

**THE KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 24 AUGUST AT 17H30 VIA SKYPE**

Item	Sub-Item	Sub-Item	MINUTES
1			<p>Notice of the Meeting To read and accept the Notice Convening the Meeting.</p>
2			<p>Attendance & Apologies 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 Jukes (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</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr K Farmer (Office Manager) - KF Mrs Z Petersen (Administrator) - ZP</p> <p>Invited Guest: Brig Gen NJ du Preez (KUSA Legal Adviser) – NdP</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all.</p>
3			<p>Matters to be discussed</p> <p>Confirmation that, in terms of Article 16.1, upon requisition from three members of the Federal Council, namely RJ, JH and GR, this Special Meeting of the Federal Council had been called in order to consider:</p>
	3.1		<p>KUSA Budget 2020/2021 (Fedco 06-2020 Item 3.3)</p> <p>The KUSA Budget for 2020/2021, approved by members of the Federal Council at a Skype meeting on 27 July 2020, was tabled for ratification only.</p> <p>Unanimously ratified. Proposed CI, seconded, GR</p>
	3.2		<p>Registrations - German Shepherd Dogs (Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.12)</p>
		3.2.1	<p>Report-back on the meeting with the Asia, Africa & Oceania (A2O) Section of the FCI</p> <p>The above meeting was called by JH & GR with the Executives of KUSA's FCI Section on the 9 July 2020 at 9.00 SA time on the Zoom virtual platform.</p> <p>Present: President and Vice-President of the A2O, Mr Augusto Benedicto (Dinky) Santos III and Mr Gopi Krishnan. Given the decision in the District Court of Dortmund, that the instruction issued by the VDH to the SV in December 2019 to prohibit the availability of German SV Judges to WUSV member Clubs that were</p>

		<p>not members of the National Canine Organisation (NCO) in their countries of operation, violated European and German antitrust laws, clarity was sought by the KUSA Officials on the permissibility of German SV Judges officiating at KUSA-affiliated German Shepherd Dog Specialist Club Shows. The outcome of this discussion was recorded in a letter dated 29 July 2020 from Mr Dinky Santos, circulated to Fedco and posted on the KUSA website and Facebook page.</p>
	<p>3.2.2</p>	<p>Registration Requirements</p> <p>Item 8.12 of the Minutes of Fedco 06-2020 reflect: <i>As motivated and proposed by the Chairman, general discussion took place on the current situation pertaining to KUSA's registration procedure for German Shepherd Dogs. The KUSA GSD Task Team was charged with investigating possible options, or flexibilities, relating to registrations with the FCI and to revert to Fedco in due course.</i></p> <p>Agreed, unanimously. <i>Proposed CG, seconded GR</i></p> <p>In the course of the A2O meeting, the KUSA Officials posed the question: "How much latitude does an FCI NCO have in respect of their studbook (Primary Register) versus the Appendix Register?" Previously, after FCI Circular 48/2011 and the cancellation of the GSDFSA/KUSA agreement, GSDFSA members were welcome to join KUSA and register their dogs on the Primary Register. After 10 May 2018, once the agreement between the FCI and the WUSV had been cancelled, KUSA continued to register GSDFSA members' dogs, but only on the Appendix Register. Clarity was sought on whether KUSA should continue registering GSDFSA take-on dogs on the Appendix Register, or whether it would be permissible to register these dogs on KUSA's Primary Register.</p> <p>The discussion with the A2O Executives concluded that:</p> <p>NCOs that hold membership of the FCI were entitled to make their own decisions in respect of issues within their areas of jurisdiction. Given this latitude, the A2O Executives saw no reason for KUSA not accepting GSDFSA dogs onto its Primary Register. These were, after all, purebred dogs deserving of accommodation on the NCO's Primary Register.</p> <p>The KUSA Officials were assured by the A2O Executives that the FCI would have no objection to purebred German Shepherd Dogs migrating from the GSDFSA being subsumed into KUSA's Primary Registry.</p> <p>GSDFSA – Registration of Single Take-on Dogs - Elbow Dysplasia (ED) requirements</p> <p>Although a member of the WUSV, the GSDFSA apparently does not consider ED to be a problem in GSDs and, in consequence, has consistently declined to adhere to the breeding regulations of the WUSV & SV in this regard.</p> <p>The A2O Executives strongly advised that, in order to facilitate the seamless registration of GSDFSA single take-on dogs, KUSA needed to waive the requirement of ED on all applications for take-on dogs born before 1 January 2020. The A2O further recommended that progeny subsequently born from these dogs would need to fulfil KUSA's GSD breeding requirements, including ED, if the progeny were intended to be used as breeding stock in the future.</p>

		<p>Motivation: KUSA's commitments as a Full Member of the FCI and its obligations as the registered Breeders' Society and Registering Authority under the Animal Improvement Act (Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development) have always included preserving, protecting and promoting all purebred dogs. In the light of international developments and the ongoing disharmony between KUSA and the GSDFSA, it was imperative that KUSA honoured its responsibilities to the breed. As had become evident from recent International developments, KUSA had no choice but to work tirelessly towards the re-unification of GSDs in South Africa.</p> <p>Proposal 1: GSDFSA dogs, including litters processed by KUSA since 10 May 2018, which have been registered on the Appendix Register, to be re-registered on the Primary Register.</p> <p>Unanimously approved. Proposed CG, seconded JH</p> <p>Proposal 2: That ED assessment requirements on GSDFSA registrations for single take-on dogs born prior to 1 January 2020 be waived. Progeny subsequently born from these dogs would have to fulfil all KUSA GSD breeding requirements, including ED, if the progeny were intended to be used as breeding stock in the future.</p> <p>Unanimously approved. Proposed RJ, seconded BJ</p>
	3.3	NFTA/KUSA
	3.3.1	<p>Report-back on the meeting with the National Field Trials Association (NFTA)</p> <p>JH and GR had called a meeting with the NFTA which was held on the 21 July 2020 at 12.00 on the Skype virtual platform.</p> <p>Present: Chairman of the KUSA Field Trials Liaison Council (FTLC), Dr Alan Kloeck and NFTA Representatives, Mrs Trudi Winter, Dr Bob Winter and Mr Deon Jordaan.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). KUSA was of the view that, in accordance with the provisions of the MoU, the Termination Period had started on the date the High Court ruling in the GSDFSA's PAJA Application had been handed down, whereas the NFTA argued that, since the GSDFSA had applied for leave to appeal, the latter had not exhausted all its remedies and that, therefore, the MoU remained in place. This argument was firmly rejected by the KUSA Officials and the NFTA reluctantly accepted the termination of the MoU 6 months from the date the Honourable Shanaaz Mia had given her ruling in the Local Division of the Gauteng High Court, i.e. 11 May 2020.</p> <p>In assessing how the termination of the MoU would affect Judges, it was considered to be in the mutual interests of KUSA and the NFTA to find a way of accommodating the NFTA Judges on the KUSA panel. This proposal below, supported by the NFTA and the Chairman of the KUSA FTLC, was put forward for</p>

			Fedco's consideration:
		3.3.2	<p>Dispensation for Take-on NFTA Judges</p> <p><u>Motivation:</u> KUSA has, in the past, under the defunct Agreement between the NFTA and also under the current MoU, relied upon the use of NFTA Judges at its Trials. It was acknowledged that, should there be a complete split between the two organisations, KUSA had too few qualified Field Trial Judges to fulfil its future needs. In the interest of the prosperity of the sport in South Africa, it was the belief of the Chairman of the KUSA FTLC and the KUSA Field Trials Task Team, that a way needed to be found to accommodate the NFTA Judges under KUSA.</p> <p><u>Proposal:</u> That KUSA will recognise NFTA Qualified Judges provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They become Members of the Kennel Union, but that a waiver of the initial Entrance Fee (currently R323.00) would be granted. Otherwise, the normal KUSA Membership Fee structure would apply for all categories of membership. 2. Take-on Judges would be required to complete an Open Book Test covering Schedule 5A (HPR) and selected Regulations from Schedule 3. 3. The Open Book Test would be set by the KUSA FTLC. <p>Unanimously agreed. Proposed CG, seconded RJ</p>
	3.4		Rhodesian Ridgeback (Fedco 06-2020 Item 8.9)
		3.4.1	Feedback
		3.4.2	<p>Breed Standard Illustration</p> <p>JH and GR had received the Breed Standard Illustration commissioned from Ms Joy MacFarlane, which was tabled for Fedco's approval.</p> <p><u>Motivation:</u> As per the Minutes of the Fedco 06-2020, Fedco agreed to commission Ms Joy McFarlane to provide a suitable illustration for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard. This commission has now been completed.</p> <p><u>Proposal:</u> Fedco to consider the acceptance of the illustration to enhance the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed Standard. If approved, the FCI Breed Standards Commission would be sent a copy of the Breed Standard, as illustrated, for consideration and acceptance.</p> <p>Fedco's approval of the Breed Standard illustration was overwhelming and JH and GR were requested to convey Fedco's thanks and congratulations to Ms McFarlane on a superb effort, which magnificently captured the essence of the breed and its unique hallmarks.</p> <p>Unanimously approved.</p>

			Proposed CI, seconded GM
4			<p>Bank Resolution – Change of Signatories.</p> <p>With reference to Article 34 of the KUSA Constitution, the Federal Council, acting in terms of the Article 6.1, unanimously agreed that the former Secretary of KUSA, Miss SAT Thornberry, be removed from the list of joint authorised representatives and list of mandated signatories in respect of all KUSA bank accounts in view of the fact that she had left the employment of the Kennel Union on 31 July 2020. Further, it was agreed to add the Office Manager of KUSA, Mr KF Farmer, to the list of joint authorised representatives and list of mandated signatories. Accordingly, the following persons are authorised to sign on behalf of the Kennel Union: Mr RB Jenkins – Chairman of the Executive Committee, or Mrs LC Thornhill – Member of the Federal Council and Mrs PLE Midgley – General Manager of KUSA or Mr KF Farmer – Office Manager of KUSA, making a total of 2 signatures.</p> <p>Proposal: Miss SAT Thornberry to be removed and Mr KF Farmer to be added as bank signatory.</p> <p>Approved unanimously. Proposed GR, seconded, JH</p>
5			<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>There being no further business to attend to, the Chairman closed the meeting at 18:40 and thanked all participants for their time and efforts.</p>