

KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY
10TH and 11th JUNE 2017 COMMENCING 08h30 ON SATURDAY
AT THE KENNEL UNION OFFICES, 68 BREE STREET, CAPE TOWN

1. **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 and 4 December 2016 to be formally adopted.
3. **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**
 - 3.1 **KUSA Budget 2017/2018**
Budget proposal will be circulated prior to the meeting.
 - 3.2 **Loss of Affiliation – Article 9**
 - 3.2.1 **Article 9.1.3**
List to be tabled.
 - 3.3 **Canine Care Club (CCC)** (Exco 02-2015 item 9.1.1; Fedco 06-2015 item 3.5; Fedco 12-2015 item 3.8, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.3 Fedco 12-2016 item 3.6)
A 'job description' for Committee members will be tabled, if available.
 - 3.4 **Specimen Club Constitution – Changing Face of Clubs** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.1, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.4, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.7)
Work in progress. CI to report.
 - 3.5 **KUSA-recognised Trainers** (Fedco 06-2016 item 9.11, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.12)
Following previous discussions at Fedco originating from a discussion around Pitbulls being permitted to participate in CGC, the NAPC formed a task team to address the concept of KUSA-recognition of trainers in principle.
JH to report.
 - 3.6 **Terms of Reference for Exco** (Fedco 06-2016 item 9.1, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.13)
Work in progress. (CG & LW)
 - 3.7 **Duties of Club Show Manager** (Fedco 12-2016 item 3.16)
Task team appointed: DP & JB (with input from Mike Dawkins)
Work in progress.
 - 3.8 **KUSA Communication Platforms** (Fedco 12-2016 item 9.18)
Status of KUSA Gazette & Social Media Management – (maintenance of Facebook page to be reviewed)
Work in progress. CI to report.
 - 3.9 **The Rosemary Elliott Memorial KUSA Junior Handler Fund (REMF)** (Fedco 12-2016 item 3.9)
In accordance with the directives of Fedco, Clr Robinson has drafted a revised Pledge, which is now in use.
KUSA's contribution to the REMF for Crufts 2018 will be determined at the December 2017 Fedco Meeting.
 - 3.10 **KUSA Banking Arrangements**
Resolution.
 - 3.11 **Centres – Article 13 and Schedule 3 Regulation 2.1.1**

NAPC wishes to balance the Centres allocated to Clubs that fall under its jurisdiction.

Motivation:

When the NAPC was originally formed, it was decided, for ease of administration, that it would not request additional Centres, but operate within the two Centres already allocated to Gauteng, those being the Eastern and Western Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds. However, over the years, with the affiliation of new clubs, the allocation of Centres has become unbalanced within the Province.

This proposal seeks to request Fedco to consider changes to the NAPC's Centres to balance out the Centres within the Province. Further, it is suggested that all Provinces review the distribution of clubs within their Provinces to achieve a balance. Careful consideration should be given to the allocation of a Centre to any new club seeking affiliation within a Province in order to maintain the balance.

Article 13 - Centres currently reads:

- 13.1 *For better administration by the Kennel Union, the areas of Southern Africa falling within its jurisdiction shall be divided into geographical Centres as defined in Schedule 3 Regulations for Championship Shows Regulation 2.1.1.*
- 13.2 *The boundaries of such Centres enumerated therein shall be guided by but not restricted to the ordinary geographical boundaries observed by the State or Province as the case may be as at 28 February 1997.*

Schedule 3 Regulation 2:

- 2.1.1 *In this context and for better administration by the Kennel Union, the area of Southern Africa falling under its jurisdiction shall be divided into geographical Centres as follows:*

Eastern District of Gauteng and Surrounds

Western District of Gauteng and Surrounds

KwaZulu-Natal (Southern Coastal Region)

KwaZulu-Natal (Northern, Northern Coastal & Midlands Regions)

Free State

Northern Cape

Eastern Cape & North Eastern Cape

Border & Transkei

Western Cape

Boland & South Cape

Namibia

and such additional areas as defined by FEDCO/KUSA from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of KUSA.

- 2.1.2 *The boundaries of such centres enumerated in Regulation 2.1.1 above shall be guided by but not restricted to the ordinary geographical boundaries observed by the State or Province, as the case may be.*

- 3.12 **Boxers** (Fedco 12-16 item 9.1)
Boxer Register provisionally on hold. Follow-up report.

3.13 **FCI**

3.13.1 **FCI Show Judges Commission – Breed-by-Breed Education**

The FCI has asked all the NCOs to prepare Breed-by-Breed PowerPoint presentations for their national breeds in order to use them for national and international education purposes. Despite efforts to encourage NCOs to develop and publish this important breed information, only a few countries have obliged.

Feedback on KUSA's contribution (Rhodesian Ridgeback).

3.13.2 **FCI Judges List for South African Judges**

The updating of the FCI Judges List for South African Judges is to be completed by July 2017. To date only the updating of All-Breeds Judges has been completed.
Report on work in progress.

- 3.13.3 **Invitation to Junior Handling World Championship Final 2017**
Leipzig, Germany, 12 November 2017
Invitation extended to all FCI Members. Closing date 29 September 2017.
Representatives to cover all costs involved.
- 3.13.4 **FCI General Assembly – Leipzig – November 2017**
Nomination of KUSA representative to attend above.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Any Matters Related to the Articles**

4.1.1 **Article 12.5 (Fedco 12-16 item 9.8)**

“12.5 Any member nominated to sit on any Council, Committee or Sub-Committee 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 delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.”

At the last meeting, it was commented that the above Article is unmanageable and needs to be amended. It places an unnecessary administrative burden on Councils and on KUSA and probably most of what may be ruled a “conflict” will be open to challenge under the Bill of Rights of the SA Constitution.

An opinion was requested from the Legal Adviser who recommended that it should be retained for senior positions such as Federal Councillors, members of the Executive Committee and Executive Members of Provcos.

Suggested amendment:

Article 12.5:

“12.5 Any member nominated to sit on ~~any Council, Committee or Sub-Committee~~ the Federal Council, the Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive members 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 delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.”

4.1.2 **Article 14.4**

Proposal by NAPC regarding Election of the Executive Committee

Motivation:

Under the present Articles, it is not possible for Exco to meet in January of the year following the expiration of its four-year term due to the 60 days’ nomination period following the election of the Chairman of the Federal Council. This sometimes also affects the February meeting. In order for the duties and meetings of Exco to continue uninterrupted, it is proposed that the outgoing Exco will remain in place and can continue to carry out its duties during the period of sixty days provided for nominations and acceptances.

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- 14.4 On assuming office, the Chairman of the Federal Council shall instruct the Chairman of each Province and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to obtain, within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such instructions, the name and written acceptance of a nominee elected by the Provincial

Council to sit on the Executive Committee. [If for whatever reason, nominations cannot be finalized within the 60 day period, the Federal Council shall carry out the duties of the Executive Committee wherever the Chairman of the Federal Council deems it necessary for the continuation of the efficient running of KUSA affairs.] Such nominee shall remain in Office until the termination of the period of office of the Chairman of the Federal Council and such further period as contemplated in 14.5 below provided that the appointment is acceptable to all the Provincial Council Chairm[a]en of the Federal Council. Further, nothing herein shall preclude the Chairman of the Federal Council from removing from Office any member of the Executive Committee at any time subject to confirmation of the Federal Council. Such members of the Executive Committee who terminate their period of office with the Chairman of the Federal Council shall be eligible for reappointment. Should, for any reason a member of the Executive Committee not be able to continue in Office a new Provincial nominee shall be appointed following the procedure detailed above.

- 14.5 During the nomination and acceptance period of sixty (60) days, the outgoing Executive Committee shall remain in place and carry out its duties until the name and acceptance of every nominee has been received and confirmed by the Chairmen of the Federal Council.
- 14.6 The newly elected and confirmed Executive Committee shall, at its first meeting, from amongst themselves elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shall represent the Committee at the Federal Council Meetings. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall represent the Committee.
- 14.7 The Provincial Council Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of the District of Gauteng and Surrounds members of the Federal Council shall submit to the Secretary nominations for the offices of President and of Chairman of the Federal Council which shall be placed on the Agenda for the last Federal Council meeting to be held in the fourth year of the terms of office of the current President and Chairman of the Federal Council.

Clean submission is therefore:

- 14.4 On assuming office, the Chairman of the Federal Council shall instruct the Chairman of each Province and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to obtain, within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such instructions, the name and written acceptance of a nominee elected by the Provincial Council to sit on the Executive Committee. Such nominee shall remain in Office until the termination of the period of office of the Chairman of the Federal Council and such further period as contemplated in 14.5 below provided that the appointment is acceptable to all the Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council. Further, nothing herein shall preclude the Chairman of the Federal Council from removing from Office any member of the Executive Committee at any time subject to confirmation of the Federal Council. Such members of the Executive Committee who terminate their period of office with the Chairman of the Federal Council shall be eligible for reappointment. Should, for any reason a member of the Executive Committee not be able to continue in Office a new Provincial nominee shall be appointed following the procedure detailed above.
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4.2 **Any Items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1**

4.2.1 **Disciplinary Sub-Committee (Exco)**

There are no finalised cases to report.

4.3 **Any Matters Relating to the Registration of Dogs – Schedule 2**

4.3.1 **Schedule 2 Regulation 8 Affix (Kennel Name)** (Fedco 12-2016 item 9.3)

It was agreed at the December Fedco meeting that the addition of extra owners on Affixes needs to be addressed.

(Task team CI & JH)

Report on work in progress to be discussed.

4.4 **Any Matters Relating to Breed Standards**

(Please note that the wording at the beginning and end of the Breed Standards, as agreed to at the Fedco 06-2015 meeting, will be added to all the Breed Standards.)

4.4.1 **Amendments to FCI Breed Standards:**

4.4.1.1 **Working Group**

4.4.1.1.1 **Giant Schnauzer**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.2 **Landseer (ECT)**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.3 **Hovawart**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.4 **Great Swiss Mountain Dog**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.5 **Greenland Dog**

Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.2.2.2 the Kennel Club Breed Standard was tabled, in error, instead of the FCI Breed Standard. FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.6 **German Shepherd Dog**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.7 **Portuguese Water Dog**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.8 **Rottweiler**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.9 **Russian Black Terrier**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.10 **Schnauzer**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.11 **Tosa**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.1.1.12 **Fila Brasileiro**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.1.2.8)

- 4.4.1.1.13 **Dobermann** (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.1.2.5)
Deferred from 12-2016 Fedco.
Further information was required to support objections to the amendments.

4.4.1.2 **Utility Group**

- 4.4.1.2.1 **Shiba**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.2 **Amendments to Kennel Club Breed Standards:**

4.4.2.1 **Terrier Group**

- 4.4.2.1.1 **Sealyham Terrier**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.1.2 **Dandie Dinmont Terrier**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.1.3 **Parson Russell Terrier**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.1.4 **Norwich Terrier**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.2.2 **Working Group**

- 4.4.2.2.1 **Leonberger**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.2 **Neapolitan Mastiff**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.3 **Newfoundland**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.4 **Mastiff**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.5 **Pyrenean Mountain Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.6 **Tibetan Mastiff**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.7 **Great Dane**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

- 4.4.2.2.8 **Bullmastiff** (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.2.2.1)
The amendments to the above Breed Standard were deferred from the 12-2016 Fedco Meeting due to objections received from both Bullmastiff Clubs. The Clubs were requested to consult with the parent club in the UK and the following reply has been received from Caroline Hallett of The Kennel Club:

“We are in receipt of your letter of 2 February 2017. The concern about the change in the Bullmastiff breed standard is noted. The phrase ‘circumference of skull may equal height of dog measured at the top of the shoulder’ was removed in February 2009 from the Kennel Club Bullmastiff Breed Standard. At that time the UK breed clubs were consulted. It has been very rare that a judge has ever measured the circumference of a Bullmastiff’s skull in the show ring

and it was felt that such a comparison was not really relevant. The standard still asks for 'skull large and square viewed from every angle', and it was felt that this is sufficient to stress the importance of a strong head in the breed.

You will note that the universal introductory paragraph to Kennel Club breed standards stresses the importance of keeping all breeds free of exaggerated traits. Whilst you mention the head as the 'hallmark' of the Bullmastiff, it is not desirable that any point dominates a judge's evaluation.

In the UK it is the practice that breed clubs hold seminars to educate breeders, exhibitors and judges on the essential points of breed type."

4.4.2.3 Utility Group

4.4.2.3.1 Shih Tzu

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.2.3.2 Tibetan Terrier

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.2.4 Toy Group

4.4.2.4.1 Pomeranian

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.2.5 Herding Group

4.4.2.5.1 Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda

4.4.3 Moratoria placed on Breed Standards

Puli (FCI) – Fedco 06-2014 for three years until end of June 2017.

4.4.4 Protocol for change of origin of Breed Standards (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.14, Fedco 06-2016, Fedco 12-2016 – item 4.4.9)

Clsr Immelman and Wilson were tasked to prepare the draft policy for adoption to changes of Breed Standards and the conducting of referenda. The interim procedure agreed by Fedco for the Borzoi to serve as a sample case to be taken into account when reaching a decision on final policy. Work in progress.

4.4.5 Belgian Shepherd Dog – request to change to FCI Breed Standard (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.11)

Referendum to be conducted on same terms and conditions as those set for the Borzoi.

Work in progress.

4.5 Any Matters Relating To Breed Shows & Judging – Schedule 10 & Schedule 3

4.5.1 Breed Judges Specialisation Courses (Fedco 12-16 – item 9.10)

In response to a request made at the 12-2016 Fedco as to when the criteria document to qualify for a Specialisation Course was likely to be completed, the following information has been received from the NBJSC:

"At any time during the course of specialisation studies, allowing sufficient time before the portfolio deadline, learners must please contact Joy (the Curriculum Developer) with regard to the content and requirements for Module 7: The Breed Assignment. Joy will set out and explain the assignment, and mark it after submission. On the successful completion of the breed assignment, the learner must include it in the portfolio for submission to the PBJSC Chairman by the relevant closing date (1 April or 1 September).

The following Specialisation Courses are currently on offer: Rottweiler & Bull Terrier, with German Shepherd Dogs currently in progress.”

For noting.

4.5.2 **Judging Criteria – Age** (Exco 02-2017 item 5.11.3, Exco 03-2017, Exco 04-2017)

The following item is referred by Exco in terms of Article 43, as the Fedco is the only authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and all Schedules, etc.

Extract from Exco 02-2017:

“KUSA Judges are required to be at least 18 years of age, however, this is no longer clear in the Regulations, resulting in a minor being permitted to judge a Non-Championship Agility event.

Background:

It was agreed at 05-2010 Fedco that the following Articles be moved to Schedule 3:

Article 25– Judges (25.1 to 25.5)

Article 26 – Powers of Club Show Committees

Article 27 – Champion Dogs (27.1 to 27.8)

Article 28 – Breeders’ Diploma

Accordingly, the above Clauses were inserted into Schedule 3 as Clauses 34, 41, 42 and 43.

Article 25 re Judges was moved to Sch 3 Reg 34 – 34.5 – this includes the wording “....be a member in good standing of the Kennel Union, who shall be over the age of 18 years....”

Schedule 4 also had the same wording for many years until 2013.

At Fedco 05-2012, it was resolved “that all items that are presently in Schedules 3, 4 and 4A relating to Judges and/or Judging to be moved to the new Schedule 10.”

The amended Schedules were circulated to Fedco and approved at the 12-2012 Fedco with an effective date of 01.07.13.

This resulted in the reference to the age limit being moved out of Schedule 4 to Schedule 10, which is specifically for Breed Judges and not for Working Disciplines. It, however, still remains in Schedule 3.

Schedule 5L, which clearly sets out the requirements to become an Agility Judge, makes no reference to the age limit. Schedule 5L Reg 1.1 does say under 1.1 Licensing and Show Rules “The Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Ch Shows), Schedule 3A and Schedule 4 (Non-Ch Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of SA shall apply to competition for Agility Shows so far as they can be relevant to Agility Shows and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5L.”

This may have covered the age limit had it not been removed from Schedule 4.

Exco recommends that this loophole be closed as it was never the intention that a person under the age of 18 should be permitted to judge. The Office is aware that the candidate judge wishes to apply for two more Non-Championship Show appointments before November this year.

Proposals:

- (1) It is suggested that the Articles and Schedule 4 be amended as indicated below

Articles

Article 25 is currently “VOID”. Insert the following:

25. JUDGES

All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing of the Kennel Union, who shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment.

Schedule 4 Regulation 15:

15. Appointment and Approval of Judges

15.1 An Affiliated Club shall have unrestricted discretion to appoint its Judges who shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members in good standing of the Kennel Union, who shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment and who:....

(2) In view of the circumstances, do the qualifications already gained by the underage Judge stand, and will she be permitted to accept invitations for two judging appointments before November this year, when she turns 18?

4.5.3 Dancing with Dogs (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.10, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.14, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.10)

The above new Schedules were approved at 12-2017 Fedco.

The necessary additions to Schedule 3 are to be finalised.

4.5.4 Schedule 3 - Regulation 14 – Exclusion of Dogs (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.5.4)

Proposal by Exco:

Delete words underlined and insert words in [brackets]:

A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from a Show because of disease, savage disposition or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. ~~and~~ [t]The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit [a written report] to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Show a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident.

14.1 On the receipt of a written report [~~and a recommendation~~] from a Show Committee, which has refused or excluded or removed any dog from a Show, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, at his discretion, be entitled to temporarily order the ~~[debar]~~ exclusion of such dog from further entry to or exhibition at any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations, such temporary order ~~[bar]~~ to continue in force until the next ~~[but one]~~ meeting of the Executive Committee who shall, at such meeting, deal with the matter in accordance with the provisions of 14.3 hereunder. [~~after consideration of any representations lodged by or on behalf of the owner of the dog, either confirm or withdraw the bar so imposed.~~]

14.2 The Secretary shall on the making of an[y] order by the Chairman of the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.1 above, forward to the owner of the dog and all Provincial Councils, a copy of the temporary exclusion ~~[barring]~~ order ~~[notice]~~ and further inform[ing] such owner that he is entitled to submit a written representation supported by sworn statement/s of any witness/es and any other applicable evidence in this regard to reach the Secretary on a date which shall be not less than three (3) days before the date of the proposed next meeting of the Executive Committee.

14.3 The Executive Committee shall consider the report and supporting evidence of the Show Secretary as well as the written representation and supporting evidence of the owner of the dog, if any, and may order a further investigation into the incident before making a determination, or proceed and confirm the temporary exclusion of the dog and determine at its discretion any appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken in order to have the exclusion withdrawn, or withdraw the imposed temporary exclusion or, after due consideration, recommend to the Federal Council that the dog is not fit for exhibition and request that the dog be permanently excluded from exhibition. The determination of the Executive Committee of what constitutes 'appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken' as well as the timeframes set therefor, for the purpose of these Regulations, shall be final and binding.

- 14.4 The Secretary shall, on the making of any decision, determination and/or recommendation by the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.3 above, forward to the owner of the dog a notice informing him thereof and, if applicable, of the timeframes set for the appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken. Upon receipt by the Secretary of sufficient proof of compliance with the conditions set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of any proof provided within the allotted timeframe, the matter must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and final determination to either withdraw the temporary exclusion, or to make a recommendation to the Federal Council as provided for in Regulation 14.5 hereunder.
- 14.[3]5 If, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, a dog is not fit for exhibition, the Federal Council shall be empowered to ~~debar~~ permanently exclude such dog from entry to, or exhibition at, any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations.
- 14.[4]6 In consequence of any decision reached under the provisions of Regulation 14, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish, ~~in~~ on the Kennel Union's official website and Facebook pages, full details thereof and shall have the power to ~~[extend such publication by circulating]~~ circulate this information to Affiliated Clubs and Provincial Councils.

Clean proposal will therefore read:

A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from a Show because of disease, savage disposition or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Show a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident.

- 14.1 On the receipt of a written report from a Show Committee, which has refused or excluded or removed any dog from a Show, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, at his discretion, be entitled to temporarily order the exclusion of such dog from further entry to or exhibition at any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations, such temporary order to continue in force until the next meeting of the Executive Committee who shall, at such meeting, deal with the matter in accordance with the provisions of 14.3 hereunder.
- 14.2 The Secretary shall on the making of an order by the Chairman of the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.1 above, forward to the owner of the dog and all Provincial Councils, a copy of the temporary exclusion order and further inform such owner that he is entitled to submit a written representation supported by sworn statement/s of any witness/es and any other applicable evidence in this regard to reach the Secretary on a date which shall be not less than three (3) days before the date of the proposed next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 14.3 The Executive Committee shall consider the report and supporting evidence of the Show Secretary as well as the written representation and supporting evidence of the owner of the dog, if any, and may order a further investigation into the incident before making a determination, or proceed and confirm the temporary exclusion of the dog and determine at its discretion any appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken in order to have the exclusion withdrawn, or withdraw the imposed temporary exclusion or, after due consideration, recommend to the Federal Council that the dog is not fit for exhibition and request that the dog be permanently excluded from exhibition. The determination of the Executive Committee of what constitutes 'appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or

tests to be taken' as well as the timeframes set therefor, for the purpose of these Regulations, shall be final and binding.

- 14.4 The Secretary shall, on the making of any decision, determination and/or recommendation by the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.3 above, forward to the owner of the dog a notice informing him thereof and, if applicable, of the timeframes set for the appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken. Upon receipt by the Secretary of sufficient proof of compliance with the conditions set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of any proof provided within the allotted timeframe, the matter must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and final determination to either withdraw the temporary exclusion, or to make a recommendation to the Federal Council as provided for in Regulation 14.5 hereunder.
- 14.5 If, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, a dog is not fit for exhibition, the Federal Council shall be empowered to permanently exclude such dog from entry to, or exhibition at, any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations.
- 14.6 In consequence of any decision reached under the provisions of Regulation 14, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish, on the Kennel Union's official website and Facebook pages, full details thereof and shall have the power to circulate this information to Affiliated Clubs and Provincial Councils.

4.5.5 **Schedule 3 Regulation 43 - Breeder's Diploma**
Housekeeping:

43. BREEDER'S DIPLOMA

Upon written application being made on an official Kennel Union form, accompanied by the [fee] prescribed fee, the Executive Committee shall issue a Breeder's Diploma to the breeder of every dog awarded its title of Champion and Grand Champion, provided such dog is registered in the Kennel Union Breed Registers.

Motivation:

At 12- 2017 Fedco the Grand Champion title was added to Schedule 3 Reg.42.1, but not carried through to Regulation 43.

- 4.5.6 **Supreme Champion** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.20, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.9, Fedco 12-2016 item 4.5.8)
Following the approval of the Grand Champion Regulations at 12- 2016 Fedco, it was agreed that a proposal for Supreme Champion would be presented for the December 2017 Fedco agenda
Work in progress.

4.5.7 **Show Clearance Certificates**

- 4.5.7.1 A Clearance Certificate for Exhibition only was issued in March 2016 and is valid for twelve months from the date of issue. Request received for the Clearance Certificate to be extended for a further 8 months after the expiry date, since the foreign owner and South African exhibitor wish the dog to be made up as a South African Grand Champion. The dog will be returned to its foreign owner before the end of December 2017.

Agreed unanimously by Fedco in February 2017 via e-mail round robin.

For ratification only.

- 4.5.7.2 A Clearance Certificate for Exhibition only was issued in February 2016 and is valid for twelve months from the date of issue. Request received for the Clearance Certificate to be extended for a further 3 months after the expiry date.
The dog was imported from USA and the foreign owner did not want to relinquish ownership by transferring the dog into the South African exhibitor's name. It was anticipated that the dog would be registered in SA in the foreign owner's name. The SA exhibitor attempted to commence the registration procedure, only to discover that *FCI Standing order Article 8:- For a dog to be eligible for entry in a*

*studbook or appendix, its breeder/owner must have its **legal residence in the country where the dog will be registered** applies to dogs registered in South Africa.*

To overcome this problem, it was decided to register the dog in the joint ownership of the SA exhibitor and the foreign owner, which required fresh documentation be obtained from the American Kennel Club. While waiting for the documentation, they wished to continue entering shows.

Agreed unanimously by Fedco in February 2017 via e-mail round robin.

For ratification only.

4.5.7.3 **Clearance Certificates – Applicants**

Following the amendments made to Article 12 and Schedule 3 Regulation 7 with regard to mandatory membership of owners of dogs entered at Championship Shows (Ref Fedco 12-2016 item 4.1.1), Fedco is requested to confirm if this also applies to applicants for the following Clearance Certificates:

Clearance Certificate for foreign registered dogs – imported for showing only

Clearance Certificate for foreign registered dogs – imported to be used for stud purposes only

Clearance Certificate for foreign registered dogs – imported for showing and stud

Does the foreign owner residing outside South Africa, who does not wish to relinquish ownership of their dog, have to become a KUSA member and pay the required election fee and 12 months' subscription fee in order for the dog to be issued with a Clearance Certificate?

4.5.7.4 **Clearance Certificates – Policy**

At Fedco 05-2002, it was agreed that the Clearance Certificate be extended to twelve (12) months. The following note appears on the Clearance Certificate:

“Clearance Certificates are valid for twelve months from the date of issue **and are not renewable.**”

Fedco to review current policy.

4.5.8 **Minimum number of dogs to be present and exhibited in order to retain Championship Showholding Status – Schedule 3 Regulation 1.2.2**

At the Fedco 06-2014, a moratorium was put in place effective from 1.10.2014 to 31.12.2017, during which there is no requirement for a minimum number of dogs to be present and exhibited in order for a Specialist Club or Group Club to retain Championship showholding status. This system was to be monitored before deciding whether the Regulations should be amended or voided.

Note:

During the moratorium, Clubs are required to pay the levy for the minimum numbers of dogs present and exhibited as per Schedule 3, even if fewer dogs than the prescribed minimum are present and exhibited. If the number of dogs present and exhibited is greater than the prescribed minimum number as per Schedule 3, the levy will be payable for all the dogs exhibited.

Statistical information to be provided by Office.

4.5.9 **Sight & Scent Hounds – Rhodesian Ridgeback**

Proposal from Exco:

In 2005, the breeds in the Hound Group were divided into Sight and Scent Hounds. This classification was not an amendment to Schedule 2, but for use by Clubs which needed to split the judging of Hounds into Sight and Scent Hounds. The Rhodesian Ridgeback was classified as a Sight Hound.

As per a motivated request from the South African Ridgeback Club, Exco recommends to Fedco that the Rhodesian Ridgeback be re-classified as a Scent Hound.

5. **WORKING DISCIPLINES**

5.1 **Schedule 5A – Regulations for Obedience Classes**

5.1.1 **Regulation 4.1 Beginners Class**

Proposal from National Obedience Sub-Committee:

Delete words in [square brackets] and insert words underlined:

Clause 4.1 Eligibility

~~[Handlers or]~~ ~~D[d]~~ogs which have won this class twice at a Championship Shows, scoring at least 90% on each occasion are not eligible to compete in any Beginners Class again. Dogs which have qualified in Novice Class or any higher class are not eligible to compete in any Beginners Class.

Motivation:

As it stands, an experienced handler is not able to ease a new dog into Obedience until it has been to at least the Novice level. This means that a dog is kept out of the ring for much longer and is denied the opportunity to acclimatise to the show environment as a youngster.

It is the dog that is the "Beginner", not the handler.

This delay is also discouraging to the handler.

5.1.2 Obedience Participants to be KUSA Members

The National Obedience Sub-Committee has no fundamental objections to the concept of participants being members of KUSA, but objects strongly to the fees involved and proposes a fee of R200.00 per year with no entrance fee.

Motivation:

KUSA membership covers a wide range of services and privileges, most of which are not used or enjoyed by Obedience competitors. For the most part they do not breed or judge or act in any official capacity within the KUSA structure. All they do is compete.

5.2 Schedule 5B (1) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic) - nil

5.3 IPO – Schedule 5B (2) Regulations for International Working Dog Trials and International Tracking Dog Trials

Proposals from National Sub-Committee:

5.3.1 Schedule 5B(2)

Page 1 - delete "Guidelines" and insert "Regulations" – in line with FCI changes

Page 1 – under Contents – 3 Judging IPO - add the following (previously omitted):

3.6.3 National Organisation IPO Judges Qualifying Route A

3.6.11 National Organisation IPO Judges Qualifying Route B

3.6.16 Qualification of International IPO Judges

3.6.17 Qualification of Judges for all versions of BH and Endurance Test

5.3.2 By-Laws for IPO National Sub-Committee

The following changes to the By-Laws have been requested:

Under 3 - Interpretation of Terms - the addition of a **new** clause 3.9:

Selection Panel means a Panel appointed by the NIPOSC to investigate the Selection of the KUSA World Championship/Merit Team and to make recommendations to the NIPOSC in this regard.

Under 4 – Objects - the addition of a **new** clause 4.8:

To present to the Federal Council a list of names of the KUSA IPO Merit Team to participate at World Championship events.

Under 6 – Composition - it is requested that the term of office for a representative in 6.1 and 6.2 be reduced from four years to two years.

The addition of a **new** Annexure A "NIPOSC World Team Selection/Merit Panel"

The revised By-Laws, together with Annexure A are **attached** to the agenda.

5.4 TT – Schedule 5B (3) Regulations for Tracking Trials - nil

5.5 **Working Utility Dog – Schedule 5B (4) – nil**

5.6 **Field Trials – Schedule 5C**

The Field Trial Liaison Council has submitted the following proposal relating to mandatory membership for owners of dogs who enter KUSA Championship Shows:

It is strongly proposed that consideration be given to extend the exemption granted to owners entering specialist Breed Club Championship shows to include all specialist Championship Field Trial events. This amounts to a maximum of sixteen Championship Field Trials each year.

Note: If agreed, this would involve an adjustment to the amendment to Schedule 3 Regulation 7, which will be amended as follows wef 01.02.18:

Schedule 3 Regulation 7 – Entry for Exhibition

The following will be inserted at the beginning of Regulation 7:

Only Members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter dogs in their registered ownership in any Championship Dog Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial, Field Trial or other Championship event licensed by the Kennel Union, save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows, where entries will also be open to non-members. All Entries shall be submitted...”

Motivation:

The Field Trial Liaison Council has discussed the implications of the resolution made by Fedco and it was agreed that this decision will have a far-reaching impact on the specialist disciplines under the control of the FTLC.

A significant impact of this decision will be the loss of entries in Field Trial events. Field Trials do not draw large entry numbers when compared to other events. A reduction in entries could well lead to the demise of Field Trials.

5.7 **Dog Jumping – Schedule 5D - nil**

5.8 **Schedule 5E – Regulations for Special Events**

5.8.1 **Schedule 5E (11) – Regulations for the Kennel Union National Awards**

Regulation 5 - Qualifications for Entry. Amendment to 5.1.2.1 as indicated below:

To have been obtained on or before the closing date for the Show. The qualifying dates indicated below shall be determined by the dates on the relevant award cards.

5.1 Breed

5.1.1 National Dog Dogs which have been awarded KUSA (Breed) Championship status.

5.1.2 National Puppy For dogs under twenty-four (24) months on the day of the Show.

5.1.2.1 The winner of Best Puppy in Show at [a] the KUSA Championship Show shall have automatic entry to the competition for National Puppy.

5.1.2.2 Dogs which have been awarded Best Puppy in Show at All Breeds Club Championship Shows."

The change to the wording at 5.1.2.1 is necessary so that it is clearly understood that this is a puppy that has won at "the" KUSA Championship Show and not at "a" KUSA Championship Show.

The above amendment was agreed to by Fedco 'round robin' in order that it may be put into effect at the 2017 Classic weekend.

For ratification.

5.8.2 **Schedule 5F - Regulations for Breed Assessments**

5.8.2.1 **Regulations (9.1.7) and (9.1.8) Boxer Breed Assessment & Survey Procedures**

The following amendment has been submitted by SABOX

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

7. THE BREED ASSESSORS

~~[The] A breed assessment [survey] shall be carried out by a panel of not [less] fewer than two (2) SABOX-approved and -appointed breed assessors. A breed survey shall be carried out by a panel of not [less] fewer than two (2) SABOX-approved and -appointed breed assessors and one (1) SABOX-approved disposition assessor, who must be a KUSA-recognised IPO judge.~~

Motivation:

The way this rule currently reads means that while a Breed Assessment requires two approved breed assessors (who are Boxer Specialist Judges), a Breed Survey (which includes an assessment of the guard and defence attributes of the Boxer being surveyed) could be carried out by only one breed assessor who is a Boxer Specialist Judge and one disposition assessor, who might not be a Boxer Specialist at all. The delegates at the last SABOX meeting agreed unanimously that the wording should be revised as stated above to ensure that the conformation evaluation should be done in an identical manner in Breed Assessments and Breed Surveys.

5.8.2.2 Regulations 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 Rottweiler Breed Assessment (BA) and Breed Suitability Procedure
See under item 7.1 (Rottweiler Breed Council)

5.9 **Dog Carting – Schedule 5G** - nil

5.10 **Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility** - nil

5.11 **Flyball – Schedule 5M**

Revised Schedule 5M submitted by Flyball National Sub-Committee **attached**.

5.12 **Aptitude Testing** - nil

6. **Schedule 9 Code of Ethics** (Fedco 12-16 item 9.9)

6.1 **Mating of KUSA-registered Dogs to Dogs from other Non-recognised Registries** (Fedco 12-2016 item 9.9)

Following KUSA's registration by the DAFF as the Registering Authority, it was necessary for KUSA not to be seen to be condoning KUSA-registered dogs being mated to dogs on registries not recognised by DAFF.

At Fedco 12-2016, it was recommended that Schedule 9 - Code of Ethics - should be amended. The following amendment has been submitted by the NAPC:

Clause 2.13 amend to read:

Not knowingly permit any purebred dogs registered on the KUSA breed registers, to mate with a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed, or to any dog that is registered with any organisation, society or association that is not recognised by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

Motivation/Explanation:

- The NWSBTC and the PSBTC wish to express their concern about the fact that a number of KUSA members have already mated their KUSA-registered dogs to dogs of other dog registries in South Africa, for instance the SA Canine Breed Registry (SACBR) and Canine Registry and others.
- KUSA has, since it was founded in 1891, never had to compete with other canine registering bodies in Southern Africa. In 2008, the SACBR was established and, since then, it has been able to get KUSA-registered dogs' pedigrees and ancestry on its pedigrees through matings of their 'registered' dogs to KUSA's registered dogs.
- These registering bodies' (SACBR and Canine Registry) pedigrees are not accepted by KUSA. Dogs on these registries are, however, registered and we therefore need to state that these registering bodies are **not** recognised by KUSA, even if some KUSA members argue that these dogs are registered.

- d. There are a number of registering bodies worldwide that are recognised by the KUSA and these are all acceptable. We have to also remember that dogs are mated to dogs registered overseas and/or semen may be imported.
- e. We therefore have to state clearly that only dogs registered by organisations, societies or associations **recognised** by the KUSA are allowed to be mated to KUSA-registered dogs.
- f. By allowing KUSA members to use their stud dogs on dogs from other non-recognised registries means that KUSA's information (database) is being provided free of charge to the other registries.
- g. KUSA needs to protect its database and therefore this change to the Code of Ethics should be made and brought to the attention of all KUSA members. It will be the duty of the clubs to inform their members that this practice is not permitted under KUSA rules.

6.2 **Code of Ethics - Clause 2.1**

Proposed by Exco:

Clause 2.1:

ensure that at all times such dogs are properly housed, watered, exercised, and transported and will receive Veterinary attention from a qualified person, as and when required.

Insert **new** Clause 2.21:

ensure that no dog is left confined in a vehicle or area exposed to the elements (heat or cold).

Renumber current 2.21 as 2.22

7. **BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS**

7.1 **Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)**

Submissions by RBC as approved at RBC Meetings held in November 2016 and February 2017

Proposal 1:

7.1.1 **Schedule 2 Appendix E**

Breed-specific Requirements for Imported and Exported Dogs

Proposal:

List of additional authorised institutions, veterinary practices and clinics qualified and recognised

Insert words underlined:

Rottweilers – Imported

HD/ED requirements for the importation of Rottweilers and semen for breeding purposes.

1. All Rottweilers being imported under twelve (12) months of age must be screened in South Africa once the animal is at least eighteen (18) months. Any HD/ED gradings given to Rottweilers under twelve (12) months of age are not accepted.

2. HD requirements for the importation of Rottweilers or semen for breeding or Championship purposes:

2.1.1 The animal must be x-rayed and scored over the age of twelve (12)

2.1.2 The animal must receive an official FCI/ADRK grading according to FCI/ADRK Regulations

2.1.3 Any grading given must either be performed or endorsed by the Veterinary University of the country, ADRK or hip dysplasia panel of the country. This must be clearly reflected on the official HD/ED certificate. Alternatively, the grading veterinarian must be officially recognised (in writing) by the Veterinary University of the country as being qualified to perform gradings according to the FCI system.

Or

2.1.4 Animals receiving an official recognised grading in a country (as per list lodged with KUSA by RBC) over the age of twelve (12) months are accepted. The following additional list of institutions is currently lodged with KUSA by RBC as approved:

- Germany
 - GRSK- Gesellschaft für Röntgendiagnostik genetisch beeinflusster Skeletterkrankungen bei Kleintieren e.V
- Italy- ENCI - Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana
 - Centrale Di Lettura Delle Malattie Scheletriche Gentetiche e/o Ereditarie Del Cane (CeLeMaSche) - <http://www.celemasche.it>
 - Fodazione Salute Animale (FSA) - <http://www.fondazionesaluteanimale.it>
- Serbia- Kennel Club of Serbia
 - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Belgrade, Belgrade

- Veterinary practice "Novak", Belgrade
- Veterinary practice "Alessandra", Belgrade
- Veterinary practice "Pan Vet", Subotica
- "PVS Pet Company", Nis
- "PET-VET", Novi Sad
- Veterinary practice "ROYALVET", Belgrade
- Veterinary practice "VETLAND", Vrsac
- Veterinary practice "LEO", Novi Sad
- Veterinary practice "BARAK", Sombor
- Veterinary practice "VET MAGIC", Jagodina
- Veterinary practice "INTERVET"

Alternatively

2.1.5 If the dog fails to meet the above requirements, the animal must be regraded in South Africa over the age of eighteen (18) months.

Motivation:

Currently the Rottweiler breed has experienced a significant increase in the number of dogs being imported into South Africa. The RBC health convener received numerous requests from KUSA to approve HD & ED gradings for dogs that have been tested abroad. We are also in constant contact with both Prof Kirberger and KUSA to verify any new Institutions/Organisations abroad from which our breeders/exhibitors are importing. We receive requests from importers where dogs assessed by "unapproved vets", as well from reputable organisations. The RBC does not prohibit the importation of dogs, but facilitates and ensures that the RBC and KUSA health requirements for HD and ED are maintained when these dogs are being bred from, and in particular where a reliance is placed on a grading that was not done through our KUSA regulations, but through other international institutions. We have seen individual cases where dogs have been re-graded in SA with results different from the international certifications. Additionally, we also acknowledge that the regulations in different FCI countries may vary.

However, in order for the RBC to remain current and maintain and extend the list of reputable institutions/organisations, we need to constantly update the RBC HD & ED requirements document to remain transparent to our breeders, as well as expand the list as new institutions are approved in conjunction with our correspondence with Prof Kirberger.

7.1.2 **Schedule 5E(21) - Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows**

Proposal 2 re Judges Requirements:

At the 2016 Grand Victor Show, Meridian Rottweiler League was granted permission by Exco to allow 2 judges to officiate and to jointly decide on the main show winners. This practice is very common in Europe and added another dimension to the current show scene. On Exco's advice, we also included a reserve judge should a casting vote be needed in the decision-making process. We found that exhibitors were very happy that the final decisions were made by two judges and not just one.

Therefore, we propose the updating of both the Specialist Show and Grand Victor schedules to include the option for clubs to invite 2 judges with a reserve judge.

Additionally, we have previously extended the list of approved international judges to include judges that have judged at the IFR for the past 10 years. In order to extend our pool of available international judges, we propose to extend this to add the ADRK Family show as part of this list as well. Both the IFR and ADRK World Family show draw from a pool of internationally acclaimed Rottweiler Specialist judges from all parts of the world and a judge officiating at these events is typically of the highest calibre.

Motivation:

This adds a new dimension for those clubs wishing to do so and received huge approval from exhibitors.

Extending the list of reputable judges allows clubs more options for international, suitably qualified judges from a host of different countries, while maintaining the quality of our specialist shows.

Schedule amendments:

Regulation 5.1.2.2:

Insert words underlined:

Alternatively, any Rottweiler specialist judge from any country where he/she has judged at the IFR World show or the ADRK World Family show within the last 10 years, and who is also approved by KUSA in consultation with the RBC.

5.1.2.3 The host club may decide to invite two, three or even 4 judges and split judging responsibilities accordingly. This may either be done by sex or by selected classes. Should the club want multiple judges to judge CC, RCC, Best Puppy, BIS, etc., this may be done when the number of judges is uneven. A simple majority will determine the award. In the case where either 2 or 4 judges (an even number) are requested to judge any or some of these awards jointly, the club will be required to appoint a third qualified judge to act as a referee. In the event that the even number of judges (either 2 or 4) are unable to make a joint decision, the referee judge will be required to make the final decision.

7.1.3 Schedule 5E (18) – Name Change and alignment to Judges’ requirements:

Proposal 3.1:

The proposal is to rename the current Grand Victor Show to the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show, and the titles as follows:

- Grand Victor to SA Sieger
- Grand Victrix to SA Siegerin
- Junior Grand Victor to SA Youth Sieger
- Junior Grand Victrix to SA Youth Siegerin

Motivation:

The current name is peculiar to SA only, internationally the National Specialist Show winner is referred to as the National Sieger, or Siegerin, etc. As we fall more in line with international standards and as the world grows smaller, there is a growing need for our titles to be understood not only in SA, but also abroad. The proposed name and titles will be internationally recognised by judges and other countries.

Proposal 3.2:

The proposal is to align the current Grand Victor schedule with the Specialist show schedule with regard to the requirements for judges as well as the new proposals in no 2 of this document above.

Motivation:

This is to ensure consistency between all schedules

Amended Schedule 5E(18) **attached**

7.1.4 NEW Schedule 5E (XX) – Regional Sieger Shows

Proposal 4:

We propose to create regional Grand Victor (Sieger) shows which will be rotated amongst the clubs in that region. These shows will be run under a new schedule, almost identical to that of the Grand Victor schedule. It will offer 3 regional titles which will be added to the pedigree.

- “Regional” Sieger
- “Regional” Siegerin
- “Regional” Youth Sieger
- “Regional” Youth Siegerin

The three regions will be Gauteng, Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal

Motivation:

It is hoped that this will encourage entries at specialist shows and increase attendance at “away” shows. At the same time, the proposal also caters for exhibitors unable to travel to the National show, to be able to compete for regional titles.

The Rottweiler Specialist shows continues to gain popularity and these shows have maintained or increased in numbers. We believe that this new introduction will further enhance and encourage support and healthy competition at specialist shows. Internationally, regional shows are common practice. We currently have 7 active clubs across the 3 regions and, presently, clubs need to wait 7 years before having the opportunity to host the National show. This will also encourage clubs to host premiere events with quality overseas judges.

Proposed new Schedule **attached** to agenda.

7.1.5 **Schedule 5F Regulation 9.1.3 - RBC Breed Assessment and Suitability Test Procedure.** (Fedco 12-2015 item 8.1.1, Fedco 06-2016 item 7.1.1)

Proposal 5:

The current KUSA Schedule 5F does not outline the detailed procedures and regulations to follow for a Breed Assessment or Breed Suitability Test. These guidelines have always been maintained by the Rottweiler Breed Council. A few years ago, after a particular Breed Assessment, we realised that our guidelines may not be clear and open to misinterpretation.

We have had several situations at BAs across the country where judges differ on whether to pass, defer, or fail dogs due to the difference of interpretation of the previous guidelines. Some examples experienced where confusion has been created:

- Dog sits next to handler without any reaction.
- Dogs moves behind owner without trying to flee.
- Dogs showing signs of displacing without fleeing, etc.

We therefore propose a detailed Schedule for a Rottweiler Breed Assessment and Breed Survey.

Motivation

It is hoped that the new Schedule will provide clearer guidance to all judges and show committees as well as outline the detailed tests and assessment process to exhibitors. We have spent about two years refining and documenting the old guidelines into a revised Schedule. The Schedule also highlights various behaviours, conditions for deferrals, or failures and how to deal with dentition discrepancies. We believe that this is a marked improvement on our previous guidelines.

Revised Schedule **attached**.

7.2 **SABOX**

See item 5.8.2

7.3 **GSD Liaison Council - nil**

8. **GENERAL**

9. **MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN**

10. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

1st, 2nd & 3rd December 2017 – to be confirmed