KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 4 & 5 DECEMBER 2020
VIA SKYPE

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			**ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Attendance: Clr CJL Griffith (Chairman of the Federal Council) - CG Clr JM Hubbard (Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – NAPC) – JH Clr CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CI Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) - BJ Clr RD Juckes (Chairman - FS&NCPC) - RJ Clr G Morison (Chairman – KZNPC) - GM Clr BG Robinson (Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) – DS Clr L Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT Staff in Attendance: Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr K Farmer (Office Manager) - KF Mrs A Bastick (Shows Department) – AB Invited Guest: Brig Gen NJ du Preez (KUSA Legal Adviser) – NdP The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council. With nine Federal Councillors present, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be **six** (two-thirds), whereas **five** would constitute a **simple majority** as required for any other decision to carry. **Noted.** The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 06-2020: Mrs BM Simpson (WC) Mrs MC May (GAU) Mrs S de Villiers (GAU) Mrs GF Lucas (EC) Ms EA Ballington (GAU) Mrs M Scott (GAU) Mr J Taentzer (GAU) Mrs V Harris (GAU) **Noted.**
2			**MINUTES** *The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 & 28 June 2020 to be formally adopted*. The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 & 28 June 2020 were formally **adopted** and **unanimously confirmed**. Proposed RJ, seconded LT
3			**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

	3.1		**Annual Report by the Chairman** The Chairman presented his Annual Report, applauded virtually by LT and commended by all present.
	3.2		**Article 12.5 - Declaration of Interests** The Article reads: "*Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members' appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.*
		3.2.1	*Fedco Members:* It was **noted** that the interests of members of Fedco, as declared at Fedco 06-2020, had remained unchanged. It was **confirmed, unanimously**, that none of the interests earlier declared constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA. Proposed GM, seconded RJ
		3.2.2	*Exco Members:* It was **noted** that the interests of members of Exco, as declared at Fedco 06-2020, had remained unchanged. It was **confirmed, unanimously**, that none of the interests earlier declared constituted any conflict with the activities or interests of KUSA. Proposed RJ, seconded DS
	3.3		**Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2020** *Documents to be circulated prior to the meeting* The Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the year ended 31 August 2020 were **unanimously approved**. Proposed CJ, seconded JH A performance-based annual bonus payable in December 2020 was **approved, unanimously**, for all KUSA staff, as were discretionary salary increases from January 2021, upon completion of appraisals. Proposed GR, seconded LT
	3.4		**Election of Auditor** The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc Sprigg Abbott Inc were **unanimously appointed** as the Auditors of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa for the ensuing Financial Year. Proposed RJ, seconded GM
	3.5		**Article 16.2.2**
		3.5.1	**Election of Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA and election of President of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.1** *The current Chairman, Clr CJL Griffith, retires on 31.12.2020* *The current President, Mrs DE Powell, retires on 31.12.2020* (*Note: Article 14.7: The Provincial Council Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of the Districts 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.)* ***Nominations received for Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA***

			Mrs JM Hubbard Since there had only been ***one*** nomination for the Office of Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA and, since Mrs JM Hubbard had been nominated by more than one Provincial Council Representative authorised to submit a nomination in terms of Article 14.7, the Chairman deemed her nomination as duly seconded. The Chairman declared Mrs JM Hubbard **duly elected** as Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA for a term of four (4) years, terminating on 31 December 2024. JH thanked the Chairman for having minded the interest of KUSA so diligently during his time in office. She thanked everyone who had supported her nomination and stated her commitment to delivering proficient leadership and responsible governance to KUSA during her term of office. CG wished JH all the best in setting and achieving her goals in the best interests of KUSA. ***Nominations received for President of KUSA*** *Mr CJL Griffith* *Mrs DE Powell* The Chairman handed over the Chair to the Vice-Chairman, JH, for the election of President of KUSA. On an enquiry from JH, KF confirmed that Mrs DE Powell had been nominated by a considerable majority of the Provincial Council Representatives authorised to submit a nomination in terms of Article 14.7. Since the nominations received for Mrs Powell constituted a simple majority of those eligible to submit nominations, JH enquired whether there would be any objection to her declaring Mrs DE Powell's election as President. There were no objections and JH proceeded to declare Mrs DM Powell **duly elected** as President of KUSA for a term of four (4) years, terminating on 31 December 2024.
		3.5.2	**Election of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.2** *The current Vice-Chairman, Clr JM Hubbard retires on 31.12.2021* Since Mrs JM Hubbard had earlier become Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA elect, the Chairman called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA and received the following: *Mr BG Robinson* Proposed JH, seconded CI In the absence of any further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr BG Robinson **duly elected** as Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA for the remainder of the current Vice-Chairman's term, terminating on 31 December 2021.
		3.5.3	**Election of Patron of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3** *Mr GR Eva is the current Patron of KUSA.* The Chairman called for nominations for Patron of KUSA and received the following: *Mr GR Eva* Propose JH, seconded RJ In the absence of any further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr GR Eva **duly elected** as Patron of KUSA for a term of four (4) years, terminating on 31 December 2024.
		3.5.4	**Election of Life Members of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3** *It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 "to adopt a term of at least four (4) years' service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance."*

			List of Life Members: *Mrs JD Barrow* *Brig. Gen NJ du Preez* *Mr GR Eva* *Mr CJL Griffith* *Mrs JM Hubbard* *Mr C Huyzers* *Mrs CM Immelman* *Mr RB Jenkins* *Mr RD Juckes* *Mrs S Palmer (deceased in 2020)* *Mrs DE Powell* *Mr DC Sparg* *Mr BG Robinson* *Mrs L Wilson* *Adv R Zeeman* It was **noted** that no further Members of either the Executive Committee, or the Federal Council, met the qualification criterion for Life Membership at this stage. It was further **directed** that the name of the late Mrs S Palmer be removed from future lists.
		3.5.5	**Election of Life Vice-Presidents of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3** *List of current Life Vice-Presidents:* *Mr GR Eva* *Mr NS Kay* *Mrs DE Powell* *Dr HRA van der Merwe* *CJL Griffith* Proposed RJ, seconded GM There were no further nominations and Mr CJL Griffith was **duly elected** as Life Vice-President of KUSA.
		3.5.6	**Election of Vice-Presidents of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3** List of current Vice-Presidents: *The following Vice-President retires on 31.12.2023:* *Mrs A Olivier* *The following Vice-President retires on 31.12.2022:* *Mr RB Jenkins* *The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.20:* *Mrs JD Barrow* *Mrs S Bloomfield* On a proposal from CI, seconded by RJ, and **unanimously supported**, Mrs JD Barrow and Mrs S Bloomfield were re-elected as Vice-Presidents of KUSA for a term of four (4) years, terminating on 31.12.2024.
		3.5.7	**Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA** *At Fedco 12-2018, it was resolved that Brig Gen NJ du Preez should continue as Legal Adviser to the KUSA for an indefinite period.* *The current Legal Adviser to KUSA is Brig Gen NJ du Preez.* On a proposal from CG, seconded by RJ, and **unanimously supported**, it was **confirmed** that, subject to his acceptance, Brig Gen NJ du Preez should continue to serve as KUSA's Legal Adviser.
		3.5.8	**Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee**

			"The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules." *(Note: It was customary for all Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. If and when required,* ***three*** *members of the Federal Council were appointed to consider an Appeal.)* Proposed CI, seconded DS **Noted** and **confirmed, unanimously.**
	3.6		**Loss of Affiliation – Article 9** *(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.")* *(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.")* *(Note from Fedco 06-2020:* *During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few "repeat offenders" and it was* ***agreed, unanimously****, that the overdue Clubs in red should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.)* It was **unanimously confirmed** that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.
		3.6.1	**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 to be tabled prior to the meeting. **Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds** **Australian Shepherd Dog Club - EG** - Financial Year-end 31 Jan 2020, AGM due by 30 Apr 2020. Meeting held, but documentation outstanding. **Dalmatian Club** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Meeting held, but documentation outstanding. **Golden City Poodle Club** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised banking issues in Sep, but nothing since. **S.A. Alsatian (German Shepherd Dog) Club** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. No response to mails. **S.A. Great Dane Assoc.** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. Advised AGM held 26 Apr 2020, but documentation outstanding. No response to follow-up mails. **Northern Areas** **Jubilee Toy Dog Club of S.A.** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020. No response to mails. Club possibly closing. **Nördlicher Verein für Deutsche Hunde Rassen** - Financial Year-end 2018/2019. Meeting held end of Nov 2020, but documentation outstanding. **Northern Tshwane Kennel Club** - Financial Year-end 30 Nov 2019. As at 24 Nov 2020, Financial Statements outstanding. Banking issues advised.

			Yorkshire Terrier Club of Gauteng - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020. No response to mails. **KwaZulu-Natal** ~~**KZN Toy & Utility Groups Club** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due by 31 Mar 2020.~~ Club closed. **Eastern Cape & Border** **Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club** - AGM due by 31 May 2020. Financials Received, but rest of documentation outstanding. **Western Cape** **Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the WC** - Financial Year-end 30 Sept 2019, AGM due by 31 Dec 2019. No documents received. LT advised that new people were in the process of taking over the Club and that she would follow up and report. Nothing further received from the Club. ~~**Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of the WC** - Financial Year-end 31 Dec 2019, AGM due 31 Mar 2020.~~ Club closed. **Whale Coast Kennel Club** - Financial Year-end last day of Feb 2020, AGM due by 31 May 2020. Advised that meeting will be held on 6 Dec 2020. **White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC** - Financial Year-end 31 Jan 2020, AGM due by 30 Apr 2020. No response to mails. **Noted.** Councillors to follow of with the Clubs in their Provincial Councils.
		3.6.2	**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.* Nil. **Noted.**
		3.6.3	**Article 9.2** *Whenever an Affiliated Club's annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.* The following Clubs had not paid their Affiliation Fees for the ensuing year, resulting in their removal from the list of Affiliated Clubs as required by Article 9.2: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of the Western Cape ~~Golden City Poodle Club~~ KZN Utility & Toy Groups Club **We have been advised that the following Clubs are closing:** KZN Toy & Utility Groups Club (advised by KZNPC (No official notification yet.) Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of the Western Cape (Advised by Club. LT confirmed that there was no further interest in keeping the Club going.)

			Late payment of Affiliation Fees received: Golden City Poodle Club **Noted.**
	3.7		**Introduction of Lifetime Achievement Award** (Fedco 12-2019 item 3.6.6) (Fedco 06-2020 item 3.6) *At Fedco 12-2019, discussion indicated that it would be appropriate for KUSA to institute a Lifetime Achievement Award to honour persons who had devoted their time and talents to promoting the welfare of dogs and responsible dog ownership.* *GM and LT offered to formulate criteria for a Lifetime Achievement Award and to revert to Fedco 12-2020 with a proposal.* *Work in progress. Documents would be tabled if available.* LT reported that she and GM had investigated the handling of such accolades in other countries and found that achievements were often acknowledged in various categories. She was not sure whether this was KUSA's intention, or whether only a single general Lifetime Achievement Award, confined to a particular field of endeavour, was envisaged. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement that, in South Africa, it would be appropriate for KUSA to acknowledge and reward, initially at least, the deployment of dogs in Social and Community Upliftment. Achievement in other categories, such as Veterinary Research, might be a consideration for the future. LT and GM thanked Fedco for its guidance and undertook to table their recommendations at Fedco 06-2021. Work in progress (LT & GM).
	3.8		**K9 Administration Upgrade Project** *Report to be tabled.* CG informed the meeting that PM had reported in great detail to the K9 Project Task Team during their Skype meeting on 30 November 2020. He was impressed with the progress the KUSA Office had made and believed that we should be seeing some of the benefits of the system upgrade towards the end of the first half of next year. PM said that she had prepared a concise presentation for Fedco, but that it might be advisable to share the presentation on email for non-Task Team members, to peruse at their leisure. There was still a great deal of work to be done, especially from KUSA's side. In the short term, KUSA needed to concentrate on ensuring that its privacy policy had been fully accommodated and focus on the design of certificates, tone and text of letters and emails, etc. Hopefully this should be completed by March next year and, allowing for testing in April and fixes in May, we might be on target for a soft launch in June. As a member of the Task Team, CI expressed her satisfaction with the "look and feel" of what she had seen so far. Task Team member, LT, was of the view that the project was showing great promise and expressed optimism that problems down the line would be ironed out once user-acceptance had been achieved.
	3.9		**By-laws of Provincial Sub-Committees** (Fedco 12-2017 item 7.20, Fedco 06-2018 item 3.10, Fedco 12-2018 item 3.9, Fedco 06-2020 item 3.8) *Carried forward from previous meeting.* *Work in progress (GR).* GR reported that the harmonisation of the By-laws of Provincial Council Sub-Committees was a major project and that he had been unable to devote time to it during the past six months. Unfortunately, this period had presented unforeseen challenges which needed to take precedence.

			Work in progress (GR). **Noted and agreed.**
	3.10		**Code of Conduct for Club Officers – Proposed new Code (**Fedco 06-2020 Item 3.9) *Carried forward from previous meeting.* *Work in progress (GR).* GR informed the meeting that, although he had started drafting this Code, he hadn't been able to complete the work. He requested a deferral to Fedco 06-2021. Work in progress (GR). **Noted and agreed.**
	3.11		**FCI**
		3.11.1	**Rhodesian Ridgeback** *Report on developments, if any.* JH informed the meeting that • 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. 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. 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. PM undertook to follow up with the FCI and to report any further developments to Fedco. **Noted.**
		3.11.2	**FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (**Fedco 12-2019 item 3.12.1) *As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the Discipline/subject in question.* *The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, to serve as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions:* *Agility – Mr Rob Hall* *Breeding – Clr Chris Griffith* *Canicross – Mr Kyle Farmer* *Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton* *Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman* *Rally Obedience – Mr Tinus van der Vyver* *Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett* *Shows – Clr Jenny Hubbard* *Show Judges – Clr Gael Morison* *Utility Dogs – Mr John Rautenbach*

			Youth – Ms Andria Haskins *Education and Public Relations – Clr Lori Thornhill* *Mondioring – Clr Jenny Hubbard* *Representatives to be reviewed.* Since CG would be stepping down from Fedco at the end of December 2020, a new Representative to the FCI's Breeding Commission needed to be appointed. On a proposal from GR, seconded by LT, and **agreed, unanimously**, representation on the FCI's Breeding Commission was assigned to Mr Ron Juckes. JH said she needed to hand over her representation on the Mondioring Commission to a more suitable person and requested Fedco's permission to revert with a name as soon as she's had an opportunity to consult with the Mondioring enthusiasts. All present were **in agreement** for JH to consult and revert with a name. Proposed JH, seconded DS
	3.12		**Zimbabwe Kennel Club – Letter of Understanding** (Fedco 06-2019 item 3.11, Fedco 12-2019 item 3.14, Fedco 06-2020 item 3.11) *Carried forward from previous meeting.* *Work in progress (NdP)* NdP informed the meeting that he had not been able to devote his attention to this matter and requested that it be deferred to Fedco 06-.2021. Work in progress (NdP).
	3.13		**Fedco Portfolios** Following discussion, the Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated as follows: ***Clr JM Hubbard*** *Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs, Extraordinary Registrations, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP) and Tracking Trials* ***Clr CM Immelman*** *Breed Shows, Handling, Registrations, Exports, Information Technology, Digital Communications, KUSA Web & Social Media.* ***Clr RB Jenkins*** *Finance, Breed Health* ***Clr RD Juckes*** *DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials* ***Clr G Morison (offered to assist CI where appropriate and when required)*** *Shows, Carting, Canicross* ***Clr DC Sparg*** *Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience* ***Clr BG Robinson*** *Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Finance, Budgets, KUSA Constitution & Schedules, Club Constitutions & By-laws, Provincial Council Constitutions & By-laws, KUSA Membership, Media/Press* ***Clr L Thornhill*** *Information Technology, Handling, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Flyball & Rally Obedience, Digital Communication, KUSA Web & Social Media* **Noted and agreed.** JH advised that guidelines for Portfolio-holders needed to be drafted and that this was high on her list of priorities. CI thought that guidelines would be extremely useful.

			Noted.
	3.14		**Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO)** (Fedco 12-2019 item 8.7, Fedco 06-2020 item 3.13) *A revised procedure document had been prepared by Exco.* *To be tabled.* Exco tabled its ***Manual for the Handling of Incidents of Dog Aggression and Savage Disposition at KUSA-licensed Shows and Events and the Procedures for the Issuing and Lifting of a Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) against an Implicated Dog*** and NdP and BJ explained the rationale behind compiling the Manual. NdP emphasised that the document contained, as Annexures, all the documentation required to be completed by the various parties. PM enquired whether some time-concession should be made for dogs currently under TEOs, given their likely difficulty to gain access to the recommended remedial training and therapy. BJ thought that Exco would be amenable to granting the owners of dogs under TEOs a further year's grace to meet the necessary requirements for the TEOs to be lifted. Since the KUSA Office had not yet had an opportunity to engage with the Manual, JH urged PM to scrutinise the document and prepare a list of questions/concerns for Exco's consideration prior to implementation. In that way, identified problems could be addressed ahead of the distribution of the Manual to Clubs. RJ enquired whether people whose dogs were under TEOs would be able to switch to the rehabilitation requirements as set out in the Manual, rather than to abide by those previously imposed. NdP didn't foresee any problem with accommodating such a request from an owner, but thought it unlikely, since the rehabilitation procedure contemplated for the future was somewhat more arduous than the conditions imposed in the past. GR reminded Fedco that this was an internal living document. Lacunas were bound to be identified once the document had been put into operation and GR appealed to all the Provincial Council Chairmen to report provisions in the Manual found to be nebulous, to enable Exco to assess them and possibly adjust the text. Reacting to a question from GR as to whether any of KUSA's Regulations required adjustment in order to harmonise with the requirements set out in the Manual, NdP said he didn't believe the document was at odds with the applicable Regulations in Schedules 2 & 3. In his view, although the Manual amplified and broadened the Regulations, it did not contradict them. However, it would be necessary, within the next few months, to revise the Regulations in Schedules 2 & 3 to bring them into full alignment with the Manual. BJ referred to the body of opinion which questioned the appropriateness of the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test in reaching a determination on the rehabilitation of a dog which had been placed under a TEO as a result of its savage disposition. CI opined that, in the absence of a more suitable method of evaluation, the CGC would have to suffice for the moment, a view that was generally supported. Like all other aspects of the document, this could be reviewed if and when a viable alternative came along. JH congratulated the members of Exco on their efforts, which CG echoed. She also thanked KF for his contribution in gathering vital information, which was fed through to Exco, and GR for editing and reformatting the document. On a proposal from LT, seconded by CG, the Manual was **unanimously approved** as a living document for TEO, on condition that any implementation queries from the KUSA Office were satisfactorily resolved by Exco prior to the implementation date. Effective 01.01.2021

	3.15		**Proposal to develop the KUSA website to accommodate interactive maps for identifying Breed Clubs and for KUSA to host of those Clubs' web pages, accessible via links from the maps, at a fee.** *Proposal submitted by the North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club via NAPC.* ***Proposal:*** *This proposal would benefit not only KUSA in creating revenue and awareness, but also the Breed/Group Clubs in creating awareness of their existence, as well as the public, in creating a safe platform as a "one-stop, go-to" website for all things dog-related.* *A 3-phase approach is suggested to achieve the desired outcome:* ***Phase 1*** • *Create interactive maps on the Home Page of the KUSA website for the different groups of dogs, i.e.* • *Click on Terrier Group in the top menu tab on the KUSA Website which will take you to a map of Southern Africa that includes all the dog Clubs that cater for Terriers (Terrier Speciality and Group Clubs only).* • *The Clubs will show up on the map as "dots" in their respective locations based on their addresses/name locations. If you click on the dot you will get redirected to the web page of the Club. (See Phase 2).* • *If there is no Breed-specific Club for a breed, a Group Club in the area can be chosen.* • *All-breeds Clubs/IGP Clubs/Dogsport Clubs, etc., could have their own interactive maps to show that KUSA also has Clubs that cover all breeds of dog, different forms of dogsport and a variety of dog activities in Southern Africa.* ***Phase 2*** *(This is the phase that creates revenue)* • *Many Clubs have old and outdated websites. It takes a lot of work to update and maintain these websites and more often than not they do not create sufficient awareness due to the lack of accessibility or "Google clicks", plus it costs a Club in excess of R1000 a year to "rent" the domain space.* • *Instead of paying a service provider to host a website and paying for a domain name, etc., KUSA provides Clubs with an option to "rent" a page on its website. This would be the web page to which searchers will be redirected when they click on the map on the KUSA website.* • *All that might be reflected on the web page would be:* o *A slideshow box with photos from the last event or show results;* o *An announcement box with upcoming events, Show Schedule, AGM, etc.;* o *A Club introduction box which states the Objectives of the Club and what it stands for (Mission Statement);* o *An article box in which the Club can post interesting articles or relay information to the public on any pressing matter which may arise, for example, a Health issue or international developments in the breed, etc.* o *The contact details of the Club.* • *There are many easy options to maintain this page, but it is recommended that the Club Secretary would also be able to update this page when logging into the Club Portal. So, after every show or event when the Secretary enters the Return of Entries onto the Club Portal, the Club Page can be updated at the same time.* • *The possibilities for revenue for KUSA would be the cost of renting a page to each Club in South Africa. The benefits to the Clubs would be the added public awareness of the existence of the Club created on the official KUSA website for them and making people aware that dog Clubs exist.* ***Phase 3*** • *The next phase would be to list the members of the respective dog Clubs. We are always having to deal with "puppy scams", backyard breeders, etc., in the dog world. We always try to educate people by saying "when you start searching for a puppy, work through your local breed Club".*

- *So logically this would be the next step –*
    - *On each Club Page you would have a list of paid up (Club and KUSA) members for the year which gets updated after every AGM. These members could also be given the option of "renting" a page from KUSA (another revenue stream). If you click on the Club member, you will then be redirected to their personal page/website with all information. It will again be only a web page with:*
        - *A slide show box where they can showcase their dogs, show wins, etc.*
        - *A box saying who they are, what they stand for, etc.*
        - *An article/announcement box.*
        - *Contact details.*
- *This page could be maintained by the member when they log into their KUSA Members profile.*
- *Renting out these pages will not create any work for KUSA. The page could be a standard template or a choice from 2/3 layouts that can be rented by the Club, or the member. Colours should be able to be adjusted. But the 4/5 different drop-down boxes could be a fixed application on each page which can simply be updated by the different Club Secretaries and KUSA Members.*

The Chairman invited comment.

PM said that what this proposal envisaged was obviously possible and could become an extension of the K9 Administration Upgrade Project, which would involve further development and obviously certain costs. She had reservations about the maintenance of multiple Club websites as part of the KUSA website, since these might be effectively maintained and populated under one Club Committee, but fall into neglect and disuse under another. It was an interesting project for KF to explore with the developers, as long as a way could be found to ensure that the Club websites were kept active.

CI had no objection to KF investigating the practicability and viability of this proposal with the developers but, in her view, it was a "pie in the sky" idea for the moment, i.e. nice to have at some stage, but not when there was so much essential development work to be completed relating to KUSA's core business. LT added that there was a great deal of technology out there for Clubs to manage their own identity and awareness-raising. When there was so much free technology available to Clubs, this seemed like an onerous responsibility to be placed on KUSA's shoulders. The NWSBTC was obviously looking at this from its own perspective, but she did not believe that plugging into the KUSA website was the right way to go for Clubs in general. RJ and GR agreed with CI and LT.

JH interjected and explained that this proposal to link Club websites to that of KUSA was meant to ultimately generate income for KUSA. Once before, a proposal for KUSA to host Breeders' Adverts, had initially generated in the region of R30 000 for KUSA. She therefore appealed for the proposal to be considered carefully from a KUSA financial perspective.

LT made the point that it was "one thing to host a website, and another to simply be minding the front door of a website". JH responded that, from her understanding of the proposal, KUSA would be "minding the front door", rather than hosting the Clubs' websites.

CI repeated her reservations and said that she didn't believe there was much money to be made from this. The proposal came with a great deal of work and the question was whether the income generated would not only cover the workload, but also yield sufficient additional income for KUSA. In her opinion, Breeders' Adverts were an entirely different thing where the benefits were obvious. CI reiterated that she had no objection to Kyle investigating the proposal's viability and practicability, but at this stage could not see the envisaged financial benefit for KUSA.

PM said that Phase 1 of the proposal, although not revenue-generating, could be of advantage to KUSA by assisting to direct members of the public searching for puppies to specific destinations. In this regard, she thought there was merit in plugging an "interactive map" into the KUSA website, as proposed. However, when it came to the hosting, etc., and generating revenue, extra development work would be required to meet that objective. Although it would be possible, it needed to be tagged onto the end of the K9 Administration Upgrade Project. PM was in agreement that it should be minuted that the proposal

			should be earmarked for future consideration but, for the moment, KUSA's budgeted resources needed to be committed to the Project at hand. The Chairman summarised the discussion and confirmed Fedco's **general agreement** that KF should investigate the practicability and operability of the proposal and that the matter should be reconsidered in the second half of 2021, by which time certain components of the K9 Administration Upgrade Project might hopefully have been completed and implemented. **Noted.**
	3.16		**Tiered Membership for Club Officers** *Proposal submitted by the Western Cape Provincial Council* ***Reference:** (attached)* *Appendix 1: FEDCO 06-20 minutes issued 16.07.2020 Article 8.6* *Appendix 2: Current KUSA fee structure as at 1 September 2020* ***PROPOSAL*** *Introduce an additional membership category: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP* *Club Officers Only: R150 per annum* ***Application must include:*** 1. *Letter from the club – signed by 2 alternate club officials, both KUSA members in good standing – supporting the appointment of the Club Officer.* 2. *Copy of the meeting where incumbent was elected to the position.* 3. *Proof of payment of membership fees.* ***Restrictions:*** 1. *This level of membership is for Club Officers only.* 2. *It does not provide for any other KUSA related activities such as entering shows or registering dogs.* 3. *KUSA membership number should have an alternate composition to full membership for easy identification. i.e. 123 AB or 123 – CO or 123-OB* 4. *Blocked for any other activity i.e registration, shows, etc* ***Background and Context:*** *Even prior to COVID-19 and the challenges that came with the pandemic, clubs were struggling to find suitable people to serve on committees. Numbers have steadily declined year on year, and life and work pressures clearly limit the amount of time that the average person is able to dedicate to tasks required as a Club Officer.* *Committees are very small – sometimes only made up of the 4 Club Officers, who often serve on more than 1 club committee. Many committee members also show. To run a show and show dogs at the same event can be perceived as a conflict of interest, particularly when there is a real need to interact with the judges before and during the event.* *In the past folk outside of the dog world (non-KUSA members) were asked to stand as a Club Officer. Particularly in the case of Treasurer or Secretary if the person had specific skills in these areas i.e. retired accountant or administrator. This option provided a 'neutral party' to manage the show day, and an opportunity for the club to access a certain level of expertise. Over and above this, dog folk who retired from showing and breeding, had an opportunity to continue to contribute to dogdom by working behind the scenes and sharing their expertise.* *The rule that all Club Officers are required to be fully paid-up members, in good standing, of the KUSA, is adding another level of complexity to the struggle to keep clubs up and running and committees functioning.* *Asking Non-KUSA members who do not show or breed to pay a full KUSA Membership to serve as a Club Officer is counter-intuitive and a huge limitation to encouraging new people to join the dog world in anything other than showing or breeding.* *The cost of joining KUSA is R998.00 and there is no compelling benefit for the individual or the club to warrant this expense. Clubs cannot afford to pay this to ensure that their Club Officers comply, and there is definitely no added benefit to the individual offering their services.* The Chairman opened discussion on the proposal.

LT spoke to the WCPC's proposal and made the point that it was difficult for Clubs to attract competent people to serve as Officers of Clubs – especially those no longer showing or breeding - when they were expected to join KUSA and pay a full membership fee.

Speaking as the Membership portfolio-holder, GR cautioned that the potential impact of this proposal on KUSA's finances ought to be a primary consideration. At a time when we were all fighting for KUSA's financial survival, he would be hesitant to favourably consider proposals which would undoubtedly dilute KUSA's income. GR requested PM to comment on the potential impact of the proposal on KUSA's bottom line.

PM said she had given the proposal a great deal of thought and consideration and delivered a well-motivate appeal not to introduce an Associate Membership tier, highlighting, *inter alia*, the following:

- Membership Fees accounted for around 22% of KUSA's annual income;
- The hypothetical scenario of two Club Officers acquiring Associate Membership, as contemplated in the proposal, would result in an estimated loss of R180 000 to KUSA;
- Associate Membership for Club Officers would undoubtedly result in other groupings demanding the same, setting in motion an inevitable downward spiral for KUSA's income;
- A reduction in KUSA's revenue would mean less money to invest in the development of new income streams;
- Reduced membership fees would be construed by KUSA's staff as a devaluation of the services provided by KUSA and prove demoralising for those committed to providing quality service;
- KUSA reduced its staff complement by 40% to help mitigate the devastating effect of the COVID-19 pandemic across its revenue streams and it would be extremely dispiriting for staff to accept that their increased efforts were being deemed less worthy of fair service compensation;
- Associate Membership, as envisaged by the proposal, would impose an additional administrative burden on KUSA staff (full explanation provided);
- Extra development work would be required to provide for Associate Membership, which will require additional funding from a strained budget;
- It was important to dispel the notion that Club Officers reaped little benefit from their KUSA membership:
    - They were major users of KUSA's portals and staff resources and it was only fair that they, or their Clubs, contributed equally to KUSA's overheads in the development and maintenance of its online services and the employment of a competent and knowledgeable workforce;
    - KUSA's operations and licensing activities were governed by a complex regulatory framework which needed to be maintained and enforced for the benefit of all its structures and members, deserving of fair and equal contribution;
- Although KUSA was deemed to be a Public Benefit Organisation, and not for profit, the Organisation needed to be self-funded and financially sustainable.

LT made it clear that the proposal was never intended to reduce KUSA's income, but rather to increase income by involving non-members in Club administration. She commended PM on her presentation, but stood by her Council's proposal.

Further views were expressed and, given the diverse persuasions, JH opined that resolution would only be possible if the matter were put to the vote. The Chairman agreed and KF was requested to act as scrutineer.

On request of the Chairman, the proposal from WCPC was read out by GR and those eligible to vote were requested to do so in turn. Upon completion of voting, KF announced the result as follows:

Those in favour of the proposal – 3
Those against the proposal – 6

The proposal failed to carry.

4			**MATTERS ARISING**
	4.1		**Any Matters Related to the Articles –** no submissions
	4.2		**Any Matters Relating to Disciplinary Action – Schedule 1** – no submissions
	4.3		**Any Matters Related to the Registration of Dogs – Schedule 2**
		4.3.1	**Breed Health – Advanced Registration Certificate/Enhanced Registration Certificate** (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.3) *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.* ***Noted.*** *Work in progress.* It became apparent from the ensuing discussion that there was still considerable legwork to be done before an Advanced Registration Certificate could be offered for certain breeds. LT reported on her research involving Bulldogs and French Bulldogs and mentioned that her engagements with the relevant Clubs were at an advanced stage. It was her intention to collate the information she had gathered into a single document and JH expressed the view that those involved in Breed Health should assemble by latest mid-January 2021 for the tabling of LT's document and agreement on future steps. RJ reiterated his previously stated intention to collate information on Health Testing and screening of Herding breeds. He confirmed that a great deal of information had already been assembled from around the world, which was intended to serve as the foundation for formulating the Health criteria for the different Herding breeds. JH appealed to RJ to give priority to Belgian Shepherd Dogs, since those involved in the varieties of this breed were eager to put the Health criteria in place in order to qualify for an Advanced Registration Certificate. PM argued for a "phased approach" in introducing the Advanced Registration Certificate, i.e. adding the breeds incrementally as their required Health Tests were agreed. Responding to a question from CI, she confirmed that work on the design of the Advanced Registration Certificate had not yet commenced. CI enquired whether the K9 system would ultimately be capable of providing statistics on the Health qualifications of breeds captured. PM confirmed that this should, in theory, be possible. PM cautioned that the introduction of Health criteria for certain breeds would necessitate extra development work on KUSA's K9 system, with concomitant cost implications for KUSA. In essence, the development entailed automating the process of matching the Health criteria of breeds to their eligibility for Advanced Registration Certificates in order to eliminate human errors. She required the assurance from the Chairman that the necessary budget would be made available to proceed with the issuing of Advanced Registration Certificates for certain breeds, once their Health criteria had been established. CG confirmed that the required funds to further upgrade the K9 system to accommodate breed-specific Health requirements in order to issue Advanced Registration Certificates, would be made available. **Noted.** Work in progress.
		4.3.2	**Schedule 2 – Appendix "C" – Breed Specific Litter Requirements - Belgian Shepherd Dogs (**Fedco 06-2020 item 4.3.2) ***Motivation:*** *The Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club and the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape were in agreement that, in order to retain, preserve and ensure future quality breeding of the Belgian Shepherd Dogs Malinois, Groenendael, Tervueren and Laekenois, Breed-specific Litter Requirements needed to be specified under Schedule 2. Fedco was requested to consider the following insertion:* *Insertions <u>underlined</u>.* ***<u>9. Belgian Shepherd Dogs</u>***

			9.1 Dam & Sire are positively identified by microchip profiling before any X-ray examination is made. The microchip identification number is included on all developed X-ray film/digital image and on the certificate. *9.2 Belgian Shepherd Dogs must be presented for hip and elbow x-rays. At the time of x-ray, a dog must be 18 months of age or older.* *9.3 The breeder is the current holder of a KUSA-registered Affix (Kennel Name).* *9.4 At the time of mating, the Sire is eighteen (18) months of age or older.* *9.5 At the time of whelping, the Dam is twenty-two (22) months of age or older.* *9.6 Only Belgian Shepherd Dogs with hip scores of A1, A2, B1 may be mated to Belgian Shepherds with hip scores of B2, C1 or C2. Belgian Shepherds with hip scores of A1, A2 or B1 may be mated to each other. Should your dog have an uneven hip score you work on the worse score, i.e. HD B1/C1 you will work with C1.* *9.7 Only Belgian Shepherd Dogs with elbow scores ED 2/2 or lower may be bred.* *9.8 The following health tests are recommended, but not compulsory: Artaxia, PRA and Epilepsy.* *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).* *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 further deterring factor.* *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.* *JH and LT undertook to arrange a Skype call with the Clubs concerned to explain Fedco's position on the issue.* ***Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.*** (Note: Items 4.3.1 and 8.4 have further relevance.) Work in progress.
		4.3.3	**Inter-variety breeding of Chihuahuas** **Proposal for the Federal Council to declare inter-variety breeding of Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) and Chihuahua (Long Coat) to be "desirable in the interests of improving the breed where similar arrangements have been permitted by the Club in the country of origin or development of such breeds" as provided for in Schedule 2 Regulation 1.1.6.** *Proposal submitted by The Chihuahua Club via DOGSPC.* ***Motivation:*** *In South Africa, the Chihuahua breed is bred and assessed in accordance with the Breed Standard of The Kennel Club (UK) and The Chihuahua Club and breeders of Chihuahuas strive to consistently follow changes approved by The Kennel Club (UK), including those related to breeding.* *Inter-variety mating of the two coat-types of Chihuahua was approved by The Kennel Club on 2 June 2020. It is the view of The Chihuahua Club, and the majority of its members, that the gene pool in South Africa would benefit greatly from genetic diversity and that inter-variety breeding would lead to the breeding of sounder dogs of correct type. Genetic faults in either Long Coats, or Smooth Coats, could conceivably be corrected with the greater number of dogs available for breeding. Imports into South Africa invariably carry genes for both coat-types, as inter-variety breeding of Chihuahuas has been permitted in many countries of the world for a considerable time.*

			Puppies from inter-variety matings born after the sought acceptance of this proposal by the Federal Council would be registered as either Smooth Coat, or Long Coat, as determined by the breeder. Should the breeder be unsure of the variety of a particular puppy, The Chihuahua Club has undertaken to make the determination. *In making its decision, the Federal Council is requested to consider the proposal put to The Kennel Club by the ten Chihuahua Clubs in the UK, as well as the recommendations of the UK's Chihuahua Breed Health Coordinator, Dr Geoffrey Curr. His views are supported by Dr Tom Lewis, Quantitative Geneticist and Genetics Research Manager at The Kennel Club, who concluded that inter-variety breeding would be beneficial for the Chihuahua breed. In this regard, the Federal Council is respectfully requested to consult the substantiation submitted to the UK at https://dogsmonthly.co.uk/2020/06/08/kennel-club-to-allow-inter-variety-mating-in-chihuahuas/.* The Chairman enquired whether there were any objections to the proposal. None were forthcoming. On a proposal from CG, seconded by GR, the proposal to permit inter-variety breeding of Chihuahuas in future was **approved, unanimously**. Effective 01.01.2021 Applicable to litters born after the effective date of 01.01.2021.
	4.4		**Breed Standards Committee (BSC**
		4.4.1	**List of Breed Standards amended/revised under KUSA's Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards. To be tabled.** Only one Breed Standard amended/revised under KUSA's Breed Standards Protocol was listed for **ratification**, having been **confirmed** and **accepted** (by virtual topic email) by GR, JH, DP, RJ, GM, BJ, CG, LT, CI. **Hound Group** Afghan Hound (KC UK) **Ratified.** Proposed RJ, seconded GM Effective 01.01.2021

		4.1.2	**Proposal from the Breed Standards Committee (BSC)**
			
			From the Minutes of Fedco 06-2020:
			*[**Note:** CI informed the Fedco that she intended approaching her colleagues on the BSC with a proposal for the official **English** names of breeds with FCI standards to be used by KUSA. Identifying breeds under their foreign language names had become problematic, not only for KUSA, but also for those involved in Show administration.]*
			
			Since the revisions of the K9 system currently under development, the KUSA Office was eager to get clarity on this matter and the Breed Standards Committee had come to the following conclusion regarding the nomenclature KUSA would be using going forward in Schedule 2 Appendix "A", the Breed Standard Index-links on the website, and the headers of all Breed Standards:
			
			• ***Breed Standards of the FCI***
			  ○ The nomenclature applied to breeds should align with the ***English Name*** assigned to the breed by the FCI.
			  ○ Should there be no English Name, but only the country of origin name and therefore a "borrowed" name, e.g. Akita, or Shiba, the nomenclature applied should follow the same convention.
			
			• ***Breed Standards of The Kennel Club (UK)***
			The nomenclature applied to breeds would align with that of The Kennel Club.

			• ***Breed Standards of the American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, Irish Kennel Club, etc.*** The nomenclature applied to breeds would align with that of the Kennel Clubs concerned. The above nomenclature convention would pull through on all Certificates of Pedigree issued by KUSA. The ***KUSA Protocol for the Acceptance of Changes to Breed Standards*** has been amended in accordance with the above and formed part of the documentation presented at the meeting. To assist the KUSA Office and those involved in the capture of dog show entries for FCI Shows, the BSC had submitted a document, as part of the meeting documentation, setting out the English Names (whether original or borrowed) of breeds as contemplated above. The document additionally provided for the Country of Origin names of all the breeds with FCI Standards and identified which Breed Standard had been adopted by KUSA for a specific breed. In the case of FCI Standards, the Breed Standard Number was given and the FCI Grouping in which a breed must be shown at an FCI Show was also identified. There were no objections to the changes to the breed nomenclature and the changes to the ***KUSA Protocol for the Acceptance of Changes to Breed Standards*** were **unanimously approved**. Proposed CI, seconded GM Effective date 01.03.2021, but must be implemented as from 01.02.2021. DS requested that the Club Secretaries should be timeously advised of the changes. PM explained that, as soon as practicable after the release of the Fedco 12-2020 Minutes, the KUSA Office would be sending out the new Schedule 2 Annexure "A" changes to the Club Secretaries and Judges, with changes highlighted. The changes would also be shared on the KUSA website Facebook page. CI emphasised the importance of Fedco's decision regarding breed nomenclature changes to be widely publicised to all **Members**, **Judges** and **Councils**. This should be done to avoid exhibitors complaining that they had missed their Class at a Show due to a nomenclature change, e.g. former Suomenlapinkoira, which previously sequenced under "S", changing to Finnish Lapponian Dog, sequencing under "F", or Spinone Italiano, which previously sequenced under "S", changing to Italian Spinone, sequencing under "I". PM assured Fedco that a general mailer to the identified groups of recipients would be done in the course of December 2020. **Noted.**
	4.5		**Any Matters Relating to Shows & Schedule 3**
		4.5.1	**Schedule 3 – Regulation 42 Champion Dogs – Regulation 42.1.1.1** (Fedco 06-2020 item 4.5.2) *It was proposed by KZNPC that the decision at Fedco 08-2018 to void Schedule 3 Regulation 42.1.1.1, be rescinded.* *In the ensuing discussion, the point was made that the above proposal called for a reversal of the Fedco decision made in 2018 to require one CC towards championship status to be obtained in a different* ***Centre****, whereas the motivation referred to the reinstatement of an* ***"out-of-Province CC"****. These two options for obtaining championship status differed significantly, given the declaration of venues such as Goldfields Showgrounds in Gauteng and Ashley Sports Ground in KZN as Centre-neutral.* *GM clarified that KZN required an* ***out-of-Province CC*** *to be introduced, and accepted that this requirement would necessitate a fresh proposal which did not call for the voidance to Regulation 42.1.1.1 to be rescinded, but a new Regulation 42.1.1.1 to be inserted. LT advised that the WCPC supported a reversal of the voidance of the Regulation 42.1.1.1, in other words, was eager for the* ***out-of-Centre CC*** *to be reinstated.* *The point was made that there was nothing preventing KZNPC and WCPC from submitting separate proposals to Fedco 12-2020, and this course of action was recommended to the two Councils.*

			Deferred to Fedco 12-2020. ***Resubmission from KZNPC*** *as requested above:* *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* 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: *Insertions underlined and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~].* ***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~~] national Province.* The Chairman opened the floor for comment. GM spoke to the proposal submitted through KZNPC. 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. (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.*) 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. There were no objections and the deferment of the matter to Fedco 06-2021 was **accepted, unanimously**.
	4.6		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 3A** – no submissions
	4.7		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4** – no submissions
	4.8		**Any Matters Relating to Schedule 4A -** no submissions
5			**WORKING DISCIPLINES**
	5.1		**Schedule 5A – Regulations for Obedience Classes**

		5.1.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
		5.1.2	**Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** (Fedco 06-2019 end of item 5.1) *The following was recorded at Fedco 06-2019:* *It was noted that there was a great deal of confusion as to who should be authorised to conduct CGC assessments on dogs issued with Temporary Exclusion Orders (TEOs). The entire CGC system was, in fact, in dire need of prescription of procedures and it was decided, unanimously, that Exco, in collaboration with CI and KF, should present a proposed procedures document for CGC assessment at Fedco 12-2019.* *Work in progress.* *At Fedco 06-2020, CI explained that she had not yet been able to devote time to investigating the CGC system. BJ advised that Exco unfortunately lacked qualified persons to advise on the suitability of CGC as a 'test' for dogs served with a TEO. Should input from Exco be required, he would need to co-opt appropriate expertise.* *Carried forward from previous meeting.* *Work in progress.* *Progress Report from Claire Patterson-Abrolat is attached.* 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, it would be advisable for the Task Team to meet in January 2021 with a view to formalising new and workable Regulations for CGC. KF undertook to convene the virtual meeting in January. (Note: Refer to the decision taken under Item 5.19 below regarding the accommodation of "Companion Events", including CGC, in a separate Schedule.)
	5.2		**Schedule 5B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)**
		5.2.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
		5.2.2	**Proposals to amend Schedule 5B (01) (Regulations for Working Trials - Classic) and 5B (04) (Regulations for Working Utility Dog)** Proposals submitted by the National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee Appropriate sections of the Schedules attached with the amendments indicated. Insertions <u>underlined</u> and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **Proposal 1** **To amend the height categories for the "A" Frame** **Motivation:** a) It is not clear what the original height categories were based on, but it is evident that the smaller dogs have difficulty coping with the jump specifications. The above changes align the height categories more closely with that of Agility and should make the test more appealing to a wider range of dogs. b) While there has always been an increase of difficulty required for the large dogs (i.e. negotiating a 70 cm Clear Jump in CD and an 80 cm Clear Jump in TDI and TDII, the same was not required for small-and medium-sized dogs. The above changes now reflect this increase in difficulty as dogs progress through the Classes. c) The change to the "A" Frame measurements ensure that the angle (ground to ramp) of the jump remains the same across all three height categories. 2.12.3 The Clear Jump

Made of metal, wood or plastic and may include unprepared timber and brushwood. The portion to be jumped must have heights as follows:
CD 70cm, TDI 80cm, TDII 80cm, PD 80cm.
There shall be a minimum clear width of 1.20m and a maximum thickness of 5cm at the top. The top must consist of a rigid bar easily dislodged if touched by a jumping dog. The body of the jump may be open or closed, or partly so.

2.12.4 The Long Jump
The Long Jump shall be made of metal, wood or plastic and may include unprepared timber and brushwood. The jump shall have a maximum height of 30cm and a minimum clear width of 1.20m. The front and back parts of the Jump (in the direction of the dog's jump) shall be visible to the dog and so made as to move if struck by more than a glancing blow by a jumping dog. The Jump shall be in length for various classes as follows:
CD 1.4m, TDI 2m, TDII 2m, PD 2m.

2.12.5 "A" Frame
The "A" Frame consists of two (2) board faces each with a height of 1.9m and a width of 1.2 - 1.5m connected (hinged) at the top. These measurements are suitable for dogs measuring Large but must be adjusted as per Annexure A and B for dogs measuring into the Small and Medium categories. At ground level these boards are separated by such a distance that the vertical heights for each class are as follows:
CD 1.60m, TDI 1.80m, TDII 1.80m, PD 1.80m.
Each board of the "A" Frame is fitted with three (3) [~~five (5)~~] climbing ledges (fillets) of 2.4 x 4.8cm. The "A" Frame shall have a non-slip surface.

2.12.6 The dimensions stated in sub-paragraphs 2.12.3, 2.12.4 and 2.12.5 may be varied in the Companion Dog Grade and in all Tracker Dog Grades in the category Working Trials (Classic) only as follows:

Dogs height at withers	**Clear Jump**	**Long Jump**	**"A" Frame height**
Companion Dog			
Small: Dogs up to and including [~~25 cm~~] 35 cm	30 cm	[~~60 cm~~] 50 cm	1 m
Medium: Over 35 cm [~~25 cm~~] up to and including 45 cm	40 cm [~~45 cm~~]	1.0 m [~~1.2 m~~]	1.5 m
Large: Dogs over 45 cm	70 cm	1.4 m	1.6 m
Tracker Dog I and II, Police Dog			
Small: Dogs up to and including 35 cm	35 cm	60 cm	1 m
Medium: Over 35 cm up to and including 45 cm	45 cm	1.2 m	1.5 m
Large: Dogs over 45 cm	80 cm	2.0 m	1.8 m

Proposal 2
To amend the height categories for the "A" Frame
Motivation: a) As WUD Regulations are closely aligned to Working Trials (Classic) Regulations, the above changes aligns to that of the previous section. The heights of the dogs are now more closely aligned with that of Agility which should make the test more appealing to owners of small and medium dogs. b) The change to the "A" Frame measurements ensure that the angle (ground to ramp) of the jump remains the same across all three height categories.

2.15 The Clear Jump
The Clear Jump shall be made of metal, wood or plastic and may include unprepared timber and brushwood.
There shall be a minimum clear width of 1.20m and a maximum thickness of 5cm at the top. The top must consist of a rigid bar easily dislodged if touched by a jumping dog. The body of the jump may be open or closed, or partly so.

2.16 The Long Jump

The Long Jump shall be made of metal, wood or plastic and may include unprepared timber and brushwood. The jump shall have a maximum height of 30cm and a minimum clear width of 1.20m. The front and back parts of the Jump (in the direction of the dog's jump) shall be visible to the dog and so made as to move if struck by more than a glancing blow by a jumping dog.

2.17 "A" Frame
The "A" Frame consists of two (2) board faces each with a height of 1.9m and a width of 1.2 - 1.5m connected (hinged) at the top. These measurements are suitable for dogs measuring Large but must be adjusted as per Annex A for dogs measuring into the Small and Medium categories.
Each board of the "A" Frame is fitted with three (3) [~~five (5)~~] climbing ledges (fillets) of 2.4 x 4.8cm. The "A" Frame shall have a non-slip surface.

2.18 The dimensions may be varied in the Working Utility Dog stake only as follows:

Dogs height at withers	Clear Jump	Long Jump	"A" Frame height
Small: Dogs up to and including 35 cm [~~25 cm~~]	30 cm	50 cm [~~60 cm~~]	1 m
Medium: Over 35 cm [~~25 cm~~] up to and including 45 cm	40 cm [~~45 cm~~]	1.0 m [~~1.2 m~~]	1.5 m
Large: Dogs over 45 cm	70 cm	1.4 m	1.6 m

(Illustrations – Annexure A and B attached)

The Chairman invited comment.

As the portfolio-holder for Working Trials (Classic), RJ expressed his satisfaction with the proposed changes.

On a proposal from RJ, seconded by GR, the changes were **approved, unanimously**.
Effective 01.04.2021, but may be implemented immediately.

	5.3		**Schedule 5B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)**
		5.3.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (see 5.2.1 above) **Noted with thanks.**
		5.3.2	**Proposal submitted by the National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-committee –** (see 5.2.2 above) As the portfolio-holder for Working Utility Dog, RJ expressed his satisfaction with the proposed changes. On a proposal from RJ, seconded by GR, the changes were **approved, unanimously**. Effective 01.04.2021, but may be implemented immediately.
	5.4		**Schedule 5B(2) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)** – no submissions
		5.4.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
	5.5		**Schedule 5B(3) – Regulations for Tracking Trials –** no submissions
	5.6		**Schedule 5C – Field Trials**
		5.6.1	**Report by NSC Convener & FTLC Financial Statements –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
		5.6.2	**Proposed Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests (Deutsch Drahthaar/German Wire-haired Pointing Dog) - Schedule 5C(5)** Proposals submitted by the Field Trials Liaison Council.

			Schedule 5C(5) attached. Specimen Score Sheets are included in Schedule 5C(5): (Note: See Item 5.6.3 below.)
		5.6.3	**Proposed Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds - Schedule 5C(6)** Proposals submitted by the Field Trials Liaison Council. Schedule 5C(6) attached. Specimen documents attached under Schedule 5C(6) as follows: • Schedule 6C(6) – Specimen Senior Judge's Versatile Hunt Test Report • Schedule 6C(6) – Specimen Novice Tests Score Sheet • Schedule 6C(6) – Specimen SA-AZP Adv Score Sheet • Schedule 6C(6) – Specimen SA-Derby Score Sheet • Schedule 6C(6) – Specimen Secretary's Report Versatile Hunt Test The Chairman invited comment. JH congratulated the Working Deutsch Drahthaar Club (Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests) and the Cape Field Trials Club (Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds) on an incredible achievement in compiling these two Schedules and thanked Dr Alan Kloeck and Mrs Marie Wynne, Chairman and Secretary of the Field Trial Liaison Council (FTLC), for their guidance and assistance with the drafting. She continued to explain that these two Schedules differed insofar as the Gundog Hunting Tests were closely aligned with the German regulations, recognised by the FCI, whereas the Versatile Tests for Pointing Breeds were based on the American tests, although inclusive of elements of FCI tests offered for Continental/HPR Breeds and British Breeds. JH informed Fedco that Hunting Tests had an enormous following around the world. Over the past few months, she and GR had the privilege of working with the parties advocating for the introduction of Hunting Tests, as well as the FTLC, and urged Fedco to support and encourage their efforts to adapt and regulate these tests for South Africa. JH alerted the KUSA Office to the fact that Mrs Wynne had queried the Schedule numbers and requested that these be verified and confirmed prior to publication of the Schedules. As the portfolio-holder for Field Trials, JH enquired from DS whether he had any reservations, or comments. DS declared himself well satisfied with the development of accommodating Hunting Tests as a branch of Dogsport under KUSA. On a proposal from GR, seconded by CG, both Schedules were **approved, unanimously**. Effective 01.04.2021, but for implementation as soon as practicable.
	5.7		**Schedule 5D – Regulations for Dog Jumping** – no submissions.
		5.7.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
	5.8		**Schedule 5E - Regulations for Special Events** – no submissions.
	5.9		**Schedule 5G – Regulations for Dog Carting** – no submissions.
		5.9.1	**Report by NSC Convener:** As we approach the last quarter of 2020, we realise that 2020 has come and gone without much Dog Carting. I would nevertheless like to thank all the Provincial Conveners for their continued interest in our very special dog sport. The first 3 months of the year we saw Carting Shows taking place in all of our provinces. We thank all the Clubs that include Carting on their Schedules; this is greatly appreciated.

			We know that all provinces had planned extensive shows that had to be cancelled throughout the year due to lockdown at many levels. Sadly, we have lost some of our Carting Dogs due to death and old age. When we return to Shows next year, we'll remember them fondly. We wonder what 2021 will hold for us - possibly smaller Dog Carting entries for whatever reason. It leaves me to thank our Carting Judges who stand and work in all kinds of weather. Without you we would not be able to hold Shows. Yours in dogdom, Eleanor Gow **Noted with thanks.**
	5.10		**Schedule 5K – Regulations for Handler Classes** – no submissions.
	5.11		**Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility Classes** – no submissions.
		5.11.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
	5.12		**Schedule 5M – Regulations for Flyball**
		5.12.1	**Report by NSC Convener –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
		5.12.2	**Proposal to amend Schedule 5M (Regulations for Flyball), essentially to align the Regulations with those of the FCI** Submitted by the National Flyball Sub-Committee The amendments of the applicable Regulations are together with the motivation for each amendment. Documents attached. (Note: At Fedco 06-2020, the following was decided: *After further discussion, it was **resolved, unanimously**, that changes to Dogsport Schedules would only be considered **once every eighteen (18) months**, unless the changes were due to changes in FCI Regulations.*) With regard to the above, JH alerted Fedco to the fact that, strictly speaking, this submission breached the "18-months rule", but argued that the proposed changes emulated FCI amendments in compliance with EU and UK safety requirements (e.g. fallen hurdles being dangerous for competing dogs). Under the circumstances, JH recommended that the amendments be approved, but said she would again bring the "18-months rule" to the attention of the National Convener for Flyball. As the portfolio-holder for Flyball, LT was in agreement. Proposed LT, seconded RJ **Approved, unanimously.** Effective 01.04.2021, but may be implemented immediately.
	5.13		**Aptitude Testing** – no submissions.
	5.14		**Schedule 5Q – Regulations for Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)** – no submissions.
	5.15		**Dancing with Dogs** **Proposals to amend Schedules 5R (Heelwork to Music) and 5S (Musical Freestyle)** Proposals submitted by the Dog Dancing Sub-Committees of DOGSPC & NAPC Schedules attached with amendments pertaining to both proposals. **Proposal 1** **To include Video Competitions in the Regulations for HTM and MF**

			Motivation: The DOGSPC and NAPC Dog Dancing Sub-Committees have identified the necessity of including Video Competition in the HTM and MF Regulations, which has become standard practice throughout the world. This would not only render the Discipline of Dog Dancing less vulnerable to cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances like COVID-19, but also create opportunities for additional shows, which would create more income for KUSA and the Dog Dancing Association. It is contemplated that the Live shows would stay as they are, with a clause inserted on the Show Schedule that, in the event of the show having to be cancelled due to events beyond the control of the organising committee, the show will take place via Video recording. The two Provincial Dog Dancing Sub-Committees do their best to promote the sport as widely as possible and, by creating opportunities to enter via Video, competitors everywhere would be given a chance to submit their routines. Handlers experiencing problems with training fearful dogs would be able to work their dogs from the comfort of their homes, thereby increasing their chances of acquiring QCs and eventually Championship status. This national involvement is also likely to boost KUSA's membership. Fedco is respectfully requested to authorise the implementation of the amended Schedules with immediate effect. **Proposal 2** **To include a "weave" into the HTM Regulations.** **Motivation:** This amendment is requested as part of the Sub-Committees' work to refine the Discipline in line with the international FCI guidelines. Fedco is respectfully requested to authorise the implementation of the amended Schedule 5R with immediate effect. On request of the Chairman, GR spoke to this proposal which had been submitted via DOGSPC and NAPC. As the portfolio-holder for Dancing with Dogs, RJ expressed his support for the proposal. Proposed GR, seconded RJ **Approved, unanimously.** Effective 01.04.2021, but may be implemented immediately.
		5.15.1	**Schedule 5R - Heelwork to Music (HTM)** <u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. Schedule attached. (Note: See Item 5.15 above)
		5.15.2	**Schedule 5S – Musical Freestyle (MF)** <u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. Schedule attached. (Note: See Item 5.15 above)
	5.16		**Schedule 5T – Regulations for Rally Obedience** – no submissions.
	5.17		**Canicross** Documentation to be tabled prior to and at the meeting – attached. KF provided an update on Canicross and reminded Fedco of the interest shown by various local institutions to provide an event location and sponsorship. He had subsequently made contact with the veterinarian and KUSA member, Dr Charmaine MacGregor, who had briefed him on the SPCA's stance on dog sledding.

			Permission had been secured from The Kennel Club (UK) to adapt its Canicross Regulations for South Africa and KF had subsequently reached out to local interested parties to discuss the future of Canicross in the country. JH congratulated KF on the progress he had made to get this exciting branch of Dogsport, aimed at attracting young, athletic competitors, established in South Africa. The members of the Federal Council echoed JH's sentiments and KF was encouraged to continue promoting Canicross. **Noted with thanks to KF.**
	5.18		**Schedule 5U – Mondioring** – no submissions
	5.19		**Trick Dog Test within KUSA** (Fedco 06-2020 item 8.10) *It was **agreed, unanimously**, that the establishment of a Cyber Sport Division should be encouraged and that the parties who had mooted the possibility should be invited to prepare a fully motivated formal proposal for consideration at Fedco 12-2020.* ***Deferred to Fedco 12-2020.*** **Proposal for a new Schedule – Regulations for a Trick Dog Test** Proposal submitted by Claire Patterson-Abrolat, Gaby Grohovaz and Liz Chamberlain via NAPC & DOGSPC. Schedule attached. **Motivation:** The onset of COVID-19 has seen substantial changes to all our lives. We are living through history, and the only thing one can be certain of right now is that change will continue to define our lives for the foreseeable future. It is safe to say that the world will never be as we knew it to be just a few months ago. The cancellation of many dog Shows, including World Championship events, is just one of the inconveniences many of us have experienced. We thus need to be aware of and take advantage of the changes that have happened recently and are likely to stay, with more to come. The key to a post-lockdown world is for us all to not just bounce back, but to bounce FORWARD and make the world a better place with stronger, happier people. This proposal is to motivate for a new Test within the KUSA suite of Working Disciplines, one that will align closely with the Canine Good Citizen scheme. In broad outline, this Test will: • Cater for both KUSA members and their registered dogs and non-KUSA members, i.e. domestic pet owners. This could provide an incentive to members of the National Canine Care Club, once operative. • Cater for all breeds of dogs including cross-breeds, service dogs such as guide dogs and disabled dogs. • Consist of 3–5 levels, with the lowest being restricted to owners that are not regular competitors of KUSA, i.e. the newly attracted domestic owner. The highest level will be a Championship Stake, restricted to KUSA members and their registered dogs (including dogs on the Dogsport and Appendix Registers). • In response to the social distancing requirements that are likely to stay with us for some time, owners/handlers will be able to either submit their applications to pass each level via video or perform the tricks live in front of a suitably qualified judge. • As with Canine Good Citizen, the testing of dogs will not be restricted to licensed shows but will require a licensed Judge to evaluate the dogs. • A testing fee for each level will be paid directly to KUSA, which has the potential of generating some much-needed funding for the organisation. • Handlers will receive a certificate and rosette upon successful completion of each level. The Trick Dog Test will be structured loosely on the "Do More With Your Dog Programme" in the USA, which is also recognised and offered by the American Kennel Club. The Dog Trick Test will be given a South African flavour and will consist of a pre-determined list of tricks (with specifications for

			performance) for each level and dogs will have to successfully execute a certain number of tricks to pass a level and progress to the next stage. The Chairman opened the floor for comment. 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. 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. 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 Dogs** and **Scent Work** (see Item 5.20) should be accommodated as sub-sections of the Schedule, supplemented by any future Companion Events. 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**. PM cited the definition of "Disciplines" in Article 2… *"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."* *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).* …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): *"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"* Additionally, the definition of "Working Discipline" in Article 2 needed to be amended as follows: "Working Disciplines" mean[~~s~~] all [~~d~~]Disciplines other than Breed and Companion Events. Proposed GR, seconded JH Effective 01.02.2022, but may be implemented immediately under the sanction granted by Article 43.3.
	5.20		**Proposal for a new Schedule – Regulations for Scent Work** Proposals submitted by the Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club via DOGSPC Schedule attached. **Proposal** **To include Scent Work as a new Working Discipline under KUSA** **Motivation:** As a Club for Gundog owners, and having surveyed our members, we've concluded that our Club Members are generally not interested in hunting with their dogs, but are keen to get involved in

			a dogsport where they can develop and utilise the "search and scent" capability of Hungarian Vizslas. Having researched the possibilities, we've come to realise that this is a need of many dog owners, irrespective of breed. Scent Work is a well-established dog sport in many countries and mimics the work of Detection Dogs, but in a fun way. Scent Work is currently one of the fastest growing branches of dogsport internationally in many countries. Part of the appeal is that: • It utilises the dog's main sense, which is smell • It is open to all dogs: all breeds, cross-breeds and disabled dogs included • It can be adapted to include disabled (e.g. wheelchair) handlers • It has fairly simple rules and can be trained at home or in a class environment • Tools needed are readily available and fairly inexpensive • It's LOADS of fun! This dogsport is already recognised under the American Kennel Club and the attached Regulations have been substantially based on the American model, as it is easy to understand and more accessible to all. Some changes had to be made, e.g. changing some of the scents used to ones that are readily available in South Africa. The Chairman opened the floor for comment. 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 Office was comfortable with its content, especially as related to fees and awards. 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**. 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". It was confirmed that, as in the case of Trick Dogs (Item 5.19), 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.
	5.21		**Schedule 7 Subscriptions & Fees** – no submissions.
	5.22		**Schedule 8 – Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary** – no submissions
	5.23		**Judges Education Council (JEC)**
		5.23.1	**Chairman's Report** The Chairman presented his Report. **Noted with thanks.**
		5.23.2	**Schedule 10 – Any Matters related to Breed Judging** The Chairman of the JEC reminded the Federal Council that the JEC Schedules, i.e. Schedule 10 (KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme), Schedule 10A (Group Course), Schedule 10B (KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme) and Schedule 10C (Breed Specialisation Course), had been updated following the restructuring of the JEC as approved at the Special Meeting of Fedco held on 26 October & 2 November 2020. The amendments required to be approved by Fedco, were presented as complete replacement Schedules. Proposed JH, seconded GR

			Approved, unanimously. Effective 01.03.2021, but may be implemented on 01.01.2021. PM appealed to Fedco and to the JEC not to exclude the KUSA Office from the operations of the JEC and the progress of candidates in future. She reminded Fedco that, when the JEC was constituted three years ago, a KUSA email address was assigned to the JEC Administrator to safeguard the JEC's information against loss and to ensure that the information remained accessible to KUSA in the case of illness, resignation, or, God forbid, death. Fedco considered PM appeal and came to the **unanimous conclusion** that all those involved in the administration of JEC must, in future, conduct JEC-related correspondence on KUSA email addresses which would be assigned by the KUSA Office as soon as the information was received from the GR. This was a formal Fedco **directive** to the JEC in the interest of transparency, security and good governance. Proposed CI, seconded CG GR & JH were tasked with re-checking the JEC Schedules to ensure that the KUSA Office was fully in control of the JEC processes and served as the first port of call for applications to progress on the Programme.
		5.23.3	**Proposals for consideration by the JEC** • **Proposal from Prof Melanie Nicolau for a Peer Audit of the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme** • **Proposal from Clr Lori Thornhill for a transition from Pedagogy-focussed to Andragogy-focussed learning** Invited by the Chairman to deal with this Item, GR thought it appropriate to request LT to speak to her proposal, which was screen-shared by KF. LT highlighted certain aspects covered in the series of slides and identified what she believed to be gaps in the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme when assessed against the three Pillars of Adult Learning, i.e. Formal Learning, Self-paced Learning and Peer-to-peer Learning. She declared herself willing to assist the JEC with ideas for filling these gaps once the members of the JEC had had an opportunity to engage with her proposal. In dealing with Prof Nicolau's proposal, GR said that, in essence, Prof Nicolau's envisaged a "learning audit" as a possible method of identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the Learning Programme, with the concomitant object of eliminating deficiencies. In Prof Nicolau's experience, there was a perception amongst exhibitors and other stakeholders that the Judges currently being delivered by the Learning Programme failed to meet the expectations of the dog-showing fraternity. GR thanked both contributors for the trouble they had taken to present their ideas around adult education, one from an academic perspective, and the other from a corporate perspective, and assured the contributors that their submissions would be tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the reconstituted JEC in January. **Noted and agreed unanimously.**
6			**BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS**
	6.1		**Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)**
		6.1.1	**Chairman's Report –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
		6.1.2	**Amendment to Schedule 3 Regulation 31 to permit the awarding of a 1-point Reserve Challenge Certificate at Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows where twenty (20) or more dogs of the same sex are being exhibited** Proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council

Insertions underlined

Schedule 3 - Regulations for Championship Shows

21. CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

21.1 Challenge Certificates signed by the Judge and Show Secretary shall be available to Exhibitors within thirty (30) days of the date of award. Reserve Challenge Certificates signed by the Judge and Show Secretary shall only be issued on request of exhibitors and shall be available to them as soon as convenient after award.

21.2 No specialist club shall invite entries in breeds outside its jurisdiction for its Championship Breed Classes.

21.3 Every Challenge Certificate and every Reserve Challenge Certificate issued by the Kennel Union shall bear the following words, namely: "I am clearly of the opinion that this exhibit is of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of qualifying for the title of Champion."

21.4 Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "2 points".

21.5 Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "1 point".

21.6 Whenever ten (10) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate and a Challenge Certificate is awarded, it shall be a "2 point" Certificate; in all other cases a "1 point" Certificate shall be awarded to the winner of the Challenge Certificate.

21.7 At a Specialist Rottweiler Champion Shows, whenever 20 or more dogs of one sex are exhibited, not necessarily in the same Class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Reserve Challenge Certificate and a Reserve Challenge Certificate is awarded, it shall be a 1-point certificate.

Motivation: Currently the RCC counts zero points towards becoming a Breed Champion. This proposal seeks to allow the RCC at Specialist Rottweiler Championship Shows to count 1 point towards becoming a Breed Champion. The entry numbers at Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows, especially the Regional and National Sieger Shows, are often more than the numbers presented at All-breeds Championship Shows. These Shows have seen well over 100 dogs compete and, on occasion, close to 200 dogs.

The reason for the above proposal is that we often find Reserve Challenge Certificate winners compete against 40 plus competitors eligible to win the RCC. These RCC winners are also of outstanding quality and deserve at least 1 point towards becoming a Champion.

The Chairman invited comment on this proposal from the RBC.

Speaking as the portfolio-holder for Shows, CI said that, in principle, she had no objection to the proposal, but thought it inappropriate that an RCC point-concession should be extended to a single breed, even if it were only applicable to Specialist Shows. In her view, a fairer and more equitable arrangement would be to make the concession applicable to ***all*** breeds at ***all*** Championship Shows.

CI said that a relatively minor change to the Schedule 3 Regulations would not only give effect to the RBC's proposal, but also satisfy the aspirations of the owners of other numerically strong breeds. She believed that this would serve as an incentive for owners of numerically strong breeds to enter more dogs in Classes eligible for the CC.

LT and RJ concurred with CI and there seemed to be general agreement amongst the members of Fedco that the numerically strong breeds competing for a two-point CC should be able to compete for a one-point RCC, once the CC had been awarded.

LT formalised a suitable proposal in this regard, seconded by RJ, and **unanimously agreed**.

The Chairman declared his preparedness to advance this proposal to Item 8 (Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman) for a decision.

		6.1.3	**Amendment to Schedule 5E(21) - Rottweiler Specialist Championship Show to vary the order of judging at Rottweiler Specialist Shows to harmonise the order of judging for Rottweiler Specialist Shows with the Rottweiler Regional and National Shows.** Proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council. Insertions <u>underlined</u> Schedule 5E(21) Rottweiler Specialist Championship Show (extract) **6. CLASSES** 6.1. Classes for this show shall be as laid down in Schedule 3 of the KUSA constitution. 6.2. All dogs shown in the Neutered Dog class may only receive a maximum grading of "OB". 6.3. All dogs shown in the Baby Puppy Dog/Bitch class may only receive a maximum grading of "vsp". <u>6.4 The order of judging starts at the youngest class, being the Baby Puppy Class, followed by older classes, with first 4 dogs being placed in each section of the Competition. Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy in Show, Best Junior in Show (if offered), Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, in this order. Any Novelty Classes will be judged after Best in Show. All Rottweiler Specialist Shows shall be Grading and Critiquing Shows.</u> **Motivation:** Currently, the KUSA Regulations require that all Championship Shows be judged with Baby Puppies at the end, after Best of Breed (BoB). The requirements for Specialist Rottweiler Shows have historically followed a different judging order to the normal KUSA Championship Shows. The judging order, in particular for the Regional Sieger Shows as well as the SA Sieger Shows, is clearly defined in terms of the judging order for Sieger titles and BiS. At these events (Specialist Shows, Regional and National Sieger Shows) there are no awards for BoB and Best Puppy in Breed. The only awards are for BiS and BPiS, etc. The KUSA Regulations do not prescribe the order for judging the Best in Show line-ups. Currently, the KUSA Championship Show Regulations indicate a specific judging order for BoB, BoB Puppy, BoB Junior, etc. This judging order creates confusion for Specialist Rottweiler Shows, where the Regional Sieger Shows follow a different format. Additionally, at these Rottweiler Shows, Baby Puppies had always been judged at the start of the Show, because these Shows often take a full day and finish into early evening, or are sometimes held over two days, depending on the entries. It would be rather unfair to expect Baby Puppies to be shown at the end of the day, or early evening, which would seriously prejudice the fun Class. Additionally, the Baby Puppy, and all the other Puppy Classes, are not eligible to compete for BiS titles, since the Specialist Shows have grading. Only the highest grades qualify for CC. The Baby Puppy or Puppy Class grading does not qualify them to compete for the CC or BiS. In this way there cannot possibly be a confusion with beaten dogs at Specialist Shows as may be the case at All-breeds Shows. We traditionally complete the judging and handing out all the awards of the younger Classes earlier or on the 1st day of judging. The consistency of all Specialist Rottweiler Show judging order for finals will support better show management and happier exhibitors competing in the younger Classes. The Chairman enquired whether there were any objections to the proposal. None were raised. Proposed CI, seconded BJ **Approved, unanimously.**
		6.1.4	**Amendment of Schedule 5E (18) Regulation 7.1** Housekeeping change to replace "Grand Victor (GV)" by "Sieger" Proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council <u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. 7. **JUDGING** 7.1 Judging shall be as at a Specialist Rottweiler Club Championship Show with the first four (4) dogs being placed in each section of the Competition. The ZA Youth Sieger Competitions shall be judged before the ZA Sieger Competitions all [~~GV~~] <u>Sieger</u> titles are to be awarded before Best Puppy In Show,

			Best In Show and Reserve Best In Show. All Rottweiler Sieger Shows shall be grading and critiquing shows. Proposed GR, seconded BJ **Approved, unanimously.**
		6.1.5	**Amendments to Schedules 5E(21), Schedule 5E(21) and Schedule 5E(25) to reflect an addition: "A judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements."** Housekeeping changes to clarify the requirements for Specialist Judges Proposal from the Rottweiler Breed Council <u>Insertions underlined</u> and deletions in [~~struck through square brackets~~]. **Schedule 5E(21) Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows – extract:** **5. JUDGES** 5.1. Only Specialist judges meeting the following requirements may Judge a show held under this Schedule. 5.1.1. Any Rottweiler Specialist Judge qualified under the auspices of the Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA and in good standing with KUSA and the RBC. 5.1.2 Specialist Rottweiler judges from a list of countries which for the time being is: 5.1.2.1 Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland who are also approved by KUSA in consultation with the RBC. 5.1.2.2. 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. <u>A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements.</u> 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. **6. CLASSES** 6.1. Classes for this show shall be as laid down in Schedule 3 of the KUSA Constitution. 6.2. All dogs shown in the Neutered Dog Class may only receive a maximum grading of "OB". 6.3. All dogs shown in the Baby Puppy Dog/Bitch Class may only receive a maximum grading of "vsp". <u>6.4 The order of judging starts at the youngest Class, being the Baby Puppy Class, followed by older Classes, with first 4 dogs being placed in each section of the Competition. Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy in Show, Best Junior in Show (if offered), Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show in this order. Any Novelty Classes will be judged after Best in Show. All Rottweiler Specialist Shows shall be Grading and Critiquing Shows.</u> **Schedule 5E(18) Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show – extract:** **8. JUDGES** Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent

			residence. Specialist Rottweiler Judges from a list of countries which for the time being is: Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland who are also approved by KUSA. 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. A judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. **Schedule 5E(25) Regulations for the Rottweiler Regional Sieger Show - extract:** **8. JUDGES** Any Judge or Judges selected to judge this competition shall be Kennel Union Panel Rottweiler Judges, who are also Rottweiler Breed Council Specialist Grading and Critiquing Judges or, in the case of foreign Judges, qualified to grade and critique as Specialist Judges, in their own countries of permanent residence. Specialist Rottweiler judges from a list of countries which for the time being is: Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland who are also approved by KUSA. 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. A Judge having judged at one of these two events is deemed to have met the Specialist Judge requirements. **Motivation:** The requirements for Specialist Rottweiler Judges from other countries and for the Judges having judges the IFR World Show or ADRK World Family show within the last 10 years are not clear. In particular, the requirement around the Specialist status may be interpreted as vague, or creates some uncertainty with the KUSA Office. The RBC wants to ensure that the Schedule and interpretation is clear. It was the original intention of the RBC to indicate that, if a Judge is not part of the Judges in the countries that are indicated per the Specialist Schedules, and in countries where potentially the RBC is not aware of Specialist modules or training programmes, that any Judge that have met the requirements to judge the IFR or ADRK World Show, is internationally acclaimed to be some of the best, and automatically meets the specialist requirements. Proposed JH, seconded GR **Approved, unanimously.**
	6.2		**Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)**
		6.2.1	**Chairman's Report –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
	6.3		**GSD Liaison Council**
		6.3.1	**Chairman's Report –** (attached) **Noted with thanks.**
7			**GENERAL**
8			**MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN**
	8.1		**German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) (formerly Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries – DAFF) and Others** The Chairman updated the Federal Council on further developments, i.e. that the GSDFSA had petitioned the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa for leave to appeal the entire judgment of the Court of the First Instance (the local Division of the Gauteng High Court). Although the appeal was directed to the Supreme Court of Appeal (Bloemfontein), the full bench of the Gauteng High Court was cited as an alternative for the appeal. The Chairman invited KUSA's Legal Adviser, NdP to explain the implications and to give his views on the likely outcome of the appeal, which he did.

			Noted.
	8.2		**Maluti Mountain Dog – Proposed Emerging Breed - Origin Lesotho or South Africa** JH and NdP informed Fedco of their introduction to the Maluti Mountain Dog and reported on the enthusiasm of the custodians of the breed to start registering their puppies. They had learnt from the breed's custodians that the mountains of Lesotho were home to 3rd and 4th generation adult Maluti Mountain Dog stock and that a litter of 5th generation puppies had recently been born. Two further litters were in the planning. Puppies were normally placed with conservation organisations like the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Cheetah Outreach, or directly with responsible farmers needing relief from vermin and predators. (Note: **Maloti** or **Maluti** mountain range, Northern Lesotho: The term as generally used outside of Lesotho refers to a particular range that trends off to the southwest from the Great Escarpment of the Drakensberg Range, which forms the North-Eastern arc of Lesotho's circumferential boundary with South Africa. In Sesotho, *maloti* mean "mountains", or "in the mountains" and, as used in the country's western lowlands - all more than 1,000 m in elevation - it signifies the mountainous eastern two-thirds of Lesotho, containing the highest peaks in Southern Africa.) From what JH and NdP had been told, the breeders were disinclined to register the breed with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as a landrace and it was thought that they might be persuaded to register their puppies as an Emerging Breed with KUSA instead. What was required at this stage, was to receive a directive from Fedco to continue engaging with the custodians of the breed and to revert to Fedco once there was clarity on what was being envisaged for the breed. 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. Proposed RJ, seconded LT
	8.3		**KUSA Nationals**
		8.3.1	**KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year Competition, the KUSA National Child Handler Class and the KUSA National Puppy Competition** The question requisite of clarification was whether the qualifying age criteria for the above two Competitions should be varied for 2021 to compensate for the cancelled 2020 KUSA Nationals. CI explained that the Junior Handlers had already been told that no KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year Competition would be held in 2020. In any event, The Kennel Club has announced that Crufts 2021 was scheduled to take place in July next year, depending on circumstances, of course, and that there would be no International Junior Handler Competition held in 2021. Two issues required consideration: • The **KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year Competition** was open to competitors whose 18th birthday was ***after*** the date of the Competition. Fedco ought to decide whether Juniors turning 18 ***before*** next year's Competition should be given the chance to compete. • The **KUSA National Puppy Competition** required the Puppy to have won a Best Puppy in Show at an All-breeds Championship Show and to be under 24 months of age on the day of the Competition. Should Fedco extend the age limit by a year and allow Puppies of up to 36 months of age to compete? LT mentioned that the organisers of Western Cape Top Dog had decided to provide an extra competition for the "older" Puppies and that this might be another option for the Organising Committee of the KUSA Nationals to consider.

			• Regarding the **KUSA National Junior Handler of the Year Competition**, CI reported that, having consulted several catalogues (admittedly, not all), she hadn't been able to identify any Junior Handlers who had competed in Junior Handler Classes since the KUSA Nationals 2019, who would ***not*** be eligible for the Junior Handler Finals in 2021. She suggested that the KUSA Office prepared a list of Junior Handler winners since the 2019 Nationals and, should an overaged Junior be identified, that Fedco be approached to grant a one-off dispensation for such Junior Handler to compete at the 2021 Nationals. • There was no need to tamper with the qualification criteria for the **KUSA National Child Handler Class** – if the Child Handler had won a Child Handler Class and was within the age requirements, he/she would compete in the 2021 Finals. If they would have qualified for the 2020 Finals, but were too old by the time of the 2021 Finals, they would not be eligible. They would need to have won a Junior Handler Class in order to compete as a Junior. • Having considered various options for dealing with the **KUSA National Puppy Competition**, CI recommended that Fedco granted the following dispensation to Puppies: A one-off (for the 2021 Finals only) increase of the top age limit from 24 to ***30 months***, which would allow all Puppies over the age limit to compete. GR proposed that CI's recommendations set out above should be accepted, inclusive of Fedco dispensation to any Juniors who might be over the 18 years age limit, seconded by CG. **Approved, unanimously.**
	8.4		**Inter-variety Breeding of Belgian Shepherd Dogs** 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. 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. 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. Proposed RJ, seconded CI **Approved, unanimously.**
	8.5		**Frequency of Changes to Dogsport Schedules** (Fedco 06-2020 Minutes - Item 8.11) *Extract from the Minutes:* *After further discussion, it was **resolved, unanimously**, that changes to Dogsport Schedules would only be considered **once every eighteen (18) months**, unless the changes were due to changes in FCI Regulations.* *It was further **agreed, unanimously**, that in order not to stifle the development of new, or emerging, branches of Dogsport, changes to their Schedules would be considered annually for the first three (3) years from date of the first trial/event held.* *The new/emerging forms of Dogsport in KUSA were identified as* • *Rally Obedience* • *Mondioring*

			• *Canicross* • *Rescue Dogs* *Proposed CI, seconded DS* JH informed KUSA that **Dancing with Dogs** had inadvertently been left off this list of emerging branches of Dogsport and appealed for it to be added. Proposed JH, seconded CG **Agreed, unanimously.** JH reiterated her thanks to Fedco for also permitting **Canine Good Citizen**, **Trick Dogs** and **Scent Work**, discussed earlier in the meeting, to be added to the list of emerging branches of Dogsport.
	8.6		**Reminders – Affix Renewals** In view of recent events, which had resulted in the loss of a long-standing KUSA-registered Affix, CI pleaded for members to be reminded by the KUSA Office when their Affixes were due to lapse. PM assured CI that the Office made every effort to bring Affix lapses to the attention of their owners and to encourage renewals. **Noted.**
	8.7		**KUSA Office – Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents** KF explained that KUSA's automated response system was a work in progress and screen-shared a template to illustrate Management's current thinking around the system. He reported that the automated responses on the "info" and 'champions" mailboxes were working effectively. The technical challenges encountered on some of the other mailboxes had since been overcome and the finalisation of the template was at an advanced stage. **Noted.**
	8.8		**"Hereditary Clear" Status of Registered Dogs to Support the Eradication of Health Conditions** It was noted that, from January 2022, The Kennel Club (UK) would be limiting the assignment of "hereditary clear" status of registered dogs to ***two*** generations. This change was intended to safeguard against the impact that dogs with an incorrect "hereditary clear" status could have on health issues within a breed. In its announcement, The Kennel Club explained: "*Hereditary clear status is given to dogs that are determined to be free of specific genetic material linked to a particular inherited disease. The Kennel Club's registration system assigns a dog this status if their parents are known to be clear, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves.* *Dogs could mistakenly be given a false hereditary clear status for a number of reasons; for example, if there has been a failure of laboratory protocols, pedigree errors or incorrectly recorded parentage. In these instances, it is unlikely that the inaccuracies would be noticed immediately, but rather that several generations later many dogs throughout the breed descended from the individual with the original incorrect status will also have an erroneous hereditary status, and the well-intended mating of two such apparently hereditary clear dogs risk producing affected puppies.* *To reduce the knock-on effect of these errors, and the risk of unintentionally breeding affected puppies, The Kennel Club will be ensuring that, from January 2022, the "hereditary clear" status will be limited to two generations, unless lineage is verified by DNA parentage profiling recorded by The Kennel Club. DNA parentage profiling is a separate procedure from screening DNA for disease-causing mutations, but can often be carried out at the same time by the same laboratory.*"

			Speaking from the KUSA Office's perspective, PM welcomed the two-generations check, since this would relieve the administrative burden on the data-capturers. After some discussion, it was **resolved, unanimously**, that it would be prudent for KUSA to follow the lead of The Kennel Club by limiting the assignment of a "hereditary clear" status of dogs on its registry to ***two*** generations. Proposed CI, seconded RJ Effective 01.01.2021 RJ alerted Fedco to some of the problems his kennel had experienced with data incorrectly captured and offered his assistance in spending time at the KUSA Office to analyse how the data from various laboratories were being captured and to identify possible improvements. CI agreed and pointed out that the various laboratories had their own ways of recording not only the diseases, but also the statuses of the dogs, which complicated the task of the KUSA Office enormously. PM explained that KUSA staff were under instruction to record what was reflected on the source document as they had neither the power, nor the ability, to interpret the results of any laboratory. She offered to send to RJ and CI an Excel spreadsheet with all the laboratory results. A further complication was the fact that laboratories changed the manner in which they reflected results and changed name, e.g. Inqaba Biotec changing to ZooOmics. It needed to be understood that the KUSA computer system would never be able to interpret the results of all the laboratories and the KUSA Office therefore appealed to the Genetic Health and Breed Health portfolio-holders to assist the Office in making certain determinations. CI said she had seen the spreadsheet with the various laboratory results and had found it extremely difficult to decipher and analyse. She believed that, instead of simply recording what was received from laboratories on the dogs' certificates, KUSA ought to be aiming towards standardised endorsements/notations based on the interpretation of the results. It would take somebody with the time and interest to consult with the laboratories in order to formulate standardised interpretations of the various laboratories' results. JH thanked everybody for their input on this important matter and thanked RJ for his willingness to spend time at the KUSA Office in order to come up with some solutions to the problems currently being experienced in the reflection of Health results on dogs' Registration Certificates. **Noted.**
	8.9		**Resolution – Appointment of Public Officer for SARS transactions** Resolution to be signed by all Federal Councillors - document attached. PM explained that, up to her retirement in July 2020, Sheila Thornberry had not only acted as the KUSA Secretary, but also as KUSA's appointed Public Officer in respect of the SARS eFilling system for VAT and PAYE submissions. On Sheila's retirement, it was agreed that KUSA's Bookkeeper, Byron Delily, would take over that function, but the Payroll Administrator (Nicola Prangley of PayConcepts) had unsuccessfully tried to implement the switch online. It was therefore necessary for Mr Delily to visit SARS, armed with the Fedco Resolution and other supporting documentation to get himself instated as KUSA's Public Officer. PM urged all the Federal Councillors who had not already done so, to provide her with a ***certified*** copy of their ID document. She was confident that SARS would accept the Federal Councillors' digital signatures on the Resolution and scanned copies of the certified IDs. Should either be rejected by SARS, it would necessitate obtaining original signatures on the Resolution and IDs by way of sequential courier mailings as had been done with Banking Resolutions in the past. On a proposal from JH, seconded by CG, and **approved, unanimously**, the digital signing of the Fedco Resolution, as presented, was **authorised**. The Federal Councillors who had not yet submitted scans of their certified IDs, undertook to do so as a matter of urgency.

	8.10		**Dogs entered at Championship Shows in the names of persons who were not their Registered Owners at the time of entry and exhibition, resulting in a false declaration on the Show Entry Form which clearly requires the information on the Entry Form to be free of misstatement** Exco had referred two cases of a similar nature to Fedco, relating to dogs seeking Champion status on the strength of Challenge Certificates they had been awarded at Shows where they had been entered under incorrect Registered Ownerships. In the first case (Van Niekerk), Exco had declined to award Champion status to the dog incorrectly entered and, in the second case (Gerstenberg), Exco had not yet finalised the minutes of its meeting. In both cases, the applicants (not the Registered Owners) had contested the withholding, or possible withholding, of Champion status; Van Niekerk's appeal was based on the Exco decision in July 2020 and Gerstenberg's on a telephone call she had received from the KUSA Office after the problem had been identified. In the interest of equity and accountability, Exco decided to refer these two cases to Fedco as pre-emptive appeals and provided Fedco with all the necessary documentation pertaining to both cases. • Van Niekerk case: Application for Championship Status - QUILLQUEST KIMORA LEE APPLICATION – Golden Retriever Bitch – Reg No. ZA3B19054256B10 Registered Owners at the time of the dog winning certain Challenge Certificates supporting its Championship Application: Mr W & Mrs M Ackhurst, Entered at certain Championship Shows under the registered ownership of Mr M van Niekerk. The Challenge Certificates won at these Shows had been used to support the Championship Application. At the Exco meeting of 21 July 2020, Exco concluded as follows: ***It was agreed that****, since the dog was not entered under the correct registered ownership, the Challenge Certificates won when entered in the ownership of Mr M van Niekerk, are to be withdrawn and the dog will be required to win 4 new Challenge Certificates when entered in the names of its registered* ***owners in order for Championship status to be granted.*** • Gerstenberg case: Application for Championship Status - GLENAHOLM SHAKILA OF TAUTONGA – Rhodesian Ridgeback Bitch – Reg No. ZA003883B19 Registered Owner at the time of the dog winning certain Challenge Certificates supporting its Championship Application: Ms L McCarthy Entered at certain of the Championship Shows under the registered ownership of Ms N Gerstenberg. The Challenge Certificates won at these Shows had been used to support the Championship Application. Exco had deferred the matter at its meeting on 24 November 2020, pending Fedco's decision. Fedco considered the documentation provided and concurred with Exco's decision in the Van Niekerk case. Fedco further concluded that the same transgressions applied in the Gerstenberg case, i.e. • The official Show Entry Form required the Registered Owner or Authorised Agent to sign the following declaration when entering a dog at a Championship Show: *"10. This Entry Form and the information recorded on it is complete, accurate and true and the document is entirely free from misstatement or any false declaration.* *11. Should any information on this Entry Form be found to be inaccurate or fraudulent to any degree whatsoever, I am aware that I may be liable for disciplinary action in terms of Schedule 1, Rule 4, resulting in any awards and/or prizes won by the dog hereby entered being withdrawn and/or cancelled."*

			• The Application for Champion Status must reflect the name and be signed by the Registered Owner(s) of the dog. In both cases the declarations signed on the Show Entry Forms and the Application Forms for Champion Status were false and it would therefore be inappropriate and *contra* KUSA's Regulations to award Champion statuses to the dogs in question • since the applications were supported by Challenge Certificates won at Championship Shows where the dogs' Registered Owners had been misstated on the Show Entry Forms, and • since the Applications for Champion Status themselves were fraudulent, with not only persons other than the Registered Owners being cited as the Registered Owners of the dogs, but the applications also being signed by persons unauthorised to do so. Proposed CI, seconded BJ **Agreed, unanimously.**
	8.11		**Proposal to award a one-point Reserve Challenge Certificate whenever twenty (20) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same Class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate** This proposal was advanced by the Chairman following discussion under Item 6.1.2. It was noted that the proposal would be given effect by the addition of a new Regulation 21.9 in Schedule 3, worded as follows: 21.9 Whenever twenty (20) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same Class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate and a Reserve Challenge Certificate is awarded, the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be a "1-point" Certificate; in all other cases, the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall not carry any point value. In this context "exhibited" shall mean entry of the dog into the ring with the intention of being exhibited, irrespective of subsequent exclusion by the Judge, or withdrawal by the exhibitor, for any reason whatsoever. Proposed LT, seconded RJ **Approved, unanimously.** It was **noted** that a corresponding change need to be made to Schedule 10.
9			**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – TO BE CONFIRMED** **June Meeting – 26 & 27 June 2021** **December Meeting – 4 & 5 December 2021 or 11 & 12 December 2021** The Chairman requested the members of Fedco to revert at Fedco 06-2021 with their choice of date for the December 2021 meeting. GR motivated for the earlier of the two December dates to enable those responsible for the Fedco Minutes to complete their work before the Christmas break.
10			**CLOSING** JH requested to have the floor prior to the closing of the Meeting to address the Chairman and the meeting: "*Chris, you have been part of Fedco for some six-and-a-half years, initially as a Federal Councillor, then as Vice-Chairman, Acting Chairman and, for the past four years, as Chairman of the Federal Council. Under your leadership all the Federal Councillors have been privileged to benefit from your guidance and wealth of knowledge. Your legal expertise and strategic prowess had been of great benefit to me and to KUSA and I shall endeavour to uphold your legacy when it comes to policy-making and good governance.*

			To my Colleagues on the Federal Council, and to Nico, KUSA's Legal Adviser, and the KUSA Office staff, I thank you for your support. There is much to do and we shall set about it as a team, committed in all respects to our Organisation and its functions - the registration of all breeds of dog and their health, welfare, promotion, preservation and protection. *There is so much I would like to say but, for the moment, I'll leave you with the thought that we need to continue on our mission to rejuvenate KUSA through innovation and modernisation. Chris has started this process with the K9 Administration Upgrade Project and we need to unabatedly build on this solid foundation.* *On behalf of the Federal Council, I thank you, Chris, for your commitment and service to KUSA over the years and join the other members of the Federal Council in wishing you only the very best in the future.*" The Federal Councillors, in turn, thanked the Chairman for his leadership and wished him well for the years ahead. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 11h15 on Saturday, 5 December 2020, with thanks to the KUSA staff for their attendance. He wished the members of Fedco and the KUSA staff all the best for the Festive Season.**