins Finance, Breed Health, Breed Shows, Registrations & Exports.</p> <p>Clr RD Jukes DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials, Trick Dog Test & Property Acquisition</p> <p>Clr NJ du Preez Legal Matters & Property Acquisition, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs and Tracking Trials.</p> <p>Clr BG Robinson Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Finance, Budgets, KUSA Constitution & Schedules, Club Constitutions & By-laws, Provincial Council Constitutions & By-laws, KUSA Membership, Media/Press & Handling</p> <p>Clr DC Sparg Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP).</p> <p>Clr LC Thornhill Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Canicross, Rally Dog, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media.</p> <p>Clr M Vorster Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Finance.</p> <p>Clr C Chelchinsky Agility, Dog Jumping, Scent Work</p> <p>Portfolio-holders for ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal by DS, seconded by GR, the updates to portfolios allocated to members of Fedco in various Fedco Discussion Forums were ratified, unanimously.</p>
7			MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES
	7.1		<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendment to Article 20.2.1 – Liaison Councils. (Fedco round robin 10 July 2023)</p> <p>Proposal: To make Federal Council the enabling body for the establishment of a Liaison Council, not the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Motivation: Article 20.2.1 grants the authority for the establishment of Liaison Councils to the Executive Committee. As a Standing Sub-Committee of the Federal Council, the Executive Committee acquires the majority of its powers from the Federal Council through delegation.</p> <p>Although not the enabling body, Article 20.2.2 makes Liaison Councils accountable to the <i>Federal Council</i> (not to the Executive Committee), which makes no sense if the Federal Council would not be responsible for the delegation of powers to the Liaison Council.</p>

		<p>In view of the above, we need to take cognisance of the fact that the Executive Committee cannot delegate the powers acquired by delegation to another entity. In this regard, a key principle in constitutional and administrative law is relevant, i.e., “<i>delegata potestas non potest delegari</i>” (no delegated powers can be further delegated) or, as stated in another way, “<i>delegatus delegare non potest</i>” (one to whom power is delegated cannot himself further delegate that power).</p> <p>In order to reflect the appropriate enabling body in the Constitutions of Liaison Councils (i.e. the Federal Council), it is necessary that the erroneous Article 20.2.1 be amended.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>20.2 Liaison Councils 20.2.1 The <u>Federal Council</u> [Executive Committee] may establish a Liaison Council to serve any area of interest, which falls across the jurisdiction of more than one Provincial Council and, subject to its right to revoke such delegation at any time, may delegate all or any of its powers under this Constitution to such Liaison Council [subject to confirmation by the Federal Council].</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the approval of the amendment of the Article 20.2.1 by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.02.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	7.2	<p>Proposed amendment to Articles 8.6.2, insertion of new, separated Article 8.6.3 (with sub-clauses 8.3.6.1 & 8.3.6.2) and Article 9 to clarify the status of Clubs during periods they are in default of the KUSA Constitution, with particular regard to their entitlement to be granted Championship Show Licences and their eligibility to participate in the meetings of their Provincial Councils</p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee of KUSA.</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Article 8.6.2 by insertion of a new, separated Article 8.6.3</p> <p>Motivation: To make it clear that Clubs that do not take the necessary urgent steps to fill vacancies on their Executives (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer), or to replace other constitutionally required Officials, such as an Information Officers or Deputy Information Officers (optional), when they occur, will be in breach of the KUSA Constitution and thereby ineligible to be granted Championship Show Licences. Moreover, for as long as the default persists, Clubs shall have their privilege of participating in their Provincial Councils’ meetings suspended, together with their good standing in the Kennel Union. When Clubs are declared “Ineligible Member Clubs” for purposes of any Provincial Council Meeting in terms of any of the Provincial Councils’ Constitutions, it should be beyond doubt that, at the time of such declaration, they have had their privilege of participation in their particular Provincial Council’s meetings suspended and, in consequence, have placed their good standing with KUSA on hold. Mid-term appointments of Executive Members who have vacated their offices should be a swift and seamless process at an ordinary Committee meeting of the Club, or by Committee round robin.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>8.6.2 details of every Annual General Meeting and any other Special General Meeting specifying the names of persons present and resolutions adopted, together with one copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and the Club’s balance sheet shall be forwarded to the Federal Council. Minutes of Annual/Special General meetings shall be supplied within thirty (30) days of any such meeting and the copy of the audited accounts shall be supplied once in each calendar year.</p>

SEPARATED FROM 8.6.2 ABOVE AND AMENDED AS ARTICLE 8.6.3: [The Club shall ensure that the] names and contact details of the Club's Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer), and its appointed Officials, i.e. Information Officer and optional Deputy Information Officer names and contact details are sent to KUSA for recording] **to be sent to KUSA** each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and **optional** Deputy Information Officer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union. At the same time of sending the names and contact details of Club Officers to KUSA, the Club shall also advise the names of the Club Committee members with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts.

NEW ARTICLES 8.6.3.1 & 8.6.3.2:

8.6.3.1 Clubs are obliged to inform their Provincial Councils and the Kennel Union forthwith if, for whatever reason, any of their elected Officers or appointed Officials as per Article 8.6.3 should change mid-term, providing full particulars of replacements.

8.6.3.2 Should any of the Club's Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) vacate their office, the Club's eligibility to be granted a Licence for a Championship Show and its privilege to participate in its Provincial Council's meetings shall be suspended until the replacement has been advised to the Kennel Union.

CURRENT 8.6.3, 8.6.4 & 8.6.5 TO BE RENUMBERED 8.6.4, 8.6.5 & 8.6.6.

Proposed amendments to Article 9

Motivation:

To make it clear that Clubs that fail to adhere to their Club Constitutions (Article 9.1.2), or fail to submit their AGM documentation within thirty (30) days of their AGM (Article 9.1.3), or fail to submit the required returns in respect of Shows or Events held (Article 9.1.4), would be in breach of the KUSA Constitution and therefore ineligible to be granted Championship Show Licences. Moreover, to make it clear that, should any of these defaults persist up to the KUSA Financial Year-end of 31 August, Clubs' privilege of participating in their Provincial Councils' meetings would be placed under suspension, together with their good standing in the Kennel Union, for as long as the default persists. When a Club is declared an "Ineligible Member Club" for purposes of its Provincial Council Meeting in terms of the relevant Provincial Council Constitution, it should be beyond doubt that, at the time of such declaration, the Club has had its privilege to participate in its Provincial Council's meetings suspended and, in consequence, has placed its good standing with KUSA on hold.

Insertions in underlined bold type.

9. LOSS OF AFFILIATION AND OTHER PUNITIVE MEASURES

NEW 9.3: Should a Club find itself in default as a result of any of the transgressions cited under Articles 9.1.2 to 9.1.4 above, it shall be ineligible to be granted a Licence for a Championship Show. If still in default by 31 August of any year, it will be suspended from the privilege of participating in any meeting of its Provincial Council, irrespective of whether its affiliation had been renewed by 31 October in terms of Article 9.2, until the default is remedied or, if it remains unremedied, till the next constituted Ordinary Meeting of the Federal Council where the Club will be tabled for disaffiliation. At such Ordinary Meeting, the Federal Council shall take account of any actions the Club in question had taken during the preceding default period to remedy whatever breaches had occurred and take such decisions as deemed appropriate at the time.

CURRENT 9.3 TO BE RENUMBERED 9.4

			<p>Proposed GR, seconded NdP Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.02.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
8			MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY MATTERS – SCHEDULE 01
	8.1		Disciplinary Hearings
		8.1.1	<p>Case 01-2023 KUSA (Thuynsma & Moss) vs N van Dyk</p> <p>DSC Findings: After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to the case before them:</p> <p>The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated and found that the Respondent had wilfully engaged in conduct that was improper, disgraceful and disrespectful and which was prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith. They therefore found the Respondent guilty in respect of Schedule 01 Rules 4.1.1, 4.1.1.4, 4.1.6, Schedule 04 Regulation 25 of the KUSA Constitution, and Schedule 09 Code of Ethics Regulations 1.3, 1.4, 2.5, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.17.</p> <p>Penalties: In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or any other event held under KUSA licence for a period of twelve (12) months.</p> <p>The first six (6) months of the sentence is to be enforced in its entirety. In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 01, the DSC ruled that the remainder of the sentence is to be suspended for a period of three (3) years on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 01, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension.</p> <p>The Respondent is not disqualified from registration, recording or transfer, of a dog owned by her or registered or recorded in her name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee, nor the progeny of such a dog.</p> <p>A dog owned by her or registered or recorded in her name, or jointly with another or others, or in the name of a nominee is not disqualified from exhibition or competition or evaluation.</p> <p>The DSC ruled that the above penalty will take effect on the 1st June 2023. The Respondent was notified of her right of appeal as per Rule 12 of Schedule 01.</p> <p>No Appeal was lodged.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		8.1.2	<p>Case 02-2023 KUSA (C Battey) vs N Baxter</p> <p>DSC Findings:</p>

		<p>After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to the case before them:</p> <p>The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated and found that the Respondent had wilfully engaged in conduct that was improper, disgraceful and disrespectful and which was prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith. They further found that the Respondent failed to return to the ring with the RCC dog for the selection of Reserve Best of Breed, as well as bring her Puppy in for the Puppy Group Challenge when called for by the Ring Steward.</p> <p>They therefore found the Respondent guilty in respect of Schedule 01 Rules 4.1.1, 4.1.1.4, 4.1.6, read with Schedule 03 Regulations 18.1, 18.3, 18.5, 18.6, 37.3, as well as the provisions of Schedule 09 Regulations 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 5.1, 5.17, 5.18, 5.21 and 5.25 (Code of Conduct for KUSA Members) of the KUSA Constitution.</p> <p>Penalties: In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at, a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club for a period of six (6) months.</p> <p>In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 01, the DSC ruled that the penalty be suspended in full for a period of three (3) years on condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 01, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint during the period of suspension.</p> <p>Furthermore, the DSC ruled that the Acting KUSA Secretary, and Chairman of the Executive Committee (Exco), withdraw the awards given to Miss Baxter's dogs in terms of Schedule 03, Regulation 18.1, namely:</p> <p>Exhibit 53 – Achante Breaking New Ground at Strathaven JM (ZA014196B21) – RCC award Exhibit 54 – Strathaven No Strings Attached (ZA008908B22) – Best Puppy in Breed</p> <p>The DSC ruled that the above penalty will take effect on the 1st July 2023. The Respondent was notified of her right of appeal as per Rule 12 of Schedule 01.</p> <p>No Appeal was lodged.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.2	Disciplinary Rules – no submissions
9		MATTERS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 02
	9.1	Schedule 02 Regulation 17 – Recognition of Breeds & Appendix A
		<p>9.1.1 Breed Standard Committee List of Breed Standards amended/revised under the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>:</p> <p>HERDING GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Samoyed</p> <p>FCI</p>

		<p>Mudi</p> <p>UTILITY GROUP FCI French Bulldog</p> <p>WORKING GROUP FCI Presa Canario Italian Cane Corso</p> <p>[Note: Spelling of “Cane” to be corrected by the KUSA Office in Schedule 02 Appendix A.]</p>
	9.1.2	<p>Breed Standards Committee</p> <p><i>At Fedco 12-2018, it was approved that a Breed Standards Committee (BSC) should be appointed to oversee matters related to Breed Standards. It was agreed that the BSC would comprise of a minimum of three members of Fedco to be responsible for the recommendation and implementation of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alterations and amendments to adopted Breed Standards;</i> • <i>Adoption of Breed Standards for breeds not previously recognised by KUSA; and</i> • <i>Substitution of Breed Standards, upon application and plausible justification.</i> <p>Currently, the Fedco Members appointed to the Breed Standards Committee are Clrs Gérard Robinson, Michael Vorster, and Carol Immelman. With the resignation of Clr Immelman having been announced at the close of the Fedco 06-2023, and with reference to the Note under Item 9.1.2 of the Minutes, a replacement for former Clr Immelman needed to be appointed.</p> <p>Refer to Item 9.1.3 for proposal.</p>
	9.1.3	<p>Proposed amendment to the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</p> <p>Submitted by GR, on behalf of the Breed Standards Committee.</p> <p>Proposal: To amend KUSA’s Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards to reduce the number of Fedco members required to serve on the Breed Standards Committee.</p> <p>Motivation: With a detailed Protocol, there was no need for three (3) Fedco members to serve on the Breed Standards Committee. A Committee of two (2) should adequately meet requirements and, should there be a disagreement, the matter ought to be referred to the Federal Council for a decision by majority vote.</p> <p>The decision at Fedco 12-2018, envisaged to be amended, was as follows:</p> <p>Breed Standards Committee: <i>At Fedco 12-2018, it was approved that a Breed Standards Committee (BSC) should be appointed to oversee matters related to Breed Standards. It was agreed that the BSC would comprise a minimum of three (3) Fedco members and be responsible for the recommendation and implementation of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alterations and amendments to adopted Breed Standards;</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Breed Standards for breeds not previously recognised by KUSA; and • Substitution of Breed Standards, upon application and plausible justification. <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Proposed changes to the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i> attached.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by JH, the amendments to the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i> were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was requested to upload the amended <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i> to the KUSA website to replace the previous version.]</p>
9.2		<p>Breed Health – BOAS (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.8, Fedco 06.2020 Item 8.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco, Fedco 06-2023 Item 9.1)</p> <p><i>LT reported to Fedco as follows:</i></p> <p><i>“The first phase of the project to introduce BOAS testing in South Africa commenced with an informative webinar on 22 March 2023. Invitations to attend the webinar, BOAS Testing in French Bulldogs, were sent out from the KUSA Office to 220 breeders who had registered French Bulldogs in the recent past. Sadly, only 16 attended the webinar – an extremely poor response, given the breed health challenges facing breeders worldwide.</i></p> <p><i>During the webinar, the delegates were offered access to a recording of a global webinar, The Science and Solution behind BOAS, presented by Dr Jane Ladlow in March 2023. No requests were received to view this very informative presentation.</i></p> <p><i>All the invitees were offered a recording of the KUSA webinar, with only 2 requests received post the event.</i></p> <p><i>During the discussion segment of the KUSA webinar, those attending were urged to step up and join a Task Group to move forward with the required actions to implement BOAS testing in South Africa. Sadly, only 2 people volunteered, both of whom had already been collaborating actively towards the implementation of BOAS testing.</i></p> <p><i>My appeal to Fedco would be to move forward with a different approach and make contact with Onderstepoort and Cambridge University. In this way, BOAS testing can be introduced to South Africa, making the uptake the responsibility of the individual breeders. Needless to say, a campaign to encourage testing through the various Clubs would form part of the promotion campaign.”</i></p> <p><i>It was proposed by CI, seconded by RJ, and agreed, unanimously, to accept LT’s proposed next steps.</i></p> <p>Report-back by PM at the September Fedco Discussion Forum:</p> <p>PM reported that, on 5 September 2023, she engaged Prof Johan Schoeman in an exploratory discussion, which TL was unfortunately unable to attend. Prof Schoeman is professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the Pretoria University’s Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort. He’s the leader of the Faculty’s pathobiology research team and deemed his current field of study and interests to be in synergy with BOAS, in particular the Respiratory Function Grading System being proposed. Although Prof Schoeman admitted knowing little about KUSA, he seemed extremely keen on a potential partnership with KUSA and the benefits likely to be reaped therefrom. Having superficially been briefed on the functions, affiliations and</p>

		<p>aspirations of KUSA, he expressed the opinion that veterinary practitioners ought to be better informed about KUSA and the important role it played in canine-related affairs.</p> <p>Prof Schoeman was also involved with the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ECVIM) Examination Board and travelled to Europe twice a year, in March and September. Should training be required to set up the Respiratory Grading System, it might be possible to piggyback on to his trips overseas. Although he had previously lectured at the University of Cambridge in the UK, he was not familiar with work of Dr Jane Ladlow. He requested that information on BOAS and the Respiratory Grading Scheme be forwarded to him, after which he would provide comment and his view on a possible way forward.</p> <p>Fedco thanked PM for her feedback.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman requested PM and LT to keep the following Fedco Portfolio-holders informed of further developments: DNA, Genetic Health Issues – Clr RD Juckes Breed Health Issues – Clrs RB Jenkins and JM Hubbard.]</p> <p>Work in Progress.</p>
9.3		<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 9.2)</p> <p><i>The Chairman reported that she had scheduled a meeting with the Fedco Task Team – JH, PM, NdP & GR – for 05.07.2023, the outcome of which would be tabled at the next Fedco Discussion Forum following this Ordinary Meeting.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team:</p> <p>At its meeting of 5 July 2023, the Fedco Task Team was briefed by PM and JH on a preliminary meeting held earlier in the year with Dr Sheryl van Staden, Chief Scrutineer of the SAVA-KUSA HD & ED Scheme (“the Scheme”). At the July & August 2023 Fedco Discussion Forums, the Task Team members were thanked for their endeavours and it was agreed that the following should be addressed with the stakeholders involved in the breeds with HD- & ED-related breed-specific registration requirements as listed in Schedule 02 Appendix “C” & Appendix “E”:</p> <p>The relevant stakeholders should be urged to consider, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of the changes to the Scheme identified by the Task Team for those breeds listed in Schedule 02 Appendix C to determine their suitability for breeding. • Members’ preference as to whether their dogs’ HD & ED grades should appear as a suffix to the dog’s Registered Name on the KUSA Certificate of Registration, or recorded on the Annex to the Certificate of Registration (Health Certificate), or on both, or on neither of these Certificates. [Note: <i>In the latter case, the HD & ED grades would be recorded on a dog’s profile on the KUSA database to enable KUSA to determine breeding suitability, but not be reflected on the Certificates.</i>] • For breeds not listed on Schedule 02 Appendix C, Members’ option to submit x-rays for evaluation to internationally recognised institutions endorsed by KUSA. [Note: <i>With regard to breeds not listed on Schedule 02 Appendix C, it should be noted that KUSA will not convert HD or ED grades that are not aligned with the FCI grading system. Non-FCI-aligned grading scores may be recorded as a suffix to the registered name on the KUSA Certificate of Registration, or on the Annex to the Certificate of Registration (Health Certificate), or on both, e.g. The Royal Kennel Club – BVA; United States of</i>

		<p><i>America – PENN HIPS; Australian National Kennel Council – CHEDS (Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme)]</i></p> <p>The Task Team recognised that the current Appeals Procedure of the Scheme was in urgent need of revision to meet Members’ expectations. NdP expressed the view that a clear distinction needed to be made between a review and an appeal. A review was to check whether a decision made on evidence presented was, in fact, a correct and lawful decision and that the correct procedures had been followed. An appeal, on the other hand, might involve the submission of fresh evidence, or additional information, to the Appeals Authority with a view to persuading the Authority to assess the evidence <i>ab initio</i>, obviously in the hope of overturning the previous decision for a more favourable outcome. In view of this, it was recommended that the following concessions be included in the Appeals Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowance ought to be made for Members to submit a different, or more recent, set of x-rays, in other words, they should not be bound by the initial set of x-rays submitted, which had yielded the inceptive adverse result. • Allowance needed to be made for Members, for purposes of Appeals adjudication, to elicit the opinion of an FCI-recognised “Appeal Radiologist” on the original x-rays. Whether the submission of a fresh set of x-rays to an Appeal Radiologist would be permissible, was still to be considered. <p>A proposal mooted the envisioned reforms was in preparation. Once drafted, the proposal would be submitted for scrutiny by Breed Councils, Liaison Councils and Specialist Breed Clubs. Should one or more of the breeds listed in Schedule 02 Appendix “C” and Appendix “E” not be represented by any of these constituted structures, the views of breeder Members would be solicited. Once the input of all relevant stakeholders had been considered, the information would be consolidated in a proposal for the consideration of all concerned.</p> <p>Post acceptance, the following actions were anticipated by the Task Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet with Dr Sheryl van Staden to officially inform the SAVA of the proposed revisions to the Scheme KUSA intended adopting; and • To keep Fedco informed of negotiations with the SAVA to effect the proposed amendments to the Scheme. <p>Noted.</p>
10		<p>MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 03 ET AL</p>
	10.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Housekeeping amendments to Schedule 03 – Online Entry Forms (Fedco round robin at Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal 1 – Field Trials, supported by the Field Trials Liaison Council (FTLC): To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Field Trials, as the Dogsport Online Electronic Entry Form does not speak to Declaration Clause No. 14, or the various Field Trial classes.</p> <p>Motivation: Field Trials entrants are unable to use the current Online Entry Forms, as they do not speak to the classes or wording requirements of Field Trials.</p> <p><i>Note that the proposed Online Electronic Entry Form template attached contains the housekeeping amendment covered by Proposal 2.</i></p> <p>Proposal 2 – Dogsport [Disciplines] and Breed Shows:</p>

To amend the preamble to the Declaration made on online entry forms by inserting/deleting the following words:

“By ~~attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by~~ inserting my ~~full~~ name and surname **and/or clicking on “Accept”**, I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that.”

Motivation:

The declaration made by the Owner/Authorised Agent currently states (emphasis added for clarity):

“By attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, **by inserting my full name and surname** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that.”

However, at the end of the Declaration, the Owner/Authorised Agent is required to click “Accept” and no provision is made for attaching a signature as required by the Declaration preamble. When completing the Dog’s Details, the Owner/Authorised Agent merely inserts title, initials and surname.

The above-mentioned amendment will ensure that the Declaration is fully accepted whilst allowing Clubs flexibility to ask handlers to click on “Accept” or including a field asking for the Owner’s/Authorised Agent’s full name.

Proposed changes to Schedule 03 Appendix 3 – Dogsport ~~[Disciplines]~~ and Breed Shows Official Online Electronic Entry Form.

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

**OFFICIAL ONLINE ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM
DOGSPORT [DISCIPLINES]**

MANDATORY DATA FIELDS AS PER FEDCO 12-2022

DECLARATION BY THE REGISTERED OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT

By ~~attaching my signature to this form, or where the form is submitted electronically, by~~ inserting my ~~full~~ name and surname **and/or clicking “Accept”** I, the Registered Owner of, or I, the Authorised Agent for, the dog hereby entered for exhibition, affirm that I have read and understood the full contents of this Entry Form and hereby declare that:

and

**OFFICIAL ONLINE ELECTRONIC ENTRY FORM
BREED SHOWS**

MANDATORY DATA FIELDS AS PER FEDCO 12-2022

DECLARATION BY THE REGISTERED OWNER/AUTHORISED AGENT

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Proposal 3 – Handler Classes:

To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Handler Classes as none of the current Online Electronic Entry Forms speak to the fields required.

Motivation:

Handler Classes are not included in any of the current Online Electronic Entry Forms.

This Online Entry Form will be inserted into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 after the Dogsport and Breed Online Electronic Entry Forms, following the same sequence as hard copy Entry Forms.

*Note that the **proposed** Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by proposal 2.*

Proposal 4 – Flyball:

To insert a completely new Online Electronic Entry Form template into Schedule 03 Appendix 3 for Flyball, as the Dogsport form does not speak to the information required for Flyball.

Motivation:

Flyball is unable to use the current Dogsport Online Electronic Entry Form, as it does not speak to the entry of Teams.

*Note that the **proposed** Online Electronic Entry Form template **attached** contains the housekeeping amendment covered by Proposal 2.*

Proposal 5 – Official Online Electronic Entry Form Breed Shows

To amend the wording of the above-mentioned form to align with the requirements of the hard copy version.

Motivation:

Align wording with regard to information required on the Official Online Electronic Entry Form Breed Shows

Deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].

Host Club
Date of Show
Dog's Registration Number
Dog's Registered Name
Breed
Sex
Date of Birth
Colour
Microchip Number
Qualifications
Registered Name [~~and Number~~] of Sire
Registered Name [~~and Number~~] of Dam
Registered Owner(s) Name: Title Initials Surname
KUSA Membership Number
Breeder(s) Name:
Classes entered

On a proposal by GR, seconded by JH, the various versions of the *Official Online Electronic Entry Forms* approved by Fedco round robin at the Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, were ratified, unanimously.

Effective 01.09.2023.

	10.2		<p>Proposed amendments to Schedules 03, 04 & 07 to provide for a revised structure for Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees, envisaged to be implemented as from 1 January 2024</p> <p>Submitted by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Background: At the Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, the current dilemma of a number of affiliated Clubs being unable to meet their accumulated debt of accrued Penalty Fees was discussed extensively. It was noted that the situation had developed mainly because of the post-COVID economic woes, which have impacted on Clubs' ability to generate sufficient funds from their normal activities to meet their financial obligations.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Federal Council agreed, at a Special Meeting on 14 September 2023, to institute an interim emergency measure for the period 1 September to 31 December 2023 and issued a formal Fedco Directive to be sent to affected Clubs. This emergency measure was envisaged to grant affected Clubs interim short-term relief by extending the payment term for accrued Penalty Fees and stay the imposition of new Penalty Fees during the above-mentioned "window" period. This "window" period was also anticipated to afford Fedco sufficient time to prepare a formal proposal to revise the future Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fee structure for the Agenda of Fedco 12-2023 which, if accepted, would come into effect on 1 January 2024.</p> <p>After careful consideration, and in consultation with the KUSA Office, the following proposal had been prepared:</p> <p>Proposal: To revise the Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees structure and adjust it to more manageable levels, given the current economic constraints and financial hardship experienced by Clubs.</p> <p>Motivations: Pre-Show Penalty Fees Draft Show Schedules Schedule 03 Regulation 2 states that Clubs' draft Show Schedules must be completed and submitted to KUSA six (6) months prior to a Show. It is proposed that, instead of imposing Penalty Fees for every omission from the Show Schedule as enumerated under Schedule 03, the Penalty Fees should be imposed on the Show Schedule as a whole, inclusive of elements such as Judges' "Letters of Acceptance", in other words, individual outstanding elements should not be penalised over and above the Schedule as a whole. Licence Fees not paid prior to six (6) months before the Show were not envisaged to be exempted from attracting Penalty Fees. The proposed alterations to Schedule 03 are as stated below.</p> <p>Post-Show Penalty Fees Show Documentation and Show Levies No amendments are proposed to change Schedule 03 Regulations 6 & 10, which impose the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies. The quantum of Post-Show Penalty Fees has been reviewed and adjusted and is reflected under Proposal 3, dealing with amendments to Schedule 07. It is important for Post-Show Penalty Fees to remain in place, albeit at a reduced level, to encourage adherence to Regulations 6 and 10 and the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies to the KUSA Office within fifteen (15) working days to enable the finalisation and closure of the Show without undue delay.</p> <p>Proposal 1:</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Regulations 5.16 and 5.17</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>
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5.16 Where Draft Schedules submitted by Clubs in terms of Regulation 2 and Regulation 5 of this Schedule are:

5.16.1 received ~~[in]~~ **by** the **KUSA** ~~[e]~~Office later than six (6) months before the first day of the show, ~~[and/or]~~ **for any reason whatsoever, such Clubs shall pay Penalty Fees as specified for:**

~~[5.16.2 where letters of acceptance from all the proposed Judges are not included, and/or]~~

~~[5.16.3 where letters of acceptance received are for persons who are not qualified to judge the breeds/groups/events for which they contract themselves, such clubs shall pay a penalty as specified for:]~~

5.16~~[:4].~~**2** each week or part thereof ~~[that]~~ the Draft Schedule is received late, and/or

~~[5.16.5 each Judge whose letter of acceptance is not enclosed with the Draft Schedule, and/or]~~

5.16~~[:6].~~**3** each Judge who is not qualified to judge the ~~[b]~~**B**reeds/~~[g]~~**G**roups/~~[e]~~**E**vents for which he **has contracted** ~~[contracts]~~ himself.

5.17 Where a Club, for any reason whatsoever, has been unable to finalise its Draft Schedule twelve (12) weeks before the first day of the Show, no licence shall be issued for that event. **If a licence has already been issued and paid for, Licence Fees will be refunded to the Club, subject to the deduction of Penalty Fees incurred up to twelve (12) weeks and, should the Penalty Fees be in excess of the Licence Fees, the Club shall be responsible for payment of the shortfall.**

[**Note:** Schedule 07 is also governed by Schedule 03 Regulations 6 and 10. No changes are proposed to be made to these Regulations, which are shaded below for ease of reference only.]

6. SHOW SCHEDULE

No Show Schedule shall be issued to the public before being approved by the Executive Committee after submission in terms of Regulation 2, and within twenty-four (24) hours of issue to the public, a copy of the Show Schedules as so issued shall be dispatched to the Secretary.

6.1 The Schedule shall be treated as a contract between the Show Authorities and the Exhibitors. Once approved by the Executive Committee no modification or amendment of any description may be made to the Show Schedule unless special dispensation is granted.

6.2 Any Club which fails to submit a Show Schedule in terms of Regulation 6 of this Schedule, shall pay a penalty as specified in terms of Subscription & Fees (Schedule 07).

10. SHOW CATALOGUE

10.3 One (1) copy of the catalogue containing accurate details of all show entries and all awards made, signed, and certified as correct by the Show Secretary shall be despatched to the Secretary within fifteen (15) working days after the close of the Show.

10.4 Any Club which fails to submit a catalogue in terms of Regulation 10.3 of this Schedule such Club shall pay a penalty as specified in terms of Schedule 07 for each week or part of a week thereof that such catalogue is not received.

Proposal 2:

Proposed amendments to Schedule 04 Regulations 3.7 and 30

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

Motivation:

It is proposed that all Pre-Show Penalty Fees be excluded from Non-championship Shows as an encouragement to Clubs to hold Non-championship Shows in order to attract new KUSA

Members and to serve as a training ground for Learner Judges in Breed, Junior Showmanship and Dogsport. The quantum of Post-Show Penalty Fees has been reviewed and adjusted and is reflected under Proposal 3, dealing with amendments to Schedule 07. It is important for Post-Show Penalty Fees to remain in place, albeit at a reduced level, to encourage adherence to Regulation 30 and the submission of Show Documentation and Show Levies to the KUSA Office within fifteen (15) working days to enable the finalisation and closure of the Show without undue delay.

~~[3.7 Any amendment or alteration to a licence once issued attracts the Penalties laid down in terms of Schedule 7.]~~

Regulations 3.8 and 3.9 to be sequentially numbered 3.7 and 3.8.

30. Within fifteen (15) **working** days after the completion of a Show, the Show Secretary shall forward to the Secretary a form showing the number of dogs entered and the total entries, ~~[and]~~ including the breakdown of breeds and numbers judged by each Judge, together with the fees as specified in **Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to [Schedule 07].** **Any submissions after four (4) weeks from completion of the Show will attract Penalties as stipulated in the Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07.**

Proposal 3:

Proposed amendments to the Subscription and Fees Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07:

Changes in red:

Schedule 07 – Subscription and Fees 2023/2024	
All prices are VAT Inclusive. Prices effective from 1 January 2024 & subject to change without prior notice.	
16 PENALTY FEES	For the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 August 2025, inclusive
For late submission in terms of Schedule 03, Regulations 5, 6, & 10 and Schedule 08	
16.1	After 4 weeks from due date, each succeeding week thereafter per week [R0.00] R50.00
For late submission in terms of Schedule 04, Regulation 30, and Schedule 08	
16.2	After 4 weeks from Show date, each succeeding week thereafter per week [R0.00] R50.00

**Proposed by RJ, seconded by MV
Approved, unanimously.**

Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.

10.3

Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 and 03A – FCI Official Show Entry Form (Annexure to Schedules)

Housekeeping submitted by the KUSA Office.

Proposal:

To amend an error on the FCI Official Show Entry Form.

Motivation:

Although KUSA refers to Dog Jumping, the FCI term for this branch of Dogsport is simply “Jumping”. The KUSA Office noticed that FCI Official Show Entry Form incorrectly makes reference to “Dog Jumping” and recommends rectification. At the same time, it’s also advisable to change “Disciplines” to “Dogsport Events”.

Deletion ~~[struck through in square brackets]~~.

FCI OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY FORM (Part)

Definitions		
[Disciplines]	Classes	
Dogsport Events	Agility Classes – International	Jumping-International
Agility	Small Agility 1	Small Agility 1
Breed	Small Agility 2	Small Agility 2
[Dog-]Jumping	Small Agility 3	Small Agility 3
FCI-IGP	Medium Agility 1	Medium Agility 1
Obedience	Medium Agility 2	Medium Agility 2
Tracking Dog	Medium Agility 3	Medium Agility 3
Trials	Intermediate Agility 1	Intermediate Agility 1
Working Dog	Intermediate Agility 2	Intermediate Agility 2
Trials	Intermediate Agility 3	Intermediate Agility 3
	Large Agility 1	Large Agility 1
	Large Agility 2	Large Agility 2
	Large Agility 3	Large Agility 3
	Agility Classes – National	Jumping – National
	<i>Note : Classes as above.</i>	<i>Note : Classes as above.</i>

Proposed by DS, seconded by CC
Approved, unanimously.

Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.

10.4

Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03A

10.4.1

Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 and 03A – FCI Official Entry Form (Annexure to Schedule)

Refer to Item 10.3 above.

Proposed by DS, seconded by CC
Approved, unanimously.

Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.

10.4.2

Proposed new Schedule 03B – Regulations for FCI Section Dog Shows – FCI A20

Document tabled prior to the meeting.

JH informed Fedco that the new Schedule 03B, entitled **Regulations for FCI A20 Section Championship Shows**, as drafted by the KUSA Office, checked and amended by GR and subsequently subjected to the scrutiny of NdP, had been uploaded to the KUSA website. This had to be done as a matter of urgency, given the fact that the first FCI A20 Section Championship Show in South Africa was due to be held on 18 November 2023.

JH requested the approval of the new Schedule 03B with retrospective effect, which was proposed by NdP and seconded by MV, and supported, unanimously.

Effective 01.02.2024, but Fedco authorised and approved the new Schedule's retroactive implementation upon immediate upload to the KUSA website as an emergency measure.

10.5

Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04

10.5.1

Proposed amendments to Schedules 03, 04 & 07 to provide for a revised structure for Pre- and Post-Show Penalty Fees, envisaged to be implemented as from 1 January 2024

Refer to Item 10.2 above for proposed amendments to Schedule 04.

Proposed by RJ, seconded by MV

			<p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>																															
	10.6		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04A – Qualifying Shows – no submissions																															
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	12.1		Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes																															
		12.1.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Obedience Sub-Committee’s Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>It is with deep regret that another Obedience Judge, Nigel Edwards, who lived in KwaZulu-Natal, passed away on 6 May 2023. Our deepest sympathy to his family.</p> <p>Due to the retirement of Wessie Westra from all Obedience Disciplines in the Eastern Cape, and the resignation of Lynn Milner of the KwaZulu-Natal from the National Obedience Sub-Committee, we could not hold an Annual General Meeting till KUSA notified us of the new members as provided by the Provincial Councils. This information was received by 5 July 2023 and the AGM was held on 2 August 2023. The Minutes have been sent to KUSA.</p> <p>The National Obedience Sub-Committee consists of the following Members:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Convenor</td> <td>Rex Koning</td> <td>WCPC.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jeannette Corney</td> <td>EC&BPC</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Yvonne Taentzer</td> <td>DOGSPC</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Greg Bass</td> <td>KZNPC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Bobby Classen</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Notice of the revised National Sub-Committee, with photographs of members, was sent to KUSA in August 2023.</p> <p>2022 December Provincial Dog of the Year (Schedule 05E(27)):</p> <p>Three of the Provincial Councils entered, namely EC&BPC, KZNPC & WCPC. Sadly, DOGSPC did not enter. The following winners received certificates from KUSA:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Provincial Council</th> <th>Gold (Class C)</th> <th>Silver (Class B)</th> <th>Bronze (Class A)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>EC&BPC</td> <td>June Fincham & Dancer</td> <td>June Fincham & Jason</td> <td>Jeannette Corney & Cloud</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KZNPC</td> <td>Cherry Nel & Drago</td> <td>Pierre Retief & Dexter</td> <td>Neil Dougall & Dougall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCPC</td> <td>Howard Armour & Chelsea</td> <td>Richard Twell & Flynn</td> <td>Leslie Ball & Merc</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Thank you, KUSA, for designing and sending certificates to the winners (National Obedience newsletter number 4, December 2022).</p> <p>The new revised Bylaws of the National Obedience Sub-Committee were signed by Mrs Pascale Midgley and came into effect on the 29th August 2023. It is a nine-page document. This document was sent to all Provinces. The Annual General Meeting next year (2024) must be held between January and March, according to Regulation 8.4.</p> <p>Our congratulations to Dawn Crawshaw who won the Goldfields Obedience Dog of the Year 2023.</p>	Convenor	Rex Koning	WCPC.		Jeannette Corney	EC&BPC		Yvonne Taentzer	DOGSPC		Greg Bass	KZNPC	Secretary	Bobby Classen		Provincial Council	Gold (Class C)	Silver (Class B)	Bronze (Class A)	EC&BPC	June Fincham & Dancer	June Fincham & Jason	Jeannette Corney & Cloud	KZNPC	Cherry Nel & Drago	Pierre Retief & Dexter	Neil Dougall & Dougall	WCPC	Howard Armour & Chelsea	Richard Twell & Flynn	Leslie Ball & Merc
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		<p>My sincere thanks and appreciation to all Clubs that run Obedience at part of the Dogsport offered at their Shows. May Obedience go from strength to strength.</p> <p>Rex Koning Convener: National Obedience Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Obedience Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.2	Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)
	12.2.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee’s Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>This last year saw a return to strength with Events being offered in all provinces. We’ve seen several dogs progressing up the levels and offering the Police Dog Stake again after several years of no entries, was of particular interest.</p> <p>A special thank you to all our hard-working Tracklayers – without them, Trials would not be possible.</p> <p>A very big thank you to the Clubs that lend Working Trials their licences for Events. Despite a few challenges around getting documents in on time this year, our organisers have worked hard to meet their obligations.</p> <p>The KUSA Nationals were held in Gauteng, as the only qualified dogs in the country reside in this province. Congratulations to our winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracker Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Jill • Police Dog – Lindie Cronjé & Iara • Working Utility Dog – Dawn Crawshaw & Parker <p>Thank you to Goldfields Kennel Club for hosting a very well-organised Dog of the Year Competition and congratulations to our winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Dog – Zelna Truter & Igor • Working Utility Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Kilt <p>A shortage of Judges continues to trouble Working Trials, with most Judges frequently having to give up the opportunity to enter their own dogs in the interest of promoting this Dogsport. Fortunately, a few Judges are progressing up the ranks which should take some of the pressure off the Senior Judges.</p> <p>Last, but not least, thank you to the members of the NWTSC for their continued input and hard work.</p> <p>Claire Patterson-Abrolat Convener: National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Working Trials Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.3	Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD) – no submissions
	12.3.1	Report by National Sub-Committee Convener (Item 12.2.1 refers)
	12.4	Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)
***	12.4.1	Report by National Sub-Committee Convener

		<p>Documents attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIGPSC Convener’s Report • 2023 IGP Statistics <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National IGP Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.4.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (IGP)</p> <p>Submitted by NAPC IGP Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Proposal 1: It is proposed that Schedule 05B(02) Regulation 2.8 be amended as indicated below:</p> <p>Motivation: The International Utility Dog Regulations (IGP), governed by the FCI, does not contain a stipulation as embodied in Regulation 2.8. FCI-IGP Sport in South Africa should be in sync with the International Regulations.</p> <p>In the various Tracking Trials that are available through FCI-IGP, the qualifications obtained by dogs tracking “a stranger’s track” are usually governed by a draw system which is designed to keep the Tracklayer from knowing whose track he/she might be laying. As such, the Tracklayer would not be afforded the opportunity to alter the track laid in favour of, or against, a competitor. The FCI-IGP Sport in South Africa is a small community and limiting the potential Tracklayers available for selection, especially in larger competitions, is detrimental to the continued success and growth of the sport.</p> <p>The changes proposed below, if approved, are proposed to be made to the following sections of Schedule 05B(02):</p> <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2.8 [Track laying] Tracklaying [No] Tracks shall be laid by a [Track Layer] Tracklayer, who may also be [is] a member of the same household as the owner or the handler of the dog. The age of the track is to be calculated from the time that the [Track Layer] Tracklayer commences the laying of the track.</p> <p>Proposal 2: Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal: Housekeeping to amend the spelling of “Track Layer” to one word, “Tracklayer” and, likewise, “Track Laying” to “Tracklaying”.</p> <p>Motivation: Upon receipt of the Proposal 1 above, it was noticed that the spelling of “Track Layer” and “Track Laying” was not grammatically correct. The error has been rectified under Proposal 1, whereas Proposal 2 seeks to correct the error throughout Schedule 05B(02).</p> <p>Proposed housekeeping amendments to Schedule 05B(02): Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>CONTENT</p> <p>2.8 [Track laying] Tracklaying</p> <p>2 MANAGEMENT OF FCI-IGP 2.7 Order of competition</p>

2.7.2 Based on the initial draw in Grades 2 and 3 the competitors will be taken to the tracking ground in groups of three (3) or four (4), where a second draw will define the order of tracking for that group so that they are unaware of the specific [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer** whose track their dog will be required to follow. Communication with the [~~Track Layer~~] **Tracklayer** is forbidden.

[**Note:** NdP, in his capacity as Chairman of the NAPC, informed Fedco that he was unaware of the NAPC IGP Sub-Committee’s submission of Proposal 1.]

The Fedco-portfolio holder for IGP, DS, was requested by Fedco to contact Mr John Swartz, Convener of the National IGP Sub-Committee and Chairman of the NAPC IGP Sub-Committee, to confirm the passage of the above Proposal through the NIGPSC. Mr Swartz responded during the telephone call that, since the proposed changes were, in fact, changes to the regulations of the FCI, he didn’t see any need for them to be passed through the NIGPSC.

Mr Swartz’s view was reported to Fedco, upon which discussion ensued as to whether Fedco was at liberty to make a decision on proposed changes to KUSA’s Schedule 05B(02), which had not been formally sanctioned by the NIGPSC. The general view was that, although the changes might well have been FCI-prompted, proper procedure needed to be followed. Whether a formality, or not, it was essential to secure the clearance from the NIGPSC for any of the changes to filter down into the KUSA Schedule 05B(02). In the absence of Minutes of a meeting of the NIGPSC, reflecting the corroboration of the decision taken by the members of the NIGPSC by majority vote to amend Schedule 05B(02), Fedco had no choice but to **defer** its decision on the approval of the Proposal 1, pending receipt of Minutes verifying the NIGPSC’s decision.

On a proposal by DS, seconded by CC, and agreed unanimously, a decision on Proposal 1 as submitted by the NAPC IGP Sub-Committee, was deferred, pending receipt of Minutes corroborating a decision taken at NIGPSC level to proceed with the amendments to Schedule 05B(02).

Proposal 2:

Submitted by the KUSA Office as a consequence of its preparation of the proposed changes to Schedule 05B(02) contained in **deferred** Proposal 1.

Proposal:

Housekeeping to amend the spelling of “Track Layer” to one word, “Tracklayer” and, likewise, “Track Laying” to “Tracklaying”.

Motivation:

Upon receipt of the Proposal 1 above, it was noticed that the spelling of “Track Layer” and “Track Laying” was not grammatically correct. Although the error has been rectified in the **deferred** Proposal 1, Proposal 2 seeks to correct the error throughout Schedule 05B(02).

Proposed housekeeping amendments to Schedule 05B(02):

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

CONTENT

2.8 [~~Track laying~~] **Tracklaying**

2 MANAGEMENT OF FCI-IGP

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		<p>2.8 [Track laying] Tracklaying No track shall be laid by a Track Layer who is a member of the same household as the owner or the Handler of the dog. The age of the track is to be calculated from the time the [Track Layer] Tracklayer commences the laying of the track.</p> <p>On a proposal by DS, seconded by CC, it was decided that there was no reason for the KUSA Office <i>not</i> to proceed with housekeeping changes to Schedule 05B(02) in its entirety and the KUSA Office was therefore duly authorised to make the changes.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.5	Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials
	12.5.1	<p>Proposed amendments to the J/1 Judging Contract</p> <p>Submitted by NAPC Tracking Trials Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Proposal: To allow Judges to use an aid when walking over the rough terrain experienced in field-based sports such as Tracking Trials, Working Trials, Field Trials, IGP and Working Utility Dog.</p> <p>Motivation: The nature of Tracking Trials, Working Trials, Field Trials, IGP and Working Utility Dog is such that the land is often ploughed land, harvested land (for feed) or open veld, which is extremely uneven, and even the most agile of Judges sometimes step into holes and trip over vegetation. In addition, our Judges are watching dogs and handlers whilst walking and so are not watching the land surfaces for pitfalls. As such, they are in even more danger of falling on uneven land surfaces.</p> <p>To safeguard the health and mobility of our Judges, we request that the clause be amended to allow for Judges to use appropriate mechanical or physical aids (such as leaning on a tracking pole/shepherd's staff, or stick, while walking behind a competitor), should they believe that such aids would be conducive to their mobility during the various exercises.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>The changes proposed below, if approved, are proposed to be made to the following sections of the J/1 Judging Contract:</p> <p>9. By entering into this Contract, the Judge warrants that [...] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) when contracted to judge Working Trials (Classic), Tracking Trials, Working Utility Dog, Dog Rescue or IGP Trials, he/she <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) is at a physical and psychological fitness level that would allow him/her to move freely during all exercises and being able to follow a dog while the dog is on track, or during the search & identify exercises in Working Utility Dog or Tracker Dog stakes or during quartering search in the Police Dog Stake; ii) is capable of completing the judging assignment without any physical or mechanical assistance, <u>or with appropriate mechanical or physical assistance to aid the Judge to move freely over the terrain used during all exercises</u> (refer to 9(c)(i) above). </p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by JH, the proposed amendments to the J/1 Judging Contract were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>

	12.6		Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6) – Regulations for Field Trials
		12.6.1	<p>Report by the Field Trial Liaison Council Chairman</p> <p>Field Trial Liaison Council’s Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>2023 Continued to be a challenging year for the field trialling community, however, there were significant activity and positive development, especially in the Gundog Hunting Tests and Versatile Hunting Tests fraternities.</p> <p>The majority of disciplines were successful in holding successful Field Trials and Tests across the country. On the upside, a total of 383 dogs ran in Retriever Trials, 49 in Spaniel Trials, 5 dogs ran in the Natural Ability Test, 34 in HPR Trials, 30 in Shooting Ratings, 15 in Versatile Hunting Tests (Pointing Breeds) and 19 in Gundog Hunting Tests.</p> <p>A number of Retriever Clubs and Versatile Breed Clubs also managed to hold Working Tests and workshops during the season, which enabled dogs to get some extra training and Trial experience.</p> <p>The FTLC has continued to focus on improving judging skills in all disciplines and on trying to attract new judges to the sport. To this extent, five new candidates registered for judging exams this year and four Judging/Test Seminars were held by the various disciplines and were attended by large numbers of Judges and participants.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tough Calls Judges Seminar for Retrievers 2. Tough Calls Judges Seminar for Spaniels 3. Versatile Hunting Dogs Test Seminar 4. Gundog Hunting Test Seminar <p>These were all sponsored by the FTLC and were extremely successful.</p> <p>New written examinations were drafted for Schedules 05C(3) and 05C(6) and are now available for aspirant Judges.</p> <p>The Retriever Disciplines also amended the Schedule 05C(1) (Retrievers) to include “single dog registration” for purposes of allowing entry to Field Trials of non-breed KUSA-registered dogs under special dispensation as a Working Retriever.</p> <p>A proposed Field Trial calendar has been set for 2024 with a total of 34 events proposed, which we look forward to seeing rolling out in the new season.</p> <p>For those readers interested in learning more or participating in Field Trials, the FTLC website (http://www.kusa.coza/fieldtrials) contains up to date information and links to the Field Trial Clubs.</p> <p>Dr Alan Kloeck Chairman: Field Trial Liaison Council of KUSA</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Chairman of the Field Trial Liaison Council.</p>
		12.6.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials</p> <p>Submitted by Field Trials Liaison Council.</p> <p>Proposal 1: Clarification of A.3.2.8 – Single Dog Registration.</p> <p>Motivation:</p>

		<p>To clarify which dogs are eligible to be registered as a Single Dog on the Dogsport Record and be allowed to enter Field Trials.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(1): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>A.3.2.8 Single Dog Registration Retriever-type dogs, Retriever (Chesapeake Bay); Retriever (Curly Coated); Retriever (Flat Coated); Retriever (Golden); Retriever (Labrador), registered with KUSA on the Single Dog – <i>Dogsport Record</i> (Dogs of any Ancestry) may enter any stake as defined in A.3.2.3 and A3.2.5 at the discretion of the Management Committee of the Club holding the [field trials] Field Trials but may not be placed, nor receive awards, Guns' Choice, SAHR points, nor champion status.</p> <p>[A handler/owner, who has never participated in Retriever field trials, may only submit registration for one dog on the Single Dog – <i>Dogsport Record</i> for participation in field trials to ensure that new handlers are encouraged to purchase pure breed Retrievers thereafter.]</p> <p><u>A handler/owner may only ever register one dog on the Single Dog – Dogsport Record for participation in [field trials] Field Trials to [ensure that new encourage handlers [are encouraged] to thereafter purchase Retrievers registered on the KUSA Primary Breed Register. [registered Retrievers thereafter.]</u></p> <p>Proposal 2: Housekeeping amendment submitted by the KUSA Office Whilst submitting Proposal 1 from the FTLC, the KUSA Office noticed the incorrect lower-case usage of “field trials”, instead of “Field Trials”.</p> <p>Motivation: To amend Proposal 1 and the following Regulations in Schedule 05C(1) to Field Trials for consistency throughout the Schedule.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(1): Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>A.8.1.5.4.4 Judges that have been inactive in judging and/or running a dog in [field trials] Field Trials for a period of 5 years, will be required to rewrite the examinations on both Schedule 05C(1), and Schedule 03 and Schedule 09, Appendix B, before being re-instated.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by RJ, Proposals 1 and 2 were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red to Schedule 05C(1) contained in Proposal 1, as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.6.3	Schedule 05C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials – no submissions
	12.6.4	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for Hunt Point Retrieve</p> <p>Submitted by Field Trials Liaison Council.</p> <p>Proposal: Amendment to 9.1.2.4 – Rules Governing the Natural Ability Test. To permit Judges from the other testing Schedules 05C(4), 05C(5) and 05C(6), to judge the Field Work Section of the Natural Ability Test. Clarification of references.</p>

Motivation:

Availability of HPR 05C(3) Judges is minimal. Clubs have to go to great expense to pay for transport and accommodation for Judges to officiate at the Natural Ability Test. Taking financial constraints into consideration, it would make matters considerably easier to be able to contract Judges qualified through ~~any of the~~ Schedules 05C(3); (4); (5); and (6), ~~eluster,~~ as relevant. ~~[from the other HPR Testing Schedules.]~~

Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(3)

Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in ~~[struck through square brackets]~~.

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9.3 Natural Ability Specimen Certificate

9.1.2 Rules Governing the Natural Ability Test

~~[9.1.2.4 The test must be conducted by three (3) official Judges, two (2) of whom will be on the A or B Panel for HPR Field Trials, and one (1) of whom will be either on the Gundog Group Panel or on the Panel for the breed(s) being tested. The club will appoint a Senior Judge, who must be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR field trials. The HPR field trial Judges will be responsible for evaluating the obedience and fieldwork sections of the test. Should there be a difference of opinion between these two Judges, the Senior Judge will have the casting vote. The conformation Judge will be responsible only for the conformation evaluation.]~~

9.1.2.4 The Test must be conducted by three (3) Judges, two (2) of whom will be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR Field Trials (HPR) Schedule 05C(3), Shooting Ratings (SR) Schedule 05C(4), Gundog Hunting Tests (GHT) Schedule 05C(5), or Versatile Tests – Pointing Dogs (VT) Schedule 05C(6) and one (1) of whom will be on the KUSA Gundog Group Panel or on the panel for the breed(s) being tested. The Club will appoint a Senior Judge, who must be on the A or B Panel of Judges for HPR, ST, GHT or VT. The HPR, SR, GHT or VT Judges will be responsible for evaluating the Obedience and Fieldwork Sections of the Test. Should there be a difference of opinion between these two Judges, the Senior Judge’s opinion will prevail. ~~will have the casting vote.~~ The conformation Judge will only be responsible for the conformation evaluation.

9.1.4 The Natural Ability Certificate and Title

9.1.4.2 Upon successful completion of the Test, the owner will be issued an official KUSA Natural Ability Certificate by the ~~the~~ Club holding the ~~the~~ Test. The Certificate will state the owner's name, the dog's registered name and registration number, registered names and registration numbers of the dog's sire and dam, the breed of dog, and that the dog has been tested as an all-purpose, versatile hunting dog complying with the minimum standards and natural abilities of an HPR breed (refer ~~8.1.7.4~~ **9.3 SPECIMEN NATURAL ABILITY CERTIFICATE**). The Certificate shall be signed by all Judges and by the Secretary of the Club holding the ~~the~~ Test. (Clubs may, at their discretion, issue an informal ~~the~~ Club certificate to a dog ~~which~~ **that** passes the Obedience, Field- and Waterwork ~~the~~ Sections, but ~~which~~ **that** fails the Conformation ~~the~~ Test. This certificate must be clearly marked to indicate that the dog is not recommended for breeding and that the dog is not qualified to carry the NA title).

9.1.4.3 Official ~~the~~ Test ~~the~~ Sheets (refer 9.2 SPECIMEN NATURAL ABILITY TEST EVALUATION SHEET) of those dogs successfully completing the ~~the~~ Test shall be completed and signed by all Judges and by the Secretary of the Club holding the ~~the~~ Test. ~~[(refer to 8.1.7.2)].~~ It will be the duty of the Club Secretary to send the completed ~~test sheets~~ **Test Sheets** to KUSA for storage and in order that the NA title may be reflected on the dog's **Registration Certificate.** ~~[registration certificate.]~~

			<p><u>9.3 Natural Ability Specimen Certificate</u></p> <p>On a proposal from DS, seconded by CC, the amendments to Schedule 05C(3) were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.6.5		<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Ratings</p> <p>Submitted by the Field Trials Liaison Council.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housekeeping – Capitalisation of C in Constitution, change spelling of ‘Programme’ in 3 places, insertion of words in 1.6.1. 2. Addition of extra criteria for Learner Judges, as well as for B Panel Judges wishing to upgrade to A Panel. 3. Omission of words ‘if possible’ from 3.3.3. <p>Motivation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housekeeping. 2. Addition of extra criteria: To bring requirements in line with the other Testing Schedules, 05C(5) and 05C(6). With the opening up of Schedule 05C(4) to all HPR Breeds, it is necessary to make sure that Judges have practical experience as well as theoretical knowledge. 3. As SDX dogs are expected to back and honour a brace mate, the test MUST be run in braces. <p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05C(4)</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>2.1 Regulations & Licensing</p> <p>2.1.1 Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with the Shooting Ratings as set out in Schedule 03 and Schedule 04 of the [e]C Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa shall apply to the Shooting Ratings <u>insofar</u> [so far] as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 05C(4).</p> <p>D. QUALIFICATION OF JUDGES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [Learner] Aspirant Judge An [Aspiring] <u>Aspirant</u> Learner Judge must pass an Open Book Examination <u>and must have at least successfully handled one (1) dog in NSD and NRD</u> before commencing the practical aspects of Judging Schedule 05C(4). 2. B Panel Judge [2.1 In order to become a B Panel Judge for the Shooting Ratings a Kennel Union member will have had to have officiated as a Learner Judge at a minimum of two (2) occasions at Shooting Ratings and have had reports as to why he “Passed” or “Failed” dogs accepted by the Senior judge at each Rating] 2.1 <u>In order to become a B Panel Judge for [the] Shooting Ratings, an Aspirant Judge must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union</u> • <u>officiate as a [Learner] Aspirant Judge at a minimum of two (2) Shows at Shooting Ratings Tests</u>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>have a minimum of one (1) dog judged at SD and RD level</u> • <u>submit reports on the reasons as to why he “Passed” or “Failed” dogs accepted by the Senior Judge at each Shooting Rating</u> • <u>have successfully handled one or more dog(s) in [at least one (1)] both SD and [one (1)] RD [level]</u> <p>2.3 A Panel Judge [In order to become an A Panel Judge a B Panel Judge, the Judge will have to have acted as a B Panel Judge at least three (3) Shooting Ratings <u>and have successfully handled one or more dog(s) in at least one (1) SD and one (1) RD level</u> and be recommended by the A Panel Judge officiating at each of those Ratings. Upon acceptance by FTLC, Judges will have their names put forward to be included on the list of A Panel Shooting Rating Judges.]</p> <p style="color: red;">In order for a B Panel Judge to be elevated to the A Panel, he must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have acted as a B Panel Judge at no less than three (3) Shooting Ratings • Be recommended to the FTLC by the A Panel Judge(s) officiating at these Shooting Ratings for elevation to the A Panel • <u>Have successfully handled one or more dog(s) in both SD and RD</u> • Upon acceptance by the FTLC, Judges will have their names put forward to be included on the list of A Panel Shooting Rating Judges <p>1.6 Compulsory number of Judges for various Classes The minimum compulsory number of [panel] Judges for the various classes is two (2), of which one (1) is to be <u>designated as</u> Senior Judge.</p> <p>1.6.1 Senior Judge The affiliated [e]Club holding a Shooting Rating must appoint the Senior Judge <u>from the A Panel list</u>.</p> <p>3.3 SHOOTING DOG EXCELLENT (SDX) 3.3.3 Dogs shall be run in Braces [if possible] and the [test] <u>Test</u> shall be set as close as possible <u>to [as]</u> a natural shooting situation. <u>Dogs must demonstrate all relevant manners required by the Test.</u> [with all manners associated with that type of test required.]</p> <p>The proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(4) were approved, unanimously, subject to the further changes in red above to harmonise the text with the rest of the Schedule.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded MV</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
***	12.6.6		<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests</p> <p>Submitted by Field Trial Liaison Council.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualification of Judges: Broadening criteria. 2. Adding minimum age of the dog. 3. Allowing dogs registered in Judge’s name to run in a trial judged by him. 4. Allowing 50% of fees to be withheld if Test is cancelled. 5. Allowing collars to be used for safety purposes. 6. Allowing for outstanding work to be acknowledged. 7. Describing conformation faults. 8. Age restriction on higher Tests. 9. The balance of changes is housekeeping.

		<p>Motivation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assess if the Learner Judge has a thorough understanding of the work required. 2. To set the minimum age limit. 3. On numerous occasions dogs could not be tested, [owing] due to the fact that change of ownership from breeder (Judge) to new owner has not taken place. 4. Preparation for Tests (acquisition of cold game) is done well in advance of the Tests. Survey and preparation of the grounds are also done in advance. 5. Many breeds range far and wide and for safety it may be necessary to be able to track the dog. The Tests include forest work, where it is essential to be able to track the dog. 6. To give extra credit for outstanding work. 7. Defining conformation faults. 8. These Tests are too advanced for a very young dog. 9. New score sheets – simplified for ease of use. 10. Housekeeping – Certain aspects were lost in translation. With different software systems, mistakes occurred. 11. FTLC Schedules must be amended at Fedco 12-2023 to be effective for an entire season. <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05C(5) attached. Proposed amendments to related Test Report Cards attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Hunting Test • Utility Hunting Test • Youth Hunting Test • After Shot Hunting Test <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by DS, the amendments to Schedule 05C(5) were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded on the Schedule attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.6.7	Schedule 05C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds – no submissions
	12.7	Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades
	12.7.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee’s Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>Over the past year, the National Sub-Committee has striven to improve the Dogsport of Dog Jumping with regulation changes that benefit both dog, handler and Judge. To this end, I would like to thank the National Sub-Committee members for their dedication to the sport and its longevity.</p> <p>I would like to thank Carolyn Chelchinsky as Secretary, and all newcomers on the National Committee. I hope we can grow the sport further.</p> <p>The past year has been a strange year for the Dog Jumping fraternity. We had a refresher Dog Jumping course and thank all who attended from Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and KZN.</p> <p>At the NAPC Bumper Weekend, the Interprovincial was held. Thanks to all the Provincial Councils for fielding teams.</p>

			<p>The Dog Jumping League has been a success and is growing. Thanks to all the Provincial Councils for coming on board.</p> <p>Again, to the National Sub-Committee, keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you.</p> <p>Bobby Boyd Convener: National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.8		<p>Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting</p>
		12.8.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Dog Carting Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>Provincial Councils with Carting Sub-Committees have steadfastly continued to train and to encourage Clubs to hold Shows. Grateful thanks to the hosting Clubs throughout SA for offering Carting at their shows.</p> <p>Carting Judges have happily stepped forward when asked to judge. Thank you all for giving up your time.</p> <p>Carting entries have varied from Show to Show because of the economic conditions in the country. This has hampered Clubs to budget for Shows in advance.</p> <p>We have found that travelling out of province has hampered many carters to fulfil requirements needed to make dogs into Grand Champions and obtain colours. It is likely that requirements in the near future to obtain these will have to be altered.</p> <p>The KUSA Nationals were held in Gauteng and the National Judge travelled from KZN to fulfil this appointment.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the strain on handlers' pockets will not hamper Shows continuing in the near future.</p> <p>Let's continue to enjoy our sport.</p> <p>Eleanor Gow Convener: National Dog Carting Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Dog Carting Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.9		<p>Schedule 05L (Appendix A to and including Appendix I) – Regulations for Agility</p>
		12.9.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Agility Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023 as per the Annual Report presented at the NAgSC AGM held in June 2023:</p> <p>During the past year, the NAgSC members have been kept very busy attending to several key initiatives. The bulk of these initiatives were necessary to align and update our KUSA Schedules with the recent FCI changes. The major activities undertaken during this last year include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting towards FCI Agility Rule changes; and • Updating of the KUSA Schedule 05L and relevant Appendices.

		<p>In addition, we successfully handled the regular annual events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC Finals 2022; • National Agility League 2022; and • SAAC Trials 2023. <p>I wish to thank the entire NAGSC for their efforts, as well as the KUSA Office support team for their assistance.</p> <p>FCI Agility Rule Changes: The FCI Agility Commission undertakes an exercise of updating its rules once every 5 years. There were some notable changes this time around, namely the addition of new Intermediate height category (previous incorporated into the Large height category) and the removal of the up-contact judging criteria on the Dog Walk and the A-Frame, being the most significant.</p> <p>KUSA Schedule 05L and appendices changes: The NAGSC spent significant time ensuring that the relevant parts of Schedule 05L were updated to be aligned with the FCI rule changes, as well as updating the Schedule 05L to improve readability, improve the nomenclature and standardisation of terminology.</p> <p>SAAC Finals 2022: The KZN Agility Sub-Committee hosted SAAC 2022 and the event was a significant success. The event attracted competitors from around the country and a Kelpie won the Large height category for the first time. I would like to thank Bev and her team for organising and hosting the event.</p> <p>Nutribyte renewed their sponsorship of the event for 2022, which was greatly appreciated. A small team (eventually 2 handler-and-dog teams) were selected to represent KUSA and the FCI AWC 2022 in Austria.</p> <p>National Agility League 2022: The National Agility League for 2022 was very successful, with a total of R20 200.00 being raised as Entry Fees. This is the highest amount recorded in the last 4 years. The top 5 dogs received automatic qualifications towards SAAC 2023, and dog brush prizes sponsored by Pet Teezer.</p> <p>SAAC Trials 2023: A significant number of dogs entered the SAAC Trials for 2023, with Entry Fees increasing by over 15% versus 2022. A new format of selection for the SAAC Finals is being used from 2023, which eliminates the previous concerns of reserves and waiting lists.</p> <p>This appears to have been widely accepted, and appreciated by all handlers. Everyone is looking forward to the DOGSPC Agility Sub-Committee hosting the event again in June 2023. Nutribyte have again renewed their title sponsorship for the event.</p> <p>Rob Hall Convener: National Agility Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Agility Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.9.2	Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility
	12.9.3	Schedule 05L Appendix A – FCI Agility World Championships
	12.9.4	Schedule 05L Appendix B – FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines
	12.9.5	Schedule 05L Appendix C – Regulations for the selection of the South African Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships
	12.9.6	Schedule 05L Appendix D – Regulations for the South African Agility Championships
	12.9.7	Schedule 05L Appendix E – Regulations for Agility Judges
	12.9.8	Schedule 05L Appendix F – Regulations for the National Agility League (NAL)

	12.9.9	Schedule 05L Appendix G – Regulations for the Annual National Agility Inter-Provincial Competition
	12.9.10	Schedule 05L Appendix H – FCI Agility Judging Guidelines
	12.9.11	Schedule 05L Appendix I – FCI Agility Regulations.
	12.10	Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball – no submissions
	12.10.1	Report by National Sub-Committee Convener Report attached to the Agenda. Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Flyball Sub-Committee.
	12.11	Aptitude Testing – no submissions
	12.12	Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT) – no submissions
	12.13	Schedule 05R – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) & Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS)
	12.13.1	Proposed amendments to Schedule 05R Heelwork to Music (+associated changes to Schedule 03 and Application Forms) – Inclusion of Supreme Champion Status Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees. Proposal: Dog Dancing proposes to amend the Schedules for both Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music to include a Supreme Champion . This level would follow on the Grand Champion level. Motivation: Several handlers and dogs have achieved the Grand Champion title – the highest level in this form of Dogsport. The handlers and dogs are currently just competing and getting QCs with nothing more to strive for. It is proposed to introduce a new, higher level – Supreme Champion – which will provide an incentive to continue achieving in this form of Dogsport. 1. The qualification scores will be higher than for the Advanced level – 9.5 for both Technical Merit and Artistic Interpretation. 2. The handler and dog will achieve the title Supreme Champion when they have obtained 10 QCs with a score of 9.5 or higher in both TM and AI. Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets] Proposed changes to Schedule 05R attached . 42.13.1 <u>The title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Supreme Champion and a KUSA Certificate to any dog that has achieved Advanced Level and has been awarded ten (10) Qualifying Certificates with minimum qualifying scores as specified in Schedule 05R Regulation 7.2.4.2, with no more than four (4) awarded by one Judge in any one of the following categories: Singles, Pairs, Brace, Group, Veterans, Handy Dandy. All ten (10) Qualifying Certificates must be earned at Advanced Level and achieved in the same category and the category will be stated in brackets after the title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Supreme Champion.</u> On a proposal from NdP, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 05R were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above. Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.
	12.13.2	Proposed amendments to Schedule 05R Heelwork to Music (HTM) – Inclusion of a Junior Level

		<p>Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees.</p> <p>Proposal: Dog Dancing proposes to include a new class – Junior Level for under 18s.</p> <p>Motivation: Presently we have two Juniors (under 18 years of age) that are competing in Dog Dancing. As there is no Junior Level, they have to compete in the Adult Division and achieve qualifying scores at that level.</p> <p>In most countries where Dog Dancing is practised, a special level for Junior handlers is on offer. We would like to update our Schedules to include a Junior Level with scores that are obtainable for under 18s. We believe that, by offering a Junior Level, it will attract more handlers under eighteen years of age to the sport.</p> <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05R attached. Proposed Dog Dancing Junior Record Card 2023 attached.</p> <p>2.9.1.4 JUNIOR LEVEL 2.9.1.4.1 entry of one dog and one handler. The handler must be <u>at least eight (8) years of age, but under the age of eighteen (18) years of age</u> at the time of the competition.</p> <p>8.9 JUNIOR LEVEL GUIDELINES 8.9.1 Junior competition age is open to competitors <u>between the age of eight (8) and of eighteen (18), years and under</u>. However, if the handler has earned at least one (1) qualification in Level 3, a six-month leeway will be given to the handler to earn their <u>Dog Dancing HTM Junior</u> title. 8.9.2 <u>When moving up to the Adult classes after competing in the Junior <u>Levels divisions</u>, they enter the Adult division at the Beginner <u>Level</u>.</u> 8.9.3 <u>Entry forms for a <u>the Junior handler Level</u> must be signed by a parent / guardian.</u> 8.9.4 <u>The <u>Junior's</u> music, costume and dance movements at <u>Junior Level</u> must be approved as appropriate for the <u>entrant's</u> age.</u> 8.9.5 <u>Once a Junior has received 3 Qualifying Certificates in Level 3, they will receive the title <u>of Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) Junior</u>.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 05R were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.13.3	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S Musical Freestyle (MF) (+associated changes to Schedule 03 and Application Forms) – Inclusion of Supreme Champion Status</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees</p> <p>Proposal: Dog Dancing proposes amendments to the Schedules for both Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music to include a Supreme Champion. This level would follow on the Grand Champion level.</p> <p>Motivation: Several handlers and dogs have achieved the Grand Champion title – the highest level in this form of Dogsport. The handlers and dogs are currently just competing and getting QCs with nothing more to strive for. It is proposed to introduce a new higher level – Supreme Champion – which will provide an incentive to continue achieving in this form of Dogsport.</p>

		<p>1. The qualification scores will be higher than for the Advanced level – 9.5 for both Technical Merit and Artistic Interpretation.</p> <p>2. The handler and dog will achieve the title Supreme Champion when they have obtained 10 QCs with a score of 9.5 or higher in both TM and AI.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05S attached.</p> <p>42.13.2 <u>The title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Supreme Champion and a KUSA Certificate to any dog that has achieved Advanced Level and has been awarded ten (10) Qualifying Certificates, with minimum qualifying scores as specified in Schedule 05S Regulation 7.2.4.2, with no more than four (4) awarded by one Judge in any one of the following categories: Singles, Pairs, Brace, Group, Veterans, Handy Dandy. All ten (10) Qualifying Certificates must be earned at Advanced Level and achieved in the same category and the category will be stated in brackets after the title of Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Supreme Champion.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 05S were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.13.4	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05S Musical Freestyle – Inclusion of a Junior Level</p> <p>Submitted by DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees</p> <p>Proposal: Dog Dancing proposes to include a new class – Junior Level for under 18s.</p> <p>Motivation: Presently we have two Juniors (under 18 years of age) that are competing in Dog Dancing. As there is no Junior Level, they have to compete in the Adult Division and achieve qualifying scores at that level.</p> <p>In most countries where Dog Dancing is practised, special level for Junior handlers is on offer. We would like to update our Schedules to include a Junior Level with scores that are obtainable for under 18s. We believe that, by offering a Junior Level, it will attract more handlers under eighteen years of age to the sport.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05S attached. Proposed Dog Dancing Junior Record Card 2023 attached.</p> <p>2.9.1.4 JUNIOR LEVEL <u>2.9.1.4. entry of one dog and one handler. The handler must be at least eight (8) years of age, but under the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the competition.</u></p> <p>8.9 JUNIOR LEVEL GUIDELINES</p> <p>8.9.1 <u>Junior competition age is open to competitors between the age of eight (8) and of eighteen (18), years and under. However, if the handler has earned at least one (1) qualification in Level 3, a six-month leeway will be given to the handler to earn their Dog Dancing MF Junior title.</u></p> <p>8.9.2 <u>When moving up to the Adult classes after competing in the Junior Levels divisions, they enter the Adult division at the Beginner Level.</u></p>

		<p>8.9.3 <u>Entry forms for a-the Junior handler Level must be signed by a parent / guardian.</u></p> <p>8.9.4 <u>The Junior's music, costume and dance movements at Junior Level must be approved as appropriate for the entrant's age.</u></p> <p>8.9.5 <u>Once a Junior has received 3 Qualifying Certificates in Level 3, they will receive the title of Dog Dancing Musical Freestyle (MF) Junior.</u></p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 05S were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
	12.14	<p>Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog</p>
	12.14.1	<p>Report by National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Rally Dog Sub-Committee Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>The National Rally Dog Sub-Committee has had a year of setting and achieving goals, across SA, as has each province that makes up the NRDSC.</p> <p>We continue to grow our Dogsport beautifully in all provinces and have added to the pool of Judges in most provinces, holding Judges' Workshops and preparing Aspirant Judges for the exams to be written, and then also assisting those who require shadow appointments so they may feel confident to step into the ring to judge.</p> <p>All provinces have been issuing Record Cards and, although I do not have a total from each province, I am informed that all provinces have grown Rally Dog.</p> <p>Rally Dog was included for the first time in the KUSA Nationals 2023 held in Gauteng. The result was an unbelievable tie for 1st place between WC's Syla Stringer & Danny and KZN's Maxine Quinton & Kendo, these two dogs achieving the exact same score within the exact same time, with Sylvia's dog, Lizzie, taking 3rd place. We are proud of all the handlers and their dogs.</p> <p>We had an interesting year in terms of FCI, where Mr Martinus van der Vyver resigned as FCI Representative for South Africa and Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys was unanimously elected as FCI Representative. Chantal updates us with the following:</p> <p>The FCI Rally Obedience Commission (FCI ROC) is currently made up of 13 countries. Their Representatives officially meet online every two months, where South Africa is represented by Chantal Ross-Germishuys with a vote. These are official meetings that are recorded in writing and submitted to the FCI which, in turn, submits the Minutes of Meetings to Fedco. Every other month an informal meeting takes place. There is also a closed group on Facebook where members of the FCI ROC have ongoing discussions regarding rules & regulations, questions, suggestions, etc.</p> <p>The FCI ROC Annual Meeting took place in Germany from 18 to 20 August 2023. Countries that could not attend in person joined via Skype. Accordingly, South Africa was represented.</p> <p>The focus of the FCI ROC for the past year has seen changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FCI ROC World Championship Regulations. 2. Judging Guidelines. 3. New signs with detailed explanations. 4. Video clips with different dog breeds showing how signs are executed. 5. Building a Judges' Training Section that can be shared by the FCI Representative with their respective countries. 6. Course Planner and Judging Sheet for Judges.

		<p>The FCI ROC hope to pass all of the above shortly and will then distribute the information to the various countries that form part of the Commission. The NRDSC will then make a decision on when to implement the changes that pertain to South Africa.</p> <p>Taking the above into account, the FCI will be issuing the new signs in due course and the NRDSC have voted to follow the FCI numbering of signs, but to also retain our current SA signs and re-number them at the end of each level of signs.</p> <p>As there are some changes to address in the Schedule 05T, the NRDSC agreed to wait for the June 2024 Fedco meeting for the changes to incorporate the new signs as well.</p> <p>Thank you to the people who make up the NRDSC for their time and efforts to keep and grow this Dogsport across South Africa. Thank you also to KUSA and Fedco for their support of Rally Dog to date.</p> <p>Robyn Clements Convener: National Rally Dog Sub-Committee</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Convener of the National Rally Dog Sub-Committee.</p>
	12.15	Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring – no submissions
		12.15.1 Schedule 05U – Appendix A – International Rules of Mondioring Competition
		12.15.2 Schedule 05U – Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA) Requirements for Mondioring
13		MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 05E – no submissions
14		MATTERS RELATING TO COMPANION EVENTS – SCHEDULE 11 + Schedules 11(A), 11(B) and 11(C)
	14.1	<p>Schedule 11(A) – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) (Fedco 06-2019 end of Item 5.1, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.1.2, Fedco 06-2021 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 12-2021 Item 5.23.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 12.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 12.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 13.1)</p> <p>No submissions.</p>
	14.2	<p>Schedule 11(B) – Regulations for Scent Work (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20)</p> <p>No submissions.</p>
	14.3	<p>Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog Test (Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.10, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.19, Fedco 06-2022 Item 12.3.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 12.3)</p>
		<p>14.3.1 Proposed amendments to Schedule 11(C)</p> <p>Submitted by Trick Dog Evaluators.</p> <p>Proposal: To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend heading to align with that of other Schedules • Remove the word ‘Test’ from Trick Dog Tests as dogs are evaluated and not tested • Remove obsolete passages, e.g. grandfathering clauses • Grammar corrections • Reduce number of repetitions required as it is proving excessive in certain tricks (introduced to see competency vs one lucky shot) • Introduce the ability to append qualifications after a dog’s name for the lower levels (i.e. not Champion) • Clarify wording, which is proving problematic, e.g. use of food and lures • Introduce the ability to fail tests outright under certain circumstances <p>Motivation: As Trick Dog grows and develops, certain refinements have become necessary. In addition, the initial clauses to grandfather Judges and dogs have become irrelevant and should be removed to avoid confusion going forward.</p>

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

Proposed amendments to Schedule 11(C) attached.

8.2.1 Tests may be failed outright should the Evaluator find the dog 'not ready' on the following number of tricks:

Elementary – ~~no limit~~ no restrictions

Beginners – ~~no limit~~ no restrictions

Novice – being found 'not ready' on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Intermediate – being found 'not ready' on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Advanced – being found 'not ready' on more than 1/3 of the tricks

Champion – being found 'not ready' on more than 1/3 of the tricks. Each trick may only be resubmitted once following which the entire submission must be re-entered.

Speciality – ~~no limit~~ no restrictions

8.2.2 Where submissions are failed, at least one (1) other Evaluator will evaluate the submission before a final decision is reached. Where necessary, a third Evaluator will be consulted. The majority decision shall be final.

8.3 The owner of any KUSA-registered dog which has been awarded a qualification may use the abbreviation of the most senior level achieved as an ~~appendage~~ suffix to a dog's registered name. In order to have qualifications placed on any registration records, a copy of the relevant certificate must be submitted to the KUSA Office.

8.3.1 The suffix abbreviations to be used are:

Elementary TkD-E

Beginners TkD-B

Novice TkD-N

Intermediate TkD-I

Advanced TkD-A

Renumber subsequent sections

11.1 ELEMENTARY TRICK DOG

Number of Evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must be at least six (6) months old to take part in the test. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner **does not have to be a member of KUSA** and **the** dog **does** not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Eight (8) tricks from at least four (4) different categories.

Use of food and lures: [~~Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.~~] **The handler may have food on his person. You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets).**

Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed. Luring **with toys or food** will be allowed [~~-Feed may be used~~] in the execution of 4 of the 8 tricks and handlers must indicate

whether or not they are using **a lure** [food]. If the test is performed live, the **Evaluator** must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.2 BEGINNER TRICK DOG

Number of Evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must be at least six (6) months old to take part in the test. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner **does not have to be a member of KUSA** and **the dog does** not have to be registered with KUSA. Dogs must have passed either Elementary Trick Dog or Canine Good Citizen Bronze to participate in this level.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: [~~Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.~~] **The handler may have food on his person. You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets).**

Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed. Luring **with toys or food will be allowed** in the execution of **seven (7)** [~~five (5)~~] of the fifteen (15) tricks and handlers must indicate whether or not they are using **a lure** [food]. If the test is performed live, the **Evaluator** must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.3 NOVICE TRICK DOG

Number of Evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Beginners Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner **does not have to be a member of KUSA** and **the dog does** not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: [~~Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.~~] **The handler may have food on his person. You may have food on your body (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets).**

Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed. [~~Can have food in hand but not for luring.~~] Luring will be allowed in **five (5)** [~~seven (7)~~] of the fifteen (15) tricks. [~~Food lures may not be used.~~] If the test is performed live, the **Evaluator** must ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.

11.4 INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG

Number of Evaluators required: One (1)

Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Novice Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner **does not have to be a member of KUSA** and **the dog does** not have to be registered with KUSA.

Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.

Use of food and lures: [~~Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.~~] **The handler may have food on his person (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated.** [~~Luring will be allowed in five (5) of the fifteen (15) tricks.~~] Food **and toy** lures may not be used. If the test is performed live, the **Evaluator** must

		<p>ensure that the handlers use food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.</p> <p>11.5 ADVANCED TRICK DOG</p> <p>Number of Evaluators required: One (1)</p> <p>Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Advanced Trick Dog. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner does not have to be a member of KUSA and the dog does not have to be registered with KUSA.</p> <p>Number of tricks required: Fifteen (15) tricks from at least ten (10) different categories.</p> <p>Use of food and lures: [Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.] The handler may have food on his person (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated. Luring will not be allowed. If the test is performed live, the Evaluator must ensure that the handlers reward with food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handlers undertaking testing at the time.</p> <p>11.6 CHAMPION TRICK DOG</p> <p>Number of Evaluators required: Two (2), one (1) of which must be a Senior Evaluator</p> <p>Eligibility: Dogs must have passed Advanced. Dogs must be microchipped. Handler/owner must be a member of KUSA and the dog MUST be registered with KUSA.</p> <p>Number of tricks required: Eight (8) tricks from at least five (5) different categories, plus the three compulsory tricks listed below</p> <p>Use of food and lures: [Handlers may have food on them provided it is in a pocket or treat bag and may reward their dog after each trick is performed.] The handler may have food on his person (which includes treat-bags and/or pockets) but not in your hands or mouth. Food and toys may be in a nearby container. Handlers may reward their dog after each trick is performed except where otherwise stated. Luring will not be allowed. [Food lures may not be used.] If the test is performed live, the Evaluator must ensure that the handlers reward with food judiciously, showing due consideration for other handler undertaking testing at the time.</p> <p>On a proposal from RJ, seconded by DS, the amendments to Schedule 11(C) were approved, unanimously, subject to the changes in red as recorded above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024, but may be implemented on the publication of these Minutes.</p>
15		MATTERS RELATING TO JUDGING OF BREED AND DOGSPORT
	15.1	<p>Report by the Chairman of the JEC for presentation at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>The Chairman of the JEC, Clr BG Robinson, reported on the activities of the JEC since Fedco 06-2023 and highlighted the progress and achievements of Learner Judges on the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme during this period. He reflected on the quality of the webinars the JEC had been able to present to Learners, in the majority of cases featuring Breed Specialist from all over the world as presenters.</p> <p>Clr Robinson drew the attention of Fedco to the duly motivated changes in the structure of the JEC, covered in detail in the Agenda and due to be expanded in the Minutes. He also set out his vision for the JEC going forward, following Fedco's decision to restore the JEC's core administrative functions to the KUSA Judges' Department, where they more appropriately belong.</p>

		<p>Clr Robinson thanked all those who had given so liberally of their time and expertise to ensure that the JEC remained faithful to its mission to “deliver skills-ready Judges capable of acquitting themselves exceptionally well in the global fields of conformation and Dogsport judging.”</p> <p>In closing, Clr Robinson appealed to the Provincial Council Chairmen to play a meaningful role in Judges’ Education in their Provinces, which would require their acquainting themselves with the Regulations governing the KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme in order to assist Learners in need of advice, or guidance.</p> <p>Fedco thanked the Chairman of the JEC for his leadership and his creative approach to problem-solving and accepted the report by acclamation.</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Chairman of the JEC.</p>
	15.2	<p>JEC Constitution</p> <p><i>[Note: The JEC, established in terms of Article 3.11 of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) as a sui generis Council, shall operate nationally under the provisions of this Constitution and under such additional powers as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Federal Council of KUSA.</i></p> <p><i>The Federal Council of KUSA may, at any time, revoke any or all of the powers granted to the JEC.</i></p> <p><i>Acceptance of proposed amendments to the JEC Constitution are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and are for noting by all other parties.]</i></p>
	15.2.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Changes to the JEC Constitution and Schedules (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the Chairman of the JEC, followed by a Fedco round robin on 12 November 2023 requested by the Chairman of the Federal Council, on behalf of the Acting Secretary.</p> <p>Proposal: To amend the JEC Constitution and to amend the positions and Key Functions of the members of the JEC as recorded on Annexure “B” to the JEC Constitution. Additionally, to amend the JEC Schedules to accord with the changes to Annexure “B”.</p> <p>Background and Motivation: In line with Fedco’s decision to recruit extra staff on a fixed-term or limited duration contract basis, to address staff- and skills-shortages in certain departments of the KUSA Office, it was concluded at Fedco 06-2023 that it had become necessary to restore to the KUSA Office the Administrative functions of the JEC which, since the inception of the Council, had been outsourced to the JEC due to the limited staff resources at the time.</p> <p>In September 2023, Mrs Audrey Hauptfleisch (Gauteng) was engaged on a limited duration part-time employment basis to act as the JEC Administrative and Judges’ Approval Procurement Officer. The appointment of Mrs Hauptfleisch (Gauteng) was envisaged to relieve the administrative burden on Mrs Nadine Shortland, Shows’ and Judges’ Administrator.</p> <p>Following the distribution of the Agenda of Fedco 12-2023, certain additional developments occurred, or were brought to the attention of the JEC representatives on Fedco, which compelled more extensive amendments to particularly Annexure “B” of JEC Constitution and the following JEC Schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course ● Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course

- **Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course**
- **Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme**

The recent developments, which compelled additional amendments were, in essence, the following:

- The JEC Representatives on Fedco were reminded by the KUSA Office that, in her email dated 5 January 2023, Dr Heidi Rolfes had advised the JEC Resources Team of her withdrawal from all JEC-related webinar activities and, more importantly, that, due to mounting work pressures, she **would not be able to continue as Interim Support Officer beyond 2023**. In that stand-in capacity, Dr Rolfes had essentially been responsible for the signing off of Learner Judges’ Portfolios prior to their enrolment for any Paper 2 of the KUSA Breed Judges’ examinations. In her email of 5 January 2023, she stated that: “I am only able to fulfil my job to mark the Portfolios in 2023.” Dr Rolfes’s withdrawal from the position of Interim Support Officer post 2023 was acknowledged by JH, JEC Representative on Fedco, on behalf of the JEC, with grateful thanks to Dr Rolfes for her preparedness to serve out the current year.
- Ms Joy McFarlane advised her retirement, effective 1 January 2024, from the JEC due to pressures to deliver on remunerated freelance work in an email dated 28 October 2023, but indicated that she would be available to accept commissions from KUSA should her professional services be required and her schedule permitted the acceptance of KUSA-commissions. GR, Chairman of the JEC, accepted Ms McFarlane’s “retirement” as a member of the JEC on 7 November 2023.
- Mrs Sally Young has indicated her willingness to accept an invitation to join the JEC as its Resources Officer, having caretaken the position for a period of two years, assisted by Ms Michelle Tregoning and JH. Her formal appointment was subject to Fedco’s approval.

The JEC Representatives on Fedco have spent an inordinate amount of time on a restructuring plan for the JEC, compelled by the foreseen and unforeseen developments mentioned above. The proposed plan has been discussed with the General Manager which, in principle, was accepted on behalf of the KUSA Office. In consequence, the JEC Representatives on Fedco appealed to Fedco to consider the necessary amendment of the **JEC Constitution as per Item 15.2.2**, the consolidated amendments to the **JEC Constitution Annexure “B” as per Item 15.2.3**, and the amendments to the respective **JEC Schedules as per Items 15.3.1 to 15.3.4**.

In its **unanimous acceptance** of the proposed amendments to the **JEC Constitution**, the **JEC Constitution Annexure “B”**, and the respective **JEC Schedules**, by Fedco round robin circulated on 12 November 2023, Fedco issued the following **Directive** to the KUSA Office with regard to the reassignment of the JEC’s functions and its administrative structure going forward:

- That the JEC Constitution be amended as proposed.
- That Annexure “B” to the JEC Constitution be amended as proposed and that the administrative functions of the JEC, now re-assigned to the KUSA Judges Department, be contained within Annexure “B” under an appropriate heading.
- That Schedule 10 Appendix 1 (Group Course), Schedule 10 Appendix 2 (Junior Showmanship Course), Schedule 10 Appendix 3 (Breed Specialisation Course) and Schedule 10 (KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme) be amended as proposed.
- That the sign-off of Learners’ Portfolios which, essentially, involves the checking of documentation in order to verify that all the course requirements had been met by the

		<p>Learner in order to enrol for Paper 2 of the various Groups, Breed Specialisation or Junior Showmanship, should be assigned to the KUSA Judges' Department to be assessed by a person with suitable experience as regulated in the appropriate Schedule, with two secondary functions of the Support Officer assigned to the JEC Vice-Chairman and co-representative of the JEC on Fedco.</p> <p>[Note: The above would render the functions of the Support Officer on the JEC, as currently contemplated in Annexure "B", fully re-assigned and make the Support Officer, as initially conceived when the JEC was constituted, a redundant position.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the setting and marking of examination papers should be outsourced by the General Manager of KUSA to a suitably qualified person, in consultation with the JEC's two Fedco Representatives and in liaison with the KUSA Judges' Department. • That commissions relating to curriculum development and updating of existing study materials should be outsourced by the General Manager of KUSA to a suitably qualified person, in consultation with the JEC's two Fedco Representatives and in liaison with the KUSA Judges' Department. • That the preparation and presentation of mandatory seminars and workshops for Learner Judges, whether virtual or face-to-face, should be outsourced by the General Manager of KUSA to a suitably qualified person, in consultation with the JEC's two Fedco Representatives and in liaison with the KUSA Judges' Department. • That Mrs Sally Young must be invited and, if agreeable, be appointed as Resources Officer of the JEC with effect from 1 January 2024, assisted by the Vice-Chairman of the JEC and other persons appointed to the Resources Team to fulfil certain technical and administrative functions. • That a fresh Annexure "B" to the JEC Constitution, incorporating the extensive changes, must be prepared in consultation with the JEC's two Fedco Representatives and be appended to the amended JEC Constitution (refer to Item 15.2.2) for signature by the Chairman of the Federal Council. <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal by GR, seconded by MV, the approval by Fedco of all amendments to the JEC Constitution and the relevant Schedules, culminating in the Directive issued by Fedco to the KUSA Office, were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: Annexure "B" to the JEC Constitution has been subjected to the scrutiny of the KUSA Office, which may result in minor amendments to fill lacunae or remedy anomalies.]</p> <p>[Note: Fedco requested that its thanks and appreciation should be conveyed to Dr Heidi Rolfes and to Ms Joy McFarlane for their years of dedicated service to the JEC.]</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of the Minutes.</p>
	15.2.2	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to the JEC Constitution Clause 7 – Membership (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To amend the JEC Constitution to provide for flexibility in its membership.</p>

		<p>Motivation: In an environment where certain of its functions are executed by the KUSA Office and the rest by its Fedco-appointed members, it is not pragmatic for the JEC to be forced to appoint a minimum number of Members. In the ever-changing landscape of Judges' Education, the JEC needs to be able to be agile in its responses and not be constitutionally constrained by provisions which are no longer appropriate.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>7. Membership</p> <p>7.1. The Members of the JEC shall be <u>appointed by the Federal Council on the recommendation of its two (2) Federal Council Representatives (refer to clause 7.3)</u>, and serve at the sole discretion of the Federal Council.</p> <p>7.2. The Federal Council shall have the right to terminate the appointment of any Member at any time with immediate effect.</p> <p>7.3. The Members of the JEC shall comprise [no fewer than five (5) persons and no more than seven (7),] <u>the number of persons required to execute its various function at any given time</u>, inclusive of the two (2) Federal Council Representatives, designated appointed Chairman of the JEC and Vice-Chairman of the JEC respectively, the balance of whom to act in positions styled and approved by the Federal Council from time to time, fulfilling the key functions associated with those positions as determined by the Federal Council and appended as Annexure "B" hereto.</p> <p>7.4. If deemed advisable by the Federal Council, one Member may hold two or more positions on the JEC and fulfil the functions assigned to those positions in tandem.</p> <p>7.5. The appointment of Members shall be for two (2) calendar years and, during any two-year term, the Federal Councils shall be at liberty to appoint further Members [up to the maximum quota,] or replace Members who have resigned, or whose appointments have been terminated by the Federal Council.</p> <p>7.6. Members may be re-appointed for consecutive terms and there is no limit on the number of terms a Member may serve on the JEC.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>Ratified, unanimously, under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	15.2.3	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Appendix "B" of the JEC Constitution (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To amend the positions and Key Functions of the members of the JEC as recorded in Annexure "B" to the JEC Constitution.</p> <p>Motivation: Refer to Background and Motivation under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>

JUDGES EDUCATION COUNCIL OF KUSA

POSITIONS & KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JEC

(Unless otherwise stated, references refer to Schedule 10, Appendix 1: Group Course)

FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE | CHAIRMAN

- chair all meetings of the JEC
- report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges' Education and educational initiatives for other [Disciplines] **branches of Dogsport** entrusted to the JEC by Fedco
- collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals
- draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco's consideration
- maintain updates to the Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA (*Schedule 9 Appendix "B"*) as required
- draft notices for the KUSA website and for distribution to Judges regarding changes or clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges and judging
- review and moderate examinations
- **prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda**
- **identify additional learning media and/or learning strategies for potential use in the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme**
- **maintain change management and the integrity of the JEC's documentation**
- maintain periodic contact with the JEC Officers via meetings, reports, or feedback

FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE | VICE-CHAIRMAN

- stand in as meeting chair if the Chairman is unable to officiate
- report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges' Education and educational initiatives for other [Disciplines] **branches of Dogsport** entrusted to the JEC by Fedco
- assist the Chairman to draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco's consideration
- collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals
- review and moderate examinations if the Chairman is unable to officiate
- assist the Chairman in drafting notices for the KUSA website and communications to Judges regarding relevant issues, e.g. clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges and judging
- manage the JEC's finances in collaboration with the KUSA Office
- record the minutes of, or notes on, any meeting of the JEC and, if necessary, act as scrutineer for any voting
- **serve as external examiner for requested re-marks**
- **moderate Learner queries and/or complaints**
- **prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda**
- **identify additional learning media and/or learning strategies for potential use in the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme**
- **maintain change management and the integrity of the JEC's documentation**

ADMIN OFFICER

- general administration:
 - * record new applications approved by the JEC (*Reg. 1.2.4.*)
 - * advise and guide Candidates with regard to support material and requirements (*Reg. 1.3.*)
 - * liaise the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop with the Resources Officer (*Reg. 1.4.1.1.*)

- * record Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination (Reg. 1.4.1.)
- * record Learners' chosen course(s) of study (Reg. 2.2.1.)
- * record Learners' successful completion of Breed Tests — as supplied by Assessment Officer (Reg. 2.3.1.7.)
- * record Learners' successful completion of Breed Hallmark Assignment or Breed Assignment (Breed Specialisation Course) — as supplied by Assessment Officer (Reg. 2.3.2.7.)
- * record Learners' pending and completed judging appointments and their specific criteria relating to module requirements (Reg. 2.3.3.7.)
- * record Learners' successful Skills Assessment — as supplied by Assessment Officer (Reg. 2.3.3.7.)
- * record Learners' successful Judging Assessments — as supplied by Assessment Officer (Reg. 2.3.3.7.)
- * request permission from Officiating Judge for Learner Judge to shadow and offer guidelines (Reg. 2.2.4.2.)
- * record Learners' successful completion of Portfolio — as supplied by Support Officer (Reg. 2.4.3.)
- liaise with the KUSA Office
- liaise with Portfolio Officers
- deal with general queries
- record and maintain Learners' credits and progress spreadsheets
- update Learners' credits and progress spreadsheets with the KUSA Office
- any other relevant general administration]

KUSA JUDGES' DEPARTMENT

- **general administration:**
 - * **record new applications approved by the JEC**
 - * **advise and guide Candidates with regard to support material and requirements**
 - * **liaise with the Resources Officer on the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop**
 - * **record Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination**
 - * **record Learners' chosen course(s) of study**
 - * **record Learners' successful completion of Breed Tests, as provided by Assessment Officer**
 - * **record Learners' successful completion of the Breed Hallmark Assignment or Breed Assignment (Breed Specialisation Course) – as supplied by Assessment Officer**
 - * **record Learners' pending and completed judging appointments and their specific criteria relating to module requirements**
 - * **record Learners' successful Skills Assessment – as supplied by Assessment Officer**
 - * **record Learners' successful Judging Assessments, as supplied by Assessment Officer**
 - * **request permission from Officiating Judge for Learner Judge to shadow and offer guidelines**
 - * **record Learners' successful completion of Portfolios – as supplied by Support Officer**
- **liaise with the relevant Departments in the KUSA Office**
- **assess all Portfolios for sign-off under a uniform system of quality control**
- **alert Learners to incomplete requirements and pursue the submission of outstanding documentation**
- **support and guide Learners towards finalisation of their Portfolios**

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>co-ordinate Learners' credits and successful completion of Portfolio and notify the JEC Fedco Representatives of Candidates eligible to sit the Paper 2 exams.</u> • <u>deal with general queries pertaining to the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme</u> • <u>record and maintain Learners' credits and progression on the JEC spreadsheet</u> • <u>update Learners' credits on the KUSA database and website</u> • <u>any other relevant general administration</u> <p>ASSESSMENT OFFICER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain a list of Assessors and Mentors • assign Mentors to Learner Judges for each course of study • assign Assessors to Learner Judges for three of their judging appointments • forward documentation to relevant parties (Breed Tests, Skills Assessment forms, Judging Assessment forms, etc.) • guide Mentors and Assessors in their functions and deal with queries • maintain communication and feedback with Mentors and Assessors • co-ordinate Learners' credits and progress with [Admin Office] KUSA Judges' Department <p>[DEVELOPMENT OFFICER]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research and develop new study materials • review and update existing materials • research and prepare presentations and courses • prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda • identify additional learning media and/or learning strategies for potential use in the Learning Programme • maintain change management and the integrity of the JEC's documentation] <p>[EXAMINATION OFFICER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>liaise the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop with the Resources Officer (Reg. 1.4.1.1.)</u> • <u>advise the KUSA Judges' Department on the Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination (Reg. 1.4.1.)</u> • set new examination questions across all examination sections • review and adjust examination questions in line with study material changes • maintain and reset weighting matrix • set examination scripts and their respective memoranda • mark examination scripts • co-ordinate records with Moderator and KUSA Office • maintain question database and co-ordinate with KUSA Office • undertake the training of identified Officers of the JEC in the methodology and science of exam setting with a view to setting a succession plan in place] <p>RESOURCES OFFICER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule and organise the Level 1 Virtual Workshop • organise seminars and workshops nationally and internationally • maintain timetable of seminars and workshops • prepare and distribute seminar and workshop announcements and publicity on email and appropriate social media platforms • administer registrations for seminars and workshops • explore and alert Learners to potential learning encounters nationally and internationally • create accessible web repository for learning encounters on the KUSA website • alert the Chairman to any matters deemed important to be brought to Judges' attention by email or website notice <p>[SUPPORT OFFICER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive and oversee Assessors' Skills Assessments for uniform quality control (Reg. 2.3.3.11.)
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	15.3	Matters relating to the Breed Judges' Learning Programme – Schedule 10
	15.3.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation.</p> <p>Motivation: The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course:</p> <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>1.5. EXAMINATION: PAPER 1</p> <p>1.5.9. If the Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the [JEC Admin Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> to begin studies for one of the following:</p> <p>1.5.9.1. a Group Course (See Reg. 2. below)</p> <p>1.5.9.2. the Junior Showmanship Course (See Schedule 10, Appendix 2) or</p> <p>1.5.9.3. a Breed Specialisation Course (See Schedule 10, Appendix 3)</p> <p>2.3. MODULES</p> <p>2.3.1.7. The assigned Mentor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Tests, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with the [JEC Admin Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u>.</p> <p>2.3.2.7. The assigned Mentor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Hallmarks Assignment, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with [JEC Admin Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u>.</p> <p>2.3.3.6. On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the report form. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said report form in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office [and</p>

		<p>the JEC Admin Officer] as per normal procedure.</p> <p>2.3.3.7. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Officeand the JEC Admin Officer] 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.</p> <p>2.3.3.12. The Learner Judge must make and forward a copy of the signed and completed Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form to the [JEC Support Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u>. The original Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form, and any subsequent original Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form(s) (if applicable), must be stored in the Portfolio.</p> <p>2.4. PORTFOLIO</p> <p>2.4.2. Once the Learner Judge has completed all the requirements of Level 2, the Portfolio is submitted to the [JEC Support Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> for a summative assessment.</p> <p>2.4.3. The closing date for Portfolio submissions for clearance to sit the June examination is 15 April, and the closing date for Portfolio submissions for clearance to sit the November examination, is 1 September. These submission dates are finite in order to allow the [JEC Support Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> sufficient time for remedial intervention to achieve the desired outcome of properly collated Portfolio.</p> <p>2.4.4. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the [JEC Support Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the [KUSA Office and] JEC <u>Fedco Representatives</u> [Admin Officer] of such successful completion.</p> <p>2.4.5. If certain requirements are incomplete or of insufficient standard, the [JEC Support Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> will advise the Learner Judge and guide remedial procedures in order to facilitate successful completion.</p> <p>2.5. EXAMINATION: PAPER 2</p> <p>2.5.9. If the Examination Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the [JEC Admin Officer]<u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> to begin studies for a new course of study, if desired.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>Ratified, unanimously, under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	15.3.2	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation.</p>

		<p>Motivation: The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course:</p> <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>6.4. REPORTS</p> <p>6.4.3. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office[and the JEC Admin], and the JEC Assessment Officer[, and Support Officers] will record and update the Candidate’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.</p> <p>6.5. PORTFOLIO</p> <p>6.5.1. Once the Candidate has completed all the requirements of the Junior Showmanship Course, the Portfolio is submitted to the KUSA Judges’ Department [JEC Support Officer] for a summative assessment.</p> <p>6.5.3. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the KUSA Judges’ Department [JEC Support Officer] will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the JEC Fedco Representatives [KUSA Office][and JEC Admin Officer] of such successful completion.</p> <p>6.5.4. If certain requirements are incomplete, or of insufficient standard, the KUSA Judges’ Department [JEC Support Officer] will advise the Candidate and guide remedial procedures in order to facilitate successful completion.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>Ratified, unanimously, under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	15.3.3	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners’ documentation.</p> <p>Motivation: The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course:</p> <p>Insertions in underlined bold type and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>6. MODULES</p> <p>6.1. BREED TEST</p> <p>6.1.7. The assigned Breed Specialist Assessor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Test, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner’s credits and progress with[JEC Admin Officer] KUSA Judges’ Department.</p> <p>6.2. BREED HALLMARKS ASSIGNMENT</p>

		<p>6.2.7. The assigned Breed Specialist Assessor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Hallmarks Assignment, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with [JEC Admin Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u>.</p> <p>6.3. JUDGING APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>6.3.5. On completion of the judging appointment, the Learner Judge must request the Show Secretary to endorse the critique forms. The Show Secretary will acknowledge having signed off on said critique forms in the normal Return of Show Levies form, which is required to be forwarded to the KUSA Office [and the JEC Admin Officer] as per normal procedure.</p> <p>6.3.6. On receipt of the Return of Show Levies form from the Show Secretary, the KUSA Office [and JEC Admin Officer] 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.</p> <p>6.3.13. The Learner Judge must make and forward a copy of the signed and completed Assessor's Judging Skills Assessment form to the <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> [JEC Support Officer]. The original Judging Skills Assessment form, and any subsequent original Judging Skills Assessment form(s) (if applicable), must be stored in the Portfolio.</p> <p>6.8. PORTFOLIO</p> <p>6.8.2. Once the Learner Judge has completed all the requirements of the course, the Portfolio is submitted to the <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> [JEC Support Officer] for a summative assessment.</p> <p>6.8.3. The closing date for Portfolio submissions for clearance to sit the June examination is 15 April, and the closing date for Portfolio submissions for clearance to sit the November examination, is 1 September. These submission dates are finite in order to allow the <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> [JEC Support Officer] sufficient time for remedial intervention to achieve the desired outcome of a properly collated Portfolio.</p> <p>6.8.4. If found to have met all requirements satisfactorily, the <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> [JEC Support Officer] will approve and sign off the Portfolio and notify the <u>JEC Fedco Representatives</u> [KUSA Office] [and JEC Admin Officer] of such successful completion.</p> <p>6.8.5. If certain requirements are incomplete or of insufficient standard, the <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> [JEC Support Officer] will advise the Learner Judge and guide remedial procedures in order to facilitate successful completion.</p> <p>7. EXAMINATION: BREED SPECIALISATION</p> <p>7.10. If the Examination Candidate is successful, he/she may register with the [JEC Admin Officer] <u>KUSA Judges' Department</u> to begin studies for a new course of study, if desired.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>Ratified, unanimously, under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	15.3.4	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme (Fedco round robin 12 November 2023)</p> <p>Item 15.2.1 above refers.</p> <p>Proposal: To provide for a fresh procedure in the submission of Learners' documentation.</p>

Motivation:

The shift of Key Functions in the JEC necessitates a different procedure for the submission of documents by the Learner Judges.

Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 – KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme:

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

These Regulations shall be read in conjunction with Schedule 03 (*Regulations for Championship Shows*), Schedule 03A (*Regulations for International Dog Shows*), Schedule 04 (*Regulations for Non-championship Shows*), Schedule 04A (*Regulations for Qualifying Shows*), Schedule 05K (*Regulations for Handler Classes*) and Schedule 09 (*Code of Ethics*).

3. APPENDIX 3 – BREED SPECIALISATION COURSE:

On the successful completion of Level 1, a Learner Judge may register to study a single breed at Specialist Level if he/she meets any additional qualifying criteria according to the relevant Breed Council or Breed Club(s). (*Note: The applicant must contact the [JEC Admin officer] **KUSA Judges’ Department** to establish which Specialist Learning Programmes are offered.*)

4.3. MODERATOR [AND SUPPORT OFFICER]

- 4.3.1. The role of the Moderator is to review and moderate examination scripts and scores for accuracy and best practices.
- 4.3.2. The Moderator is an All-breeds Judge who must also be a Kennel Union-qualified Assessor.

4.4. PORTFOLIOS

- 4.~~[3.3.]~~**4.1.** [~~The role of the Support Officer is to review and moderate will check the skills assessments and the Learner’s Portfolio for satisfactory completion and accuracy, and to offer guidance and support if needed.~~] **In consultation with the JEC Fedco Representatives and, subject to the approval of the Federal Council, the KUSA Judges’ Department shall procure the services, whether by contract or freelance commission, of a suitably experienced person to check the skills assessments of Learners and, upon confirmation that a Learner’s Portfolio is comprised of all its elements and meets all requirements, sign off the Portfolio.**
- 4.~~[3.4.]~~**4.2.** [~~The Support Officer is an All-breeds Judge KUSA Judges’ department employee must be a Best in Show Judge who must also be a Kennel Union-qualified Assessor.~~] **The Learner must be advised of any omission or other deficiency obstructing the sign-off of a Portfolio and urged to remedy such impediment forthwith, and in any event before the relevant closing date for Portfolio submissions.**

4.~~[4.]~~5** ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION**

- 4.~~[4.]~~**5.1.** Experienced Licensed, Specialist, Senior, and All-breeds Judges with an interest in nurturing, guiding and advising future Judges may be invited or may volunteer to serve as Assessors and/or Mentors.
- 4.~~[4.]~~**5.2.** To be approved as an Assessor, the Applicant must be registered as a Licensed Judge for at least one Group or Breed Specialisation and must complete the Kennel Union-approved Assessor’s Course successfully.
- 4.~~[4.]~~**5.3.** From time to time, Assessors and Mentors will be required to undergo refresher courses and will be required to engage in discussions with each other and the JEC to maintain a universal level of assessment and mentoring.
- 4.~~[4.]~~**5.4.** Once registered as an Assessor, the KUSA Office will add Groups and/or breeds and Junior Showmanship judging as and when new qualifications are acquired by the Assessor.

		<p>For ratification.</p> <p>Ratified, unanimously, under Item 15.2.1.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	15.3.5	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Dispensation request from the Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association (RWBA) to hold its Championship Show on the JEC November 2023 Examination date. (Fedco round robin 12 September 2023)</p> <p>Proposal: The JEC requests ratification by the Federal Council of a request submitted to the JEC from the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council, Mr Neil Perkins, on behalf of the RWBA, to grant the RWBA a once-off dispensation to hold its Championship Show in 2023 on 11 November 2023, the same date allocated for the November 2023 JEC examinations.</p> <p>Motivation: The Rottweiler Working and Breeding Association (RWBA) had been struggling financially and had not been able to host its Championship Show on the allocated date in 2023. Generating funds from a Championship Show would serve this Club well in ensuring its continued survival. The newly elected Committee, although small and inexperienced, have put plans in place to steer the Club forward. Every effort ought to be made to assist the Club to grow and continue to be productive and contribute to the system and to KUSA as a whole. KUSA cannot afford to keep losing affiliated Clubs.</p> <p>The Executive Committee (Exco) would need agreement/approval from the JEC with regard to the RWBA's application to move its show date from Saturday, 30 September 2023 to Saturday, 11 November 2023, which happens to be the November JEC exam date.</p> <p>This is a once-off request in order to provide the new Chairman, Secretary and Committee with sufficient time to make all the arrangements for this Show. The previous Chairman, who had resigned recently, left the Club with no effective arrangements in place for the Show due to be held on 30 September. The new Committee was unable to go ahead with a Show in 3 weeks' time with the Show Schedule not having been distributed to exhibitors and with no logistical arrangements having been made.</p> <p>Having perused the KUSA Calendar to find an alternative date, the only available weekend was that of 11/12 November. However, the venue proved to be unavailable on 12 November. The newly affiliated NAPC Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club would be hosting a Dogsport event in the SAWDOS Arena at Goldfields, the traditional venue for Rottweiler Clubs to accommodate a 60 x 40m ring normally set up for Specialist Shows, and provide sufficient parking space for trailers in the shade. The top grounds at Goldfields, although large enough, are unsuitable, due to the lack of trees and shade. November is traditionally very hot and shade is crucial for the wellbeing of exhibits.</p> <p>There are only two Rottweiler Candidates registered to write the Rottweiler Specialist exam on 11 November – Mr Johann Fischer, who would not be able to exhibit under his officiating wife, Mrs Letsie Fischer, and Mr Osman Damon based in Cape Town, who had provided email confirmation that he had no objection to the RWBA hosting its Show on the exam date.</p> <p>[Note: The practice of not allowing Shows on Examination dates was instituted some time ago under a Fedco Directive and is not regulated anywhere.]</p>

		<p>The JEC would advise the Club and the KUSA Office that this was a once-off dispensation, which would not be repeated in future. The KUSA Office would advise Exco accordingly, prior to its meeting on 19 September 2023.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by BJ, the decision obtained by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective immediately, with retroactive implementation upon confirmation to Exco of a successful Fedco round robin.</p>
	15.4	<p>Matters relating to Dogsport Schedules</p>
	15.4.1	<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin - Adherence to a Fedco Directive for all Dogsport Schedules to include a provision identifying the TEO Manual as part of Learner Judges' Examination Study Material (Fedco round robin at Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal: To enact the Fedco Directive to include the Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) Manual as compulsory Examination Study Material by inclusion of an appropriate provision in the various Dogsport Schedules.</p> <p>Motivation: Following on from Fedco 06-2023, to clear up any confusion regarding the TEO Manual being compulsory Examination Study Material for Learner Dogsport Judges, supplementing Schedule 03 and Schedule 09 Appendix B, across all branches of Dogsport. Fedco, at the Fedco Discussion Forum held on 27 July 2023, in a request for a directive on this matter by round robin, directed that this requirement must be incorporated into all Dogsport Schedules.</p> <p>Attached is a document reflecting amendments to the following Dogsport Schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes • Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic) • Schedule 05B(02) – KUSA Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials (FCI-IGP) • Schedule 05B(03) – Regulations for Tracking Trials (TT) • Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog • Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials • Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for HPR Field Trials • Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Ratings • Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests • Schedule 05(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds • Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades • Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting • Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility Judges • Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball • Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog • Schedule 11(A) – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen • Schedule 11(C) – Regulations for Trick Dog Tests <p>For ratification.</p>

		<p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by LT, the Fedco Directive issued at the Fedco Discussion Forum on 27 July 2023, was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.09.2023, but may be implemented immediately.</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was requested to also amend the Schedules for inactive branches of Dogsport not listed above, i.e. Schedule 05Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials; Schedule 05U – Regulations for FCI-Mondioring; Schedule 11(B) – Regulations for Scent Work; and to consult with the Ad-hoc Committees in respect of their Judges' qualification process under Schedule 05R – Regulations for HTM and Schedule 05S – Regulations for MF.]</p>
16		MATTERS RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS – SCHEDULE 09 – no submissions
17		MATTERS RELATING TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	17.1	Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)
	17.1.1	<p>Report by the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council</p> <p>Rottweiler Breed Council Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>We continue to see the effects of COVID with reduced entries at Specialist Shows, although Clubs are working hard to increase excitement and hopefully participation. Our exhibitors and Clubs continue under significant financial strain. In spite of tough economic pressure, we would like to thank the Praetor Rottweiler Club, who hosted our prestigious Sieger Show this year with great success.</p> <p>We are looking forward to yet another productive Council meeting this year. I am aware of some proposals in the pipeline, but acknowledge that they still require considerable work before they can be formally proposed and voted on. Some focus areas include DNA and a continued focus on the Health of our breed, which requires collaboration with the broader Veterinary fraternity.</p> <p>We continue to celebrate the successes of our Specialist Judges being invited to judge internationally. This is testament to the quality of Judges we have produced. Equally, we would like to encourage our Learner Judges to complete their requirements so that they may extend their contribution to our sport.</p> <p>We are sad to report the resignation of Mr Dirk Vandecasteele as the IFR President due to serious health concerns and wish him a speedy recovery. Closer to home, Mr Tommie Bezuidenhout had a number of health challenges recently and will be relocating to his family in Witbank as a result. We also wish him improved health in the coming year.</p> <p>I would like to thank each and every RWBC Member Club, delegate, breeder, exhibitor and Judge for their concerted efforts during the past year. A special thank you to the considerable efforts of Rottweiler Rescue, including all its volunteers and supporters. We all have a role to play in assisting them in whatever way we can.</p> <p>We wish the Meridian Rottweiler League every success with the planning of the next National Sieger Show in 2024.</p> <p>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 to display the mental and physical ability of our working breed. Without preserving these aspects of our breed, we lose the essence of the Rottweiler. To conclude, the Council remains committed to its mandate and will continue to pursue the development of the Rottweiler within the KUSA area of jurisdiction through the support and input from Member Clubs and their dedicated membership bases.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank all the members of Fedco for their continued support of the Rottweiler and the initiatives that have enabled us to develop our breed to this extent.</p>

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		Noted, with thanks to the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council.										
	17.1.2	Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show – no submissions										
	17.1.3	Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows – no submissions										
	17.2	Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)										
	17.2.1	<p>Report of the Chairman of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)</p> <p>Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>The Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council had a relatively quiet year from an event perspective.</p> <p>The Breed Council representatives for 2023 were as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mrs Sally Young</td> <td>Boxer Club Gold Reef</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Shaun Graham</td> <td>Boxer Club Gold Reef</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prof. Marinda Oosthuizen</td> <td>Northern Boxer Club Inc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Keith Duranty</td> <td>Northern Boxer Club Inc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Ken Hull</td> <td>Western Province Boxer Club</td> </tr> </table> <p>At the AGM held on 14 December 2022, Mr K Duranty was re-elected as the Chairman, Prof. M Oosthuizen was elected as the Vice-Chairman and Mr S Graham was elected as the Secretary of the Breed Council. Mr Hull was requested to be the Webmaster of the FBCSA BC's website, to which he agreed. Mrs Karin Schoeman was again voted onto the Breed Council as a non-voting member, in the capacity of Registrations Secretary. Similarly, Mrs Diane Kee du Plessis was elected as the Council's Treasurer. There was no representation of the Natal Boxer Club, but this may be attributed to the fact that this Club, despite its name, has very few Boxer owners or breeders as members and therefore not hosted any Breed specific events for several years now. The Natal Boxer Club is more focused on the working and training areas of dogdom, which would be fantastic if this was only, or mostly, Boxers working. Nonetheless the Club currently remains associated with the FBCSA BC.</p> <p>It was with great sadness that the Breed Council bid farewell to Mrs Jacqui Eisler, who after having served on the Breed Council since its inauguration, decided to leave to focus on more personal matters. Jacqui contributed tremendously to the business of the Breed Council and always approached any tasks in a calm level-headed manner. She was certainly instrumental in getting some of the problems on the BC website identified and was always willing to share her thoughts and ideas. We wish Jacqui all the best for the future and hope to see her serving on the Breed Council again once she's dealt with her personal matters. The Western Province Boxer Club appointed Ms Renee Erasmus to replace Jacqui. We welcome her to the Breed Council and look forward to working with her and to her contribution toward matters addressed by the Council.</p> <p>At an Ordinary Meeting of the Breed Council in February 2023, it was agreed to continue resolving some of the functionality and content issues on the FBCSA BC website. Although many of the issues were tackled throughout 2022, there were still problems being identified and again Mr Ken Hull came to the forefront to investigate and resolve the problems. It was also agreed that Mr Hull would be paid an honorarium for his time and effort in administering the website for the 2023 period. I would like to thank Mr Hull for his efforts and must mention that there has been a noticeable improvement in the website over the last year.</p>	Mrs Sally Young	Boxer Club Gold Reef	Mr Shaun Graham	Boxer Club Gold Reef	Prof. Marinda Oosthuizen	Northern Boxer Club Inc	Mr Keith Duranty	Northern Boxer Club Inc	Mr Ken Hull	Western Province Boxer Club
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One problem that seems to keep occurring is the renewal of the website domain and hosting fees. In the previous years, this was paid on a monthly basis via credit card payments by Prof Oosthuizen and then claimed back from the Breed Council. This was changed in 2021 to a single annual payment invoiced by the provider to the FBCSA, but there were problems encountered and the website was suspended. After much negotiation and toing and froing the problem was resolved and the website restored but, once again, this year much the same happened, despite attempts to ensure that the renewal went smoothly. My thanks to Mrs Kee for resolving this after almost two weeks of liaising and arranging to get the payment made to the provider from her own account. This needs to be addressed urgently in 2024 so that the situation doesn't arise yet again.

In this regard, I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Kee for the work that she continued to do in terms of the financials of the FBCSA BC. Thank you, Diane, for ensuring that everything is in order, payments are made and the time you take looking after our finances. We appreciate your commitment. I am pleased to advise that, as at the 31 August 2023, the FBCSA BC had a balance of R62711.11 in its control account at KUSA.

A thank you must also go out to Mrs Karin Schoeman who, despite new pressures at her workplace, dealing with serious health issues in her family and doing her tasks as Secretary and Show Secretary of the Northern Boxer Club, continued to look after the puppy registrations for the FBCSA BC. Karin kept us all in the loop when litters were available as there is still a higher demand for puppies than what are available throughout the year. While I did not have all the statistics available at the time of writing this report, I do believe that there was a slight increase in the number of puppy registrations compared to the previous year. To 30 September 2023, 155 puppies were registered with April being month the highest number of puppies registered (28) and June the lowest with only 3 puppies registered. While this is still significantly lower than pre-COVID-19 figures, it is encouraging to see that there is an increase, and it is certainly hoped that we will continue to see this trend.

The FBCSA BC did not participate in the PetExpo event that took place during July this year, because there were not enough members able to be present over the period of the event. It was therefore decided to not participate, which was rather disappointing but, despite the letdown, the Boxer was nonetheless represented at the event through the hosting of a Championship Breed Show by Northern Boxer Club Inc. The Show went off successfully and congratulations must go out to the winners of the classes and to the winning dogs. I would like to thank the organisers for affording the FBCSA BC and our affiliated Clubs the opportunity to participate in the event. I hope that, with a little more encouragement, the FBCSA BC would be able to participate in 2024.

Despite this, the three represented Clubs managed to host all their events listed on the KUSA calendar for 2023 and each show enjoyed relative success. I was informed that the Western Province Boxer Club had a really successful and fun-filled annual Championship show. Well done to all our Clubs for hosting these events and making sure that our members are able to showcase their fabulous dogs and also allow us as Boxer lovers to expose our lovely Breed to the public.

I would like to encourage our Breeders to strive to do testing of their Dams and Sires to ensure that we produce healthy, world class puppies and can provide our market with dogs that are truly worthy of being called elite stock. Without mentioning particular names, I'd like to thank our breeders who are going that extra mile to do extensive testing of their dogs before placing them into their breeding programmes. It should be the goals of each and every one of us to ensure that we produce only the best quality and that we continue to attempt eradicating the flaws currently plaguing our breed.

The Breed Council continued trying to reestablish the hosting of, and participation in, the Aptitude Test in the Gauteng region and, while it has not yet materialised, we remain hopeful that we will get this active again in the not-too-distant future. We have managed to successfully pique the interest of several persons and we now need to begin driving commitment from Clubs to participate and host these events and then we would need to address getting the required persons qualified in the discipline. Being a working breed, we do not see many working events

		<p>hosted by the Boxer Clubs and the FBCSA BC agreed to look into hosting working events such as Breed Assessments, Breed Suitability Tests and Endurance Tests through our affiliated Clubs. This will be pursued with greater emphasis in 2024.</p> <p>In closing off, I would like to thank all of the Breed Council representatives for their time and efforts throughout 2023 and, most of all, for their commitment to the Boxer breed. I hope that 2024 will be a successful year during which we can achieve the goals set for the year. I want to wish all our Clubs and their members a successful, peaceful, and pleasant 2024.</p> <p>Keith Duranty Chairman FBCSA BC</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to the Chairman of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council.</p>
	17.3	German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)
	17.3.1	<p>Report by the Chairman of the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council</p> <p>German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council Report for tabling at Fedco 12-2023:</p> <p>The 2022/2023 year has been a difficult year to hold meetings online, due to all the loadshedding suffered throughout the country. I thank all the various Club Representatives from around the country that have made a plan and given up their time and energy to make our GSD breed such a special one.</p> <p>I took over from Sandra Brunner as Chairman at the end of 2022 and we have maintained the goal of improving the quality of the KUSA-registered GSD.</p> <p>The aim of our Council is to promote the ethical breeding, training, and showing of our GSD breed. To that end, the Representatives from each Club should be representing their Club members' views, by taking topics to be discussed back to their Club members and getting their feelings and input, and not just the personal views and agendas of the Representative on the Council. There have been some meetings with lively debate around topics, but this is all to the end goal of improving the GSD breed.</p> <p>There have been quite a few decisions made during the year, including on how a GSD Specialist Show must be run and having grading cards given to the entrants. This ties in with the newer requirements brought in that all dogs need at least a 'Good' grading to be bred from. We have confirmed that elbow and hip gradings are essential for the breeding programme, together with proven DNA.</p> <p>There have been more shows held this year where breed gradings have been given. Unfortunately, we do not have the numbers yet where a National Breed Show can be held.</p> <p>We urge people wanting to buy a GSD puppy to do their homework and only buy a puppy from breeders that have met the breeding requirements and that their puppies have been bred in a safe and healthy environment.</p> <p>Once again, I would like to thank the Club Representatives for their input in making sure that the Council fulfils its purpose and, with the support of KUSA, serves the best interest of the GSD breed.</p> <p>Jan Louwies Chairman</p>

		Noted, with thanks to the Chairman of the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council.
18		MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES – no submissions
19		MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	19.1	German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others Progress report. Noted.
	19.2	Dotsure presentation and proposal Progress Report presented by CPA, KUSA Office. Dotsure.co.za approached KUSA in September 2023 regarding a partnership which would see a short-term pet insurance trial cover being extended to the buyers of KUSA-registered puppies. The KUSA Office has been exploring this partnership, which will have mutual benefits for KUSA, KUSA members and dotsure.co.za. Whilst a contract is still in the drafting phase, the artwork and content of a range of supporting material is being developed by dotsure.co.za with input from the KUSA Office for final sign off by the Federal Council. CPA provided the members of Fedco with an overview of the progress made and issues that still need to be ironed out. Progress report noted with thanks.
	19.3	Field Trials Liaison Council (FTLC) – Adoption of new Constitution Submitted by the FTLC in accordance with Item 3 of the Draft Minutes of the FTLC SGM held on 03.10.2023, which states: 3. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FTLC Dr Kloeck commenced with a brief explanation for the necessity of the meeting, stating that, as in the case of all Clubs affiliated to KUSA, the FTLC had to update its Constitution, to comply with KUSA's requirements and the POPIA. The Constitution had been timeously circulated, and Dr Kloeck opened the floor for comments. The following items to be corrected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1.7.2 – The word 'Trail' to be corrected to 'Trial'. • 4.1.8 – the comma on the last line after the word 'for' to be removed Apart from the abovementioned changes, the meeting unanimously accepted the Constitution as presented. Proposed: Mrs R Minny Seconded: Mr F Kingsley. On a proposal from GR, seconded by LT, the new Constitution of the FTLC was adopted, unanimously, with the changes as reflected in the Draft Minutes of the SGM of the FTLC, as listed above, and subject to final adjustments by the KUSA Office. [Note: This Constitution becomes effective/official on the date the latest iteration of the Constitution is signed off by the General Manager of KUSA, which shall be the date the most recent amendments are approved and directed for insertion by the Federal Council in terms of Clause 18.2.]
	19.4	Proposed amendment to Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition Housekeeping amendment submitted by the KUSA Office.

		<p>Proposal to amend Schedule 05E(24) below.</p> <p>Motivation: A number of years ago, it was regulated in Schedule 05E(25) that the KUSA Showdog of the Year Winner was eligible to represent South Africa, at the “Eukanuba World Challenge”, at the winner’s expense. This competition was, however, cancelled a few years later and, at the time, Fedco agreed that, instead, the winner should be given the option of representing South Africa and KUSA at the annual FCI World Challenge, also at the winner’s expense, but failed to amend Schedule 05E(25).</p> <p>Deletions [struck through in square brackets]</p> <p>6. PRIZES SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR – Peter Collins Memorial Floating Shield</p> <p>Prizes as deemed appropriate by KUSA or any sponsor of the competition, will be awarded to Winner, Runner up and the other Group Winners.</p> <p>[The KUSA Show Dog of the Year will represent South Africa and KUSA at the annual FCI World Challenge event.]</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by LT, the proposed housekeeping amendment to Schedule 05E(24) was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024.</p>
19.5		<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(10) – Regulations for KZN Supreme Dog Competition – Dispensation request for 2023 (Fedco round robin 9 November 2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office on behalf of the KZN Provincial Council.</p> <p>Background: The KZN Supreme Dog Competition has not been held since 2017. However, sufficient interest and organising resources are available to run the Competition in 2023 and the Competition has been scheduled for 25 November 2023. Upon reviewing the Schedule, it became evident that amendments were urgently needed to run the event transparently, and to ensure a clear elimination process and determination of the winners (Puppy, Veteran and Adult Dog classes).</p> <p>Motivation: Upon reviewing the Schedule, it became evident that amendments were urgently needed to run the event transparently, and to ensure a clear elimination process and determination of the winners (Puppy, Veteran and Adult Dog classes).</p> <p>Proposal: To ensure a fair, easy to understand, judging process, amendments were required to Regulations 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>7. JUDGING</p> <p>The Supreme Veteran Competition will be Judged first, followed by the Supreme Puppy Competition and then the Supreme Dog Competition.</p>

7.2 Three (3) [Judges] Officiating **Judges**.

Preliminary Rounds – Veteran and Puppy Competition

If three (3) local **J**udges are appointed, the judging will be [done] as follows:

The Supreme Veteran **class** [Competition] will be judged first, followed by the Supreme Puppy **class** [Competition] and then the Supreme Dog **class** [Competition].

The **J**udges will draw ballots immediately prior to the commencement of the **S**how to see which **class** [competition] they will be judging. One **J**udge will judge the Veteran **class** [Competition] and one **J**udge the Puppy **class** [Competition]. All three **(3)** **J**udges will judge the KZN Supreme Dog **class** [Competition].

All dogs which have qualified in the Veteran or Puppy [Competition] will enter the ring in number order to be judged. After the **J**udge has evaluated each dog, he/[she] will [short list to 8 dogs which will return to the ring to be evaluated further. He will then] select **four (4)** dogs, write their numbers on the prescribed form in any order[, and place the form in a sealed envelope], which **form** will be **handed** [given] to the **S**how **M**anager.

7.3 **Supreme Dog Competition**

Supreme Dog Competition – First Round

[Whilst the Veteran Competition is being judged all exhibit numbers will be placed in a hat and the 2 judges not judging the Veteran Competition will draw numbers consecutively until all dogs have been allocated. The remaining 12 will be judged by the judge of the Veteran Class.]

The Host Club Committee will split the dogs entered in the adult stakes into three (3) groups of roughly equal numbers. This will avoid exhibitors with more than one (1) dog from being in the same group at the same time. However, if an exhibitor has more than three (3) dogs taking part, he will have to secure assistance to handle the additional dog(s).

[These numbers will indicate dogs the judge will judge and each judge's] **A** list will be placed on a board so that exhibitors will be able to ascertain **which group their dog is in**, who they will be exhibiting under, **and when they will be judged**.

[The judge whose name is first alphabetically will judge first followed immediately by the second judge and then the third judge.]

Each **J**udge will evaluate **all the dogs in each group** [his allocated dogs] **and** short-list **each group to four (4) dogs**. [which will return to the ring to be evaluated further. He/she will then select 4 dogs.] **He will then** write their numbers on the prescribed form [in any order, and place the form in a sealed envelope], which **form** will be **handed** [given] to the **S**how **M**anager.

Supreme Dog Competition – Second Round

The final **twelve (12)** dogs will then be judged by [the] **all three (3) Judges** [judge who did not judge the Veteran or Puppy Competition. He/she They will short list to 4 dogs. which will return to the ring to be evaluated further. He will then] **Each Judge will select four (4) dogs and allocate those dogs a score of four (4) to one (1), four (4) being the highest score and one (1) the lowest score.**

The Host Club's Committee will have a selected team of helpers to calculate the scores. Should there be a tie, a run-off will occur.

		<p>Each Judge will [4 dogs,] write down [their numbers] their dogs' numbers on the prescribed form, with scores, [in random order] and place the form in a sealed envelope which will be handed [given] to the Show Manager.</p> <p>[After the judging of all three classes is complete the final rounds for each class will be judged by all three Judges in the following order – Supreme Veteran, Supreme Puppy, and Supreme Dog.]</p> <p>7.4 The Finals</p> <p>[The 4 finalists in each competition will be announced and called back into the ring in random order. All three judges will then rank the dogs in order of merit allocating a score of four to the winner through to 1 point for 4th.]</p> <p><u>The final round for each class will be judged by all three (3) Judges in the following order – Supreme Veteran, Supreme Puppy, and Supreme Dog.</u></p> <p><u>Each Judge will allocate the four (4) dogs in each class a score of four (4) to one (1), four (4) being the highest score and one (1) the lowest score.</u></p> <p><u>The Host Club's Committee will have a selected team of helpers to calculate the scores.</u></p> <p>Should there be a tie in the points scored, [;] the dog that scored the highest points individually from the first two (2) rounds will be placed ahead of the other dogs. If there is still a tie after that, then the dog that [has] scored the highest "qualifying points", as per 5.3 above, from shows throughout the year will be placed ahead of the other dog.</p> <p>On completion of the scoring, all four (4) [4] dogs will be placed in order from fourth place [4th] through to the winner according to the points scored in the final round of each class [competition]. The dog scoring the highest points in each class [competition] will be named the overall winner.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by LT, the approval obtained by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024 but, given the imminence of the event, Fedco authorised and approved its retroactive implementation upon upload of the revised Schedule 05E(10) to the KUSA website, as an emergency measure.</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was authorised to upload the revised Schedule 05E(10) to the KUSA website and MV was requested to advise the KZNPC of Fedco's decision.]</p>
19.6		<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(15) (1.6) Regulations for Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7s (Fedco round robin 24 November 2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee of Eastern Districts Kennel Club.</p> <p>Motivation:</p> <p>1: To give flexibility to the qualification criteria for the Adult Stake.</p> <p>At its inception, the SUPA 7s was linked to the Animatealk Top 100 Rating System and remained that way until the demise of the Animatealk Top 100 in 2020. This left the club without a method of determining the top 7 Adult qualifiers in each group. The Regulations were changed in 2021, and again in 2022, to accommodate interim criteria which were not ideal and drew much criticism. With the possibility of changes occurring again in the future, we felt it would be beneficial to all to place the selection of which Rating System to use in the hands of the Committee, who would be best able to decide, based on the situation at the time.</p> <p>2: To include winners of Best Veteran in Show and Best Puppy in Show at FCI International Shows.</p>

These were specifically excluded at a time when FCI International Shows were infrequent and poorly attended. We believe the frequency of, and increased entries at, FCI Shows currently warrant their inclusion.

3: To clarify the qualifications required of the Judge for the event.

We felt that the Judge should at least be qualified as a Best in Show judge, and have now incorporated that in the Regulations.

4: To allow the Committee to appoint an “outsider” to select, contract and manage the Judge.

Because the identity of the SUPA 7s Judge is kept secret, it is important that the person dealing with the Judge has no involvement in showing a dog at the SUPA 7s. Previously, the Regulations required a Committee member to be tasked with appointing a Judge. Unfortunately, with the shrinking size of Committees currently, this can often be impossible as every committee member is likely to be exhibiting a dog at the event.

Since the next SUPA 7s takes place on 20 January 2024, a mere two months away, we would need to send invitations out shortly, we beg Fedco’s indulgence and request that if these changes are approved, we be allowed to implement them with immediate effect.

Proposal:

Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(15) (1.6) Regulations 4, 5.2 and 10.4.

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

4. Qualifications for Entry

4.1 The SUPA 7s is open to all recognised Breeds (subject to their being eligible to compete [~~in the competition~~]) listed in Appendix A of Schedule 02 of the Kennel Union Constitution.

4.2 The SUPA 7s Adult Stake, is by invitation only to the top seven (7) dogs in each Group **as at the 1st December of the year prior to that in which the competition is being held, based on a rating system which shall be determined from time to time by the Committee of the Host Club.** [~~as per the “KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition” as at the 1st December of the year prior to that in which the competition is being held~~]. In the event of a tie for any position affecting which dogs will be invited, **a tie-breaker mechanism shall be devised by the Committee of the Host Club.** [~~the same tie-breaker mechanism shall be applied as per Regulation 5 of SCHEDULE 05E (24) REGULATIONS FOR KUSA SHOWDOG OF THE YEAR COMPETITION~~]. Should any of the top seven (7) dogs in each Group not be available to attend, the next in line will be invited to make up the final seven (7) to compete in the Group.

4.3 The SUPA 7s Puppy Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Puppy in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (~~[excluding]~~ **including FCI International S[s]hows**) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the calendar year prior to the year in which the Competition is being held.

4.4 The SUPA 7s Veteran Stake is by invitation only to dogs which have been awarded Best Veteran in Show at All Breeds Championship Shows (~~[excluding]~~ **including FCI International S[s]hows**) held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in the year prior to the calendar year in which the competition is being held.

4.5 Each invited entrant shall complete the entry form as prescribed by the Host Club and submit it with a fee which shall be determined from time to time by the Committee of the Host Club.

5.2 [~~Foreign~~] Judges – To be qualified **to judge Best in Show** in **their** country of domicile [~~according to the Kennel Union rules~~].

		<p>10.4 The Committee shall [elect] appoint one or more unconflicted persons [of its members] to be in charge of appointing a judge for the event and making all arrangements associated with such appointment. The person(s) [Committee Members] so [elected] appointed and persons forming part of their household shall not be permitted to enter [this competition] the SUPA 7s.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by BJ, the approval obtained by Fedco round robin was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2024 but, given the imminence of the event, Fedco authorised and approved its retroactive implementation upon upload of the revised Schedule 05E(15) (1.6) to the KUSA website, as an emergency measure.</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was authorised to advise Eastern Districts Kennel Club of Fedco's decision and requested to immediately proceed with the upload of the revised Schedule 05E(15) (1.6) to the KUSA website.]</p>
19.7		<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Proposed housekeeping amendment to Article 43 (Fedco round robin 16 November 2023)</p> <p>Matters brought forward by the Chairman to address certain concerns pertaining to governance raised by Federal Councillors.</p> <p>Motivation: Upon reviewing Article 43 in totality, it became evident that amendments were urgently required to make provisions for Fedco resolutions, directives and decisions in order to provide additional clarification to the various extraordinary governance scenarios the Article sought to cover.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend Articles 43.1, 43.2, 43.3 and insert a NEW Article 43.4, followed by the sequential renumbering of Article 43.5 • To amend renumbered Article 43.5 • To insert a NEW Article 43.6. <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions [struck through in square brackets].</p> <p>43. INTERPRETATION <u>AND FEDERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS & DIRECTIVES</u></p> <p>43.1 The Federal Council shall be the only authority for the interpretation [or] and resolution of any matter in this Constitution and all the Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws made thereunder.</p> <p>43.2 The [decision] resolution of the Federal Council upon questions of interpretation in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws due to possible ambiguity shall be final and binding.</p> <p>43.3 The [decision] resolution of the Federal Council upon all questions [of resolution of] relating to matters <u>inadequately</u> [not] provided for, or unprovided for, in this Constitution and its Schedules, Rules, Regulations and By-Laws, shall become effective and binding upon the date of publication of the Minutes of the meeting at which the resolution [or decision] was taken. [Failing the enactment of such resolution within a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of publication of said Minutes, it shall be null and void.]</p> <p><u>43.4 Should a resolution as contemplated in Article 43.3 be replaced by a fresh resolution in amended form during the period of eighteen (18) months permitted for enactment, the</u></p>

		<p><u>first resolution shall become null and void upon the publication of the Minutes in which the replacement resolution is recorded, which shall also be the commencement date of the period of eighteen (18) months for the enactment of the replacement resolution. Should, for any reason, an additional period of time be required by the Federal Council for the enactment of any resolution, the Federal Council shall, by supplementary resolution, be entitled to extend the period of eighteen (18) months for enactment to an achievable future date, which shall be finite.</u></p> <p>43.5 The Federal Council shall be the only authority to institute such emergency measures [and regulations] 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, <u>by issuing clear operational directives, which</u> shall be final and binding.</p> <p><u>43.6 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.</u></p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by NdP, the approval obtained by Fedco round robin to amend Article 43 was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.02.2025, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
19.8		<p>Ratification of Fedco round robin – Frequency of changes to Dogsport Schedules (Fedco round robin 15.11.2023)</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal and Motivation: To pass a resolution under Article 43.4 to limit the submission of changes to Dogsport Schedules to once every eighteen (18) months. The exceptions allowed would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in respect of FCI International Regulations for any Dogsport regulated by FCI • emergency safety changes urgently required to protect the handler or dog from possible injury when competing. <p>Newly approved KUSA Dogsport branches are to be exempted from the resolution above in order not to stifle their development. They will be permitted to change their Schedules for consideration annually for the first three (3) years from the date of the first Trial/Event held. <i>Presently the following Dogsport branches are exempted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mondioring</i> • <i>Rescue Dogs</i> • <i>Scent Work</i> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by DS, the approval obtained by Fedco round robin to clarify the frequency of changes to Dogsport Schedules was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
19.9		<p>Breed Standards upgrade Project – proposed amendments to Schedule 02 Appendix A, as well as to the Breed Standards Protocol</p>

		<p>Background and Motivation: The KUSA Budget for 2022/2023 made provision for the current KUSA Breed Standards, as presented on the KUSA website, to be arranged into a uniform format with a new look and feel. With few exceptions, KUSA's adopted Breed Standards originate either from the FCI, or from the Royal Kennel Club. Although these two sources follow a different format for the presentation of their Breed Standards, it was felt that some uniformity could be achieved in typographical arrangement and visual presentation.</p> <p>Early in 2023, the complicated Breed Standards Project was outsourced by the General Manager and PM informed the meeting that the Project has been completed and that the KUSA Office would be proceeding with the upload of the re-formatted Breed Standards as soon as a notification has been sent to the membership early in 2024.</p> <p>Proposal 1: To update and amend Schedule 02, Appendix A to align with the new Breed Standards' "House Style and Naming Convention" which has been provided.</p> <p>Proposal 2: For the Breed Standards Committee to review the following paragraph contained within the Breed Standards Protocol to bring it in line with the new Naming Convention.</p> <p>Single Breeds with multiple varieties:</p> <p><i>Where a single Breed Standard has been adopted for breeds with multiple varieties, distinguished by coat type and/or size, the breed varieties shall be separately listed in Schedule 02 Appendix A and the same Breed Standards shall be published for each variety on the KUSA website.</i></p> <p><i>This paragraph would need to be deleted or amended. (Red text within the paragraph is in conflict with the new "House Style and Naming Convention".)</i></p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by MV, Proposals 1 and 2, as contemplated above were accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024.</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was requested to distribute the above information to all Members before the effective date. When updating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 02, Appendix A, refer to Item 9.1.1 above for a further change in respect of the nomenclature of the Italian Cane Corso. • In respect of the Breed Standards Protocol, refer to Item 9.1.3 above for a further change.]
19.10		<p>Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard</p> <p>Background: In the FCI Breed Standard for the Rhodesian Ridgeback, South Africa is recognised as the Country of Origin with the copyright of the Breed Standard attributed to The Kennel Union of Southern Africa/Zimbabwe Kennel Club. KUSA collaborated with the FCI Breed Standards Commission (FCI BSC) on the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard, which resulted in a version accepted with effect from 01.01.2020. Subsequent to this date, the FCI BSC proposed additional changes and also particularly required KUSA to re-format the Breed Standard to conform to the FCI's formatting for Breed Standards, as regulated. These changes were made and approved by the FCI BSC.</p> <p>Although the amended and newly formatted Breed Standard was accepted by the FCI BSC, it was rejected by the FCI Scientific Commission (FCI SC) for various reasons, mainly its non-</p>

		<p>accommodation of the “Ridgeless” Rhodesian Ridgeback, which has remained a sticking point ever since. At the time, Fedco decided to provisionally leave the previous version of the Breed Standard on the KUSA website, until such time as the “Ridgeless” Rhodesian Ridgeback issue had been sorted out within the FCI.</p> <p>Recently, however, KUSA received an enquiry from the FCI Executive Director, Mr Yves De Clercq, evidently prompted by enquiries he had received from other FCI-member countries, to establish why the Breed Standard of the Rhodesian Ridgeback uploaded to the KUSA website differed from the version on the FCI website. Since this was clearly a matter of international concern, it was necessary to engage the Federal Council on the way forward.</p> <p>The most recent Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard as submitted to the FCI by KUSA (Country of Origin) contains all the requested nomenclature and formatting changes required by the FCI. It further contains two ostensibly contentious provisions:</p> <p>One under the Faults clause, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect crowns on Ridge <p>and another into the Disqualifying Faults clause, i.e</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs without a Ridge <p>Presumably, as a result of the difference of opinion between the FCI BSC and the FCI SC, KUSA’s latest submission had not yet cleared the FCI General Committee. Apart from the two insertions identified above, which doubtlessly concerned the FCI SC, this version faithfully followed the FCI’s required format and nomenclature.</p> <p>The Chairman recommended to Fedco that, although not yet cleared by the FCI General Committee, the latest version of the Breed Standard should replace the current version on the KUSA website. She further suggested that a suitable rider should be inserted in an appropriate position to the effect that this breed standard was pending acceptance by the FCI General Committee.</p> <p>GR stated that he had no hesitation in proposing the above interim action. He believed there was little chance that South Africa, as the Country of Origin of the Rhodesian Ridgeback, would ever accept “Ridgeless” Rhodesian Ridgebacks, when it was clearly stated in the Breed Standard that <i>“the ridge is the escutcheon of the breed”</i>.</p> <p>On a proposal from GR, seconded by MV, it was agreed, unanimously, that the KUSA Office should proceed with uploading of the Breed Standard cleared by the FCI BSC, but not yet by the FCI SC. This Breed Standard must contain a rider that it was pending recognition by the FCI General Committee.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2024</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office was requested to upload the revised version of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Standard, containing the illustration by Ms Joy McFarlane, as provided to the FCI BSC, converted to the new House Style and Naming Convention as provided for in Item 19.9 above.]</p>
20		<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – CONFIRMED</p> <p>2024:</p> <p>28, 29 & 30 June – CONFIRMED (Depending on the Agenda, meeting may be confined to 29 & 30 June.)</p> <p>29 & 30 November plus 1 December – CONFIRMED (Depending on the Agenda, meeting may be confined to 30 November & 1 December.)</p>

			The Chairman requested the Federal Councillors and Office Staff to save these dates in their 2024 calendars. Meeting dates for 2025 will be finalised in the first half of 2024 and published on the Fedco 06-2024 Agenda.
21			CLOSE OF MEETING
	21.1		<p>Closing</p> <p>As there was no further business for discussion, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10h00 on Saturday, 2 December 2023. A vote of thanks to the Chair was echoed by all present, followed by the Chairman's vote of thanks to the KUSA staff for their presence over the two days and their valued input during the proceedings, which was also echoed by acclamation.</p> <p>Good wishes were exchanged by all for a relaxing, enjoyable, safe and secure Festive Season, together with wishes for a prosperous 2024.</p>