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KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY 3rd
and 4th DECEMBER 2016 COMMENCING 08h30 ON SATURDAY
AT THE KENNEL UNION OFFICES, 68 BREE STREET, CAPE TOWN**

1. **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th and 19th June 2016 to be formally confirmed.
3. **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**
 - 3.1 **Annual Report by the Chairman**
 - 3.2 **Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2016**
Documents will be circulated prior to the meeting.
 - 3.3 **Election of Auditor**
The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.
 - 3.4 **Article 16.2.2**
 - 3.4.1 **Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President – Article 16.2.2.1**
Nominations received for Chairman of the Federal Council:
Mr CJL Griffith

Nominations received for President
Mrs DE Powell
 - 3.4.2 **Election of Vice-Chairman (of the Federal Council) – Article 16.2.2.2**
The current incumbent, Clr CJL Griffith, retires on 31.12.2017
 - 3.4.3 **Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3**
 - 3.4.4 **Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3**
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 S Palmer
Mrs DE Powell
Mr BG Robinson
Mr DA Thompson
Mrs L Wilson
 - 3.4.5 **Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3**
The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2016:
Mrs JD Barrow
Mrs S Bloomfield

For information only:
The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2017:

Mr GW Bidder
Mrs L Lawlor

The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2018:

Mr P Green
Mr RB Jenkins
Mr DA Thompson

The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2019:

Mr J Gallant
Mr G Price

3.4.6 Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3

List of current Life Vice-Presidents:

Mr GR Eva
Mr NS Kay
Mrs S Palmer
Mrs DE Powell

3.4.7 Appeals Committee – Article 16.2.3

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 is customary for all Provincial Council Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. Three members are selected to consider Appeals as and when necessary.

3.5 Loss of Affiliation – Article 9

A list of defaulting Clubs will be tabled.

3.6 Canine Care Club (CCC) (Exco 02-15 item 9.1.1; Fedco 06-15 item 3.5; Fedco 12-15 item 3.8, Fedco 06-16 item 3.3)

The establishment of the CCC was formalised at the June 2016 Fedco.
Each Provco to nominate a committee member.

3.7 Specimen Club Constitution – Changing Face of Clubs (Fedco 12-15 item 11.1, Fedco 06-16 item 3.4)

Quote from previous Minutes:

“With the dwindling membership of Clubs and fewer Club officials, it was becoming increasingly difficult for Clubs to meet the onerous obligations imposed by Club constitutions.”

Clr Immelman offered to work with Clr Thompson on recommendations.

Work in progress.

3.8 Dormant Clubs (Fedco 12-15 item 11.19, Fedco 06-16 item 3.8)

Quote from previous Minutes:

“Although some Councillors thought that a state of dormancy was a possible solution for Clubs going through a rough patch, others questioned whether it was worth KUSA’s while incurring the administrative burden of servicing Clubs paying vastly reduced affiliation fees.

Any proposal to create a dormant status for Clubs would need to provide a clear definition of such status and set out the Club’s obligations, and those of KUSA. The proposal should also cover the conditions for the “revival” of a Club when the dormant status was no longer required.”

Clr Immelman undertook to discuss her ideas around this concept with Clr Thompson with a view to preparing a proposal. Any information will be tabled.

3.9 **The Rosemary Elliott Memorial KUSA Junior Handler Fund**

KUSA annual contribution towards fund for Crufts 2017 to be decided.

3.10 **Dancing with Dogs** (Fedco 12-15 item 11.10, Fedco 06-16 item 3.14)

It was agreed at the June Meeting that Dancing with Dogs be included on this agenda for consideration as a new Discipline.

Report from Clr Hubbard:

The Task Team originally agreed that they would adopt the FCI Regulations, when completed, for the Dancing with Dogs [Heelwork to Music (HTM) and Freestyle (FS)]. Having received numerous emails regarding this Discipline from the FCI family around the globe and, subsequently, the Minutes of the FCI Dancing with Dogs Commission held on the 5 May 2016, it has been decided by the Task Team that, initially, it would be wise to launch this Discipline with tried and proven Rules and Regulations presently used in South Africa, with a view to eventually adopting the FCI Regulations for a higher level [International Class] once these have been finalised by the FCI Commission. (Noted that preliminary work has been done to put the FCI Regulations as submitted at the last meeting into a KUSA Schedule 5 ----) This was available should anyone wish to peruse it at this stage. However, it will now be held over and completed once the FCI Commission 'finds its feet'.

The proposal that Dancing with Dogs be considered as a new Discipline still stands. The basis of the Rules and Regulations are from the World Canine Freestyle Organisation (based in the USA), which has developed Rules over twenty years and has a partnership programme with the Japanese Kennel Club. These Rules and Regulations:

- Are presently being used by the Clubs in SA active in this Discipline,
- Have been tested and proven in South Africa,
- Have been adapted to fall in line with KUSA.
 - Will allow KUSA participants to compete in International / American Competitions.
 - Once the Club is affiliated to KUSA (which is currently affiliated to the American organisation) they will be entitled to host the American competitions which are currently being held annually at WODAC and other events.
- Have a comprehensive Judges' Training Programme, complete with seminars and the appointment of shadow judges, which will be utilised in the training of KUSA Judges. This Judges' Programme has been used in South Africa for approximately three-and-a-half years to qualify local Judges as International Freestyle Judges under the American organisation.

By working around these tried and proven Rules, it will allow Clubs to become affiliated to KUSA once the Discipline has been approved by FEDCO and to commence immediately with activities locally.

Once the FCI Commission agrees on its Rules for the World Championship, this Discipline will set an International Class, above the Champion Freestyle Class, whereby those qualifiers at International level, according to the FCI Rules, will be able to compete at the FCI World Championship. These qualifiers will have received good grounding under the proposed Rules and Regulations and will be well prepared to compete at the FCI World Championship. This is similar to what is happening in the Agility Discipline under KUSA.

Proposed Regulations **attached**.

3.11 **Breed Health** (Fedco 12-15 item 11.26, Fedco 06-16 item 3.15)

Report from Clr Hubbard:

The Breed Health seminar was completed and sent out to various people, including the Chairman of the NBJSC, for approval. The Chairman of the NBJSC advised by email: "Your starting point presentation has been approved by Pat de Coning, Lois Wilson, Gérard Robinson and Martin Croeser plus June Fedco has given approval to proceed with your NAPC seminar. I am satisfied with the material and am sure the NAPC seminar will be of benefit to our Judges. Thank you for your patience and input."

The presentation of the seminar has been assigned to the NAPC BJSC, which needs to set a date.

- 3.12 **Canine Good Citizen – suggestion for Fedco to revisit decision made at the December 2015 meeting** (Fedco 06-16 item 9.11)
 The following was agreed at Fedco 12-15:
 “That Pitbulls be permitted to participate in CGC, on condition that the owners can provide proof of successful training at a recognised training club.”
 Proposal by NAPC discussed at Fedco 06-16. The decision should be revisited by Fedco and re-worded insofar as there are no definitions laid down as to ‘successful training’ or ‘proof of training’ or what constitutes an ‘acceptable training club/trainers’.
 Following the June Fedco meeting, an NAPC Task Team was appointed comprising Deon Gerber, Rita Cook, John Swartz, Maxine Quinton and Case van Hattem.
 Report:
 “The Task Team first addressed the concept of KUSA recognition of trainers in principle. Was this considered a desirable objective?
 It was agreed unanimously that discussions should proceed on the basis that it should be possible for KUSA to recognise trainers.
 It was further agreed that any such recognition be Club-based and Club-generated. Training courses, experience and assessments should all be set by the Club concerned.
 It became clear that it would be necessary for Clubs to be able to be designated as “Training Clubs” and the proposal was that, in order for a Club to be designated as a Training Club by KUSA, it must offer training classes at least once a week.
 Other definitions are:
 A “qualified” trainer would be defined by the Club.
 The Club would make provision for “apprentice” trainers”
 Recognition as a “qualified” trainer would be by the Club and always subject to the trainer being a member in good standing of both KUSA and the Club.
 Once approved in principle by the Clubs concerned, the above would be submitted for the Fedco agenda through the NAPC.”
- 3.13 **Terms of Reference for Exco** (Fedco 06-16 item 9.1)
 It was agreed at Fedco 06-16 to give Exco Terms of Reference (ToR). These can be substantially based on the NSC By-Laws (Clause 13.5).
 CG to liaise with LW and report back.
 Work in progress.
- 3.14 **Mandatory KUSA Membership – Showing and Handling (Breed & Disciplines)** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.15)
 Task Team appointed at Fedco 06-16 to prepare proposal. (Clrs Immelman, Gouws and Robinson, with input from Clr Wilson.)
 See item 4.1.1 of this agenda.
- 3.15 **Judging to FCI Breed Standards at FCI Shows** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.5)
 Following Fedco 06-16, an updated official KUSA FCI Show Entry Form was produced and submitted to KUSA and has been placed on the KUSA website.
- 3.16 **Duties of Club Show Manager**
 To be allocated to a Task Team.
- 3.17 **FCI International Utility Dog Workbook (IPO) - German Shepherd Dogs** (Fedco 12-15 item 3.11, Fedco 06-16 item 7.3.4)
 Progress report.
- 3.18 **Klun French Bulldog Club of the Free State** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.16.2)
Request to change area of operation from FS&NCPC to DOGSPC
 Quote from Fedco 06-16
 “The above Club held a SGM on 14.5.2016, at which it was agreed to amend its Constitution by moving

its Headquarters from FS&NC Provco to DOGSPC and changing the name of the Club accordingly. Exco has referred this to Fedco as it is unprecedented. Ito Article 8, Clubs are affiliated to operate within a Provincial Council area. The only time Clubs have been permitted to change Provinces was when Fedco granted a dispensation for a limited period following the formation of the NAPC. A similar request from the Sasolburg Kennel Club was rejected by Fedco in 2007. After discussion it was decided to refer this item back to Exco. The Club must first get its affairs in order and then Exco should place a proposal on the December Fedco agenda for special consideration."
It was confirmed at Exco 10-16 that the Club's affairs were now in order. The matter is referred back to Fedco for consideration.

3.19. **KUSA Participation WODAC 2017**

KUSA participation and involvement of KUSA Staff.
KUSA Showdog of the Year 2017 Award Ceremony.

3.20 **Registration – German Shepherd Dogs (Fedco 12-15)**

Fedco approved proposal to legalise German Shepherd Dog registration within KUSA (NCO of FCI in RSA) and interested parties were to be given until 31.12.2016 to submit registrations and apply for current Kennel Names, after which the current KUSA regulations for registrations would apply.
Date to be reviewed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Any Matters Related to the Articles**

4.1.1 **Article 12 Privileges of Affiliation, Membership (Fedco 06-16 item 9.5)**

A Task Team was appointed at Fedco 06-16 to prepare a proposal for mandatory KUSA Membership for exhibition and handling of dogs (Breed & Disciplines).

Task Team Motivation: It is common practice for those participating in organised sport to be members of a club or governing body, thereby subjecting themselves to the Rules and Regulations of the club or governing body and adherence to such Codes of Conduct as may be in place. The fact that Non-members of KUSA are beyond the reach of KUSA's Disciplinary Rules is becoming an increasing problem with KUSA unable to act against perpetrators of discreditable behaviour, abuse and defamation, not only on the show grounds, but also on social media.

The following is proposed:

12.2 **Membership**

Insert NEW:

12.2.1 Only members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter dogs in their registered ownership in any Championship Dog Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial, Field Trial or other Championship event licensed by the Kennel Union and only members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to act as handlers of dogs at such events, whether the dogs handled are in their registered ownership, or not.

Renumber the current 12.2.1 as 12.2.2

4.2 **Any Items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1**

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

For noting:

Case 06-2015 – stayed pending finalisation/outcome of court case.

Case 01-2016

After evaluation of all the evidence received from both parties, the complaint was dismissed by the SCI Ito Rule 8 due to lack of sufficient evidence to prove a breach of Sch 1 Rule 4.

Case 02-2016

After evaluation of all the evidence received from both parties, the complaint was dismissed by the SCI due to lack of sufficient evidence to prove a breach of Sch 1 Rule 4.

Case 03-2016

The complaint was not accepted as it did not comply with Sch 1 Rule 4.3. "No person other than the Secretary or his duly appointed deputy, or the duly appointed representative of a Club or a PC, may make a complaint about a matter in which he or she was not personally involved."

Case 04-2016 – stayed, pending confirmation regarding criminal charges laid against the Defendant.

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

- 4.3.1 **Appendix Register / Development Register** (Fedco 05-2013 item 4.4.4; Fedco 12-2013 item 4.3.5; Fedco 12-14 item 4.3.1; Fedco 06-15 item 4.3.1; Fedco 12-15 item 4.3.1, Fedco 06-16 item 4.3.1)
At the June meeting, Clrs Wilson, Hubbard and Mrs Midgley gave explanations of the work and research done thus far on the KUSA Appendix Registers and Emerging Breeds Register, in order for these registers to be compliant with international standards.
A proposal will be circulated.

4.3.2 **Schedule 2 Regulation 4.10.1 – Advance Registration Certificate (ARC)**

Exco Proposal:

ARC requirements are recorded on the relevant Breed Standards.

Proposed to recommend the following to Fedco:

That iro positive identification the word "tattoo" to be removed and "microchip" to be included.

The word "tattoo" to be removed from Regulation 4.10.1.1.

4.4 **Any Matters Relating to Breed Standards**

(Please note that the wording, at the start and end of the Breed Standards, as agreed to at the Fedco 06-15 meeting will be added to all the Breed Standards.)

4.4.1 **Amendments to Breed Standards**

See Appendix A to this agenda – numbered 4.4.1 to 4.4.5

4.4.6 **Amendments to Kennel Club Breed Standards**

(Approved by KC July 2016 – published in KC Journal September 2016)

Insert words underlined:

4.4.6.1 **Borzoi**

Colour Any colour acceptable, with the exception of merle.

Note: result of referendum to change to FCI Breed Standard – item 4.4.8

4.4.6.2 **Greenland Dog** (note change of name from Eskimo Dog)

Colour All known dog colours, or combinations of these colours. Merle is not acceptable.

4.4.6.3 **Lowchen** (Little Lion Dog)

Coat Fairly long, wavy, never curly. Single coat of silky texture. Coat to be shown in its natural state without scissoring or sculpting, apart from the traditional lion clip.

Colour Any colour or combination of colours permissible. Merle is not acceptable.

4.4.6.4 **Pekingese**

Colour All colours and markings are permissible and of equal merit, except albino, liver or merle. Parti-colours evenly broken.

4.4.6.5 **Shih Tzu**

Colour All colours except merle permissible, white blaze on forehead and white tip to tail highly desirable in parti-colours.

4.4.6.6 **Tibetan Spaniel**

Colour All colour and mixture of colours, except merle, permissible.

4.4.7 **Moratoria placed on Breed Standards – For noting**

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

4.4.8 **Borzoi Breed Standard Referendum** (Fedco 06-16 – items 4.4.6 & 9.8)

As agreed at the June 2016 meeting, the Borzoi Club was asked to re-submit its motivated request for the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard. A referendum was then carried out amongst breeders and owners of Borzois registered in the last seven years, who are members in good standing of KUSA. Responses were requested by 7.11.2016 and the results will be tabled at this meeting.

4.4.9 **Protocol for change of origin of Breed Standards** (Fedco 12-15 item 11.14, Fedco 06-)

Clrs Immelman and Wilson were tasked to prepare the draft policy for adoption to changes of Breed Standards and the conducting of referenda. The interim procedure agreed by Fedco and outlined in item 4.4.8 above to serve as a sample case to be taken into account in reaching a decision on final policy.

4.4.10 **Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhaired – request to change to FCI Breed Standard**

Proposal NAPC

Several owners of this breed have requested to change the Breed Standard, presently KC, to the FCI Breed Standard. The country of origin of the Breed Standard is France. There is no Breed Club in RSA for this breed.

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

4.5.1 **National Breed Judges' Sub-Committee (NBJSC) – Annual Reports**

4.5.1.1 Annual Report by Convener – attached.

4.5.1.2 Annual Report by Examiner & Curriculum Developer – attached.

4.5.2 **NBJSC Proposed amendments to Schedule 10**

Delete words in [square brackets], insert words underlined

Schedule 10 – Appendix 1:

4.5.2.1 2.4 **EVALUATIONS**

2.4.3 Once a Judge has successfully completed all the modules in the current Learning Programme for [the required evaluations on] a particular group or breed, and the Portfolio has been approved and signed off, they [have four consecutive exam opportunities from the date they completed the final evaluations. During this period] may continue judging that group or breed at Non-Championship Shows without writing Evaluations, for [hands-on] additional experience, until such time as the Judge feels sufficiently prepared to sit the examination. For as long as they choose not to sit the examination, the Judge will be permitted to judge the group or breed at Non-Championship Show level only.[without evaluations. If the exam is not written within the required time, then no further judging will be approved for that Group.] The same applies should a Judge be unsuccessful in passing the Part 2 exam.

Motivation:

DOGSPC PBJSC, supported by the PBJSCs of all the majority of Provcos, feels this change will not only alleviate the chronic shortage of Non-Championship Show Judges being experienced by Clubs but, more importantly, will allow Judges sufficient time to progress through the Learning Programme at their own pace and without undue pressure. A further rationale was that tThe more dogs a person judges, and the more frequently they judge, the more skilled they become.

Schedule 10:

4.5.2.2 3.1.3. **Level 3. Provisional Judge**

3.1.3.1. On the successful completion of Paper 2, the Kennel Union will acknowledge the Learner Judge as a Provisional Judge until one Championship appointment on that breed, in the case

- of breed specialisation, or at least eight breeds within a group, in the case of a group study, has been fulfilled, after which, the Kennel Union will register the judge as a Licensed Judge.
- 3.1.3.2. A Provisional Judge is permitted to award Challenge Certificates.
- 3.1.3.3. A Provisional Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions, but only on completion of a Championship Show appointment will he/she be registered as a Licensed Judge. (See Reg. 3.1.3.1 & 5).

Schedule 10, Appendix 1:

4.5.2.3 3. Level 3. Provisional Judge

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- 3.3. A Provisional Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, qualifying or Championship show, subject to required restrictions, but only on completion of one or more [a] Championship show appointments will he/she be registered as a Licensed Judge. (See Schedule 10, Reg. 3 & 5)

Motivation:

Reservations have been expressed about judges attaining Licensed Judge status after judging small groups at small shows, for instance, judging a group comprising five Toy breeds in Grahamstown. Setting a target of eight breeds will require the judge of Toys in Grahamstown to judge the group again in order to progress to Licensed Judge status and this number is in sync with the Programme's module requirements. It also allows a judge to qualify without judging the full group where, for instance, the group is split between two judges. As long as the requirement of eight breeds is met, the judge can progress to Licensed Judge.

Schedule 10:

4.5.2.4 3.1.4. Level 4. Licensed Judge

- 3.1.4.1. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award 'Certificat d' Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté' (CACIBs) in South Africa and will be registered as a Licensed Judge. A Licensed Judge may only accept appointments to award CACIBs at a show outside of South Africa that is scheduled after the conclusion of two years since the Judge gained Level 4 status for that group or section of breeds.
- 3.1.4.2. A Licensed Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.
- [3.1.4.3. If the Licensed Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for that group or breed. (See Reg. 6.)]
- 3.1.4.[4]3. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Reg. 5).

Schedule 10, Appendix 1:

4.5.2.5 4. LEVEL 4: LICENSED JUDGE

- 4.1. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award 'Certificat d' aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté' – CACIBs. (See Schedule 10, Reg. 3)
- 4.2. A Licensed Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.
- 4.3. If the Licensed Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for that group or breed. (See Schedule 10, Reg. 6.)
- 4.4. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Schedule 10, Reg. 5)

Motivation & Comment:

The following regulation forms part of the FCI Regulations for Dog Show Judges:

*“Once approved by his FCI NO and included in its show judges list, a candidate first has to judge over a minimum period of 2 years **the breed(s)** for which he has been approved in the country where he has his legal residence before he is allowed to accept to judge at FCI shows with CACIB outside the country where he has his legal residence.” (emphasis provided).*

When this FCI regulation was brought to Fedco's attention, it directed the NBJSC to draft an amendment to accommodate the regulation in the KUSA's Regulations for Breed and Junior Showmanship Judges (Schedule 10).

The NBJSC believes that the proposed Amendment to Schedule 10 as drafted, together with the corresponding reference inserted into Schedule 10, Appendix 1, achieve the desired outcome within the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme and satisfy the FCI's requirements

4.5.2.6 4. **Junior Showmanship Judge Qualifications and Licensing**

4.1. This Learning Programme provides for two levels of entry, one for Junior Handlers and one for Provisional or Licensed Judges.

4.1.1. Junior Handlers

4.1.1.1. A Junior Handler over the age of eighteen (18) years who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's Handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship must meet the qualifying criteria and apply for registration according to the requirements outlined in the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme (Appendix 2)

4.1.1.2. The candidate will be required to attend an interview and, if he/she meets the qualifying criteria, will follow a Learning Programme and sit the Junior Showmanship examination as outlined in Appendix 2

4.1.1.3. On the successful completion of the Junior Showmanship course and examination, the Junior Showmanship Judge who applied as a Junior Handler may choose to sit the Paper 1 for Breed Judges (Anatomy, Conformation & Movement of Dogs, KUSA Rules & Regulations, Judges' Ethics) and, if successful, proceed directly to Level 2: Learner Judge.

4.1.2. Provisional or Licensed Judges

4.1.2.1. A breed Judge who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's Handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship must be a Provisional or Licensed Judge of at least one breed or group, having successfully met the requirements for Paper 1 and at least one Paper 2.

4.1.2.2. A Provisional or Licensed Judge who has successfully completed Level 2 at least once may study for the Junior Showmanship qualification simultaneously with one other Level 2 group or breed judging qualification.

Motivation:

There is confusion about whether Provisional or Licensed Judges are permitted to embark on Junior Showmanship studies. This proposal seeks to eliminate that confusion.

4.5.2.7 5. **Judging Restrictions**

5.1. The following judging restrictions apply to Judges at all levels

5.1.1. Between two Non-Championship Shows in the same province*: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in the same province*

5.1.2. Between two Non-Championship Shows in different provinces*: there is no time restriction between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in different provinces*, provided that approval from both Show-holding clubs is gained if the appointments fall within 1 month of each other.

5.1.3. Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Shows and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province*

- 5.1.4. Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in different provinces*: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in a different province*
- 5.1.5. Between two Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province*
- 5.1.6. Between Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Shows, in any province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows; a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows and all-breeds Qualifying or Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first; a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows and all-breeds Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first; a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows; and a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Non-Championship Shows[, in any province].
- 5.1.7 All scheduled breed events held under 5E are excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6.
- 5.1.8 Judging in Namibia is excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6. (Note: * refers to judging clearance areas as defined by the Kennel Union, namely: Eastern Cape and Border, Free State and Northern Cape, Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Western Cape and Boland. Clubs under the control of DOGS PC and NAPC are regarded as falling in one province for the purpose of clearing judges 5.2. Judges are required to be aware of these restrictions when offered appointments at both Non-Championship and Championship Show level and should check appointments already accepted before accepting another appointment.

Motivation

The KUSA Office requires a ruling of the period between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breed Championship Shows and all-breeds Qualifying or Non-Championship Shows. The NBJSC is in favour of a six-months period because of the involvement of a Championship Show. A further provision is made for the time (three months) between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows and all-breeds Non-Championship Shows.

4.5.3 **Policy regarding "Lending Show Licences" (Schedule 3, Regulation 3) (Fedco 12-15 item 11.2, Fedco 06-16 item 3.5)**

Quote from previous Minutes:

"Current policy is that the Club in whose name the licence is issued, is responsible for any irregularity or mishap, not the persons running the event.

It was agreed at the June 2015 Fedco that a document should be drawn up for signature by the licence-lending Club and the organisers of the event in terms of which responsibility and liability is transferred from the licence-lending Club to the persons organising the event. Amendment to Schedule 3 to be drafted and document to be devised."

Proposed amendments to Schedule 3 and Schedule 4:

Schedule 3 – insert new 3.6:

- 3. The Show licence application, signed by the officers of the applicant Club, shall constitute an undertaking given by each of them binding themselves jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Show under and in accordance with the Regulations of the Kennel Union, to guarantee the payment of all prize monies and to submit to and adopt any decision of the Federal Council or any Provincial Committee, or Liaison Council to which the Federal Council may delegate its powers.
- 3.1 Such application referred to in Regulation 3 shall also constitute an agreement by such officers and each of them that any decision given against them or any of them under Rule 2 of the Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) may be communicated by the Secretary to the Secretaries of all Affiliated Clubs and governing bodies in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union and

- may also be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal, together with a report of the proceedings of the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- 3.2 Any notice sent by registered post to any of such officers at the addresses given in the application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice to them or any of them of any proceedings, matters or decisions of the Federal Council or Executive Committee or relating to the conduct of the Show or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with such Show.
 - 3.3 Notwithstanding, and in addition to the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules in Schedule 1, the Executive Committee shall have power to impose a fine upon any Club, the officers or members of which have, in the course of conducting a Show, breached these Regulations.
 - 3.4 The management of a Breed Show shall be the responsibility of the Show Manager who shall be appointed by the Committee of the showholding Club.
 - 3.5 Every Show shall be deemed to have started two (2) hours before the time judging commences, as advertised on the Show Schedule. Every Show shall be deemed to have closed one (1) hour after completion of the judging or of the event as the case may be.
 - 3.6 The applicant Club may make a decision to lend a licence to the organisers of the event, in which case that organising committee will be held responsible under Regulation 3 and Sub-Regulations 3.1 to and including 3.5 above. An agreement between the two parties must be submitted, together with the application for the licence by the applicant Club, on a form specified by the Kennel Union Office.

Schedule 4:

Insert new 3.5:

- 3.1 The Show Licence application, signed by the officers of the applicant Club, shall constitute an undertaking given by each of them, binding themselves jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Show under and in accordance with the Regulations of the Kennel Union, to guarantee the payment of all prize monies and to submit to and adopt any decision of the Federal Council or any committee or Provincial Council, Breed, or Liaison Council to whom the Federal Council may delegate its powers.
- 3.2 Such application referred to in Sub-Regulation 2.1 shall also constitute an agreement by such officers and each of them that any decision given against them or any of them under Rule 2, Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1) may be communicated by the Secretary to the Secretaries of all Affiliated Clubs, local, National and International Canine Control Bodies in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union and may also be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal, together with a report of the proceedings of the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- 3.3 Any notice sent by registered post to any of such officers at the addresses given in the application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice to them or any of them of any proceedings, matter, or decisions of the Federal Council or Executive Committee, or relating to the conduct of the Show, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with such Show.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding and in addition to the provisions of the Disciplinary Rules in Schedule 1, the Executive Committee shall have power to impose a fine upon any Club, the officers or members of which have in the course of conducting a Show breached these Regulations.
- 3.5 The applicant Club may make a decision to lend a licence to the organisers of the event, in which case that organising committee will be held responsible under Regulation 3 and Sub-Regulations 3.1 to and including 3.4 above. An agreement between the two parties, must be submitted, together with the application for licence by the applicant Club, on a form specified by the Kennel Union Office.

See also attached proposed application form.

4.5.4 **Schedule 3 - Regulation 14 – Exclusion of Dogs**

Exco proposal will be tabled, if available.

4.5.5 **Schedule 3 – Regulations 19 & 20 – & Schedule 10 Judges' Fitness** (Fedco 06-2016 – item 4.5.2.3)

The following amendments were approved at the June 2016 Meeting, with an effective date of 1.2.2017:

19. **JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS**

19.9 A Judge must be at a level of fitness that would allow the Judge to properly examine all exhibits in the ring and complete the contracted judging assignment without any physical or mechanical assistance. This applies to all Disciplines.

20. **APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF JUDGES**

20.2 Notwithstanding the provision of Sub-Regulation 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 the Executive Committee may give special dispensation in cases of emergency, such as illness, or a Judge's inability to travel, and the approval required under Regulations 20.1.1 and 20.1.2 thereof may be applied for within the periods stipulated.

20.2.1 Should the Judge not meet the requirements of 19.9 on the day of the show, the Club's Committee shall have the power to replace the Judge, regardless of contract.

The above wording also to be included in Schedule 10 Regulation 10.

Guidelines / Procedures for Schedule 3 Regulation 19 – Judges' Requirements and Regulation – Regulation 19.9 – Fitness to Judge/Illness.

Once finalised and accepted the guidelines are to be posted on the KUSA website and Members' Portal.

NOTE:

The above decision is under review by Fedco due to further information having come to hand since the June Meeting.

4.5.6 **Schedule 3 Regulation 42 - Champion Dogs** (Fedco 12-15 item 4.5.2.2, Fedco 06-16 item 4.5.3)

It was decided at the June Fedco meeting that further consultation and clarification were necessary regarding the following proposal and Clr Hubbard undertook to engage with the various stakeholders and report back at this meeting:

Proposal to Harmonise Requirements for Champion Status

The current position is that the requirements for achieving Champion Status vary with Breed. There are certain breeds, namely Rottweilers, German Shepherds and Boerboels where Champion status can only be achieved if criteria are met over and above the mandatory 5 CCs. The proposal is that the requirements for ALL breeds be harmonised to achieve the title of KUSA CHAMPION. It is simultaneously proposed that provision be made for SPECIAL BREED CHAMPION to be achieved by meeting additional criteria.

Motivation:

The current position is discriminatory and is demotivating for exhibitors who perceive that the bar set for achieving Champion status is too high in certain breeds. Making the playing fields level would eliminate that hurdle and should lead to an increase in entries at Championship Shows. The interests of those breeds who desire Special Champion Status would be better met by making specific provision to achieve such status.

Alterations to Schedule 3 would be necessary and are set out below.

Delete in square brackets [], insert underlined

Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows

42. CHAMPION DOGS

42.1 Breed

The Federal Council may award the title of breed Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, under different judges, a sufficient number of Challenge Certificates, the points of which amount to five (5) or more in aggregate provided that:

- 42.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one centre,
- 42.1.2 at least one (1) point was gained after the dog was eighteen (18) months of age,
- 42.1.3 the balance of the points was awarded after the dog was nine (9) months of age,
- 42.1.4 the above condition shall apply to all Breeds.[with the exception of those Breeds for which special additional qualifications are required in respect of working tests, special judging, age limitation and any other qualifications agreed by the Executive Committee and more specifically detailed at Appendix I to this article. The details of Appendix I may from time to time be added to, suspended, revoked or amended by the Federal Council.]
- 42.1.5 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion Certificate to the owner of every Champion dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.
- 42.1.6 Any dog which has achieved any type of Championship Status as described in this Regulation 42, or under any Schedule forming part of this Constitution, shall not be described as such until the Federal Council or Executive Committee has confirmed the appropriate award and the relevant Championship Certificate has been issued, notice of which shall thereafter be published in the official Kennel Union Journal.
- 42.2 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Specialist Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of any of those Breeds for which special additional qualifications have been laid down in respect of working tests, health tests, special judging, age limitation and any other qualifications agreed by the Federal Council and more specifically detailed in Appendix I to this article.

42.8 Additional Qualifications for Specialist Breed Championship Status
(Appendix I – Regulation 42)

[The Breeds concerned to be published in the official Kennel Union Journal, from time to time, subject to a resolution of the Executive Committee and the additional qualifications agreed by a Breed Council, will become effective under the provisions of Article 40 in respect of amendments to the Articles of the Constitution.]

42.8.1 German Shepherd Dogs

42.8.1.1 At least 4 Challenge Certificate points gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.8.1.2 “Achieved a grading of “V” (excellent) awarded at a KUSA Licensed Breed Show”

42.8.1.3 Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification, attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia at the minimum age of 12 months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2.

42.8.2 Rottweilers

42.8.2.1 At least 4 Challenge Certificate points gained after the age of eighteen (18) months.

42.8.2.2 Achieved at least two (2) gradings of “V” (excellent) from a Specialist Rottweiler Judge. The V gradings must be obtained by two (2) different Specialist Rottweiler judges. At least one (1) V grading should be obtained after the age of twenty-four (24) months.

42.8.2.3 Applicant is able to produce acceptable documentation, including evidence of positive identification, attesting that the dog has been x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia at the minimum age of eighteen (18) months and the hips were found to be within the range of HD A1 to C2. There are currently no restrictions on the elbow scores.

42.8.2.4 The dog has been assessed by a qualified Breed Surveyor. (Note - the Breed Assessment does not include a fighting spirit and courage test).

42.8.3 Boerboel

42.8.3.1 In addition to the requirements as laid down in Regulation 42.1.1 to 42.1.3 (Champion dogs, Breed) an exhibit must have successfully completed a Breed & Character (Temperament) Assessment by a qualified Assessor with an Excellent 85%+ rating.

Any further information will be brought forward.

4.5.7 **Schedule 3 Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs Housekeeping:**

The inclusion into the Schedules of Schedule 5B (4) – WORKING UTILITY DOG (effective 01.01.16) was accepted, but the Champion qualifications required in Schedule 5B (4) were not carried through to Schedule 3.

Insert NEW:

42.3.6 Working Utility Dog (WUD) Champion

42.3.6.1 The title of Working Utility Dog Champion shall be awarded to any dog that has been awarded five (5) qualifying certificates at Championship Shows, provided that no more than two (2) such qualifying certificates are signed by any one Judge and at least three (3) are graded Excellent.

42.3.6.2 The title of Working Utility Dog Grand Champion shall be awarded to a dog that has been awarded twenty (20) Working Utility Dog qualifying certificates, provided that no more than four (4) such qualifying certificates are signed by any one Judge. No dog may become a Grand Champion unless it has received the title of Working Utility Dog Champion.

Also omitted was Flyball Champion – in line with Schedule 5M:

Insert NEW

42.8 Flyball Champion

42.8.1

The title of Flyball Champion shall be awarded to any dog which has gained three hundred (300) points or more, in any combination, of which a maximum of one third, i.e. hundred (100) points may be obtained at Non-Championship Shows.

42.8.2

The title of Th One and Only – Flyball shall be awarded to any dog which has gained fifteen hundred (1500) points or more, in any combination, at Championship or Non-Championship Shows.

Title to be named after the first dog that reaches one thousand five hundred (1500) points or more.

42.8.3

The title of Grand Champion – Flyball and a KUSA Certificate shall be awarded to any dog which has earned three thousand (3000) points or more, in any combination, at Championship or Non-Championship Shows.

See Schedule 5M Regulations 7.3.1 – 7.3.3 regarding maximum points (100) that may be earned at Non-Championship Shows.

NOTE:

The above will require renumbering of “42.8 Additional Qualifications for Champion Status (Appendix 1 Regulation 42)”. As provision will need to be made for other Champions in the future, e.g. Dog Dancing, Rescue Dogs, it is suggested that 42.8 becomes an Appendix to Schedule 3.

Note: there is already an Appendix 1 (Definition of Classes). Appendix 2 is currently ‘void’. Show Entry Forms are currently referred to as Appendix 3.

4.5.8 Grand Champion (Fedco 12-15 item 11.20, Fedco 06-16 item 3.9)

Recommendations from the Task Team (Clrs Barrow, Gouws & Thompson) were considered at the June meeting and there was consensus that the members of the Task Team should proceed with the formulation of a formal proposal, based on the its recommendations, to be placed on this agenda. Task Team appointed at June Fedco comprised Clrs Barrow and Gouws, with Clr Immelman replacing Clr Thompson.

Introduction:

There is no doubt that South African breed exhibitors would welcome the introduction of a Grand Champion title. In addition, the Task Team attempted to set requirements for the title which would also:

- 1 Encourage support for shows held in the smaller provinces.

*This should be achieved as not only will dogs need to attend more shows to gain the required points, but the title also requires that the points be gained in at least 3 different South African provinces (or two provinces and Namibia). **Note this refers to geographical provinces, not KUSA centres.***

- 2 Encourage owners to show their dogs for a much longer period than the current norm.

Currently close to 60% of dogs entered in a breed show are under 2 years old, 25% – 30% are under 4 years and only 10% – 15 % are over 4 years. Most dogs achieve their Championship and are only sporadically campaigned thereafter. The pursuit of a Grand Champion title is likely to keep dogs in the ring for a significantly longer period.

The Task Team also agreed that the following parameters be observed when setting up the criteria for Breed Grand Champion titles.

- 1 That the qualifying criteria be uncomplicated and should not create any extra administration on the part of show-holding clubs.

This was achieved by limiting the awards for which points are awarded to those for which certificates are already issued.

- 2 That the system should not be prohibitive or particularly onerous for breeds with either large, or small, numbers.

The Task Team recognised that it was more difficult to win Best of Breed awards in the numerically strong breeds and therefore provided for points for Group 1st, Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show.

Proposal:

Delete words in [brackets], insert words underlined.

Schedule 3 Regulation 42 Champion Dogs

Upon written application being made on an official Kennel Union form, accompanied by the fee prescribed in terms of Schedule 7.

42.1 Breed

42.1.1 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, under different judges, a sufficient number of Challenge Certificates, the points of which amount to five(5) or more in aggregate provided that:

- 42.1.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one centre,
- 42.1.1.2 at least one (1) point was gained after the dog was eighteen (18) months of age,
- 42.1.1.3 the balance of the points was awarded after the dog was nine (9) months of age,
- 42.1.1.4 the above condition shall apply to all Breeds with the exception of those Breeds for which special additional qualifications are required in respect of working tests, special judging, age limitation and any other qualifications agreed by the Executive Committee and more specifically detailed at Appendix I to this [Article] Schedule.
The details of Appendix I may from time to time be added to, suspended, revoked or amended by the Federal Council.

42.1.2 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Grand Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, a total of at least one hundred (100) points as per Appendix 2 and provided that:

- 42.1.2.1 the dog is a breed Champion of record.
- 42.1.2.2 not more than thirty (30) of the minimum one hundred (100) points were awarded by one (1) judge.
- 42.1.2.3 points were gained in at least three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa or two (2) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia.

- 42.1.2.4 only awards gained after 1 January 2014 shall count for points towards this title.
- 42.1.[5]3 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion or Grand Champion Certificate, as the case may be, to the owner of every [Champion] dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.
- 42.1.[6]4 Any dog which has achieved any type of Championship Status as described in this Regulation 42, or under any Schedule forming part of this Constitution, shall not be described as such until the Federal Council or Executive Committee has confirmed the appropriate award and the relevant Championship Certificate has been issued, notice of which shall thereafter be published in the official Kennel Union Journal.

APPENDIX 2

Points towards breed Grand Champion title shall be awarded as follows:

At all Championship Shows and International Dog Shows held under KUSA license:

<u>Best of Breed</u>	<u>1 point</u>
<u>Best in Group</u>	<u>5 points</u>
<u>All Breeds Club Best in Show</u>	<u>10 points</u>
<u>All Breeds Club Reserve Best in Show</u>	<u>5 points</u>
<u>Group Club Best in Show</u>	<u>5 points</u>

Points earned at one show will be cumulative.

Note:

Group Clubs are defined as follows in Article 2:

“Group Club” means a Club, the objects of which include the welfare of, interest in, breeding of purebred dogs all of which are classified in the same group in terms of Schedule 2, Appendix “A” or limited to a group of dogs characterised by the same physical traits or limited to a group of dogs whose country or continent of origin is the same and all of which are eligible for exhibition in any Show held by such Club.

Therefore, a Best in Show win at a Club such as Celtic Breeds or Short-Legged Terrier would earn the winner 5 points towards the title. Best in Show at a Working & Herding Show would also earn 5 points.

- 4.5.9 **Schedule 3A – Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows** (Exco 09-16 item 10.1, Exco 10-16 item 3.9.2)
Exco proposal:
Proposed amendments **attached**. These are to bring the Schedule in line with FCI Regulations.

5. WORKING DISCIPLINES

5.1 Schedule 5A – Regulations for Obedience Classes

5.1.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener – attached.

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

5.2.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener – attached.

5.2.2 Amendments to Schedule 5B(1) submitted by the NSC

3.17 Working Requirements

The Judge is required to observe and score according to the following:

- 3.17.1 Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work.
- 3.17.2 Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired.
- 3.17.3 Commands and/or signals during “Stay” exercises are not allowed.
- 3.17.4 In the “Finish” the dog may proceed to the “Working Side” direct or around the handler.
- 3.17.5 Dogs must not anticipate commands.

- 3.17.6 Competitors are not allowed to be in sight during:
3.17.6.1 Placement of articles for Elementary Search (Beginners CD & CD), Controlled Search TDI – PD & Veterans
3.17.6.2 Placement of the Search & Locate article TD3 and the Hidden Person PD
3.17.6.3 Laying of tracks TDI – PD & Veterans
3.17.7 Competitors are not allowed to watch the exercises being executed in 3.17.6.1; 3.17.6.2 3.17.6.3 above, unless they have completed the exercises themselves.
3.17.8 Competitors caught infringing the above will be disqualified from further competition.

Motivation:

Working Trials are centred around the bond and working relationship between handler and dog. The handlers' not knowing where the articles are, or what the track pattern is, tests this relationship and is an integral part of the test. The insertion of this clause assists in applying the rule.

4. SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR WORKING TRIALS

4.2 COMPANION DOG

Maximum marks	100
Minimum qualifying marks	80

Eligibility

Dogs which have been awarded a certificate in a higher grade are no longer eligible to compete in the Companion Dog grade. This includes a qualification in Working Utility Dog.

Motivation:

This would support the HOUSEKEEPING update in Schedule 5B(4) as WUD is a Championship Stake (see under 5.5.2)

4.5.6 SEARCH & IDENTIFY ARTICLE,

35 marks (article MUST be found to qualify).

The object of this exercise is for the dog to find the article.

Search 20 marks

Finding article 10 marks

Barking 5 marks

~~[Article must be placed no less than 30m forward from the base line.]~~

The area must be clearly demarcated (but not necessarily by poles/flags).

The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines.

Motivation:

Handlers are not searching the full area (namely 100m x 100m) as they know the article is not within the first 30m; thus reducing the area in effect to 100m x 70m. This change requires the full area to be searched and allows Judges more flexibility in terms of where they place the article and making the test interesting.

Reg 4.5.6 (contd.)

A well-defined area of natural ground, approximately **100m x 100m** will be used for this exercise which ~~[has been foiled, by being walked over by a group of handlers and dogs.]~~
MUST be walked and cleared by the competitors (dogs are allowed).

Motivation:

This will assist the handlers in ensuring that the opportunity for the dog to make incorrect indications is reduced.

Reg 4.5.6 (contd.)

A dog must be able to move and scent freely over the ground. In this area, at a place chosen by the Judge, an article will be suitably placed. The article will be a large object, not easily

retrievable. The article will be so placed among natural cover as to be not readily visible to the handler or dog except at close range, e.g. 3m. The article will not be buried or totally concealed.

The Judge will indicate the boundaries of the area to the handler and will indicate from which side of the area he is to begin the exercise. The handler must remain approximately on the centre line running through the area from the starting point. It is permissible for the handler to direct the dog to ensure a thorough search but excessive commands not obeyed will be penalised (by a maximum of 2 marks for the whole exercise); the Judge using his discretion according to prevailing conditions. When the dog finds the article it must bark to attract the handler.

The dog must not bite or worry the article. A maximum of 5 marks will be deducted for biting or worrying the article.

The article may not contain food or carry the scent of food.

The article may not consist predominantly of metal.

A maximum time of ten (10) minutes are allowed.

Once the handler has reached the baseline on the far side of the area he may turn round and come back on the centre line and continue the search with the dog if time allows. ~~[Dogs are not to be penalized for indicating incorrect articles and must be allowed to continue until such time as the dog finds the article or time elapses.]~~ At the third incorrect indication by the handler of the dog finding the article the exercise will be terminated.

Motivation:

As handlers cannot be penalised for incorrect indications currently, and this exercise is part of a stake that enables a dog to earn the title of Champion, it was felt that opportunities for incorrect indications needed to be limited.

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

5.3.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

5.3.2 Revised Schedule 5B (2) (Fedco 06-16 item 5.3.2)

The above revised Schedule was approved (effective 1.2.17) at the June 2016 meeting, subject to amendment to Clause 4.2.1, which was to be finalised at this meeting. We have since been advised that Clause 4.2.1 will remain as is.

For noting.

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

5.4.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

5.5 Working Utility Dog – Schedule 5B (4)

5.5.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

5.5.2 Amendments to Schedule 5B(4) submitted by the NSC

1.5.3 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

No dog may compete in Working Utility Dog unless it has been awarded a Qualifying Certificate with an Excellent grading in Companion Dog, or a qualification in a higher level of Working Trials (Classic).

1.5.3.1 A dog having qualified in Working Utility Dog, may not compete in any Companion Dog Stake again.

Motivation:

As a qualification in Companion Dog is a requirement to enter this Stake, it stands to reason that you may not “go backwards” after qualifying in a HIGHER STAKE. WUD is a Championship Stake.

Note:

The NSC advises that this is a 'housekeeping' amendment and request that it be effective immediately.

3.17 Working Requirements

The Judge is required to observe and score according to the following:

- 3.17.1 Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work.
- 3.17.2 Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired.
- 3.17.3 Commands and/or signals during "Stay" exercises are not allowed.
- 3.17.4 In the "Finish" the dog may proceed to the "Working Side" direct or around the handler.
- 3.17.5 Dogs must not anticipate commands.
- 3.17.6 Competitors are not allowed to be in sight during:
 - 3.17.6.1 Placement of articles for Controlled Search
 - 3.17.6.2 Placement of the Search & Locate article
 - 3.17.7 Competitors are not allowed to watch the exercises being executed in 3.17.6.1 & 3.17.6.2 above, unless they have completed the exercises themselves.
 - 3.17.8 Competitors caught infringing the above will be disqualified from further competition.

Motivation:

Working Utility Dog is centred around the bond and working relationship between handler and dog. The handler's not knowing where the articles are tests this relationship and is an integral part of the test.

The insertion of this clause assists in applying the rule.

4.1.8 CONTROLLED SEARCH 30 marks

Using an area of foiled ground 25m x 25m, which is clearly defined, the handler is to send his dog to find and retrieve four (4) articles with Judge's/Steward's scent placed in the area unseen by the dog and handler. Time allowed for the exercise is five (5) minutes with dog finding a minimum of two (2) articles to qualify. One article ~~[may be lightly buried, concealed or covered]~~ must be 'lightly covered'. Handler may not enter the defined area. Eight (8) marks will be awarded for the concealed article, six (6) marks will be awarded for each of the three un-concealed articles, and four (4) marks for Control.

Motivation:

The present wording is ambiguous in that it is at the Judge's discretion. This article is valued higher and therefore MUST be a degree more ambitious.

4.1.9 SEARCH & IDENTIFY ARTICLE,

35 marks (article MUST be found to qualify).

The object of this exercise is for the dog to find the article.

Search 20 marks

Finding article 10 marks

Barking 5 marks

~~[Article must be placed no less than 30m forward from the base line.]~~

The area must be clearly demarcated (but not necessarily by poles/flags).

The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines.

Motivation:

Handlers are not searching the full area (namely 75m x 75m) as they know the article is not within the first 30m; thus reducing the area in effect to 75 x 45. This change requires the full area to be searched and allows judges more flexibility in terms of where they place the article and making the test interesting.

Reg 4.1.9 (contd.)

A well-defined area of natural ground, approximately **75m x 75m** will be used for this exercise which ~~[has been foiled, by being walked over by a group of handlers and dogs.]~~ MUST be walked and cleared by the competitors (dogs are allowed).

Motivation:

This will assist the handlers in ensuring that the opportunity for the dog to make incorrect indications is reduced.

Reg 4.1.9 (contd.)

A dog must be able to move and scent freely over the ground. In this area, at a place chosen by the Judge, an article will be suitably placed. The article will be a large object, not easily retrievable. The article will be so placed among natural cover as to be not readily visible to the handler or dog except at close range e.g. 3m. The article will not be buried or totally concealed.

The Judge will indicate the boundaries of the area to the handler and will indicate from which side of the area he is to begin the exercise. The handler must remain approximately on the centre line running through the area from the starting point. It is permissible for the handler to direct the dog to ensure a thorough search but excessive commands not obeyed will be penalised (by a maximum of 2 marks for the whole exercise); the Judge using his discretion according to prevailing conditions. When the dog finds the article it must bark to attract the handler.

The dog must not bite or worry the article. A maximum of 5 marks will be deducted for biting or worrying the article.

The article may not contain food or carry the scent of food.

The article may not consist predominantly of metal.

A maximum time of ten (10) minutes is allowed.

Once the handler has reached the baseline on the far side of the area he may turn round and come back on the centre line and continue the search with the dog if time allows. ~~[Dogs are not to be penalized for indicating incorrect articles and must be allowed to continue until such time as the dog finds the article or time elapses.]~~ At the third incorrect indication by the handler of the dog finding the article the exercise will be terminated.

Motivation:

As handlers cannot be penalised for incorrect indications currently, and this exercise is part of a Stake that enables a dog to earn the title of Champion, it was felt that opportunities for incorrect indications needed to be limited.

5.6 Field Trials – Schedule 5C

5.6.1 Report from the FTLC – attached.

5.7 Dog Jumping – Schedule 5D

5.7.1 **Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener**

5.7.2 Amendments to Schedule 5D Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades.

Please see **attached** amendments submitted by NSC.

5.8 Schedule 5E – Regulations for Special Events

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

Proposal by NAPC:

This Schedule is amended to make provision for Working Trials Utility Dog (WUD):

Clause 5 Qualifications for Entry

Insert NEW:

5.5 Working Trials – Working Utility Dog

Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Working Utility Dog Qualifying Certificate.

Renumber the remainder of Clause 5.

Clause 9 Determination of Winners

Insert NEW:

9.2.4 Working Trials – Working Utility Dog

The winner of this event shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL WORKING UTILITY DOG for [year]

Renumber the remainder of Clause 9.

Clause 13 Prizes and Awards – 13.3 Working Trials

Insert NEW:

13.3.3 The person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL WORKING UTILITY DOG for [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement “NAT. WUD [year]” added to the dog’s Certificate of Registration *after* the dog’s name.

5.8.2 Schedule 5E (15) Regulation 1.3 – The Rules and Regulations Governing the Supreme Bull Terrier of Southern Africa and Bull Terrier Major Trophy Show

Proposed by DOGSPC:

8. JUDGES

Insert NEW:

8.1.5

At the sole discretion of the organising committee, must have directly and actively supported the Major Trophy Show event over the past three (3) years by either entering and exhibiting those Bull Terriers registered in his/her/their ownership at the MTS that have qualified for entry, or if the aforementioned is not applicable, by physically attending the MTS event and other ROM (Recognition of Merit) events presented by member Clubs.

Insert words underlined:

8.6

Having judged a Show held under this Schedule, a local Judge becomes ineligible to be placed on the Final Judges’ List in order to be selected to judge at any of the next (four (4)) two (2) succeeding Shows.

5.8.3 Schedule 5E (15) 1.6 – Regulations for the Eastern Districts Kennel Club SUPA 7’s

Regulation 10 – General Conditions

Amend 10.4:

The Committee shall elect one or more of its members to be in charge of appointing a judge for the event and making all arrangements associated with such appointment. The Committee Members so elected and persons forming part of [Members of the Executive Committee of the Host Club holding office on the day of] their household shall not be permitted to enter this competition.

5.8.4 New Schedule 5E(24) Regulations for the KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition (Exco 01-16 item 10.2; Exco 02-2016 item 3.5, Fedco 06-16 item 3.16, Exco 10-16 – item 3.9.4)

At the June meeting it was agreed that status quo (i.e. points for FCI shows and double points for the KUSA Nationals) should remain for the 2016/2017 Competition.

It was further agreed that the rules for the KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition should be incorporated into an official Schedule.

Copy of proposed Schedule **attached**.

5.9 Schedule 5F- Regulation 9.1.4

See item 7.1.1 (RBC)

5.10 Dog Carting – Schedule 5G – Nil

5.10.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener – Joan Saward-Dumbris

“It has been a busy year for carters and those who are going for Grand Champion for their Carting dogs have to travel as most Provinces are having a problem with judges either retiring, or not judging anymore.

PE's April shows had maximum entries as usual and the dogs did very well, as did KZN's May shows. Unfortunately a lot of carters were unable to travel to Johannesburg for the Nationals but, out of the 13 dogs entered, 4 were from EP and 2 were from KZN. Congratulations to the National winners Mini, Renate Hausmann's Dachshund, Mein Schatz and, Standard, Audrey Lane's GSD, Orbit.

EP have several new up-and-coming Carting dogs and our Non-Championship Shows have been fielding 21 dogs at least, which is great. Carting really is a great sport."

5.11. **Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility**

5.11.1 **Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener** – attached.

5.12 **Flyball – Schedule 5M**

5.12.1 **Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener** – attached.

5.13 **Aptitude Testing**

5.13.1 **Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener**

5.14 **Proposed new Schedule 5Q – Testing Standards for Rescue Dogs of the FCI** (Fedco 12-15 item 11.9)

It was agreed at the June 2016 meeting to formalise the above as a new Discipline wef 1.2.2017.

Report:

KUSA Schedule 5Q is **attached**.

This Schedule is for the Regulations for Rescue Dogs which includes every aspect other than judging. The Judging Schedule is being carefully worked through at present, taking into consideration the FCI Judging Rules for Rescue Dogs as well as existing KUSA Schedules with reference to Judges' training in various other Disciplines which compare. It is planned that this work will be completed by January, together with worksheets, workbooks, etc. As the sport is new to KUSA, it is envisaged that, for the first half of the year after the effective date 1.2.2017, Rescue Dogs will start with a training seminar, one of which is already booked for March 2017, and practical training after that. The training of Judges and competitions will commence once this is complete. The Sub-Committee will begin with the training on the Area Search first and then progress to the other competition in due course. One aspect at a time to ensure the success of this KUSA Discipline.

Insertion to Schedule 3:

Schedule 3, Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs

42.9 Insert **NEW**:

42.9 Rescue Dog Champion

The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall award:

42.9.1 The title of Rescue Dog Trial Champion and a KUSA Certificate to any dog that has achieved qualifications in all five (5) grades by at least two (2) different Judges, one of which must be at a Championship Show with a minimum grading of "Very Good".

(NOTE:

See item 4.5.6 re numbering.)

6. **SCHEDULE 9 – CODE OF ETHICS**

Proposal Exco:

It is recommended that an amendment be made to the end of Clause 2.14 by the addition of the words "and has been micro-chipped (w.e.f. 1.9.2010)."

7. **BREED COUNCILS / BREED SOCIETIES**

7.1 **Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA**

7.1.1 **Schedule 5F (9.1.4) – RBC Breed Assessment and Suitability Test Procedure.** (Fedco 12-15 item 8.1.1, Fedco 06-16 item 7.1.1)

Revised document attached.

7.2 **SABOX**

7.2.1. Annual Report from SABOX Chairman – attached.

7.3 **GSD Liaison Council**

7.3.1 Report from Chairman of GSD Liaison Council - attached.

7.3.2 **Amendments to Schedule 2 Appendix C – Breed-specific Registration Requirements** (Fedco 12-15 item 9.3.2)

Proposal by GSD Liaison Council

(Agreed in principle at Fedco 12-15)

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

3 **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS**

3.1 All dogs are positively identified by microchip 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.

3.2 The breeder is the current holder of a KUSA-registered Affix (Kennel Name).

3.3 At the time of mating, the Sire is eighteen (18) months of age or older.

3.4 At the time of whelping, the Dam is twenty-two (22) months of age or older.

3.5 Both parents must have acceptable documentation attesting that they have hips which comply with the following requirement: a grading of C1:C2 or better for both parents.

3.6 Both parents must have acceptable documentation attesting that they have elbows which comply with the following requirement: a grading of 2 or better [is recorded] for both parents.

3.7 Both parents must have a DNA profile.

8. **GENERAL**

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

9.1 **Boxers**

Boxer Registrations. Announcement to KUSA Members to be made regarding the situation currently with regard the legality of registering Boxers under the Animal Improvement Act.

Boxer Registrations placed on hold and kept in pending status.

Boxers – Excel register to be established for “showing only” status as an interim measure.

Feedback on negotiations regarding the Boxer breed.

10. **FCI – NON-MANDATORY COMMISSIONS**

It was accepted at Fedco 12-2-15 that representatives would either be Fedco members, or Conveners of National Sub-Committees. Appointees must have a thorough knowledge of the subject/discipline in question.

Appointments to the Non-Mandatory Commissions to be made annually at the December Fedco meeting.

11. **AREA/SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS FROM PROVCOS**

12. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**