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**KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL HELD ON
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 2 & 3 DECEMBER 2017
COMMENCING 08.30 ON SATURDAY AT THE KENNEL UNION OFFICES, 68 BREE STREET, CAPE TOWN**

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance:

Mr CJL Griffith (Chairman) - CG
Mrs JM Hubbard (Vice-Chairman & Chairman – NAPC) - JH
Mrs C Buitendach (Chairman - FS&NCPC) - CB
Mr RJ Dempsey (Chairman – KZNPC) - RD
Mrs CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) - CI
Mrs DE Powell (Chairman – WCPC) - DP
Mr BG Robinson (Chairman – DOGSPC) – GR
Mrs LV Scholtz (Chairman – EC&BPC) – LS
Mrs L Wilson (Chairman – Exco) – LW

Staff in Attendance:

Mrs P Midgley (General Manager) – PM
Ms SA Thornberry (Secretary) – ST

Apologies: Nil

Mrs A Bastick on sick leave

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He informed the members of Fedco that, after twenty-two years of service, Clr Joan Barrow had decided not to make herself available for re-election in the Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council and would therefore no longer be attending the meetings of Fedco. He praised Clr Barrow for her generous ability to adapt and contribute to a new dispensation and thanked her for her contribution to the deliberations and decision-making of Fedco. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Clr Barrow's successor, Clr Lynn Scholtz, and assured her that all the members of Fedco were looking forward to working with her for the betterment of KUSA.

As was customary when a new Federal Councillor was appointed, the Chairman briefly reminded all the members of Fedco of their responsibilities and obligations as enshrined in the Articles and of the important role Fedco members played in the governance of KUSA. The Articles vest the control and management of KUSA in Fedco and Federal Councillors shoulder a heavy burden of fiduciary duty and responsibility.

The Chairman briefly reflected on the use of social media by KUSA members to criticise the efforts of those entrusted with the governance of KUSA. We are obviously all entitled to our opinions, but destructive comment achieved nothing and Federal Councillors should guard against getting involved in futile debates with members on social media. There were appropriate channels for members to air legitimate concerns and there was a strong imperative for those in leadership positions to moderate what they express on social media.

The Chairman reminded the members of Fedco that South Africa was experiencing political and economic turmoil. Of some comfort was the realisation that we were not alone in this; Britain has Brexit, Germany and Spain have political division, the Middle East was in turmoil and China's economy had stopped growing. We have been operating within the limitations imposed by our economy, evidenced by the

reduction in show entries, and this was an important factor to be taken into account when planning ahead or making decisions.

The Chairman thanked the members of Fedco for their attention and wished them fruitful and constructive deliberations during the meeting.

The Chairman requested all present to stand and observe a minute's silence in honour of the following persons who had passed away since the last Fedco meeting: Alison Parkhouse (W Cape), Hendrik van der Merwe (GAU), John Hogberg (GAU), Janet Prince (EC), Carol Reaney (GAU), Beryl van Druten, Johan Gallant (KZN) (a Vice-President of KUSA), Peggy Pinnell (GAU) and Ian Bekker (GAU).

With a full complement of 9 Federal Councillors present, the Chairman declared a two-thirds majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be 6, whereas 5 would constitute a simple majority required for other decisions.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 & 10 June 2017 were formally adopted and **confirmed unanimously**.

Proposed DP, seconded JH

3. **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

3.1. **Annual Report by the Chairman**

Report to be circulated with the Minutes.

3.2. **Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2017**

The above documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.

After discussion it was

resolved, unanimously,

that the above financial statements be **approved**.

A 13th cheque for the staff, based on 50 per cent of salaries, was **approved**, as were salary increases, upon completion of appraisals.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed JH, seconded GR

3.3. **Election of Auditor**

The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.

Resolved, unanimously,

that Sprigg Abbott Inc. be re-elected as Auditors.

Proposed DP, seconded RD

3.4. **Article 16.2.2**

3.4.1. **Election of Vice-Chairman (of the Federal Council) – Article 16.2.2.2**

The current incumbent, Clr JM Hubbard, retires on 31.12.2017.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Resolved, unanimously,

that Clr JM Hubbard be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council for a term of two years, concluding on 31.12.2019.

Proposed GR, seconded DP

JH accepted with appreciation and expressed her thanks to the members of Fedco for their confidence.

3.4.2. **Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3**

Mr GR Eva is currently the Patron.

The Chairman called for nominations for Patron.

Resolved, unanimously,
that Mr G R Eva be re-elected as Patron of KUSA.
Proposed JH, seconded DP

3.4.3. **Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3**

List of Life Members:

Mrs JD Barrow
Brig Gen NJ du Preez
Mr CJL Griffith
Mrs JM Hubbard
Mr C Huyzers
Mrs S Palmer
Mrs DE Powell
Mr BG Robinson
Mr DA Thompson
Mrs L Wilson

It was agreed at Fedco 12-2015 that any Fedco Councillor who had served four years, or longer, on the Federal Council may be nominated as a Life Member in recognition of services to KUSA.

Resolved, unanimously,
that Clr CM Immelman be elected as a Life Member of KUSA.
Proposed LW, seconded CG
CI accepted with thanks.

LW enquired whether the same consideration of Life Membership after four years' service could be extended to Exco members. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that LW should investigate the service records of Exco members and report back at Fedco 06-2018.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

3.4.4. **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

Noted. No new Life-Vice-Presidents were elected.

3.4.5. **Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3**

The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2017:

Mrs L Lawlor
Mr GW Bidder

Resolved, unanimously,
that Mrs L Lawlor and Mr GR Bidder be re-elected as Vice-Presidents for the ensuing four years until 31.12.2021.
Proposed JH, seconded DP

3.4.6. **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 Federal Councillors to be elected to the Appeals Committee. Three members are appointed to consider Appeals as and when necessary.

Noted and confirmed.

3.5. **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 Clubs were disaffiliated ito of Article 9.2 for non-receipt of Affiliation Fees or for having notified KUSA of their intention to close the Club:

Egoli Nordic Spitz & Primitive Breeds Club - disaffiliated

Pretoria Millennium Bulldog Club - disaffiliated

Eastern Province Bull Terrier Club – disaffiliated

Queenstown & Districts Kennel Club - disaffiliated

Boland Dog Club – fee paid – Club closing

Western Province Biewer Breeds Club – fees paid – Club closing

Noted.

3.5.1. **Article 9.1.3 – List of Clubs in default**

“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.”

Bullmastiff Club of SA – Financial Year end 21.12.16. No AGM Minutes or Audited Financial Statements received, which were due 31.03.17.

CI undertook to follow up with this Club.

The following Clubs were more recent additions to the list of defaulting Clubs and need to be followed up by the Provco Chairmen:

DOGSPC:

Celtic Breeds Club of the Western Transvaal

Financial Year-end 28.02.17. Held SGM to constitute new Committee, but no AGM documents or financials received.

Chow Chow Club of Gauteng

Financial Year-end 28.02.2017. AGM scheduled for 31.08.17. No documents received.

Eastern Districts Kennel Club

Financial Year-end 31.12.2016. AGM scheduled for 03.12.17.

Golden City Poodle Club

Documents received, but financials not signed by the Auditor.

Goldfields Kennel Club

Financial Year-end 31.12.2016. AGM took place in June 2017, but no documents have been

received.

Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng

Financial Year-end 31.12.16. AGM held 3 June 2017. AGM Minutes received, but financials outstanding.

Highveld Whippet Club

Financial Year-end 30.04.17. No documents received.

Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng

Financial Year-end 31.03.17. AGM to be held in January 2018.

Pretoria Kennel Club

Documents received, but financials not signed by the Auditor.

SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Financial Year-end 28.02.17. SGM scheduled for 03.12.17.

Schipperke Club

Financial Year-end 31.03.17. No documents received.

Smooth Fox Terrier Club

Financial Year-end 31.03.17. No documents received.

NAPC:

Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng

Financial Year-end 28.02.17. No documents received.

Gold Reef Sighthound Club

Financial Year-end 31.10.16. AGM Minutes received, but financials outstanding.

Goldfields Supporter Club of Northern Gauteng

Financial Year-end 31.12.16. AGM held 3 June 2017. AGM Minutes received, but financials outstanding.

Northern Areas French Bulldog Club

Financial Year-end 28.02.17. No documents received.

Shar Pei Club of Gauteng

Financial Year-end 28.02.17. No documents received.

Yorkshire Terrier Club of Gauteng

Financial Year-end 28.02.16 & 28.02.17. No AGM Minutes or financials received for two years.

EC&BPC:

Herding Club of the Eastern Cape

Financial Year-end 31.12.16. AGM Minutes received, but no financials.

Terrier Club – Eastern Cape

Financial Year-end 31.12.16. No documents received.

FS&NCPC:

Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club

Financial Year-end 31.01.17. No Audited Financial Statements received.

3.5.2. **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.”

Show Returns Outstanding – Championship Shows

DOGSPC:

Gundog Club – Breed Show – 17.09.17 – Show Entry Fees and Catalogue.

EC&BPC:

Baakens Valley Working & Herding Breeds Club – Disciplines Show - 18.06.17 (received Show Entry Fees only), 24.06.17, 26.06.17, 01.07.17, 02.07.17 – Show Entry Fees and Catalogues.

KZNPC:

Natal Gundog Club - Field Trials - 08.07.17, 02.09.17, 03.09.17 – Show Entry Fees and Catalogues.

Show Returns Outstanding – Non-Championship Shows

DOGSPC:

Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club – Breed Show – 12.08.17 - Show Entry Fees and form with breakdown of breeds.

Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng – Breed Show – 24.06.17 - Show Entry Fees and form with breakdown of breeds.

NAPC:

Goldfields Supporters Club of Northern Gauteng – Breed Show - 24.06.17 – Form with breakdown of breeds.

Jubilee Toy Dog Club of SA – Breed Show - 15.01.217 – Form with breakdown of breeds.

KZNPC:

Natal Border Collie Club – Breed Show - 11.09.2016 – Show Entry Fees and form with breakdown of breeds.

Noted that Judges' details cannot be updated without the forms with breakdown of breeds.

Penalties Outstanding:

May:

Shetland Sheepdog Club – Disciplines

June:

Uitenhage Kennel Club – Disciplines

July:

Australian Shepherd Dog Club of Eastern Gauteng - Breed

Witwatersrand Kennel Club - Breed

August:

Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club - Breed

Central Free State Bull Terrier Club - Breed

- 3.6. **Specimen Club Constitution** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.1, Fedco 06-2016, item 3.4, Fedco 12-2017 item 3.7. Fedco 06-2017 item 3.4)

Revised Specimen Club Constitution will be tabled.

A draft document was presented and various aspects were discussed.

LW indicated that she had perused the document and identified certain clauses requisite of adjustment. She undertook to advise GR of her findings to enable him to make the necessary changes before making the document available to Clubs.

Unanimously **agreed**.

Proposed GR, seconded LW

- 3.7. **Naming of Clubs** (Fedco 06-2017 item 9.6)

It was recognised that there was a need for greater flexibility in the naming of Clubs to make it possible for some Clubs to have a national reach. Federal Councillors were asked to apply their minds to a more flexible solution, based on the particular circumstances, focus and membership base of a new Club to replace the current rigid policy of geographical confinement.

Proposal to be formulated.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

- 3.8. **Terms of Reference for Exco** (Fedco 06-2016 item 9.1, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.13, Fedco 06-2017 item 3.6)

Work in progress.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

- 3.9. **The Rosemary Elliott Memorial KUSA Junior Handler Fund (REMF)** (Fedco 06-2017 item 3.9).

KUSA's contribution for the National Junior Handler competing at Crufts 2018 was agreed upon and PM undertook to inform Martine and Shea Wright of Fedco's decision and provide them with a proposal for the disbursement of the available funds.

- 3.10. **FCI**

- 3.10.1. **FCI – Non-Mandatory Commissions**

As agreed at December 2015 Fedco, representatives would either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees must have a thorough knowledge of the subject/discipline in question.

The following persons were confirmed as KUSA's representatives on the FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions:

Agility – Mrs Gaby Grohovaz

Breeding – Clr Chris Griffith

Canicross (new) – Clr Jenny Hubbard

Dog Dancing – Clr Jenny Hubbard

Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman

Rally Obedience (new) – Mr Rory Shortland

Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett
Shows – Clr Lois Wilson
Show Judges – Clr Lois Wilson
Utility Dogs – Mr John Rautenbach
Youth – (proposed Ms Andria Haskins, subject to her acceptance)
Once confirmed, the above list should be sent to the FCI, with contact details of the representatives.

Noted that the meetings of the FCI Judges and Shows Commission are due to be held at the end of February 2018 in Portugal. LW requested permission to attend at her own expense. Unanimously **agreed**.

3.10.2. **Feedback on the FCI General Assembly held in Leipzig, Germany, on 6 & 7 November 2017**

Report from Clrs Hubbard and Wilson, the two delegates who represented KUSA at the General Assembly.

The Chairman thanked Clrs Hubbard & Wilson for representing KUSA at the FCI General Assembly at their own expense and invited Clr Wilson to present her report on the event.

It was noted that Mr Rafael de Santiago (Puerto Rico) was elected President for a two-year term. Ms Carla Molinari (Portugal) was elected Vice-President and Member of the General Council for a four-year term and Dr Tamás Jakkel was elected Treasurer and Member of the General Council for a four-year term. Mr Gerard Jipping (the Netherlands) was elected to the General Council for a four-year term.

Of particular interest to KUSA was item 15.2.1 on the General Assembly Agenda, the proposal from the Federación Canófila Mexicana (FCM) (the Mexican Kennel Club) for the FCI to cancel any agreements currently in place with the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH), or the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV), or the Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhunde (WUSV). This proposal was unanimously carried by the General assembly (60 votes for, none against) and, on 10 November 2017, the President of the FCI, Mr Rafael de Santiago, informed the President of the SV and the WUSV, Prof Dr Heinrich Meßler, that the Cooperation Agreement between the FCI and the WUSV will terminate on 10 May 2018.

The General Assembly was unable to reach agreement on proposed amendments to the Statutes and Standing Orders of the FCI and it was decided that an Extraordinary General Assembly would be convened in Brussels on a date to be advised in 2018 to specifically deal with the proposed amendments.

The Chairman suggested the formation of a task team be formed under his chairmanship as the FCI portfolio-holder to assess the impact of the proposed amendments to the FCI Statutes and Standing Orders and any other matters relating to the FCI. This was **agreed** and JH, LW and GR were appointed to the task team.

It was unanimously **agreed** that funds should be made available to permit KUSA to be represented by two delegates at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

3.11. **Social Media Management and Web Artwork Design**

Freelance arrangement due for review.

Freelance arrangement on a retainer basis reviewed.

During the ensuing discussion, it was reported that staff member Karene Karstadt was doing some of the work, but that some assistance was required with designing banners. CI indicated that she might be available to assist with this from February 2018.

Agreed, unanimously, that KUSA should terminate the freelance arrangement.

3.12. **Boxer Register on Hold – Extension of Show Clearance Certificates issued**

At Fedco 12-2016, a directive was issued with regard to the issue of Show Clearance Certificates for Boxers. The first Show Clearance Certificate was issued in January 2017.

Fedco is requested to grant permission for all Show Clearance Certificates issued to Boxers under this directive to be extended for a further twelve (12) months. The covering letter sent to each applicant states that KUSA reserves the right to withdraw the temporary Show Clearance Certificate at any time prior to the twelve-month expiry date, should there be a change in circumstances which would render the directive null and void.

Resolved, unanimously, that the Show Clearance Certificates be extended for a further twelve months from 01.01.2018, with the above proviso should there be a change in circumstances.

Proposed GR, seconded CB

3.13. **Schedule 2 Regulation 16 Breeder's Restrictions (Endorsement)** (Exco 07-17 item 9.7, Exco 08-17 item 3.5)

At Exco 07-2017, a request from a breeder was considered to place a Breeder's Restriction on a dog nine (9) months after registration. Fedco upheld Exco's recommendation that no Breeder's Restriction should be placed on the dog concerned and the applicant (breeder) was advised accordingly.

Ratified.

3.14. **Goldfields Showgrounds Supporters Club, Northern Gauteng (GSSC NG) & Goldfields Supporters Club, Southern Gauteng (GSSC SG)** (Exco 09-2017 item 9.8)

Request received from the Secretary of GSSC NG and GSSC SG for both the above-mentioned Clubs to be exempted from paying KUSA Show Levies on their Championship and Non-Championship Shows on an ongoing and permanent basis.

Motivation:

"These two Clubs were formed solely as a means of raising funds for Goldfields Showgrounds. We need to be able to keep them in the tip-top condition in which one finds them today so as to be able to hold Breed shows, Working Disciplines shows, Dog Training, Seminars, KUSA Examinations, etc. If we were to lose the grounds, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to find other grounds. Goldfields Showgrounds benefit from having a history going back many, many years of holding dog shows, etc., at the grounds and hopefully it would be very difficult for local government to stop us from doing so in the future as we should have "sitting tenant" rights, but we still need adequate funds to keep things going. Unfortunately, we do not have any big sponsors and have to raise funds in every way we can. All profits from the shows are ploughed back into the grounds, contributing to the running costs and improvements (when we have the funds available). At the moment, we are building a new toilet and shower block on the bottom grounds for the benefit of the dog show community. This will cost in the region of R100 000.

Granting this exemption would be the Kennel Union's contribution to dogdom in Gauteng, where 70% of dogs reside, to keep Goldfields Showgrounds running for the Gauteng region. I know that this happens in Australia, where special shows run by a club maintaining its own showground are given this exemption.

I realise that this is a most unusual request, but earnestly request you to grant this exemption, as our situation is also most unusual.

I look forward to your favourable response to our request."

Exco has referred this to Fedco for a decision.

The Chairman requested the members of Fedco to express their opinion on this proposal in turn and, having assessed the comments, summed up the majority view: Causing financial prejudice to KUSA was an inappropriate and unsustainable method of raising funds and, by consenting to the request, an undesirable precedent would be created.

The above conclusion, however, did not detract from the fact that Goldfields Showgrounds were a facility of national importance which, if lost to dogsport, would impact heavily on KUSA's income. In view of this, the Chairman felt that Fedco should give serious consideration to a different form of accommodation and proposed that a one-off donation should be made to Goldfields Showgrounds.

Having considered the potential value of the Show Entry Fees the Club wished to retain, the Chairman proposed an amount of the one-off donation to be R10 000,00. After further discussion, the Chairman's counter-proposal was **carried** with two objections.

Proposed JH, seconded LS

3.15. **KUSA Participation in WODAC July 2018**

To confirm that DOGSPC and NAPC will once again take responsibility for KUSA's presence at WODAC, if held in Gauteng, as well as the KUSA Showdog of the Year 2018 Award Ceremony.

Budget allocation for Exhibition Stand = R30 000

Budget allocation for Showdog of the Year framed medallions = R8 500

The following needs were identified by Clr Robinson after WODAC 2017:

- *A person in attendance well versed in Working Disciplines and familiar with training facilities in the Johannesburg/Pretoria area.*
- *A "Frequently Asked Questions" pamphlet, which would save the stall-minders time giving lengthy explanations about KUSA's functions.*
- *Literature on the National Canine Care Club (CCC), i.e. a pack (folder) containing all the elements, e.g. purpose of Club and benefits of membership pamphlet, competitions, colouring-in booklets, membership application form, etc.*
- *If we are to promote the CCC on the KUSA stand, we need a portion of the stand branded and devoted to this project, staffed by a dedicated team.*
- *With only one contact point behind the counter, it is simply not possible to attend to KUSA queries and haul in passers-by to engage them in a discussion about the CCC.*
- *There needs to be at least two contact points on the stand, one for KUSA and another for the CCC.*

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the event was scheduled for 20-22 July 2018 at Gallagher Estate. It was agreed, in principle, that the KUSA stand would be run by NAPC & DOGSPC.

JH, GR & CI to meet with Mr Brian Blades to discuss the terms and conditions of KUSA's involvement in WODAC 2018.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Any Matters Related to the Articles

4.1.1. Centres – Article 13 and Schedule 3 Regulation 2.1.1 (Fedco 06-2017 item 3.11)

Following discussion at Fedco 06-2017 on the need for Centres as currently defined in the Constitution, it was suggested that geographical provinces would be more appropriate, combined with the elimination of the 'away point' for Champion status.

Work in progress. Any further information will be tabled.

Proposal **accepted** *nem con* and alterations to the Articles and Schedules in respect of reversion to geographical provinces to be finalised by CI and tabled at Fedco 06-2018 for acceptance.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

4.1.2. Article 31 Classification, Registration, Recording and Transferring Ownership of Dogs

(Housekeeping – in line with amendments made at Fedco 12-2016)

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

The power to:

31.7 maintain an Obedience and Trial Dogs Record, [~~and a Development Register~~]

Appendix Registers, an Emerging Breed Register and Field Trial Register.

Resolved, unanimously,

that the above 'housekeeping' amendments be accepted with immediate effect.

Proposed GR, seconded RD

4.2. Any items Relating to Disciplinary Matters –Schedule 1

4.2.1. Disciplinary Sub-Committee (Exco)

The following case has been finalised and details reported to Fedco:

Case 01-2017 – Witwatersrand Kennel Club vs Mrs CM Jacobs

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee (DSC) met on 11.07.2017 by teleconference. The DSC unanimously found the Respondent guilty to 4.1.1 and 4.1.1.2 of Schedule 1 with regard to her conduct at the Witwatersrand Kennel Club Championship Show held on 26.03.2017, where she directed foul and abusive language at a show official. Such conduct was considered to be completely untoward and unacceptable.

The DSC imposed the following penalties, which took effect on 15 August 2017, for a period of six (6) months, three months of which were suspended.

Rule 11.1.2:

Suspension or exclusion from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club;

[NOTE: The penalty as per 11.1.2 (re attendance at shows) does not relate to the dogs in a person's ownership, viz it applies only to Mrs Jacobs in her personal capacity and does not in any way apply to dogs that are owned and registered or recorded in her name, or owned and registered or recorded by her jointly with another or others. Such dogs may be entered and exhibited at KUSA-licensed events, provided that Mrs Jacobs is not present at the Show.]

Rule 11.1.5:

Disqualification from judging at, or taking part in the management of a Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under a KUSA licence;

The initial three (3) months of the above penalties shall take effect on 15.08.2017. The remaining three months will be suspended for a period of three (3) years until 14.08.2020, on

condition that the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions as provided for in Rule 4 of Schedule 1 or any other provision in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis for a valid complaint in terms thereof during the period of suspension.

No appeal was lodged.

Noted.

Case 02-2017

Following the initial notification procedure set out in Rule 7, the matter was evaluated by the SCI to Rule 8 and, following further investigation, it was dismissed due to a lack of sufficient evidence to warrant a hearing.

Noted.

Discussion ensued on the severity, or lack thereof, of penalties imposed. There was also a discussion on the Fedco ruling in respect of the penalty at Rule 11.1.2 regarding attendance at shows (see note above), in that this does not apply to the dogs in a suspended person's registered ownership.

Exco to review the above and revert to Fedco.

ST to update the list of previous DSC decisions for LW.

4.3. Any Matters related to the Registration of Dogs –Schedule 2

- 4.3.1. **Schedule 2 Regulation 8 – Affix (Kennel Name)** (Fedco 12-2016 item 9.3, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.3.1)

Work in progress.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

- 4.3.2. **Schedule 2 Regulation 15 – Membership Required Prior to Registration**

(Housekeeping – in line with amendments made at Fedco 12-2016)

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

15.1.2 The provisions enumerated in this regulation in relation to Membership and Affixes shall apply to all applications for the registration of dogs in the Kennel Union Breed Registers, ~~[the Development Registers]~~ the Appendix Registers, ~~[Foundation Stock Registers]~~ Emerging Breed Register and the Field Trial Registers for Pointers and Setters but shall not apply to applications for recording of dogs on the Obedience and Trial Dogs Record.

Resolved, unanimously,

that the above 'housekeeping' amendments be accepted with immediate effect.

Proposed JH, seconded CI

- 4.3.3. **Schedule 2 Appendix B - Breed Standards** (Exco 10-2017 item 9.10)

Exco recommends that the following grammatical/housekeeping changes are made to Appendix B of Schedule 2:

1. For each breed listed in Appendix 'A' of this Schedule, there shall be a written description called a Breed Standard, save and except where a single Standard has been adopted for those breeds where the varieties are ~~[occasionally]~~ distinguished by coat type and/or size. The Breed Standards shall be ~~[printed]~~ published separately from, but form part of, this Appendix to Schedule 2.

2. Once adopted, a Breed Standard may not be altered or amended, save for the correction of spelling errors, conversion of measurements, or the insertion of omissions from

the Standard ~~[of]~~ advised by the country of origin, development or patronage, as the case may be.

3. Should notification be ~~[advised]~~ received that a Breed Standard accepted by KUSA has been altered, or amended, save in terms of paragraph [3] 2 above, by the country of origin, development or patronage, such amendments shall be tabled ~~[to at the next ordinary]~~ at the first practicable meeting of the Federal Council.

Resolved, unanimously,
that the above amendments be **approved**.
Proposed LW, seconded CI
Effective 01.04.2018

4.4. Any Matters Relating to Breed Standards

4.4.1. Tail Clause – Formerly Docked Breeds (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.1.1.1)

*At Fedco 06-2017 it was recommended that a citation should appear in square brackets at the end of the tail clause: [*refer note below]. Reference to FCI Circular 20-16 could then be made at bottom of breed standard, preceded by an asterisk.*

Having considered various options for the asterisked footnote to the standards of formerly docked breeds, the following wording is proposed by the Fedco members charged with drafting the footnote:

Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, **docked or formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural, tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either.*

Resolved, unanimously,
that the above wording be accepted, as amended in red.
Proposed CI, seconded GR
To be implemented on 01.01.18 or as soon as possible thereafter.

4.4.2. Amendments to FCI Breed Standards

4.4.2.1. Gundog Group

4.4.2.1.1. **Bracco Italiano (Italian Pointing Dog)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.

4.4.2.2. Herding Group

4.4.2.2.1. **Coban Kopegi (Anatolian Shepherd)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
*Please note change of **name**.*
Approved.

4.4.2.3. Hound Group

4.4.2.3.1. **Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound (Bayerischer Gerigsschweisshund)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
*Please note change of **name**.* For this breed standard it was decided to retain the English name followed by the German name in brackets as the foreign name was deemed unpronounceable.
Approved.

4.4.2.3.2. **Hamiltonstövare**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.2.4. Working Group

4.4.2.4.1. Giant Schnauzer (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.1.1.1)

Breed Standard attached to agenda. Deferred from Fedco 06-2017 pending approval of the wording of the footnote pertaining to tails to appear on the Breed Standards of all previously docked breeds (as per item 4.4.1).

Approved.

4.4.2.4.2. Dobermann (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.1.1.13)

Breed Standard attached to agenda. Deferred pending approval of footnote as per 4.4.2.4.1 above.

After a lengthy discussion it was **resolved**, with four objections, that a moratorium be placed on the acceptance of the current FCI Breed Standard for a period of three (3) years. It is recommended that, during this period, the Dobermann fraternity, or the envisaged to-be-established Dobermann Liaison Council, should enter into negotiations with the FCI's Standards Commission on the wording of the tail clause in the current FCI Breed Standard. Proposed RD, seconded JH

4.4.2.4.3. Rottweiler (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.1.1.8)

Breed Standard attached to agenda. Deferred pending approval of footnote as per 4.4.2.4.1 above.

Approved, subject to the footnote being dropped, when requested by the RBC, once there is no longer a need to exhibit docked Rottweilers.

4.4.2.4.4. Schnauzer (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.1.1.10)

Breed Standard attached to agenda. Deferred pending approval of footnote as per 4.4.2.1 above.

Approved.

4.4.3. Amendments to The Kennel Club Breed Standards

4.4.3.1. Toy Group

4.4.3.1.1. Pug

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.3.1.2. Yorkshire Terrier

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.3.1.3. Pekingese

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.3.1.4. Papillon

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.3.2. Terrier Group

4.4.3.2.1. Bull Terrier (Miniature)

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Approved.

4.4.3.3. Utility Group

- 4.4.3.3.1. **Canaan Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.3.2. **Boston Terrier**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.3.3. **Chow Chow**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.3.4. **Dalmatian**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.3.5. **Keeshond**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.3.6. **Lhasa Apso**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.
- 4.4.3.4. **Gundog Group**
 - 4.4.3.4.1. **Gordon Setter**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Approved.

Resolved, unanimously,

that the above Breed Standards be approved where indicated.

Proposed LW, seconded JH

Effective 01.01.18

- 4.4.4. **Protocol for change of origin of Breed Standards** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.14, Fedco 06-2016 item 4.4.6, Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.9, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.4)
LW and CI are working on draft policy for the adoption of changes to Breed Standards and the conducting of referenda for switching of Breed Standards.
Work in progress – any further information will be tabled.
Document circulated at meeting and briefly discussed, but it was conceded that the Federal Councillors had not been afforded sufficient time to engage with the document.
It was **agreed** that an electronic copy of the document should be sent to Fedco members with a request for them to comment by 31 March 2018. Should their input not be received by this deadline, reminders need to be sent to those who hadn't responded, thereby hopefully to ensure that the document to be submitted for the Fedco 06-2018 agenda had the prior approval of the majority of Federal Councillors.
- 4.4.5. **Belgian Shepherd Dog – Request to Adopt FCI Breed Standard** (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.4.11, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.4.5)
The BSD referendum closed on 04.09.2017. 59 voting papers were sent out. 16 respondents voted in favour of adopting the FCI Breed Standard. There were no votes against.
For ratification.
Ratified
Effective 01.01.2018

4.4.6. **Boxer**

Request from SABOX to revert to the FCI Breed Standard, subject to the footnote pertaining to tails of previously docked breeds appearing on the Breed Standard.

(Note: The Kennel Club Breed Standard was adopted wef from 01.01.2016 at the request of SABOX.)

To be dealt with under item 6.2.

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

4.5.1. **Report from the Convener of NBJSC** – attached to agenda.

Noted with thanks.

4.5.2. **Report from Examination and Curriculum Developer** – attached to agenda.

Noted with thanks.

4.5.3. **Breed Judges' Specialisation Courses** (Fedco 12-2016 item 9.10, Fedco 06-2017, item 4.5.1)

Documents have been forwarded to Clr Robinson.

Thanks to GR and to Ms Joy McFarlane.

The Bull Terrier Specialisation Course has now been finalised and was available to learner judges. The urgent need for the German Shepherd Dog Specialisation Course to be finalised was stressed.

4.5.4. **Schedule 10 Appendix 1** (Fedco 12-2016 item 4.5.2.3)

Submitted by NBJSC:

3. **Level 3 Provisional Judge**

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.*

Motivation:

To correct an omission from Fedco 12-2016. The corresponding amendment to Schedule 10 Regulation 3.1.3 Level 3 Provisional Judge was not carried through to Appendix 1 of Schedule 10.

Unanimously approved.

Effective immediately

Proposed DP, seconded LW

4.5.5. **Dancing with Dogs** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.10, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.14, Fedco 12-2016 item 3.10, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.5.3).

*Schedule 5R Heelwork to Music (HTM) and Schedule 5S Musical Freestyle (MF) were approved at Fedco 12-2016 and became effective on 01.04.2017. When considering the necessary additions to Schedule 3, it was apparent that some changes to Schedules 5R and 5S were required. Amended Schedules 5R and 5S are **attached** to agenda.*

Resolved, unanimously,

that the proposed changes to Schedules 5R and 5S are **approved**, together with the record card and show entry form (Schedule 3).

Proposed JH, seconded CG

Effective 01.04.18, but may be implemented from 01.01.2018.

4.5.6. **Supreme Champion** (Fedco 12-2015 item 11.20, Fedco 06-2016 item 3.9, Fedco 12-2016 item 4.5.8, Fedco 06-2017 item 4.5.6)

Work in progress. Any further information will be tabled.

Work to continue.

4.5.7. **Schedule 3 Regulation 7 – Entry for Exhibition**

Proposal by KZNPC:

Regulation 7 to be amended

All entries shall be submitted on an official KUSA entry form, fully completed and signed. Any alteration or amendment to the Declaration thereon shall invalidate the entry. The current Form shall be that appended to this Schedule as Appendix 3. Only the current form or that immediately preceding it shall be accepted as official.

Entries must close at the time indicated in the Schedule which shall not be less than ~~fourteen~~ fourteen ~~14~~ five (5) days and not more than ~~fifty (50)~~ thirty (30) days before the Show opens.

Motivation:

“At most shows these days people request to enter after the closing date that is on the Schedules. With the change of times and fewer dogs at shows and the use of the Internet and, in some cases, online entries, changes to the Regulations are required to make sure all is legal.

We want to alter the minimum number of days which committees can choose to close entries from 14 to 5. The Clubs still have the choice to elect to close entries earlier if they so wish. By doing this, Clubs will not be contravening KUSA Regulations by accepting these entries.”

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed RD, seconded CB

Effective 01.04.2018

Regulation 10 Catalogue – no change to Regulation

With the high prices of printing Catalogues, we are asking if these may be sent via email on the morning of the Show, or a Marked Catalogue after the show, as a cost-saving measure.

Noted.

4.5.8. **Schedule 3 Regulation 42 Champion Dogs - Introduction of a proposed Junior Champion in Breed**

Proposal by DOGSPC:

Insert NEW Regulation 42.1.5 (para number to be confirmed):

*The Federal Council may award the title of Junior **Merit** Champion in breed to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won a minimum of eight (8) Best Puppy in breed and/or Best Junior in breed awards, as well as at least one Best Puppy in Group or Best Junior in Group award at Championship Shows licensed by the Kennel Union.*

Motivation:

“A lot of exhibitors leave their Puppies and Juniors at home till they are 9 months old when the CCs start counting, and then at 18 months old when they need the final CC for KUSA Championship. A JUNIOR CHAMPION title would encourage exhibitors to bring their Puppies and Juniors out, since most shows already offer a BJIS. The show entries (and KUSA's levies) would increase.

For a dog or bitch between 6 – 18 months to qualify for the title of JUNIOR CHAMPION they must attain 8 x Best Puppy and/or Best Junior awards in breed and also win at least either 1 Puppy Group and/or 1 Junior Group.”

After discussion the following was **approved**, with three votes against:

That the proposal be accepted subject to the title being changed to JUNIOR MERIT.

No certificate will be awarded, only the title.

Title to be recorded on the Registration Certificate as “JM” as a Suffix.

Effective 01.04.2018 (Only certificates issued after 01.01.2018 will count towards the title.)

4.5.9. **Show Clearance Certificates**

4.5.9.1. **Show Clearance Certificate – Extension**

Request for a further extension of a Show Clearance for Exhibition Certificate for Poodle (Miniature) Reg No PR 16153001 F for six (6) months after the expiry date of 23.09.2017. The overseas owners and South African exhibitors wish the dog to remain in South Africa for its “final CACIB”.

Approved by Fedco ‘round robin’.

Ratified.

4.5.9.2. **Show Clearance Certificate – Extension**

Request for a further extension of a Show Clearance for Exhibition Certificate for Italian Pointing Dog (Bracco Italiano) Reg No N.H.S.B 2939930 F for a further two (2) years after the expiry date of 31.08.2017. The owner resides overseas but frequently visits her sister in South Africa. The dog travels with her and she would like to show in upcoming and future shows.

Approved by Fedco ‘round robin’.

Ratified.

4.5.9.3. **Show Clearance Certificates – Policy** (Fedco 06-2017 item 4.5.7.4)

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

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

Fedco to review current policy.

Information circulated to Fedco by email on 13.07.2017.

LW, on behalf of Exco, requested that this be deferred pending preparation of an application form for show clearance certificates.

To be carried forward to Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

5. **WORKING DISCIPLINES**

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

5.1.1. **Report by NSC Convener – attached to agenda.**

Noted with thanks.

5.1.2. **Amendments to Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**

Submitted by Obedience NSC

Judges/Evaluators

Canine Good Citizen is not governed by a Schedule of the KUSA Constitution, but by documents setting out the Rules of each test. According to these Rules, any KUSA Judge may evaluate CGC.

Proposal:

In the interests of better record-keeping and assuring that Evaluators are properly contracted to do the Evaluation, it is proposed that the wording of the following paragraph in the Rules for all three (3) tests be changed by the addition of the underlined wording:

Evaluators

Any KUSA Judge in good standing that has been approved by a Provincial Council may evaluate KUSA Canine Good Citizen tests. There is no restriction on how often an Evaluator may conduct tests. The Evaluator may not test a dog that he/she owns or co-owns or a dog that is owned or handled by a close member of the Evaluator’s family. The Evaluator has the discretion to determine whether testing should be interrupted or postponed for whatever good

reason.

All Evaluators shall be required to complete and sign the KUSA Judging Contract – J1.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed DP, seconded LS

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

5.2.1. **Report by Convener** – attached to agenda.

Noted with thanks.

5.2.2. **Proposed amendments to Schedule 5B(1)**

Revised Schedule submitted by NSC attached to agenda.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed JH, seconded CG

Effective 01.04.2018

5.3. **Schedule 5B(4) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)**

5.3.1. **Report by Convener** (see 5.2.1 above)

5.3.2. **Proposed Amendments to Schedule 5B(04)**

Revised Schedule submitted by NSC attached to agenda.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed JH, seconded CG

Effective 01.04.2018

5.4. **Schedule 5B(2) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials**

5.4.1. **Report from NSC Convener** – attached to agenda.

Noted with thanks.

5.4.2. **By-laws for IPO National Sub-Committee** (Fedco 06-2017 item 5.3.2)

The changes agreed to at the June Fedco that were to become effective on 01.10.2017 to be rescinded pending a further review of the By-laws. A revised document is attached to agenda.

(Awards and qualifications granted prior to the new effective date will be recognised.)

Resolved, unanimously,

that the document approved at Fedco 06-2017 be rescinded and replaced with the revised document, subject to corrections to Clauses 6.2 and 13.1, removing references to a Judges' Panel, as advised by JH.

Proposed GR, seconded JH

Clean copy to be sent to KUSA for signature by Chairman of Fedco.

5.4.3. **Dispensation requests**

Two interim dispensation requests will be tabled.

Two interim dispensation requests from the NIPOSC as distributed to Fedco:

Request for special dispensation on Rule 2.2 of Schedule 5 J (IPO) (2016)

Motivation:

In a meeting hosted on the 20 October 2017, which included the committee of the IPO Sub-Committee and Mr John Rautenbach, the IPO National Convener, it was agreed that Schedule 5J (IPO) (2016) was in need of a revamp. The National Convener undertook to assess a number of the rules and propose changes to the Provincial Sub-Committees. In the interim, special dispensation was required in respect of the rule stating that the Helpers need to have trained a dog to IPO 1 level. It was our feeling that we were passing over very competent Helpers due to this rule, as we felt that it was not necessary to train a dog to this level to be a competent Helper.

We request that the dispensation be granted until such time as the following proposal to change the Schedule can be tabled:
[delete]

SCHEDULE 5J (IPO) (2016) – current regulation

2. QUALIFYING OF HELPER (IPO)

2.2. Prior to being examined, all Candidate Helpers (IPO) will have:

- Completed a training course hosted by the Tutor Helper on procedure and correctness of conduct, integrity and physical fitness what is required to become a IPO Helper and the correct execution of the exercises in trials according to regulation 5B IPO.
- had at least one (1) year verified experience a trainee helper under a KUSA licensed IPO helper by a KUSA Active IPO Club, [and
- trained a dog to IPO Grade I status.]

After discussion, the following was unanimously **agreed**:

That dispensation will be approved once the NIPOSC has **submitted** to KUSA its proposal to amend the rule to be placed on the Fedco 06-2018 agenda.

Motivation:

The NIPOSC is in the process of restructuring and overhauling the IPO Schedules to enable us to grow IPO in KUSA. In the past two years many of changes have occurred in the IPO Schedules and Bylaws in order to bring IPO in South Africa in line with the rest of the world.

In March 2016, KUSA spent a large amount of money to bring Frans Jansen, Chairman of the FCI Utility Dog Commission, to South Africa to assist us with the qualification of Judges. The Cape Town seminar was attended by two ex-Federation Judges:

Mr Grant Higgo, who was already a senior IPO federation Judge, qualified in 2007, before joining KUSA. His earliest history of judging at KUSA clubs was on the 30/08/2014 when he judged the Bouvier des Flandres Club Gold Reef. His earliest history as Helper at KUSA events was at the Meisterschaft in 1999 in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, and then in 25/08/2012 when he was the Helper at the WP Rottweiler Club IPO event.

Mr Jean-Luc Stapelberg, who qualified as a KUSA Judge on the 27/03/2016 and as a KUSA Helper on the 28/02/2014. Mr Stapelberg has been a Federation Helper from 1994 and has officiated on many occasions as Helper at KUSA events, i.e. Meisterschaft 2013 in Gauteng and as Helper in the qualification of KUSA Helpers in Cape Town on the 20/10/2008. He has also been the Helper on a regular basis at Rottweiler breed events in Cape Town. He has been a Federation Judge since 2012.

Both gentlemen have a long history of involvement with KUSA events and the NIPOSC requests that their experience obtained in the GSDFSA before the termination of the KUSA/GSDFSA agreement be recognised:

Mr Higgo - Schedule 5J 3.1.1 and 5B IPO 3.6.16.

Mr Stapelberg - Schedule 5J 3.1.1

SCHEDULE 5J (IPO) (2016) – current regulation

3. QUALIFICATION OF TUTOR HELPERS (IPO)

3.1 Before any person can be apply to be placed on the panel of Tutor Helpers (IPO) he must have:

3.1.1 five (5) years' experience, verified by a KUSA IPO Active club, in training IPO of which at least 3 years must be as a KUSA Registered Helper.

After discussion, the following was unanimously **agreed**:

That dispensation be granted to Mr Jean-Luc Stapelberg and Mr Grant Higgo under Schedule 5J Regulation 3.1.1.1, as requested, subject to a statement being obtained from a KUSA IPO Active Club in training IPO, verifying that Mr Stapelberg & Mr. Higgo were currently training with them as a KUSA Registered Helper.

SCHEDULE 5B (02) – current regulation

3.6.16 Qualification of International IPO Judges

To be recognised by the FCI as an international IPO performance Judge, the applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Minimum age: having reached the South African legal capacity.
2. At the time of the application he must have qualified at least two dogs to the highest test level - IPO 3
3. Have judged, or entered a dog successfully at a national or international championship level
4. The applicant must be appointed by his FCI-Local Organisation (KUSA); he must have passed National IPO Subcommittee reviews.

The candidate must have:

- a) In-depth knowledge of the rules is one of the most important factors in assessing and qualified a IPO performance judge. He must know the FCI Working Dog Rules in their entirety and must be confident with each department, to be able to assess and make the right decisions
- b) The practical training must enable the applicant to acquire complete knowledge of all provisions, as well as scenarios that may occur on the working field.

The practical training consists of the successful Judging of at least 10 competitions, in which the candidate gains confidence. This is a prerequisite for the written examination.

With regard to the request for dispensation for Mr Higgo under Schedule 5B IPO Regulation 3.6.16, more clarity was required, since International IPO Judges were recognised by the FCI and needed to meet the FCI's rules and regulations.

Proposed LW, seconded CG

5.5. Schedule 5B(3) – Regulations for Tracking Trials

(Note – no NSC)

Noted that this activity was popular in the NAPC area.

5.6. Schedule 5C – Field Trials

5.6.1. FTLC Annual Report – attached.

Noted with thanks.

5.7. Schedule 5D – Regulations for Dog Jumping

5.7.1. Report by NSC Convener – attached.

Noted with thanks.

5.7.2. Proposed amendments to Schedule 5D

Submitted by NSC:

Revised Schedule attached to agenda.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed RD, seconded LS

Effective 01.04.2018

5.8. **Schedule 5E - Regulations for Special Events**

5.8.1. **Schedule 5E(11) - Regulations for the KUSA National Awards**

Submitted by Flyball NSC:

Housekeeping (in line with amendments made to Schedule 5M)

5.11 Flyball

Any team of ~~four (4) dogs and two (2) reserves~~ six (6) dogs may be entered. When there is an equality of ~~time~~ scores, the winner shall be determined by a deciding heat or heats or the team with the fastest dog time. The event shall be run as a normal Flyball event.

Clean version reads:

5.11 Flyball

Any team of six (6) dogs may be entered. When there is an equality of score, the winner shall be determined by a deciding heat or heats or the team with the fastest time. The event shall be run as a normal Flyball event.

Unanimously approved.

Proposed LW, seconded CI

Effective immediately.

5.8.2. **Schedule 5E(12) - Regulations for Handler of the Year Competition** (Exco 08-2017 item 10.1 & Fedco 06-2017 item 9.9)

Exco recommends the following amendment to Regulation 8.7.1:

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

Handlers will enter the ring in draw order (not catalogue order) initially competing with their own exhibits. The Judges will shortlist four (4) Handlers and the four (4) shortlisted Handlers will be required to return to the ring at a scheduled time for the final round to handle unknown dogs. be given a short break to bench their own exhibits, [after which they will be required to handle four (4) new exhibits. Each Handler will be required to handle all four (4) new exhibits, subject to the provisions of 8.6.] after which each of the four (4) shortlisted Handlers will each be required to handle two (2) new exhibits, chosen by the Judges, from a list of breeds provided by the organisers, subject to the provisions of 8.6. In the final round, each of the four (4) shortlisted Handlers will be required to handle two (2) exhibits from a pool of dogs provided by the organisers. The organisers will provide the Judge(s) with a list of the breeds of dog in the pool and the Judge(s) will select which two breeds each finalist will handle. Each dog in the pool may not be allocated to more than two (2) Handlers. Handlers will be allowed five (5) minutes with each of their allocated dogs prior to the start of the final round and will enter the ring in draw order.

Regulation 6.4 – last sentence to be amended to read:

Any dog that is to be used for Handling ~~must be [registered on the KUSA Breed, Appendix or Development Register]~~ entered at the same Championship Show; in this competition, including the pool dogs, must be eligible for entry at Championship Shows in accordance with Schedule 3 and must be in the registered ownership of a paid-up member of KUSA.

Resolved, unanimously,

that the above amendments be **approved**, as amended.

Proposed LW, seconded CI

Effective 01.04.2018

5.8.3. **Schedule 5E(14) - Regulations for Western Cape Top Dog Competition**

Revised Schedule attached to agenda.

Unanimously approved.

Proposed DP, seconded CB

Effective 01.04.2018

- 5.8.4. **Proposed New Schedule 5E (26) Event – Jacaranda City Kennel Club Grand National Champion Competition**
Submitted by NAPC
Proposed new Schedule attached to agenda.
 Unanimously **approved**.
 Proposed JH, seconded LW
 Effective 01.04.2018
- 5.9. **Schedule 5G – Regulations for Dog Carting**
- 5.9.1. **Report by NSC Convener**
No Convener at present. Reports from KZN, E Cape and W Cape Sub-Committees attached to agenda.
Noted with thanks.
- 5.10. **Schedule 5K – Regulations for Handler Classes** (Fedco 06-2017 item 9.9)
- 5.10.1. *Following the decision to make changes to the Handler Entry Form, it was agreed that changes needed to be made to Schedule 5K (as well as Schedule 5E(12)).*
The following changes to Schedule 5K are recommended:
Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:
Regulation 3.5 – last sentence to be amended to read:
Any dog that is to be used for Handling must be ~~[registered on the KUSA Breed, Appendix or Development Register]~~ entered at the same Championship Show.
- Regulation 3.7 to be deleted and become “void”.*
 Unanimously **approved**.
 Proposed CI, seconded LS
 Effective 01.04.2018, but may be implemented from 01.01.2018
- 5.11. **Schedule 5L – Regulations for Agility**
- 5.11.1. **Report by NSC Convener** – attached to agenda.
Noted.
- 5.11.2. **FCI Agility Regulations (updated)** – attached to agenda for information only.
The Agility NSC is presently addressing this document and will revert at Fedco 06-2018 with the relative Schedule changes.
Noted.
- 5.12. **Schedule 5M – Regulations for Flyball**
- 5.12.1. **Report by NSC Convener** – attached to agenda.
Noted with thanks.
- 5.13. **Aptitude Testing** – nil
 No Report received.
6. **BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS**
- 6.1. **Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)**
- 6.1.1. **Annual Report from the RBC Chairman** – attached to agenda.
Noted with thanks.
- 6.1.2. **Schedule 5E(18) South African Rottweiler Sieger Show & Schedule 5E (25) Regional Sieger Shows** (Fedco 06-2017 items 7.1.3 and 7.1.4)
Recommended abbreviations for titles awarded for approval attached to agenda.
 Unanimously **approved**.
 Proposed LW, seconded CG

6.2. **SABOX**

- 6.2.1. **Annual Report by Chairman** – attached to agenda.
Noted with thanks.

6.2.2. **Schedule 5F (9.1.7) and (9.1.8)**
SABOX Breed Assessment & Survey Procedures

Insert words underlined:

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 To be eligible for entry in a breed survey or breed assessment, a Boxer must:

- be registered in the KUSA Breed Register;
- be at least 15 months old on the day of the evaluation;
- be healthy and in good condition;
- be positively identifiable by means of a microchip, DNA or tattoo;
- have been examined and certified for hip dysplasia and conform to the requirements as set out by SABOX from time to time;
- have been examined and certified for cardiac disorders and conform to the requirements as set out by SABOX from time to time;
- if a male, have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

Motivation:

Subaortic/Aortic & Pulmonic Stenosis (SAS/AS/PS) are amongst the most common heart defects occurring in Boxers. Screening tests: Auscultation (stethoscopic examination) for heart murmurs, colour doppler echocardiography.

According to the Orthopaedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) in the USA, while there are exceptions, virtually all common congenital heart defects are associated with the presence of a cardiac murmur. This includes aortic and pulmonic stenosis.

(http://www.offa.org/cardiac_guidelines.html)

Consequently, it is recommended by the OFA that cardiac auscultation be the primary screening method for initial identification of congenital heart defects and the initial classification of dogs. Should a murmur be detected, this should then be followed by an echo-doppler examination to determine the exact cause.

The British and Australian Heart Murmur Schemes for Boxers are similar and also based on initial screening by means of auscultation.

SABOX therefore agreed unanimously that examination and certification be made a requirement for eligibility for entry in a SABOX breed survey/breed assessment.

*Unanimously **approved**, subject to removal of "DNA or tattoo".*

Proposed GR, seconded DP

Effective 01.04.2018

6.2.3. **Amendments to SABOX Constitution**

Submitted by SABOX

Clause 8.2:

Whenever a new Boxer Club is affiliated to KUSA, its membership of SABOX shall commence from the date that its affiliation has been accepted by the Federal Council of KUSA, in terms of Article 8 of the KUSA Constitution and no other formality shall be required to obtain and retain membership [~~other than that its committee at all times shall comprise of members 80% of which are past or present Boxer owners~~].

Motivation:

Unless we remove the portion in brackets, the SABOX affiliation of Natal Boxer Club could be in jeopardy as it has some committee members active in agility, not all of whom owned Boxers.

Clause 15.3.6:

At the first meeting held by SABOX in each alternate financial year, the members of SABOX shall from their number elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman who shall hold office for two years, always provided that in the event of either office bearer being unable to continue to act in such capacity during the course of his term of office, members of SABOX may elect from their number a replacement.

If at any meeting of SABOX during their two-year term of office, the Chairman and Vice Chairman are not nominated Representatives of Member Clubs, they will be entitled to attend such meeting ex officio, but shall not be entitled to a deliberative vote. The Chairman shall however be entitled at such a meeting to exercise a single casting vote in the event of the total votes cast being equally divided between those in favour of the motion and those against such motion.

Clause 15.3.7:

SABOX shall appoint a Secretary of SABOX who need not be a Representative and the Secretary shall hold appointment for such period of time as SABOX may decide. In addition to a Secretary, SABOX may appoint a Treasurer who need not be a Representative and the Treasurer shall hold appointment for such a period of time as SABOX may decide.

The Secretary and Treasurer will be entitled to attend any meeting of SABOX ex officio, but unless they are nominated Representatives of Member Clubs, they will not be entitled to vote.

Motivation: To ensure the right to equal representation of all Member Clubs at all SABOX meetings, it should be stated unequivocally in the SABOX Constitution that ONLY nominated Club Representatives should be able to vote.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed RD, seconded CB

6.2.4. **Adoption of FCI Breed Standard No 144**

Proposal:

In accordance with the minutes of the Fedco 06-2017, items 4.4.1.1.1 & 4.4.1.1.13 relating to the Tail Clauses in FCI Breed Standards, SABOX proposes that the FCI Breed Standard be accepted as the recognised Breed Standard for the Boxer breed in South Africa, provided that the proposal regarding the amendment to be carried forward under item 4.4.1.1.1 of the Minutes of Fedco 06-2017 be accepted at Fedco 12-2017.

(See under Breed Standards above)

Motivation:

The SABOX stance regarding tail docking has always been, and still is, that breeders and owners of KUSA-registered Boxers should be free to decide whether to dock, or not, and that neither docked nor undocked tails should be discriminated against. When the FCI standard was changed to no longer accommodate docked as well as undocked tails, it was decided two years ago to revert to The Kennel Club Breed Standard for Boxers which describes both docked and undocked tails.

Since changing their standard to only accommodate "natural tails" in line with the laws of Germany, the FCI has issued Circular 8/2016, which directs, in essence, that in countries where there is no restriction on the showing of docked/cropped dogs (unlike in Germany), there may be no discrimination by judges between docked and undocked, or cropped and uncropped, dogs.

Therefore, if the above proposal regarding the standards of formerly docked breeds is approved and implemented by KUSA, the principal reason for SABOX's recommendation to Fedco to adopt The Kennel Club standard will no longer exist and it was agreed by SABOX to again accept the FCI standard.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed LW, seconded JH

Effective 01.01.2018

6.3. GSD Liaison Council

- 6.3.1. **Report from the Chairman of the GSD Liaison Council** – attached to agenda.
Noted with thanks
- 6.3.2. **Registration – German Shepherd Dogs** (Fedco 12-2016 & Fedco 12-2015)
Fedco approved a proposal to legitimise German Shepherd Dog registrations 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.
Agreed unanimously to extend the grace period for a further year until 31.12.2017.
Agreed unanimously to extend the grace period until **31 May 2018** to align with the termination date of the FCI-WUSV agreement.
- 6.3.3. **Workbooks/Record Cards – German Shepherd Dogs** (Fedco 06-2016)
Fedco further agreed unanimously to grant dispensation to allow the rectification of Record Cards/Workbooks under the above criteria until 31 December 2017, after which date the current KUSA rules and regulations for Record Cards/Workbooks shall apply.
Agreed unanimously to extend the grace period until **31 May 2018** to align with the termination date of the FCI-WUSV agreement.

7. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

7.1. Establishment of a Judges Education Council (JEC)

It has been five years since the introduction of the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme and deemed an appropriate time for Fedco to reflect on the Programme's efficacy as a method of educating and training Breed Judges and, more importantly, to consider whether the interests of the Programme were optimally served by the provincial-based administrative structure, modelled on the structure devised for Working Disciplines Sub-Committees.

Fedco concluded that, given the changes witnessed in the dog-showing landscape over the past five years, and the rapidly evolving demographics, the Programme needed to keep pace in order to remain effective and relevant. Fedco further concluded that, in order to appropriately respond to dog-showing dynamics, the Programme needed to be underpinned by an administrative system that was lean, agile and nationally based.

After deliberation, and with input from all the Federal Councillors, it was unanimously **resolved** to establish a *sui generis* Council in terms of Article 3.11 of the KUSA Constitution. The members of the Council will be appointed by Fedco and comprise persons with specific skills and expertise. Reporting directly to Fedco, the Council will be known as the Judges Education Council (JEC), functioning under its own Constitution, with a broad mandate ultimately to oversee judges' education across all Disciplines and to develop KUSA's policies, codes and guidelines pertaining to its Learner and Licensed Judges.

Fedco adopted the provisional Constitution for the JEC and authorised GR & JH, the current portfolio-holders for Judges' Education, to make such refinements to the Constitution and to the organisational structure of the JEC as they deemed appropriate.

It was agreed that the establishment of JEC will obviate the need for the National Breed Judges Sub-Committee (NBJSJC) and this Sub-Committee is therefore disbanded with immediate effect. The proposed appointments to the JEC were discussed and **approved** and it was **agreed** that the appointments would be announced as soon as the JEC's organisational structure has been finalised by GR & JH.

Fedco debated the merits of the inaugural meeting of the JEC being face-to-face and **resolved** that this would be desirable and that an appropriate budget needed to be made available, utilising the funds earmarked for the disbanded NBJSC.

7.2. **Establishment of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council (FBCSA BC), uniting the existing Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa (FBCSA) and the South African Boxer Breed Council (SABOX) under KUSA**

JH and GR reported to the Federal Council:

Following protracted negotiations between the Executive of the FBCSA and a KUSA Task Team comprising JH and GR, a decision has been reached on the reunification of the Boxer breed. The FBCSA declared its intention to wind up its operations to function independently as the registered Breeders' Society and Registering Authority for Boxers under the Animal Improvement Act (AIA) and be established as a Breed Council under KUSA, replacing SABOX as from 1 April 2018. Since the FBCSA is, and will remain, the legally registered Breeders' Society for Boxers under the AIA, the new structure will be called the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council (FBCSA BC).

As per the negotiated arrangement, the FBCSA will give notice to SA Studbook that the latter's services as the FBCSA's delegated Registering Authority for Boxers will terminate on 31 March 2018. On 1 April 2018, KUSA will officially become the delegated Registering Authority of the Breeders' Society to handle and process the future registrations of Boxers.

The FBCSA-affiliated clubs will affiliate to KUSA, joining the existing KUSA-affiliated Boxer clubs as partners in the new Breed Council. Prior to the effective date of the new Breed Council, the KUSA clubs and the former FBCSA clubs will adopt uniform Club Constitutions, which will be in harmony with the Constitution of the FBCSA BC.

In the interests of a seamless transition, and in deference to the FBCSA's status as the Breeders' Society, the representation on the FBCSA BC will, for the initial term of two years plus the unexpired term of the current financial year, be (named) club-agnostic. The FBCSA BC will comprise eight Representatives, four from the ranks of the KUSA Boxer fraternity and four from the ranks of the former FBCSA Boxer fraternity. For the period in question, the eight Representatives will serve under the chairmanship of an appointee from the ranks of the former FBCSA Boxer fraternity.

Fedco expressed satisfaction with the deal the KUSA Task Team had brokered and was satisfied that reunification was in the best interests of Boxers, which was the fundamental guiding principle. Fedco appealed to the KUSA Boxer fraternity to accept and support the deal which have been brokered with the FBCSA to secure the future of Boxers under KUSA, thereby to end a frustrating period of uncertainty and vulnerability for the breed.

The following decisions were reached:

- The establishment of the FBCSA BC under KUSA on the envisaged date of 1 April 2018 is hereby **approved**.
- The proposed new Constitution for the FBCSA BC is hereby **approved**.
- The proposed new uniform Constitution for former FBCSA-affiliated clubs and KUSA-affiliated Boxer clubs is hereby **approved**.
- The adoption of the new Club Constitution by all the KUSA-affiliated Boxer clubs within the negotiated timeframe (to be confirmed by the KUSA Task Team) is hereby **directed**.
- The adoption of the new FBCSA BC Constitution by the four elected Representatives of the KUSA Boxer fraternity within the negotiated timeframe (to be advised by the KUSA Task Team) is hereby **directed**.
- As far as the appointment of the Representatives from the KUSA Boxer fraternity is concerned, it is **recommended** that serious consideration be given to regional inclusivity.

It was accepted by Fedco that the two Constitutions in question might be requisite of minor amendment prior to their adoption. Having regard for the Club Constitutions' uniformity, the approval of such minor amendments were entrusted to the discretion of JH & GR.

7.3. SAVA/KUSA HD & ED Scheme

Having surveyed the clubs for breeds that routinely screen for HD, ED, or both, it became apparent that the new scheme proposed by SAVA was unacceptable to the majority of KUSA stakeholders.

Fedco directed PM to inform SAVA that, unless it was able to devise a scheme with greater appeal, KUSA would elect to remain with the current scheme. This course of action was unanimously **approved**.

PM enquired about the destiny of the journal article received from Prof Robert Kirberger which, unfortunately, arrived too late for inclusion on Fedco Agenda. The Chairman requested Clrs Hubbard and Robinson to consider the article and for possible dissemination to targeted recipients.

7.4. Introduction of DNA Profiling (Fedco 06-2017)

In accordance with international practice, mandatory DNA profiling should be introduced for imported and exported dogs. An amendment to Schedule 2 is to be prepared for the agenda of Fedco 12-2017. With regard to the introduction of DNA profiling for dogs registered in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, breeders should, in the meantime, be encouraged to do this on a voluntary basis. It was suggested that Dr Cindy Harper of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Genetic Laboratory be requested to write an article on the current trends, merits and benefits of DNA profiling. It was further suggested that additional information should be obtained in respect of DNA profiling from imported frozen semen. To be carried forward to next agenda.

After discussion it was **agreed** that, to commence the process, DNA profiling will become a requirement for the issue of a Show Clearance Certificate or Registration Certificate of imported dogs and for the issue of a three-generation Certified Export Pedigree.

Schedule 2 amendments:

Schedule 2 Reg. 3.1.5 Remove [] Insert underlined

All imported dogs must be micro-chipped and have a standardised international marker DNA profile before acceptance for registration on any KUSA register.

Schedule 2 Reg.4.2 Remove [] Insert underlined

In the case of a mating having taken place in any country, the Canine Control Body of which is in reciprocity with or recognised by the Kennel Union, a separate mating certificate signed by the owner of the sire, veterinarian and any witness to the mating in the country of origin will be acceptable, if fully completed with the essential details of the dog (including microchip number and standardised international marker DNA profile) [and], details of the bitch and the dates of mating [and otherwise in order]. In such cases the name of the owner(s) of the sire must coincide with the registered ownership certificate issued by the foreign canine control body.

Schedule 2 Appendix E Remove [] Insert underlined

Breed Specific Requirements for imported and exported dogs

KUSA recognised breeds

A Certified Export Pedigree may only be issued to a dog that has been micro-chipped and has a standardised international marker DNA profile.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed JH, seconded CI

Effective 01.04.18

7.5. 2nd Championship Shows Surveys

The Chairman noted that some Provcos had conducted surveys on the 2nd Championship Show and

enquired whether these had rendered definitive results. The answer was a universal “no” but, broadly speaking, the following conclusions could be drawn from the exercise:

7.5.1. Exco should continue awarding 2nd Championship Show licences to clubs that request them.

7.5.2. The criteria applied for the awarding of 2nd Championship Shows should be more stringent, for instance, it should be conditional on the holding of a Non-Championship Show and on compliance with the club's undertakings in the previous year.

7.5.3. The criteria should be more leniently applied in non-populous areas, i.e. to the clubs of the FS&NCPC and EC&BPC.

The opposition of two Federal Councillors to the holding of a Non-Championship Show being considered as a condition for the awarding of a 2nd Championship Show licence in any area was noted.

After further discussion it was concluded that it was not possible to set hard and fast criteria for the awarding of 2nd Championship Show licences. Each case needed to be assessed on its own merits, taking the above points into account, but also exercising sound judgment with regard to the possible impact on other shows around the country. Applications for 2nd Championship Shows should be subject to much closer scrutiny in future and the appeal to Exco is to exercise its discretionary powers in this regard with prudence and circumspection.

7.6. **Grand Champion points earned at Specialist Clubs for a Breed with Multiple Varieties, considered to be separate breeds for purposes of Exhibition and Awards**

After discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** that the definition of Specialist Club needed to be amended to provide for Grand Champion points earned at Specialist Clubs catering for breeds with multiple varieties.

CI was charged with drafting a suitable proposal for the Agenda of Fedco 06-2018.

7.7. **Schedule 3 Regulations 14 & 19.8 – Exclusion of Dogs and Reporting Dog Aggression incidents at Shows.**

The new form devised for reporting of dog-biting incidents at shows was tabled and unanimously **approved** for immediate implementation.

It was noted that certain amendments were required to Schedule 3 Regulations 14 and 19.8 and Exco was charged with the drafting of a suitable proposal for the Agenda of Fedco 06-2018.

7.8. **Show Entry Fees (Levies) charged by KUSA for Qualifying Shows**

Since no awards were offered at Qualifying Shows, dissatisfaction had been expressed that Show Entry Fees charged by KUSA for Qualifying Shows were on a par with those charged for Championship Shows.

There was unanimous **agreement** that the Show Entry Fees for Qualifying Shows should be lowered to 50% of those charged for Championship Shows and that item 15.3 of the Subscription & Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7 should be adjusted to reflect the fee payable as R10.00 instead of R20.00.

Effective 01.04.2018

7.9. **Disaffiliation of Clubs in default of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4. of KUSA Constitution**

At Fedco 12-2015 the following was decided:

It was confirmed that any Club which had not submitted documents for three years will be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco's discretion.

This period was considered to be too lenient, since it served as no deterrent to continuous default.

After consideration, it was unanimously **resolved** to reduce the period to eighteen (18) months, commencing on the date of the Fedco meeting where the default was tabled. This means that 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.

7.10. FCI Award Certificate

The newly designed multi-purpose FCI Award Certificate providing for Awards on the reverse was tabled by CI.

There was general satisfaction that the Certificate met KUSA's requirements. Once the minor corrections have been made, it was unanimously **approved** for use as soon as printed.

7.11. Membership of KUSA for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Clubs

The Constitutions of certain Provcos provide that the official representative of a member Club on the Council will automatically be the **Chairman** of that Club, unless the Chairman is also the chairman of another Club which he/she represents, in which case the official representative will be the **Vice-Chairman** of the Club. Provco Constitutions further provide that all Club representatives, whether they serve as Representatives or Alternates, must be members of the KUSA which, by implication, means that the **Chairman** and the **Vice-Chairman** of Clubs need to be members.

It makes no sense that the Provco Constitutions require the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a Club, either acting as the Club's representative on the Council, to be members of the KUSA, yet the KUSA Constitution is silent on such requirement. Moreover, how can the two top executives in a Club be required to encourage and enforce compliance with the KUSA Constitution by others, yet they are not themselves members of KUSA?

A further factor is that every member of the Provcos' Sub-Committees is required to be a member of KUSA. Why should an ordinary member of a Sub-Committee be obliged to acquire KUSA membership, when there is no such obligation on a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a Club?

Since the Articles were out of sync with certain Provco Constitutions, it was necessary, as a matter of housekeeping, for Article 8.6.2 to be amended as follows:

Insertions underlined and deletions in [square brackets]:

8.6.2 details of every Annual General Meeting and any other Special General Meeting specifying the names of persons present and resolutions adopted, together with one copy of the annual audited accounts of income and expenditure and the Club's balance sheet shall be forwarded to the Federal Council. Minutes of Annual/Special General meetings shall be supplied within thirty (30) days of any such meeting and the copy of the audited accounts shall be supplied once in each calendar year. The Club shall ensure that the Club officials[] (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) names and contact details shall be[are] sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are members in good standing of the Kennel Union.

Unanimously **approved**.

Effective 01.02.2019

7.12. Natural Bobtail – Endorsement of Pedigrees

At Exco 09-2017, the following was agreed:

Upon receipt of a veterinary certificate, which includes the microchip number of the dog, attesting that the dog is a natural bobtail, this information will be placed on the Certificate of Registration under 'Notations'.

The above Exco directive was unanimously **approved** and it was agreed to place a Notice on the

KUSA website as requested by Exco.

7.13. **Regulating the judging of the Final (In-Show) Challenges at All-Breeds Championship Shows**

It has become increasingly common at All-Breeds Championship Shows for dogs awarded top honours (Best in Show) being beaten by another dog in a secondary In-Show Challenge. The concept of a beaten dog winning Best in Show, although not prohibited under any KUSA regulation, sticks in the throat of purists who never fail to point out that South Africa must be the only country in the world where such a practice was tolerated. Of late, there have been repeated calls from seasoned exhibitors for KUSA to “legislate” against such a scenario playing out.

Although it has happened that a judge officiating for all the In-Show Challenges either loses his/her way, or changes his/her mind, the scenario of a beaten dog winning Best in Show normally plays out where the judging of the In-Show Challenges is spread out among the panel of judges.

To substantially reduce the risk of beaten dogs winning Best in Show, it was unanimously **agreed** that a proposal should be drafted for the Agenda of Fedco 06-2018 to regulate that all In-Show Challenges at All-Breeds Championship Shows shall be judged by the same judge.

7.14. **Number of placings in Final (In-Show) Challenges**

At some shows four dogs are placed in the In-Show Challenges. Being placed 3rd or 4th best in a Final Challenge is a meaningless accomplishment and it is most unpleasant for In-Show judges to dismiss three unplaced dogs from the ring to go and figure out which dog would have been placed 5th, 6th and last. It is far preferable to place a Winner and a Reserve and be left with five dogs unplaced.

Fedco was united in the view that the practice by some clubs to expect four dogs to be placed in their In-Show Challenges was nonsensical and that the only way to spare judges the frustration, and exhibitors the embarrassment, caused by this unnecessary praxis would be to regulate against it.

It was unanimously **agreed** that a proposal should be drafted for the Agenda of Fedco 06-2018 to regulate that only two (2) dogs should be placed in all In-Show Challenges at Championship Shows.

7.15. **Colours not Recognised**

At Fedco 12-2012, it was decided that the notation “Colour not KUSA-recognised” would appear on the Registration Certificate of a dog if the colour on the registration application does not match any of the colours listed in the Breed Standard of the breed in question.

The KUSA office required guidance on double-checking, in cases of doubt, before appending the notation “Colour not KUSA-recognised” and it was decided that such cases ought to be referred to LW. The alternative was to approach Specialist Clubs with a request for a list of recognised colours for their breeds for use by the KUSA Office.

The problem of legacy data was also considered, i.e the correct and incorrect colours recorded on Registration Certificates over the years. Fedco was unanimous in the view that stricter control over the colours cited on Registration Certificates was a **prospective** procedure and that nothing could be done about incorrect legacy data.

The possibility of the recording the colours of all the dogs on a Registration Certificate in future was confirmed by PM and unanimously **approved** by Fedco.

7.16. **Affiliation Fees – Championship Show-holding Dog Training Clubs**

In the current economic climate, Championship Show-holding Dog Training Clubs were finding it increasingly difficult to sustain themselves and appealed to Fedco to review their annual Affiliation Fees.

It was noted that Championship Show-holding Dog Training Clubs paid an Affiliation Fee that was only

slightly lower than that of Championship Show-holding All-Breeds Clubs and Fedco conceded that the historical reasons for the relatively high Affiliation Fee paid by Dog Training Clubs were no longer valid.

It was unanimously **approved** that the Affiliation Fee for Championship Show-holding Dog Training Clubs must be reduced to be on a par with that charged for Championship Show-holding Specialist Breed Clubs and Specialist Disciplines Clubs. Item 13.2.5 of the Subscription & Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7 must be adjusted to reflect the fee payable as R748.00.

Effective 01.04.2018

7.17. Tax Exemption – Public Benefit Organisations (PBOs)

On 12 October 2017, PM circulated the following letter to Clubs after certain Clubs had received reminders from SARS to submit their Tax Returns:

“Clubs are reminded that they are required to submit a Tax Return (IT12EI) and Financial Statements to the South African Revenue Services (SARS) on an annual basis, even if they have been granted tax exemption by the SARS Tax Exemption Unit (TEU). In 2007 there was a change to the law governing taxation of recreational clubs, whereby recreational clubs became subject to a system of partial taxation, as opposed to automatic full exemption.

Attached, please find an article written by Professor Matthew Lester in 2007 explaining the reasons for the changes. Clubs were given a transitional period until the 30 September 2010, in order to apply for partial exemption in terms of the provisions of Section 30A (4) of the Income Tax Act of 1962.

*According to the Basic Guide to Tax Exemption for Public Benefit Organisations (PBOs), the mere fact that an organisation has a non-profit motive or is established or registered as an NPO under the NPO Act, or is established as an Not-for-Profit Company (NPC), does not mean that it automatically qualifies for preferential tax treatment, or approval as a PBO. An organisation will enjoy preferential tax treatment **only after it has applied for, and been granted, approval as a PBO** by the Commissioner, and **continues to comply with the relevant prescribed requirements**. For further information, please refer to the attached guide which may be downloaded from the SARS website. The link to the Tax Exempt Organisation page on the SARS website is <http://www.sars.gov.za/ClientSegments/Businesses/TEO/Pages/default.aspx>. Tax returns can be sent via: eFiling (to make your submission electronically, register on www.sarsefiling.co.za); Any SARS branch; Post to the TEU or a SARS branch. Photocopies/faxed copies of the IT12EI are not accepted by SARS.*

We urge you to ensure that your club complies with the tax laws that govern recreational clubs.”

It was noted that some Clubs have expressed the view that the filing of Clubs' Tax Returns was the responsibility of KUSA and not that of the Clubs. Following discussion, Fedco confirmed that, as a Voluntary Organisation, KUSA was subject to different Tax obligations. Clubs were autonomous Public Benefit Organisations, regulated separately under the Income Tax Act.

Fedco unanimously **confirmed** that PM had advised Clubs appropriately and that Tax compliance was the responsibility of the individual Clubs.

7.18. FCI Shows – Per Dog CACIB Fee in addition to KUSA Show Entry Fee

It was noted that some Clubs felt disgruntled about the so-called “double levy” on entries for an FCI Show, which was difficult to understand when this has been standard practice since FCI Shows were introduced to South Africa. It would appear that those complaining failed to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions applicable to International Shows, prior to applying for an FCI Show licence.

Fedco **confirmed** that a per dog CACIB Fee, currently €1.40, was payable in addition to the KUSA Show Entry Fee for every dog entered and it was unanimously **agreed** that the per dog CACIB Fee would in future be reflected in Euros in the Subscription & Fees document issued pursuant to Schedule 7.

7.19. Revision and harmonisation of Provincial Councils' Constitutions

The manner in which the various Provco Constitutions have evolved over the years has led to major discrepancies between them. Some Provincial Councils were subject to stricter regulation than others and some Constitutions lacked certain fundamental provisions pertaining of responsible governance.

Since Provincial Councils operate under powers delegated to them by the Fedco, it was necessary that all Provincial Councils operated under Constitutions which were not only in harmony with the KUSA Constitution, but also in harmony with each other with regard to the rights conferred, and the obligations imposed, on Council members.

Fedco unanimously **agreed** that the Chairman should appoint a team to undertake the task of reviewing and harmonising the Provincial Council Constitutions. The following persons were appointed: GR, LW and CB.

7.20. By-laws of Provincial Council Sub-Committees

It was unanimously **agreed** by Fedco that the By-laws of the Provincial Council Sub-Committees were also in need of harmonisation and, since they form Appendices to the Provco Constitutions, it was further unanimously **directed** that the task of the revision and harmonisation of the Provincial Council By-laws should also fall to the team charged with the revision of the Provco Constitutions.

7.21. Neapolitan Mastiff – Change of Breed Standard from Kennel Club to FCI

It was noted that a prominent breeder of Neapolitan Mastiffs had requested a breed standard change and it was unanimously **agreed** that a referendum should be done using the same criteria as those applied to the recent Belgian Shepherd Dog referendum.

Proposed CI, seconded CB

7.22. South African Sheepdog Association (SASDA)

PM advised the Council of the previous arrangements made with SASDA regarding registrations.

Fedco confirmed the continuance of the arrangement.

Unanimously **approved**.

Proposed JH, seconded GR

7.23. Duties of a Club Show Manager

GR informed the meeting that he had not yet had time to review the document tabled by DP and JB at Fedco 06-2017. He did, however, feel that the document should rather be subjected to the scrutiny of an experienced Show Manager.

JH informed the meeting that she might be able to convince a Show Manager of many years' experience to peruse the document and give input.

Fedco thought this to be the appropriate course of action and it was unanimously **agreed** that JH should use her best efforts to secure the consulting services of the person she had in mind.

8. AREA REPORTS FROM PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Chairmen's Annual Reports have been circulated to Fedco members and noted.

DP added that she wished everyone a wonderful Festive Season with their families and all the best for a bumper 2018.

9. GENERAL

No matters were raised.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – TO BE CONFIRMED

2018:

June 23 & 24

December 01 & 02

Confirmed.

2019:

June 29 & 30 (or June 22 & 23)

November 30 & December 01 (or December 7 & 8)

2020:

June 26 & 27 (or 20 & 21)

December 05 & 06 (or November 28 & 29)

11. **CLOSING**

RD on behalf of KZNPC wished everybody a very happy and prosperous New Year and thanked all present for all the time and effort put in.

The Vice-Chairman wished everyone a very happy festive season and the meeting closed at 12h30 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.