

**KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
AGENDA FOR A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 25,
SATURDAY, 26 & SUNDAY, 27 JUNE 2021
VIA SKYPE**

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	AGENDA
1			ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS
2			MINUTES
	2.1		The Minutes of the meeting held on 4, 5 & 6 December 2020 to be formally adopted .
	2.2		The acceptance of the Minutes of the Emergency Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on 25 March 2020 (Fedco round robin 31.3.2021) to be ratified .
	2.3		The acceptance of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on 8 March 2021 to be ratified
3			ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1		Declaration of Interests – Fedco Members Article 12.5 The Article reads: <i>“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 delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.”</i>
		3.1.1	Declarations of Fedco Members to be considered by Fedco.
		3.1.2	Declarations of Exco Members to be considered by Fedco, including the declaration of the new member of Exco, Mr Michael Vorster .
	3.2		KUSA Budget 2021/2022
	3.3		K9 Administration Upgrade Project
	3.4		Loss of Affiliation – Article 9 <i>Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017: “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.”</i> <i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017: “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.”</i>
		3.4.1	Article 9.1.3 “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.” Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.
		3.4.2	Article 9.1.4 “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 8.” Information will be tabled prior to the meeting.

	3.8		FCI
		3.8.1	<p>Rhodesian Ridgeback (Fedco 12-19 item 9.18; Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.9; Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.1)</p> <p><i>Report on developments as recorded on the Fedco 12-2020 minutes:</i></p> <p><i>JH informed the meeting that;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard on the KUSA website had since been adorned with the superb illustration commissioned from Ms Joy McFarlane, and that • Ms McFarlane had requested time to revisit the PowerPoint presentation she had prepared a number of years ago, prior to its submission to the FCI. <p><i>On 17 September 2020, PM followed up with the FCI on the status of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard after its scheduled submission to the FCI's Breed Standards Commission. A copy of the Breed Standard, featuring the new illustration, was attached to PM's reminder to the FCI.</i></p> <p><i>The Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard, inclusive of the amendments approved by KUSA, was due to be tabled at the meeting of the Breed Standards Commission scheduled for 20 May 2020 in Milan. Since PM's reminder had met with no response from the FCI, one might safely assume that the meeting in Milan did not take place, given the COVID-19 lockdown which had been in force in Italy at the time.</i></p> <p><i>PM undertook to follow up with the FCI and to report any further developments to Fedco.</i></p> <p>PM reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breed Standard: <p>The KUSA Office has been notified by the FCI Breed Standards Commission that it was mandatory that all FCI Breed Standards record "Aggressive or overly-shy dogs" as a disqualification. Originally, KUSA proposed that "Overly-shy dogs" be listed under FAULTS, with 'Aggressive behaviour' listed under DISQUALIFYING FAULTS. The Breed Standards Commission further advised that, once this has been rectified to meet the FCI's Breed Standards protocol, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Standard would be tabled at the next meeting of the General Committee for approval.</p> <p>This mandatory requirement has been actioned and the FCI Breed Standard for the Rhodesian Ridgeback returned to the FCI Breed Standards Commission for presentation to the FCI General Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint & PDF Presentation – Breed Education <p>Ms Joy McFarlane has resubmitted her Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Education Presentation for the FCI in the required two formats, PowerPoint and PDF. Once the KUSA Breed Standards Committee has approved the presentation, the two formats would be sent to the FCI Executive Director for upload to the FCI website. This Presentation would be available on the FCI website until updated by KUSA, or replaced by another.</p>
		3.8.2	<p>FCI Webinar – 02.4.2021 – "How to Fight Anti-breeding Propaganda and its Consequences. How to Effectively Disseminate the Spirit of the Materials sent by the FCI to its Target Groups.</p> <p>Report-back by attendees.</p>
		3.8.3	<p>Concession for International Championship during the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Report-back by KUSA Office.</p>
	3.9		<p>Reduction in KUSA Membership Fees</p> <p>Proposal from the KwaZulu-Natal Dog Athletics Association through KZNPC. Proposal attached.</p>
4			MATTERS ARISING

	4.1	Any Matters Related to the Articles
	4.1.1	<p>Article 38 – Secretary Housekeeping Proposal: The voidance of Article 38.6. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>38.6 Void [38.6 The Secretary shall not communicate with the printed or electronic media on canine matters.]</p> <p>Motivation: Due to time-pressures and media deadlines, the Secretary of KUSA is sometimes required to respond to enquiries from print and electronic media, normally under guidance from the Fedco Portfolio-holder for Media/Press. In a dynamic society, Article 38.6 is proving a hindrance to KUSA's responsibility to respond swiftly and efficiently to media enquiries, and to expeditiously furnish the media with information and statements.</p>
	4.1.2	<p>Article 2 – Interpretation of Terms Proposed Establishment of a Specialist Multi-breed Club</p> <p>Proposal 1: Proposal to amend the current definition of “Specialist Club” in Article 2 to clarify that such Club caters for a <u>single breed and its varieties</u> which are accommodated in a the <u>same Breed Standard</u> and to establish a new category of Club, called “Specialist Multi-breed Club”, to accommodate breeds which, despite their common ancestry and a partially-shared nomenclature, are considered sufficiently diverse to merit <u>separate Breed Standards</u> in their countries of origin and under Schedule 2 Appendix “A”</p> <p>Proposal submitted by the Northern Areas Provincial Council.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2. INTERPRETATION OF TERMS “Specialist Club” means a Club, the objects of which include [a] <u>the welfare of, interest in, or breeding of a recognised specific single purebred</u> [pure breed of] dog, or varieties of [a] <u>such purebred</u> [specific pure breed of] dog, <u>which varieties are accommodated in a single Breed Standard</u>, which may include facilities for training of such dogs, in accordance with training tests approved for the breed, hold Breed Shows in terms of this Constitution, provide information on breeding and rearing such dogs and generally promote the Breed <u>and any of its varieties</u> through Club activities in bringing breeders, members and other interested parties together to encourage interest and involvement in Club affairs to the betterment of the Breed <u>in all its varieties as described in its single Breed Standard</u> [concerned].</p> <p>New Article slotted in alphabetically under Article 2 - Interpretation of Terms:</p> <p><u>“Specialist Multi-breed Club” means a Club, the objects of which include the welfare of, interest in, or breeding of one or more recognised purebred dogs with a common ancestry and a partially-shared nomenclature, but nevertheless considered sufficiently diverse as to warrant separate Breed Standards in their counties of origin and under Schedule 2 Appendix “A”, which may include facilities for training of such dogs, in accordance with training tests approved for these breeds, hold Breed Shows in terms of this Constitution, provide information on breeding and rearing such dogs and generally promote the respective Breeds through Club activities in bringing breeders, members and other interested parties together to encourage interest and involvement in Club affairs to the betterment of these separate Breeds under the Club's custodianship.</u></p>

		<p>Motivation:</p> <p>Currently, the following “Specialist Clubs” are issued with Show licences by KUSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs for single breeds with a single Breed Standard, e.g. Northern Areas French Bulldog Club. • Clubs for breeds with varieties with a shared Breed Standard, e.g. The South African Dachshund Club, which is the custodian for the six Dachshund varieties. • Clubs for different breeds with a shared ancestry and a partially-shared nomenclature, but with their own Breed Standards, e.g. the Welsh Corgi Club Tramordwy, which is the custodian for the two different Welsh Corgi breeds – the Welsh Corgi Pembroke and the Welsh Corgi Cardigan. <p>At all these Clubs’ shows, the dogs are shown under a single Specialist Show licence, normally in successively-scheduled Breed Classes in the same ring, judged by the same Judge. The definition of “Specialist Club”, which is accommodating of varieties of a breed under a single Breed Standard (2nd Bullet above) does not fit Clubs under the 3rd Bullet, which cater for breeds with a common ancestry, but not a shared Breed Standard.</p> <p>The purpose of this proposed amendment is to correct the historical error of issuing Specialist Show licences to Clubs categorised under the 3rd Bullet above, that should be holding their Shows under Specialist Multi-breed Show licences. This error is creating major confusion for certain Specialist Breed Clubs, that are expected to accommodate different breeds (despite their common ancestry) at their Shows <i>contra</i> the provisions of their Club constitutions and, in the interest of fairness and good order, this confusion and irregularity need to be obviated.</p> <p>Proposal 2: Provided Proposal 1 is accepted, it is further proposed that Schedule 3 Regulations 24.2 & 24.3 be amended to accommodate Specialist Multi-breed Shows in the Regulations governing the Final Awards at various Championship Shows.</p> <p>The following is proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing for Specialist Multi-breed Shows under Regulation 24.2.1 • Insertion of a new Regulation 24.2.5 to regulate the procedure of awarding of Best in Show at Specialist Multi-breed Championship Shows • Sequential renumbering of Regulations 24.2.6 & 24.2.7 • Insertion of a new Regulation 25.3.1 to give Specialist Clubs which host multi-variety Specialist Shows the option recall the Best of Breed of another variety to challenge for Reserve Best in Show. <p>Below are the proposed amendments to Schedule 3. Applicable amendments will apply to Schedule 4 <i>mutatis mutandis</i>.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>, deletions in [struck out square brackets].</p> <p>24.2.1 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one breed, but confined to one Group only, are scheduled, <u>Specialist Multi-breed Shows included</u>, dogs awarded Best of Breed and Best Puppy of Breed shall be eligible for free entry into their respective Best in Show Challenges.</p> <p>24.2.4 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one breed, but confined to one Group only, are scheduled, Specialist Multi-Breed Shows excluded, the first four (4) exhibits in the Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show shall be placed 1 to 4 in order of merit (and may be announced in reverse order).</p>
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		<p>13.3.2 Non-Championship Show-holding Club (Group[er-]/Specialist/Specialist Multi-breed Club) R544.00</p> <p>14 LICENCE FEES</p> <p>14.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS</p> <p>14.1.4 Specialist Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club (Breed/Discipline) R310.00</p> <p>14.2 QUALIFYING SHOW</p> <p>14.2.3 Specialist Club & Specialist Multi-breed Club (Breed/Discipline) R310.00</p> <p>14.3 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS</p> <p>14.3.1 Non-Championship Shows – Specialist, Specialist Multi-breed and Group Clubs R168,00</p> <p>Motivation:</p> <p>The need for providing for the Affiliation Fees and Licence Fees of the new category of Club is self-evident. There is no reason to make the Affiliation Fees and Licence Fees for a Show held by a Specialist Multi-breed Club more expensive than the Affiliation Fees and Licence Fees for a Show held by a Specialist Club.</p>
	4.2	Any items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1
	4.3	Any Matters related to the Registration of Dogs – Schedule 2
		<p>4.3.1 Breed Health – Advanced Registration Certificate/Enhanced Registration Certificate (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.3, Fedco 12-2020 item 4.3.1)</p> <p><i>Further discussion took place on the envisaged implementation of the Grading Scheme and whether the issuing of an Advanced Registration Certificate (ARC) could be used as a possible method of encouraging Health testing and screening. As also alluded to under item 4.3.2, the ARC had, for whatever reason, not proved popular and maybe a less elitist form of Enhanced Registration Certificate should be considered for breeders who voluntarily subject their dogs to Health testing and screening.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
		<p>4.3.2 Schedule 2 – Appendix “C” – Breed-specific Litter Requirements (Fedco 06-2020 item 4.3.2; Fedco 12-2020 item 4.3.2)</p> <p>Proposal from the Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club, supported by the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape. (Letter of support attached). Supported by the NAPC:</p> <p>Note: Carried forward from Fedco 12-2020:</p> <p><i>Discussion ensued on whether it would not be preferable to introduce an Enhanced Registration Certificate than impose restrictions on registrations. The Federal Council had, in the past, resolved that it would not introduce further breed-specific restrictions on litter registrations and, instead, introduced the Advanced Registration Certificate (ARC).</i></p> <p><i>After thorough deliberation, it was concluded that the introduction of breed-specific restrictions was part of a much wider discussion relative to the improvement of Breed Health. It was noted that the uptake of ARCs had been poor, but conceded that, perhaps, the availability of ARCs had not been sufficiently marketed. It was further noted that ARCs were only available to Breed Champions, which might also have proved a deterring factor.</i></p> <p><i>There was general consensus that, given the worldwide preoccupation with Breed Health, this was a matter which required careful consideration, perhaps with a view to introducing a universal system of reward, instead of restraint. It was agreed that matters of this nature needed to be more appropriately considered by the Fedco Breed Health Portfolio-holders, who would make recommendations to Fedco.</i></p>

			<p><i>JH and LT undertook to arrange a Skype call with the Clubs concerned to explain Fedco's position on the issue.</i></p> <p>Deferred to Fedco 06-2021.</p> <p>[Note: Items 4.3.1 and 8.4 (now item 4.3.3. below) have further relevance.]</p> <p>Fresh proposal attached.</p>
		4.3.3	<p>Inter-variety Breeding of Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.4)</p> <p>Note: Carried forward from Fedco 12-2020.</p> <p>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2020:</p> <p><i>Given the fact that Inter-variety Breeding of Belgian Shepherd Dogs was permissible in a number of FCI member-countries under certain circumstances, the Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club had requested Fedco to explore the possibility of permitting it in South Africa between those varieties identified by the FCI, under strict conditions. The latter would include an assessment and adjudication of the intended breeding on submission of pedigrees and motivations, as well as compliance with Health and temperament requirements.</i></p> <p><i>After interrogation, Fedco concluded that the shortage of bloodlines in South Africa, across all four varieties, made Inter-variety Breeding an appealing option, but that the onerous requirements currently envisaged by the Belgian Shepherd Dog fraternity might defeat viability. Moreover, with the required Health requirements for an Advanced Registration Certificate still to be identified, it would be difficult for Fedco to consent to Inter-variety Breeding at this stage.</i></p> <p><i>Fedco invited the Belgian Shepherd Dog fraternity to revert with a formal proposal for Fedco 06-2021 which was not only simplified, but also vastly improved in practicability, with the Health Test requirements covered.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed RJ, seconded CI</i></p> <p>Approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Fresh proposal attached.</p>
		4.3.4	<p>Breed Health - Genetic Health Testing (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.9)</p> <p>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.</p>
		4.3.5	<p>Breed Health – BOAS (Fedco 12-2019 item 9.8; Fedco 06.2020 item 8.3)</p> <p>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.</p>
		4.3.6	<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2)</p> <p>Report-back from the appointed Fedco Task Team.</p>
		4.3.7	<p>Schedule 2 – Appendix “D” Emerging Breeds Register</p> <p>Maluti Mountain Dog – Proposed Emerging Breed (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.2)</p> <p>Note: Carried forward from Fedco 12-2020:</p> <p><i>There was unanimous support for JH to continue exploring the possibilities around the registration of Maluti Mountain Dogs and to establish whether KUSA ought to be proffered as a possible home for the breed.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed RJ, seconded LT</i></p> <p><i>Work in progress (JH & NdP)</i></p>
		4.3.8	<p>NFTA Registrations (Fedco round robin 03.2021)</p> <p><i>Round robin email generated to Fedco on 25 March 2021 and concluded on 30 March 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Proposal in respect of Registration of NFTA Dogs on the KUSA Primary/Appendix Register (document attached for information).</i></p>

			<p>Approved, unanimously, by Fedco. The proposal carried with the support of the KUSA Office and the Chairman of the KUSA Field Trials Liaison Council.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	4.4		<p>Breed Standards Committee List of Breed Standards Amended/Revised under the KUSA Protocol to be tabled.</p>
	4.5		<p>Any Matters Relating to Shows & Schedule 3</p>
		4.5.1	<p>Schedule 3 – Regulation 42 - Champion Dogs – Proposed new Regulation 42.1.1.1 (Fedco 06.2020 item 4.5.2, Fedco 12-2020 item 4.5.1)</p> <p>Resubmission from KZNPC to Fedco 12.2020: Motivation: Minutes of Fedco 12-2018 on the subject of the Elimination of the Away CC 9.5 Elimination of the “away-CC” for Championship Status At Fedco 06-2018, Schedule 3 Regulation 42.1.1.1 was voided: 42.1.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one Centre. Effective 01.02.2019</p> <p>Proposal: KZNPC strongly motivated for the Regulation voided in 2018 to be replaced by one providing for an out-of-Province CC, rather than an out-of-Centre CC, as follows:</p> <p><u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>New Regulation 42.1.1.1 42.1.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one [Centre] <u>national Province.</u></p> <p>The Chairman opened the floor for comment.</p> <p>GM spoke to the proposal submitted through KZNPC.</p> <p>From the ensuing discussion it appeared that some Provincial Councils, notably the Western Cape and Eastern Cape, would be seriously prejudiced if this proposal were to be accepted. LT said the Western Cape would be amenable to an “out-of-Centre” CC, but GR pointed out that, in effect, “Centre” equated to “geographical Province” in the Regulations.</p> <p>(Note: Schedule 3 Regulation 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: Gauteng KwaZulu-Natal Free State Northern Cape Eastern Cape Western Cape Mpumalanga Limpopo North West Namibia and such additional Centres as defined by the Federal Council from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of KUSA.)</p> <p>RJ proposed that, in the interest of fairness, this matter ought to be properly investigated and a proposal, acceptable to all the Provincial Councils, be brought to the table at Fedco 06-2021. CI said she would be prepared to second the proposal.</p>

			<p><i>There were no objections and the deferment of the matter to Fedco 06-2021 was accepted, unanimously.</i></p> <p>Carried forward from Fedco 12-2020</p>
	4.6		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 3A
	4.7		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4
	4.8		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4A – Qualifying Shows
5			WORKING DISCIPLINES
	5.1		Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes
		5.1.1	<p>Dispensation for affected Disciplines Judges due to COVID-19 (Fedco round robin 02.2021)</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Convener of the National Obedience Sub-Committee, Mr Rex Koning, has, on behalf of the Provincial Obedience Sub-Committees, requested that dispensation be granted to Judges who had been unable to meet the requirements of the Regulations due to the closure of Shows and Events under the COVID-19 lockdowns. Through no fault of their own, their judging status had come under threat from the current Regulations.</p> <p><u>Proposal:</u> It was proposed that, due to the effects of COVID-19 on judging opportunities for Disciplines Judges, a waiver be authorised, until further notice, of any Regulation imposing an obligation of any kind to be fulfilled by Disciplines Judges who had not been able to officiate within prescribed time periods, i.e. similar to the examples of Schedule 5A, Regulation 1.7.3 and Schedule 5M, Regulation 8.1.11 cited.</p> <p>The two examples cited in the above proposal regulate as follows:</p> <p>Schedule 5A (Obedience), 1.7.3 - Inactive Judge <i>A judge, whether learner or licensed, who has not carried out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more and wishes to resume judging must pass a written examination on Schedule 5A Regulations. This examination shall be set and the papers marked by the Provincial Council. The judge may not accept an obedience judging appointment until they have passed this examination. The pass mark shall be as determined from time to time by the National Obedience Sub-Committee. KUSA shall be so informed and they in turn shall inform the judge in writing (copied to the Provincial Council) that they have passed the test and may now accept judging appointments up to the highest level that he was previously entitled to judge.</i></p> <p>Schedule 5M (Flyball), 8.1.11 - QUALIFICATION OF JUDGES AND OFFICIALS <i>In the event of a judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more such a judge may not judge a Championship show but shall first judge a Non-Championship show.</i></p> <p>Dispensation granted. Fedco agreed that to the dispensation would extend to all affected Disciplines Judges. Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.2		<p>Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic) (Fedco round robin 21.04.21 – 23.04.2021)</p> <p>Proposal: Housekeeping amendments to rectify errors in Schedule 05B (01) which were unanimously approved at Fedco 12-2020, effective 01.04.2021. Document attached. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Motivation:</p>

		<p>The Convener of the National Sub-Committee for Working Trials alerted the KUSA Office to certain errors in their original submission to Fedco 12-2020.</p> <p>At the first Working Trials event held in Gauteng after the effective date of 01.04.21, it was discovered that the dimensions of the tables did not match the dimensions of the diagrams (Appendix A attached) submitted. Since several WT Shows were scheduled to take place prior to Fedco 06-2021, it was preferable for the Schedules to be corrected to avoid further confusion.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.3	<p>Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD) (Fedco round robin 21.04.21 – 23.04.2021)</p> <p>Proposal: Housekeeping amendments to rectify errors in Schedule 05B (04) which were unanimously approved at Fedco12-2020, effective 01.04.2021. Document attached. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Motivation: The Convener of the National Sub-Committee for Working Trials alerted the KUSA Office to certain errors in their original submission to Fedco 12-2020.</p> <p>At the first Working Trials Event held in Gauteng after the effective date of 01.04.21, it was discovered that the dimensions of the tables did not match the dimensions of the diagrams (Appendix A attached) submitted. Since several WT Shows were scheduled to take place prior to Fedco 06-2021, it was preferable for the Schedules to be corrected to avoid further confusion.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.4	Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)
	5.5	Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials
	5.6	Schedule 05C (01), (02), (03) & (04) – Field Trials
	5.6.1	<p>Schedule 05C (04) – Regulations for Shooting Ratings (Weimaraner) Proposed changes to Schedule 05C (04), submitted by the Field Trials Liaison Council.</p> <p>Document attached. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and highlighted and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. Clean copy also attached to facilitate comparison.</p>
	5.6.2	Schedule 05C (05) & (06) – Hunting Tests
	5.7	<p>Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades Proposed changes to Schedule 05D, submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee. All changes were agreed to at the NDJSC General Meeting held on 11 May 2020.</p> <p>Document attached. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>
	5.7.2	<p>Schedule 05E (04) – Regulations for Dog Jumping Championship of Southern Africa Proposed changes to the Schedule 05E (04), submitted by the NDJSC. All changes were agreed to at the NDJSC General Meeting held on 11 May 2020.</p> <p>Document attached. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p>
	5.8	Schedule 05E - Regulations for Special Events
	5.8.1	<p>Proposal from DOGSPC for Goldfields Kennel Club to vary Schedule 5E(7) Regulation 5.1 for 2021 only in order to permit Exhibitors to submit Best of Breed Certificates awarded to their dogs over <u>two</u> award periods on account of the Goldfields Dog of the Year Competition not having been held in 2020.</p>

		<p>Current Qualifications and Conditions of Entry as per Schedule 5E(7): 5.1 Entry will be strictly by invitation only to the registered owner of the dog or bitch in any pure breed of dogs, currently recognised by the Federal Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the purpose of classification, registration and competition in terms of Schedule 2 of the Constitution of The Kennel Union and which has been awarded the highest number of Best of Breed Certificates between weekend 29 in the year preceding this event and weekend 28 in the year in which the event is to be held.</p> <p>Proposed Qualifications and Conditions of Entry as per Schedule 5E(7) <u>for 2021 only</u>:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p>5.1 Entry will be strictly by invitation only to the registered owner of the dog or bitch in any pure breed of dogs, currently recognised by the Federal Council of The Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the purpose of classification, registration and competition in terms of Schedule 2 of the Constitution of The Kennel Union and which has been awarded the highest number of Best of Breed Certificates between weekend 29 in the <u>two years</u> preceding this event and weekend 28 in the year in which the event is to be held.</p> <p>Motivation: Goldfields Dog of the Year Competition, held annually in conjunction with the Goldfields Championship Show, was cancelled in 2020 along with dog shows countrywide, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Competition is planned to go ahead in 2021 under appropriate COVID-19 protocols, with the qualification period extended to include the preceding two years. That way, dogs and bitches that had enjoyed success in the showing during the latter half of 2019 and early part of 2020 would be given a fair chance to gain entry to the Competition by submitting the most Best of Breed Certificates.</p> <p>Under this proposal, the qualification period for 2021 will run from Weekend 29 in 2019 (19-21 July 2019) to Weekend 28 in 2021 (9-11 July 2021).</p>
	5.9	<p>KUSA Classic – 2021</p>
	5.9.1	<p>Change from Week 38 to Week 39 (Fedco Special Meeting 08.03.2021 item 3.3.1) <i>Fedco agreed as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That, due to the conflict with the Rottweiler Sieger Show in Cape Town, the KUSA Classic Organising Committee (KCOC) should investigate the practicability and viability of changing the date of the KUSA Classic 2021 from Week 38 to Week 39 for Breed, leaving the Working Disciplines on Week 38. This would also involve securing the Sponsor's agreement on splitting the Show.</i> • <i>Should problems with the date-change prove insurmountable, either logistically, or from the Sponsor's perspective, the KCOC should revert to Fedco with a request to approve Week 38 inclusive of the compromise brokered by the KCOC with the Western Cape Rottweiler Club.</i> <p>Round robin email generated by Exco upon the request of the KCOC on 7 May 2021, finalised on 10 May 2021, whereby Exco unanimously agreed to the change of date for Breed from Week 38 to week 39, leaving the Disciplines on Week 38. Ratified at Exco 05-2021.</p> <p>For noting.</p>
	5.9.2	<p>Update on 5.9.1 above</p>
	5.9.3	<p>Schedule 05E (11) - Regulations for KUSA National Awards KUSA Classic Weekend 2021 – (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.3.1)</p> <p>Report-back on National Puppy.</p>
	5.9.4	<p>Schedule 05E - KUSA Showdog of the Year (Fedco Special Meeting 08.03.2021 item 3.3.2)</p>

			Report-back on end-date, should the KUSA Classic 2021 be cancelled.
		5.9.5	<p>Proposal for the inclusion of Dog Dancing - Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music - in the KUSA National Competition.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Schedule 05E(11), submitted by the Dog Dancing Sub-Committee of NAPC and supported by DOGSPC.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p>5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY:</p> <p><u>5.13 Heelwork to Music - Advanced: Singles, Handy Dandy, Veteran</u> <u>Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Advanced Heelwork to Music Qualifying Certificate.</u></p> <p><u>5.14 Musical Freestyle - Advanced: Singles, Pairs, Brace, Group, Handy Dandy, Veteran</u> <u>Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Advanced Musical Freestyle Qualifying Certificate.</u></p> <p>9. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS</p> <p><u>9.2.12 Heelwork to Music - Advanced: Singles, Handy Dandy, Veterans</u> <u>The winner of these events shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL HEELWORK TO MUSIC DOG (Category) for [year].</u></p> <p><u>9.2.13 Musical Freestyle - Advanced: Singles, Pairs, Brace, Group, Handy Dandy, Veteran</u> <u>The winner of these events shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL MUSICAL FREESTYLE DOG (Category) for [year].</u></p> <p>13. PRIZES AND AWARDS</p> <p><u>13.11 Heelwork to Music - Advanced: Singles, Handy Dandy, Veterans</u> <u>Each person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL HEELWORK TO MUSIC DOG [Category] [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT. HEELWORK TO MUSIC [Category] [year]" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration after the dog's name.</u></p> <p><u>13.12 Musical Freestyle - Advanced: Singles, Pairs, Brace, Group, Handy Dandy, Veteran</u> <u>Each person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL MUSICAL FREESTYLE DOG [Category] [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT.MUSICAL FREESTYLE [Category] [year]" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration after the dog's name.</u></p> <p>Motivation: Although Dog Dancing is a relatively young KUSA Dogsport, it has been in South Africa for over 20 years and has reached a high standard. The South African Championships have always been one of the highlights at the World of Dogs and Cats (WODAC) exhibition and handlers from South Africa have competed internationally at the highest level (International Championships), including competing at the International Freestyle event at Crufts.</p> <p>One of our Judges was among the first to be appointed as official FCI Judge when the Sport was adopted by FCI a few years ago. Since its acceptance by KUSA, several Champions and Grand Champions have qualified and the Dog Dancing enthusiasts are actively hosting shows. training new Judges and presenting Judging workshops on Zoom.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Dog Dancing is poorly represented in provinces outside Gauteng, with the exception of one Handler and Learner Judge in KZN and one person flying the flag in the Free</p>

		<p>State. Hence, no Sub-Committees, other than those in DOGSPC and NAPC, have been established and, in consequence, there's no National Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Despite the above challenges, and given the high level of proficiency of our Handlers and dogs, the NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committee would like to propose that Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music be added the Schedule 05(E)11 in order to make it possible for Dog Dancing enthusiasts to compete for the title of "KUSA National Musical Freestyle/Heelwork to Music Dog".</p>
	5.9.6	<p>Schedule 05E (12) – Regulations for KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition – (Fedco 12-2020 item 8.3.1)</p> <p>Report-back.</p>
	5.10	Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting
	5.11	Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes
	5.12	Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility
	5.12.1	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix C (Fedco round robin 01.2021 - 02.2021) <i>NAGSC and AWC Committee request:</i> <i>Extensions on Closing Dates.</i> <i>AWC Qualifying rounds, Schedule 5L App C, due to show licences being suspended as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, we request that the competition be extended to end May 2021, with the option of extending it to end July 2021.</i> Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.12.2	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix D (Fedco round robin 01.2021 - 02.2021) <i>NAGSC and AWC Committee request:</i> <i>Extensions on Closing Dates.</i> <i>SA Agility Champs Regional Trials, Schedule 5L App D, due to show licences being suspended as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, we request that the competition be extended to end May 2021, with the option of extending it to end July 2021.</i> Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.12.3	<p>Schedule 05L Appendix F (Fedco round robin 01.2021- 02.2021) <i>NAGSC and AWC Committee request:</i> <i>Extensions on Closing dates.</i> <i>National Agility League 2021, Schedule 5L App F, due to show licences being suspended as a result of the COVID -19 lockdown, we request that the competition be extended to end March 2022.</i> Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.13	Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball
	5.13.1	<p>Schedule 05E (11) – KUSA National Awards (Fedco round robin 06.04.21 – 09.04.2021) Dispensation requested by the National Flyball Sub-Committee in respect of item 5.11 of the above Schedule.</p> <p><i>5.11 Flyball Any team of six (6) dogs may be entered. <u>Dogs should have at least competed in 4 shows</u> in a team (points are not the deciding factor) and the team must have had a run clear. The onus will be on the entering team captain to verify the information as indicated on each dog's record card. The event shall be run as a normal Flyball event.</i></p> <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions during the past 12 months, there have only been 3 Flyball competitions in Gauteng and 2 in Western Cape since April 2020, and none in KZN. New Flyball dogs that were ready to run in a team and would have entered in competitions since April 2020, were unable to compete in 4 shows to qualify to run at Nationals.</p>

		<p>We are formally requesting that, due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the limited number of competitions during the past 12 months, this requirement be waived for the 2021 Nationals which takes place at the end of April in Gauteng.</p> <p>Dispensation granted. Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.14	Aptitude Testing
	5.15	Schedule 05Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)
	5.16	Dancing with Dogs
	5.16.1	Schedule 05R Heelwork to Music (HTM)
	5.16.2	Schedule 05S Musical Freestyle (MF)
	5.17	Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog Classes
	5.17.1	<p>Changes to Schedule 05T Proposal submitted by the Western Cape Rally Sub-Committee The following documents are attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation from the Chairman of the WC Rally Sub-Committee for the changes. • Schedule 05T - Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets]. • Rally Judging Guidelines • Rally Signs • For information only: Rally Report delivered at the Western Cape Provincial Council meeting held on 18 January 2021
	5.17.2	<p>Rally Dog - Approval of Branding and Logo (Fedco round robin 19.04.21 – 20.04.21) Proposal: To approve Rally Dog logo and the inclusion of the KUSA and FCI logos in the as part of Rally Dog branding. Document attached.</p> <p>Approved, unanimously, by Fedco via round robin.</p> <p>For ratification.</p>
	5.17.3	<p>Rally Dog – Naming Convention</p> <p>Proposed by the Western Cape Rally Sub-Committee that Schedule 5T be renamed: Insertions <u>underlined</u>, deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGULATIONS FOR RALLY <u>DOG</u> CLASSES (Effective 01.10.2020)</p> <p>DEFINITION OF RALLY <u>DOG</u></p> <p>Rally <u>Dog</u> (hereinafter referred to as 'Rally') is a dogsport based on Obedience. Instead of requiring the Judge to provide a heel pattern (for example), Rally competitors proceed around a course with designated stations, the dog in heel position. At each station an exercise is performed and the dog and handler are marked on their ability to execute the commands at the stations correctly, as well as the connection between dog and handler between and at the stations.</p> <p>Motivation: The Rally Sub-Committee, through the Western Cape Provincial Council, requests approval from the Federal Council to change the naming convention as stipulated in Schedule 5T from 'Rally' to 'Rally Dog'. 'Rally Dog' (hereinafter referred to as 'Rally') is inserted so that there would be no further change to the already-printed KUSA record cards for dogs, and Judges respectively, as well as Judges Guidelines and Signs.</p>

		<p>This request follows on from the motivation already submitted to Fedco for inclusion of KUSA and FCI Logos on Rally Dog documentation, and the approval of the new branding – see extract below. as the Rally Sub-Committee has also taken note of the subsequent Notification received from the KUSA General Manager to confirm that the Federal Council, via round robin vote, had unanimously approved the proposed amended Rally Dog branding, incorporating the KUSA and FCI logos. This decision is due to be ratified at Fedco 06-2021. In the meantime, the approved branding may be used with immediate effect.</p> <p>Extract noted in the motivation Letter under Item 5.17.2 above:</p> <p>2. Rally Dog versus Rally as a naming convention</p> <p>The market research conducted supports a request to submit a change to the naming convention of Schedule 5T.</p> <p>As more and more dogsport enthusiasts are using social media to access information, it is necessary to differentiate Rally Dog from Rally Cars. The name Rally Dog is to ensure that people searching online for information and receiving information know that it is the dogsport and not rally motorsport.</p>
	5.18	<p>Canicross</p> <p>Report-back on developments.</p>
	5.19	Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring
	5.20	Schedule 07 - Subscriptions & Fees
	5.21	Schedule 08 – Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary
	5.22	Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging
	5.22.1	<p>Judges Education Council (JEC)</p> <p>Report by Chairman</p>
	5.22.2	Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging
	5.23	<p>Schedule 11 – Regulations for Companion Events (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.19)</p> <p>Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2020 item 5.19:</p> <p><i>Discussion ensued on whether canine activities, although practised competitively, which did not strictly conform to the rigours of Working Disciplines, ought to be classified separately. The embracing term “Companion Events”, as used in certain countries, was mooted, which found favour with the majority of Fedco members. Further discussion showed an inclination towards “Companion Events” being accommodated in their own Schedule, with the different activities being subsumed into a single Schedule.</i></p> <p><i>On a proposal from CI, seconded by RJ, and supported, unanimously, it was decided that Companion Events should be given their own Schedule (conceivably Schedule 11) and that Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog Test and Scent Work (see item 5.20) should be accommodated as sub-sections of the Schedule, supplemented by any future Companion Events.</i></p> <p><i>GR suggested that Claire Patterson-Abrolat (CPA), Gaby Grohovaz and Liz Chamberlain be approached to assist with the drafting of the composite Schedule and that this also formed part of the CGC discussion which KF would be scheduling with CI and CPA in January 2021. All present agreed.</i></p> <p><i>PM cited the definition of “Disciplines” in Article 2...:</i></p> <p><i>“Discipline” means a particular activity at an exhibition of dogs or competitive canine event, including those detailed in Schedule 5E, which may be held by any Affiliated Club qualified to do so in terms of the KUSA Constitution for which there is a Schedule containing Regulations for Judges, Judging, and the form in which the exhibition or competition shall take.”</i></p> <p><i>Disciplines currently recognised by KUSA are: (Breed, Obedience Classes, Working Trials (Classic), IGP, Breed Working Test, Field Trials, Dog Jumping, Agility, Dog Carting, Flyball), TT (Tracking Trials), Handler Classes, Working Utility Dog (WUD), Dancing with Dogs and Testing Standards for Rescue Dogs).</i></p>

		<p>...and cautioned that this definition needed to be amended to accommodate Companion Events, or that "Companion Event" should be given its own definition as follows (wording subject to the approval of the KUSA Legal Adviser):</p> <p>"Companion Event" means a particular activity or competitive canine event detailed in Schedule 11, which may be held by any Affiliated Club qualified to do so in terms of the KUSA Constitution".</p> <p>Additionally, the definition of "Working Discipline" in Article 2 needed to be amended as follows:</p> <p>"Working Disciplines" mean[s] all [d]Disciplines other than Breed <u>and Companion Events</u>.</p> <p>Proposed GR, seconded JH Effective 01.02.2022, but may be implemented immediately under the sanction granted by Article 43.3.</p> <p>Following on from the decision made in respect of Companion Events at Fedco 12.2020 above, it is proposed that Schedule 11 below be inserted under the Schedules of KUSA:</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHEDULE 11</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN BRANCHES OF DOGSPORT AS</u> <u>COMPANION EVENTS</u> <u>(Effective.....)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>At the discretion of the Federal Council, certain branches of Dogsport shall be classified as "Companion Events" in accordance with a decision reached at the meeting of the Federal Council on 4 & 5 December 2020.</u> 2. <u>Such Companion Events shall be regulated under subsections of this Schedule.</u> 3. <u>The Federal Council shall be entitled to add to, or reduce, the Companion Events hereby classified and amend the Regulations applicable to any or all of them in accordance with Article 40.1.</u> 4. <u>For the time being, the following branches of Dogsport shall be classified as Companion Events:</u> <p><u>Canine Good Citizen (Schedule 11A)</u> <u>Scent Work (Schedule 11B)</u> <u>Trick Dog Test (Schedule 11C)</u></p> <p>Motivation: Pursuant to the decision at Fedco 12-2020, the above wording is proposed for the covering Schedule 11. The Regulations for Canine Good Citizen, Scent Work and Trick Dog Test will be slotted in as Schedules 11A, 11B & 11C respectively, as also envisaged by the Fedco decision.</p>
	5.23.1	<p>Schedule 11 Appendix A – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) (Fedco 06-2019 end of item 5.1, Fedco 12-2020 item 5.1.2) Carried forward from previous meeting: It was noted that Canine Good Citizen (CGC) was not formally regulated in a Schedule. The current CGC Task Team comprised KF and CI and it was suggested that Claire Patterson-Abrolat (CPA) should be requested to officially join the Task Team. Following CPA's acceptance,</p>

		<p><i>it would be advisable for the Task Team to meet in January 2021 with a view to formalising new and workable Regulations for CGC.</i></p> <p><i>KF undertook to convene the virtual meeting in January.</i></p> <p>[Note: Refer to the decision taken under item 5.19 (now item 5.22) below regarding the accommodation of “Companion Events”, including CGC, in a separate Schedule.]</p> <p>Draft Schedule 11 (A) attached.</p>
	5.23.2	<p>Schedule 11 Appendix C - Regulations for Trick Dog Test (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.10, Fedco 12-2020 Item 5.19)</p> <p>Note; <i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2020 item 5.19:</i> <i>JH urged the KUSA Office to peruse this Schedule to ensure that the Office was comfortable with its content, especially as related to fees and awards. She was prepared to propose acceptance of the Schedule, subject to the KUSA Office’s ultimate approval.</i></p> <p>[Note: To be read in conjunction with 5.22 above.]</p> <p>Updated Schedule 11 [C] attached.</p> <p>Motivation for the appointment of Evaluators for Trick Dog Tests - submitted by the Trick Dog Steering Committee:</p> <p>Motivation for the appointment of Evaluators for Trick Dog</p> <p>May 2021</p> <p>In terms of the proposal for Trick Dog as approved at the FEDCO meeting of December 2020, we would like to propose the following KUSA members be accepted as Evaluators for Trick Dog:</p> <p>In terms of section 7.1 which states: <i>Evaluators already qualified under the DMWYD programme can automatically apply to KUSA to become KUSA Trick Dog evaluators providing they are in good standing with KUSA. If any aspirant evaluators qualify under DMWYD within a year of this Test first coming into effect, such aspirant evaluators may also apply to KUSA to become evaluators.</i></p> <p>That the following be appointed as Evaluators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonelle van Wyk (KUSA Membership – 1027586) • Liz Chamberlain (KUSA Membership – 100709) • Kathy Clayton (KUSA Membership – 15772) <p>The following individual is a qualified DMWYD evaluator but not a KUSA judge so will need to complete Schedule 3 prior to being appointed as an Evaluator for Trick Dog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronwyn van Dyk (KUSA Membership – 1023545) <p>In addition, in terms of section 7.2: <i>Any person who has the qualifications listed below may also apply to KUSA to become an evaluator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Judged multiple working disciplines (e.g. Agility, Obedience, Flyball, Dog Dancing, Working Trials); and</i> • <i>Has successfully handled a dog to at least Intermediate level; and</i> • <i>Is in good standing with KUSA.</i> <p>In this regard, we request that the following be appointed as Evaluators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Patterson-Abrolat (KUSA Membership – 43750) • Gaby Grohovaz (KUSA Membership – 949822)

		<p>A short CV of both candidates is included below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Judges CV's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Claire Patterson-Abrolat (KUSA membership number: 43750)</p> <p>Claire got her first dog, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, in 1982 and started participating in Breed competitions. She made several dogs into Champions and handled different breeds for a number of owners. Claire also won several Junior Handling competitions. However, Claire soon realised that her interest lay in the Working Disciplines and purchased her first Border Collie in 1985. She has since participated in Obedience, Working Trials, Tracking Trials, Agility (Contact and Non-contact), Canine Good Citizen, Flyball and Carting. In addition, she has taken part in international competitions such as the European Open (Agility).</p> <p>Claire currently judges: Obedience, Working Trials, Tracking Trials, Agility (Contact and Non-contact), Canine Good Citizen and Flyball.</p> <p>She has sits, or has sat, on multiple committees including: Chair of DOGS PC Working Trials Sub-committee and representative on the National Sub-committee, Gauteng Agility, Chair of DOGS PC Flyball Sub-committee. In addition, Claire was a member of the organising Committee for Agility World Championships held in South Africa in 2013.</p> <p>Claire's youngest Border Collie, Kilt, was the first dog in South Africa to be awarded the title of Trick Dog Grand Champion (under DMWYD). Her dogs have also reached Grand Champion and/or Champion status in Obedience, Flyball and Working Trials. Her dogs also have various levels of Canine Good Citizen (most Gold).</p> <p>Claire has won numerous KUSA National events as well as speciality events such as Best of the Best, Top Dog and Goldfields Dog of the Year in various disciplines.</p> <p>Claire runs an Obedience/Trick Dog class at her local social centre for domestic handlers. This popular class is well attended and attracts a range of dogs from a variety of backgrounds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gaby Grohovaz (KUSA membership number: 949822)</p> <p>Gaby has been a member of KUSA since the early 1990's. She is a licenced Agility (Contact and Non-contact), Dog Jumping and Dog Dancing and has competed in a variety of disciplines including: Obedience, Carting, Dog Jumping, Agility, Dog Dancing, Working Trials and will soon be entering her first Tracking Trials competition. Gaby has numerous champions to her name across several disciplines and has won multiple KUSA National events.</p> <p>Gabi has represented KUSA Agility at FCI for many years and has qualified several of her dogs, on numerous occasions, to represent KUSA at the Agility World Championships. In addition, she has sat on numerous committees such as provincial Agility and Dog Dancing Subcommittees.</p> <p>Gaby has helped develop the Trick Dog class and has made her current Border Collie a Trick Dog Grand Champion through the Do More With Your Dog programme.</p> <p>Gabi has vast experience in TV and other media work with animals where the performance of tricks is often required.</p>
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		5.23.3	<p>Schedule 11 Appendix B - Regulations for Scent Work (Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20) Note: <i>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2020 item 5.20:</i> <i>GR spoke to this proposal submitted via DOGSPC and, as she did in the case of item 5.19, JH urged the KUSA Office to peruse this Schedule to ensure that the KUSA Office was comfortable with its content, especially as related to fees and awards.</i></p> <p><i>From the general discussion, it appeared that there was general support for accommodating this activity under KUSA and, on a proposal from BJ, seconded by RJ, and approved, unanimously, the proposal was accepted.</i></p> <p><i>BJ said he hadn't studied the proposal in detail but trusted that the use of "live scent" was not permitted under the Scent Work Regulations. He urged the KUSA Office to make sure that the Regulations excluded the use of "live scent".</i></p> <p><i>It was confirmed that, as in the case of Trick Dogs (item 5.19 - now item 5.22 above), Scent Work was deemed to be a Companion Event and its Regulations were therefore destined to form part of the new Companion Events Schedule contemplated under item 5.19 - now item 5.22 above.</i></p> <p>Work in progress (KUSA Office)</p>
6			BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	6.1		Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)
		6.1.1	<p>Amendments to Schedule 2 Appendix E Rottweilers – Imported</p> <p>Housekeeping: Prepared and submitted by PM 18.01.2021 on behalf of RBC (in response to Mr Andries Botes's application for registration of a bitch imported in whelp.) Document attached.</p>
		6.1.2	<p>Proposal to amend the current BA Schedule to allow for IGP Helpers previously qualified to officiate at RBC Breed Assessments in accordance with a decision at the RBC meeting of 29 November 2020.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Schedule 5F Regulations 9.1.3 & 9.1.4 (BA & BST) 3.12 Equipment requirements 3. 12.10 A KUSA approved IGP Helper, <u>including those IGP Helpers who have previously qualified but who have not necessarily maintained their status as required for IGP competition (Schedule 5J 5.1), provided they are members in good standing of KUSA.</u></p> <p>Motivation: Recently, RBC member clubs have found it rather difficult to get current IGP-approved Helpers to officiate at their Breed Assessments or Breed Suitability Tests. The issue stems from a lack of Helpers that are "current" as per the IGP rules. The IGP National Convener has, in the past, given "dispensation for IGP Helpers who had previously qualified to officiate at these events, since there were not actual IGP trials, but rather breed-specific tests.</p> <p>The RBC proposes that the Breed Assessment requirements be amended to allow for previously qualified IGP Helpers to officiate at the Breed Assessments (where the dog does not actually grip the manwork sleeve during the Character Test).</p>

		<p>6.1.3 National Sieger Title Awards to include a Character Test</p> <p>Background: The current requirements for SA Sieger title are very similar to our Regional Sieger titles. We want to distinguish the importance of the National Titles and align them closer to International trends. The international trends are to include a character test on the same weekend of the show and award the Sieger Title to a dog of ideal looks and character. The ADRK has followed this thinking for decades, awarding the prestigious title only to the Working or Champions class.</p> <p>The International Federation of Rottweilers (IFR) has, in 2019, adopted the similar approach to award the Sieger Title only to the dog or bitch that has successfully passed and completed a Character Test evaluation on the same weekend as the show and was assessed as having passed the Character Test. Any dog failing the test, is still eligible to compete, or even be awarded the BoB award, but cannot be awarded the Sieger Title.</p> <p>We have debated this issue for a few years with the RBC clubs and recognise the importance of placing the emphasis of overall quality and working ability of the Rottweiler. In addition, we see the importance of aligning with International best practice and awarding a prestigious National Title. However, given where we currently are in South Africa, we propose that the Sieger Title award be made to a dog that has previously been awarded:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breed Suitability Test or 2. Character Test <p>Both these tests will provide reasonable character assessment of the dog's working ability, mental state, although it is not a requirement for full IGP.</p> <p>Proposed: (Effective 1 January 2022)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only applicable to National Sieger/Siegerin Titles (Regional Sieger shows remain unchanged) 2. Only a requirement for the National Adult Sieger/Siegerin Titles – over 24 months (the National Youth Sieger/Siegerin titles do not require it) 3. Entry must have passed either a BST or CT (New Character Test) obtained in South Africa 4. Entry must be the highest placed V1 graded (Excellent) dog in its Class 5. The CC/RCC and BiS and RBiS titles are unaffected, and these are judged per the normal KUSA Rottweiler Specialist rules 6. The Judge officiating at the National Sieger Show, may NOT judge a BST/CT 1 month prior to judging the Sieger Show <p>In the event that no V1 graded dogs have the required BST or CT, the National Sieger Title will be withheld for that year.</p> <p>SCHEDULE 5E(18) – REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN SIEGER SHOW attached.. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Clean copy attached to facilitate comparison.</p> <p>We will also include a Character Test element, as part of the Breed Assessment and Breed Suitability Test schedule to facilitate the testing of the Character Test portion to exhibitors wanting to qualify for the National Sieger Title and make this more accessible to exhibitors.</p> <p>SCHEDULE 5F 9.1.3 & 9.1.4 – BREED ASSESSMENT & SUITABILITY TEST PROCEDURE. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Clean copy also attached to facilitate comparison.</p> <p>Motivation:</p>
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	6.1.4	<p>Proposal to confine the “rider” with in the Rottweiler Breed Standard with regard to non-discrimination of between docked and undocked exhibits in the showing to <u>dogs born before 1 January 2022.</u></p> <p>Background:</p> <p>Currently the KUSA Rottweiler Breed Standard is the full ADRK/FCI Standard, but contains the following rider, the insertion of which was directed by Fedco in 2017 into the Breed Standards of all previously-docked breeds:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>*Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, docked and formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either. (Fedco 12/2017 amended 02/2018)</p> </div> <p>The RBC proposes that the rider in the Rottweiler Breed Standard be extended by the addition of the following underlined insertion: <u>The above rider is only applicable to dogs born before 1 January 2022.</u></p> <p>Motivation:</p> <p>Many top International Judges ask us to explain how they are expected to equally evaluate a dog with a tail versus one without. Where an exhibit is presented with a natural tail, judges are still required to judge the tail. The dog exhibited with a tail will be judged entirely and, should a tail fault be observed, the dog will be penalised accordingly, which is expected. Another dog that was perhaps born with a tail fault and docked would enjoy an unfair advantage.</p> <p>Our main concern is that, perhaps inadvertently, the current rider approved by Fedco is encouraging cosmetic surgery (docking), which has additional implications when breeders unknowingly breed to this dog and the genetic fault is perpetuated. In this day and age when managing the perception of our purebred dogsport is of critical importance, we cannot incur such reputational risk where a mere rider to a Breed Standard encourages breeders to amputate faults.</p> <p>The RBC has implemented the judging of a full tail per the Breed Standard, and this has now been in place for about a decade. We no longer view our breed as a docked breed and, the removal of the rider eliminates ambiguity and encourages correct behaviour.</p>
	6.2	Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)
	6.3	GSD Liaison Council

7		GENERAL
	7.1	<p>Communication lines (Office, Fedco & Exco) (Fedco Special Meeting item 3.1)</p> <p>It was agreed, unanimously, that the preferred method of communication for Fedco and Exco would be email. Meetings would be conducted on Skype, whereas WhatsApp messaging would only be used for reminders once email messages have been sent.</p> <p>Kyle to consider recommending to Members to communicate with the KUSA Office by email, rather than by phone.</p>
	7.2	<p>Proposal to terminate the use of the SA Post Office as KUSA's customary service provider for the dispatch of documents and goods.</p> <p>Proposed by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Due to the volumes of returned, undelivered or lost mail, it is no longer viable for KUSA to make use of the South African Post Office (SAPO) in the dispatch of documents. PostNet and Aramex currently offer reliable courier services - the one PostNet-to-PostNet and the other Store (Checkers or Pick n Pay)-to-Door – at a reasonable fee, both trackable. In the interest of security and speed, it is proposed that, as from 1 September 2021, KUSA should cease using the SAPO for dispatches and levy a Courier Fee from the consignee of a package prior to dispatch through either of the aforementioned service providers.</p> <p>The KUSA Office accepts that this change in the method of dispatch should be notified to all members, be publicised on the KUSA website and be amplified by way of regular alerts on the KUSA Facebook page. Documents will only be dispatched once the courier fee has been received.</p> <p>In essence, the following services would be subject to a payment of a Courier Fee:</p> <p>All forms of Registration which require the issuing and delivery of Registration Certificates and Health Certificates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers of Ownership, requiring the re-issuing of Registration Certificates • Re-issuing of any Registration Certificates, except in the case of bona fide Office errors • Issuing of Replacement (duplicate copies of) Registration Certificates • Issuing of Registered Affix Certificates • Issuing of Export Pedigrees • Issuing of Champion, Grand Champion, Supreme Champion and Junior Merit Certificates • Dispatching of Award Certificates, Workbooks and Record Cards • Dispatching of National Award Certificates • Dispatching of Canine Good Citizen Packs • Sending All-breeds Judges' Badges upon qualification <p>The Subscription and Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7 will be amended to make all services involving the dispatch of documents or goods subject to the payment of the Courier Fee. The request and payment for one or more of the above services (inclusive of the Courier Fee) must be accompanied by a Courier Delivery Form (downloadable from the KUSA website) on which the consignee can indicate his/her preference of Courier Service and provide the essential information applicable to the particular Courier Service.</p> <p>It should be borne in mind that, once the much-anticipated KUSA Online Transaction Portal is operational, Members would be able to download and print their own Registration Certificates. Original copies of Registration Certificates will only be issued and dispatched by the KUSA Office upon application and receipt of the required Courier Fee.</p>

		<p>To facilitate the identification of services requiring dispatches, it is proposed that a <i>Note</i> be inserted as part of the heading of the Subscriptions & Fees document, issued pursuant to Schedule 7, worded in substantially the following manner:</p> <p><i>Due to the extremely high volumes of returned, undelivered or lost mail, KUSA no longer makes use of the SA Postal Services. Prices below DO NOT include Courier Fees to enable courier delivery. Please add R99.00 [or whatever amount is decided] to the services highlighted in blue [or another colour] to enable courier delivery via Aramex or PostNet and complete and submit the COURIER DELIVERY FORM, which can be downloaded here.</i></p> <p>It is contemplated that the <i>Note</i> as well as the services which will attract the Courier Fee will be banded in blue [or another colour] for ease of identification of services involving dispatches and, therefore, Courier Fees.</p>
8		MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	8.1	German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others
	8.2	
9		<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – CONFIRMED</p> <p>2021: 3, 4 & 5 December 2021.</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED</p> <p>2022: 24, 25 & 26 June 2022 2, 3 & 4 December 2022</p>
10		CLOSING