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

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance:

Mr CJL Griffith (Vice-Chairman in the Chair up to 3.4.1, thereafter Chairman) (Chairman – KZNPC)
Mrs JD Barrow (Chairman – EC&BPC)
Mrs JM Hubbard (Chairman – NAPC)
Mrs CM Immelman (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC)
Mr F Mostert (Vice-Chairman - FS&NCPC)
Mrs DE Powell (Chairman – WCPC)
Mr BG Robinson (Chairman – DOGSPC)
Mr DA Thompson (Chairman on leave of absence.)
Mrs L Wilson (Chairman – Exco)

Staff in Attendance:

Mrs P Midgley (General Manager)
Ms SA Thornberry (Secretary)
Mrs A Bastick (Club Affairs Dept)

Apologies: Nil

The Chairman welcomed all present and extended a special word of welcome to Clr Frikkie Mostert, Vice-Chairman of the Free State & Northern Cape Provincial Council, who was attending in the place of the Chairman, Clr Carine Buitendach.

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:

Danie Raubenheimer (W Cape), Steven Liversedge (Gauteng), Joan Booth (Gauteng), June Trautmann (Gauteng), Isla Ameels (W Cape), Ian Francini (Gauteng), Alice Roussouw (W Cape), Eleanor Stevens (W Cape), Vernon Mason (KZN) and Lorna Zetler (W Cape).

With 8 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.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 and 19 June 2016 were formally adopted and **unanimously confirmed**.

Proposed JH, seconded DP

3. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

3.1 Annual Report by the Chairman

The Chairman presented his Annual Report.

3.2 Audited Balance Sheet, Accounts and Auditors' Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2016

The above documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.

After discussion it was,

resolved, unanimously,

that the above financial statements be approved and be published with the Minutes.

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

Unanimously **approved**

Proposed GR, seconded JH

3.3 **Election of Auditor**

The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.

Resolved, unanimously,
that Sprigg Abbott Inc. be re-elected as Auditors.

Proposed LW, seconded JB

3.4 **Article 16.2.2**

3.4.1 **Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President – Article 16.2.2.1**

Nominations received for Chairman of the Federal Council:

Mr CJL Griffith

At the invitation of the Chairman, Clr Robinson assumed the Chair and, in the absence of any other nominations, declared Clr Griffith duly elected as Chairman of the Federal Council for a term of four years which, due to the exceptional circumstances, would commence immediately and conclude on 31.12.2020.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed GR, seconded JH

Clr Griffith took the Chair and thanked the members of the Federal Council for their confidence.

Nominations received for President:

Mrs DE Powell

In the absence of any other nominations, the Chairman declared Clr Powell duly elected as President of KUSA for a term of four years, concluding on 31.12.2020.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed CG, seconded FM

FCI to be notified of the change of President and to be instructed that all official communications need to be addressed to the Chairman of Fedco and sent to the KUSA Office.

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

The current incumbent, Clr CJL Griffith, retires on 31.12.2017

Following his election as Chairman, Clr Griffith stood down from this position.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the term of the previous Vice-Chairman and received a nomination for Clr J Hubbard, which was duly seconded. In the absence of further nominations, the Chairman declared Clr Hubbard duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council for the one year remainder term, concluding on 31.12.2017.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed DP, Seconded JB

3.4.3 **Election of Patron – Article 16.2.2.3**

The Chairman deemed it appropriate to call for nominations for Patron of KUSA and received the nomination of Mr GR Eva, which was duly seconded. In the absence of any other nominations, the Chairman declared Mr Eva duly elected as Patron of KUSA.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed DP, seconded JH

The Chairman of Fedco to send a letter to Mr Eva advising him of his election to the office of Patron.

3.4.4 **Election of Life Members – Article 16.2.2.3**

List of Life Members for noting:

Mrs JD Barrow

Brig Gen NJ du Preez

Mr GR Eva

Mr CJL Griffith

Mrs JM Hubbard

Mr C Huyzers

Mrs S Palmer

Mrs DE Powell

Mr BG Robinson

Mr DA Thompson

Mrs L Wilson

No further Life Members were elected.

3.4.5 Election of Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3

The following Vice-Presidents retire on 31.12.2016:

Mrs JD Barrow

Mrs S Bloomfield

Resolved, unanimously,

that Mesdames Barrow and Bloomfield be re-elected as Vice-Presidents for the ensuing four years until 31.12.2020.

Further **resolved**, unanimously,

that Mrs A Olivier be elected as a Vice-President for the ensuing four years until 31.12.2020

Proposed LW, seconded CI

3.4.6 Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3

List of current Life Vice-Presidents:

Mr GR Eva

Mr NS Kay

Mrs S Palmer

Mrs DE Powell

No further Life Vice-Presidents were elected.

3.4.7 Appeals Committee – Article 16.2.3

The Federal Council shall nominate at least three (3) members of the Federal Council, who shall act as an Appeals Committee on behalf of the Federal Council to consider any appeals lodged in terms of the Disciplinary Rules.

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

Noted and confirmed.

3.5 Loss of Affiliation – Article 9

A list of defaulting Clubs will be tabled.

Clubs disaffiliated ito Article 9.2 (failure to submit Affiliation Fees):

American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Gauteng

Dobermann Club of Northern Transvaal

Western Cape Boerboel Club

Griqualand West Bull Terrier Club

Nordlicher Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (Club closed)

Noted that Article 9.3 makes provision for application for reinstatement within 15 months.

This period will be extended for the Western Cape Boerboel Club until further notice, given the special circumstances applicable to this breed.

A list of defaulting Clubs was tabled. This included the following Clubs in respect of which it was agreed that a letter would be sent advising that, should all outstanding documents not be received by 31.03.2017, they will be disaffiliated:

Smooth Fox Terrier Club of Transvaal
SA Great Dane Association
IPO Club of KZN
Natal Border Collie Club
Natal Sporting Hound Club

Councillors to follow up with other defaulting Clubs in their areas and urge them to meet their obligations.

With regard to the submission of Show Returns, the Club Affairs Department expressed its thanks and appreciation to the majority of Clubs for sending their Returns so promptly.

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

The establishment of the CCC was formalised at the June 2016 Fedco.

Each Provco to nominate a committee member.

JH advised that she would compile a "job description" in January for such committee members.

In the meantime, the following nominees were advised:

EP&BPC - Liz Young

DOGSPC - Susan Kleijnhans

NAPC - Audrey Hauptfleisch

KZNPC, WCPC & FS&NCPC will await the "job description" before nominating.

Noted.

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

Quote from previous Minutes:

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

Clr Immelman offered to work with Clr Thompson on recommendations.

Work in progress. It was anticipated that a proposal would be ready for tabling at the June 2017 Fedco.

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

Quote from previous Minutes:

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

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

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

Clr Thompson circulated a discussion document and, after consideration and debate, it was apparent that there was insufficient support for the creation of a dormant status for Clubs.

A proposal against the creation of such a status was carried with one objection.

Proposed JH, seconded GR

3.9 The Rosemary Elliott Memorial KUSA Junior Handler Fund (REMF)

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

It was agreed to pay an amount of R34,000.00 in accordance with the funding criteria of the Fund to enable the KUSA National Junior Handler to compete at Crufts Junior Handler Competition to be held in March 2017.

Clr Robinson was requested to draft a revised Pledge in accordance with the directives of Fedco.

The decision on KUSA's annual contribution to the REMF was deferred to June 2017 Fedco to be brought in alignment with the revised fundraising period as per the Fedco directive.

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

It was agreed at the June 2016 Meeting that Dancing with Dogs be included on this agenda for consideration as a new Discipline.

Report from Clr Hubbard:

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed Regulations attached to agenda.

Resolved, unanimously, to accept as new Schedules 5R and 5S. Admin sections are to be inserted.

Proposed JH, seconded CI

Effective date 01.04.17

To be added to National Sub-Committee list.

The necessary additions to Schedule 3, etc., to be finalised at June 2017 Fedco.
To be carried forward to next agenda.

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

Report from Clr Hubbard:

The Breed Health seminar was completed and sent out to various people, including the Chairman of the NBJSC, for approval. The Chairman of the NBJSC advised by email: "Your starting point presentation has been approved by Pat de Coning, Lois Wilson, Gérard Robinson and Martin Croeser, plus June 2016 Fedco has given approval to proceed with your NAPC seminar. I am satisfied with the material and am sure the NAPC seminar will be of benefit to our Judges. Thank you for your patience and input." The presentation of the seminar has been assigned to the NAPC BJSC, which needs to set a date.

Seminar on Breed Health scheduled for 11 January 2017 and on Critique-writing for 1 February 2017.
Copy to be circulated by JH to Fedco and the KUSA Office.

Noted.

3.12 **Canine Good Citizen – suggestion for Fedco to revisit decision made at the December 2015 meeting** (Fedco 06-16 item 9.11)

The following was agreed at December 2015 Fedco:

"That Pitbulls be permitted to participate in CGC, on condition that the owners can provide proof of successful training at a recognised training club."

Proposal by NAPC discussed at June 2016 Fedco. The decision should be revisited by Fedco and re-worded insofar as there are no definitions laid down as to 'successful training' or 'proof of training' or what constitutes an 'acceptable training club/trainers'.

Following the June 2016 Fedco meeting, an NAPC Task Team was appointed comprising Deon Gerber, Rita Cook, John Swartz, Maxine Quinton and Case van Hattem.

Report:

"The Task Team first addressed the concept of KUSA-recognition of trainers in principle. Was this considered a desirable objective?

It was agreed unanimously that discussions should proceed on the basis that it should be possible for KUSA to recognise trainers.

It was further agreed that any such recognition be Club-based and Club-generated. Training courses, experience and assessments should all be set by the Club concerned.

It became clear that it would be necessary for Clubs to be able to be designated as "Training Clubs" and the proposal was that, in order for a Club to be designated as a Training Club by KUSA, it must offer training classes at least once a week.

Other definitions are:

A "qualified" trainer would be defined by the Club.

The Club would make provision for "apprentice" trainers".

Recognition as a "qualified" trainer would be by the Club and always subject to the trainer being a member in good standing of both KUSA and the Club.

Once approved in principle by the Clubs concerned, the above would be submitted for the Fedco agenda through the NAPC."

Input was required from the National Obedience Sub-Committee.

Noted – work in progress.

Report back at June 2017 Fedco.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

3.13 **Terms of Reference for Exco** (Fedco 06-16 item 9.1)

It was agreed at June 2016 Fedco to give Exco Terms of Reference (ToR). These can be substantially based on the NSC By-Laws (Clause 13.5).

CG to liaise with LW and report back.

Work in progress.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

- 3.14 **Mandatory KUSA Membership – Showing and Handling (Breed & Disciplines)** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.15)
Task Team appointed at June 2016 Fedco to prepare proposal. (Clrs Immelman, Gouws and Robinson, with input from Clr Wilson.)
See item 4.1.1 of this agenda.
- 3.15 **Judging to FCI Breed Standards at FCI Shows** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.5)
Following June 2016 Fedco, an updated official KUSA FCI Show Entry Form was produced and submitted to KUSA and has been placed on the KUSA website.
Noted.
- 3.16 **Duties of Club Show Manager**
To be allocated to a Task Team.
Task Team appointed: DP, JB (with input from Mike Dawkins)
To report back at June 2017 Fedco.
To be carried forward to next agenda.
- 3.17 **FCI International Utility Dog Workbook (IPO) - German Shepherd Dogs** (Fedco 12-15 item 3.11, Fedco 06-16 item 7.3.4)
Workbook completed and available for ordering. IPO Sub-Committees have been advised and order form issued. Workbooks should be updated by the end of the year.
Noted.
- 3.18. **Klun French Bulldog Club of the Free State** (Fedco 06-16 – item 9.16.2)
Request to change its area of operation from Free State to Gauteng and its affiliation from FS&NCPC to DOGSPC
Quote from June 2016 Fedco:
“The above Club held a SGM on 14.5.2016, at which it was agreed to amend its Constitution by changing its affiliation from FS&NCPC to DOGSPC and changing the name of the Club to reflect a different area of operation.
Exco has referred this to Fedco as it is unprecedented. Ito Article 8, Clubs are affiliated to operate within a geographical Centre. The only time Clubs have been permitted to change Provincial Councils was when Fedco granted a dispensation for a limited period following the formation of the NAPC.
A similar request from the Sasolburg Kennel Club was rejected by Fedco in 2007.
After discussion, it was decided to refer this item back to Exco. The Club must first get its affairs in order and then Exco should place a proposal on the December 2016 Fedco agenda for special consideration.”
It was confirmed at Exco 10-16 that the Club’s affairs were now in order. The matter is referred back to Fedco for consideration.
After careful consideration and, due to exceptional circumstances, it was proposed that the request be approved, on the clear understanding that this one-off permission was not to create a precedent for the future.
Approved, with one objection.
 Proposed CI, seconded FM
- 3.19. **KUSA Participation WODAC July 2017**
KUSA participation and involvement of KUSA Staff.
It was confirmed that DOGSPC and NAPC will be taking responsibility for KUSA’s presence at WODAC as well as for the KUSA Showdog of the Year 2017 Award Ceremony.
In response to a query as to why the award ceremony had been separated from the KUSA Classic, it was noted that, apart from WODAC being the biggest dog show event of the year, the points earned at the KUSA Classic counted towards the KUSA Showdog of the Year and it was therefore not practicable to make the presentation at the KUSA Classic.
Noted and agreed.

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

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.

The extension to be announced on the KUSA website and Facebook pages as soon as practicable.

(Criteria for take-on dogs to be reviewed and clarified – changes to be advised to Fedco members. The registration of dogs that has already taken place will stand.)

Clr Robinson sought clarification of the above item and was reminded of the comprehensive proposal tabled at December 2015 Fedco. At this meeting Fedco approved the requirements for accepting GSDs onto the KUSA registry, both those born before, and after, 9 November 2011, the date cited in FCI Circular 48/2011. The proposal also covers the registration of Kennel Names and the fees applicable to Membership, the registration of dogs and Kennel Names.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Any Matters Related to the Articles**

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

A Task Team was appointed at June 2016 Fedco to prepare a proposal for mandatory KUSA Membership for exhibition and handling of dogs (Breed & Disciplines).

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

The following amendment to the Articles is proposed:

12.2 **Membership**

Insert NEW:

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

Renumber the current 12.2.1 as 12.2.2

After discussion it was **resolved** not to extend the membership requirement to handlers and to exempt Specialist Club Championship Shows for Breed from the requirement, the latter exemption to be accommodated in Schedule 3.

New Article 12.2.1 will thus be amended to read:

12.2.1 Only members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter dogs in their registered ownership in any Championship Dog Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial, Field Trial or other Championship event licensed by the Kennel Union, subject to any additional provisions contained in Schedule 3 Regulation 7.

The corresponding amendments to Schedule 3 were **approved**:

Schedule 3 Regulation 7 – Entry for Exhibition

Insert the following at the beginning of Regulation 7:

Only Members of the Kennel Union shall be entitled to enter dogs in their registered ownership in any Championship Dog Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial, Field Trial or other Championship event,

licensed by the Kennel Union, save for Breed Classes offered at Specialist Club Championship Shows, where entries will also be open to non-members. All Entries shall be submitted...

Schedule 3 Regulation 42 – CHAMPION DOGS

Insert underlined.

42. CHAMPION DOGS

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

Effective 01.02.18

Proposed JH, seconded FM

It was further **agreed**, unanimously, that the Membership Entrance Fee be waived from 01.1.2017 to 01.02.18.

The Show Entry Form to be amended to reflect the membership requirement for registered owners, with Breed Classes at Specialist Clubs Shows excepted.

4.2 Any Items Relating to Disciplinary Matters – Schedule 1

4.2.1 Disciplinary Sub-Committee (Exco)

For noting:

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

Case 01-2016

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

Case 02-2016

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

Case 03-2016

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

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

Noted.

Confirmed that NAPC Clr NJ du Preez will be requested to continue as Legal Adviser and that a letter to this effect will be sent to him by the Chairman.

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

4.3.1 Appendix Register / Development Register (Fedco 05-2013 item 4.4.4; Fedco 12-2013 item 4.3.5; Fedco 12-14 item 4.3.1; Fedco 06-15 item 4.3.1; Fedco 12-15 item 4.3.1, Fedco 06-16 item 4.3.1)

At the June meeting, Clrs Wilson, Hubbard and Mrs Midgley gave explanations of the work and research done thus far on the KUSA Appendix Registers and Emerging Breeds Register in order for these registers to be compliant with international standards.

A proposal was circulated with explanation from Clr Hubbard:

Amendments to Schedule 2 Regulation 1.

~~[Delete words in brackets]~~ Insert words underlined.

Schedule 2

1. The Kennel Union shall maintain a Primary Breed Register ~~[breed register]~~ for each pure breed of dog recognised by it and a dog shall be deemed to be of the breed named in the breed register in which it is entered or eligible for entry.
- 1.1 The Kennel Union may also accept for registration, subject to such terms and conditions as the Federal Council may stipulate from time to time:
 - 1.1.1 In Appendix Registers, dogs of recognised or provisionally recognised breeds which have complete or incomplete pedigrees/ancestry of which acceptable records exist and has been evaluated as specified in Regulations 1.1.1.1, 1.1.1.2 & 1.1.1.3 below and deemed to be true to breed type:
 - ~~[1.1.1]~~ 1.1.1.1 In [Breed Registers] Appendix Breed Register Level 1 (one), imported dogs of pure breeds not recognised in terms of Regulation 1 hereof which have been imported from countries where there are no clubs with which the Kennel Union has reciprocal arrangements, or which have no registration system, but in respect of which dogs acceptable pedigree records exist, and the progeny of such dogs. A dog registered in this register may be entered in Breed Classes at Non-Championship Shows & Championship Shows with awards. Dogs on this register are not eligible for Breed Championship status. A dog entered in the Appendix Breed Register Level 1 (one) may compete in other licensed Disciplines events with awards.
 - ~~[1.1.2]~~ 1.1.1.2 In [Development Registers] Appendix Breed Register Level 2 (two), dogs bred in the KUSA area of jurisdiction of known [impure] breeding and dogs claimed to be of pure breeding of a breed which is not recognised in terms of Regulation 1 hereof in respect of which dogs acceptable records exist, and the progeny of such dogs. A dog registered in this register may be entered in Breed Classes at Non-Championship and Championship Shows with awards. Dogs on this register are not eligible for Breed Championship status. A dog entered in the [Development] Appendix Breed Register Level 2 (two) may compete in other licensed Disciplines events with awards.
 - 1.1.1.3 In Appendix Breed Register Level 3 (three), dogs bred in the KUSA area of jurisdiction where the ancestry is unknown to KUSA and unverifiable by KUSA. Dogs with a complete or incomplete Registration Certificate issued by a local registry not recognised by KUSA but deemed to be of pure breeding. A dog registered in this register may be entered in Breed Classes at Non-Championship Shows. A dog entered in the Appendix Breed Register Level 3 (three) may compete in other licensed Disciplines events with awards.
 - 1.2.2 In the Emerging Breed Register, application for registration will only be accepted if the dog has been positively identified via DNA profiling and parentage has been verified via DNA parentage verification and the dog is microchipped. A dog registered in this register may be entered in Breed Classes at Non-Championship Shows. They are eligible to enter and compete for awards at any other KUSA-licensed events, unless ineligible to do so in terms of the specific Regulations in any Schedule.
 - 1.1.3 In an Obedience and Trial Dogs Record, dogs of any ancestry: Dogs on this record are not eligible to compete in any Breed (conformation/beauty) Show, Field Trial or IPO Annual Event (Meisterschaft) held under a Kennel Union licence.
 - 1.1.4 In a Field Trial Register: Confined to Pointers and Setters, only eligible for entry to Field Trials.
 - ~~[1.1.5] A Foundation Stock Register for emerging breeds, the names of which shall be listed in Appendix 'D' to this Schedule. Dogs on this Register may enter and compete in Breed (Conformation) only in Foundation Classes at Non-Championship Shows. They are eligible to enter and compete for awards at any other KUSA licensed events unless ineligible to do so in terms of the specific Regulations in any Schedule.]~~

~~[1.1.6 Subject to the provisions of this regulation no dog shall be entered in any Breed Register unless each of its parents is entered in that register or in the corresponding register kept by a club with which the Kennel Union has a reciprocal agreement or a club which the Kennel Union has recognised or with which the Kennel Union has made special arrangements.]~~

Renumber existing 1.1.6.1 as 1.1.5

Renumber existing 1.1.7 as 1.1.6

Renumber existing 1.1.8 as 1.1.7

Schedule 2 Appendix A - Recognised Breeds

Lists the breeds within each of the 7 Groups recognised by KUSA.

Included is a Group listed as Emerging Breeds under which the AfriCanis appears.

Delete [Emerging Breeds Africanis]

Schedule 2 Appendix D

This is currently the Foundation Stock Register under which there are no breeds listed.

Appendix D to be changed to Emerging Breeds Register – AfriCanis to be included here.

Schedule 2 Appendix F

This Appendix is currently for 'Emerging Breeds – Biewer Terriers'

Biewer Terrier registration requirements in respect of compulsory DNA profiling and DNA parentage verification to be added to **Schedule 2 Appendix C – Breed Specific Registration Requirements**.

Appendix F becomes VOID.

Schedule 2 Appendix C

Insert the following:

8. Biewer Terriers

8.1 Must be positively identified via DNA profiling and parentage.

Verification by a laboratory that is a member of the International Society of Animal Genetics (ISAG). The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University of Pretoria at Onderstepoort (OPVGL) is currently the only laboratory in South Africa that is a member of ISAG from which DNA Typing Certificates will be accepted for locally bred Biewer Terrier registrations. Microchip number must also appear on DNA Typing Certificate.

8.2 In the case of Biewer Terriers that are imported, DNA material will be required to be submitted to OPVGL for the issuing of a DNA Typing Certificate which must reflect the dog's microchip number, DNA Profile Number and DNA ID Number. Applications for registration of an imported Biewer Terrier will only be accepted if the required DNA Typing Certificate is attached to the KUSA Registration Application Form.

8.3 All Certificates of Registration issued to Biewer Terriers registered or re-registered with the Kennel Union must bear the DNA Profile Number and DNA ID Number of the dog.

Schedule 4 Appendix B – Definition of Classes

~~[Development and Foundation Classes]~~ Emerging Breed Classes to be held only for those breeds listed in ~~[either the Development Register, or Foundation Stock Register]~~ the Emerging Breed Register (Schedule 2, ~~[Regulations for Classification, Registration and Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs]~~ Appendix "D").

~~[Development Minor Puppy~~ (DMP) ~~for dogs of six (6) and under nine (9) months of age on the first day of the Show]~~

[Development Puppy (DPU) for dogs of nine (9) and under twelve (12) months of age on the first day of the Show]

[Development Junior	(DJU) for dogs of twelve (12) and under eighteen (18) months of age on the first day of the Show]
[Development Graduate	(DGR) for dogs of eighteen (18) and under twenty-four (24) months of age on the first day of the Show]
[Development Open	(DOP) for dogs of any age in the particular Development Register]
<u>Emerging Baby Puppy</u>	(EBP) for dogs of four (4) and under six (6) months of age on the day of the Show
[Foundation] <u>Emerging</u> Minor Puppy	(EMP) for dogs of six (6) and under nine (9) months of age on The first day of the Show
[Foundation] <u>Emerging</u> Puppy	(EPU) for dogs of nine (9) and under twelve (12) months of age on the first day of the Show
[Foundation] <u>Emerging</u> Junior	(EJU) for dogs of twelve (12) and under eighteen (18) months of age on the first day of the Show
[Foundation] <u>Emerging</u> Graduate	(EGR) for dogs of eighteen (18) and under twenty-four (24) months of age on the first day of the Show
[Foundation] <u>Emerging</u> Open	(EOP) for dogs of any age in the particular [Foundation Stock] <u>Emerging Breed</u> Register

It was agreed to accept the above proposal as a foundation document, which may be varied from time to time. It was **approved** in principle, subject to input from the KUSA Office and other Councillors
Proposed JH, seconded GR
Unanimously supported.
Effective 01.05.2017

Fedco agrees that DNA samples submitted to laboratories for DNA profiling do not have to be submitted via FTA sample kits only. Buccal swabs and EDTA blood samples are also acceptable. This also applies to Biewer Terriers.

App C and F of Schedule 2 to be addressed at the June 2017 Fedco meeting.
To be carried forward to next agenda.

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

Exco Proposal:

ARC requirements are recorded on the relevant Breed Standards.

Proposed to recommend the following to Fedco:

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

The word “tattoo” to be removed from Regulation 4.10.1.1.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed LW, seconded JH
Effective 01.04.17

4.4 **Any Matters Relating to Breed Standards**

(Please note that the wording, at the start and end of the Breed Standards, as agreed to at June 2015 Fedco, will be added to all the Breed Standards.)

4.4.1 **Amendments to FCI Breed Standards:**

4.4.1.1 **Herding Group –FCI amendments**

4.4.1.1.1 **Anatolian Shepherd Dog**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Accepted.

4.4.1.1.2 **Australian Kelpie**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.3 **Australian Shepherd**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.4 **Beauce Sheep Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Beauceron
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.5 **Bouvier des Flandres**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.6 **Cane Da Pastore Bergamasco**
Revised FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Bergamasco Shepherd Dog.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.7 **Dutch Shepherd Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.8 **Finnish Lapponian Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Finnish Lapphund.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.9 **Komondor**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.10 **Kuvasz**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Hungarian Kuvasz.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.11 **Mudi**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.12 **Norwegian Buhund**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.13 **Picardy Sheepdog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Berger Picard.
Accepted.

4.4.1.1.14 **Swedish Vallhund, Vizigothic Spitz**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Swedish Vallhund.

Accepted.

- 4.4.1.1.15 **White Swiss Shepherd Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2 **Working Group – FCI amendments**
4.4.1.2.1 **Appenzell Cattle Dog**
Revised FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Appenzeller.
Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2.2 **Bernese Mountain Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2.3 **Caucasian Shepherd Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2.4 **Central Asia Shepherd Dog**
Revised FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda
The Breed Standard will include the wording in Italics, below.
“Note: CROPPED EARS - Schedule 2 Regulation 7
Any dog with cropped ears born within the jurisdiction of the KUSA, imported into it and cropped within it, shall not be registered or recorded by the Kennel Union and if any such dog is registered or recorded in contravention of this Regulation, upon discovery, its registration or recording shall be cancelled.
7.1 Any dog with ears cropped before importation into the KUSA area of jurisdiction is not eligible for competition at any Kennel Union event. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without permission in writing from the publisher. The publisher of this edition is the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.”
Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2.5 **Dobermann**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Further information was required to support objections to the amendments.
To be carried forward to next agenda.

- 4.4.1.2.6 **Dogo Argentino**
Revised FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda.
The Breed Standard will include the wording in Italics, below
“Note: CROPPED EARS - Schedule 2 Regulation 7
Any dog with cropped ears born within the jurisdiction of the KUSA, imported into it and cropped within it, shall not be registered or recorded by the Kennel Union and if any such dog is registered or recorded in contravention of this Regulation, upon discovery, its registration or recording shall be cancelled.
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Accepted.

- 4.4.1.2.7 **Dogo Canario**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.1.2.8 **Fila Brasileiro**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
 Deferred due to notification from FCI of further amendments.
To be carried forward to next agenda.
- 4.4.1.2.9 **German Pinscher**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change from Pinscher.
Accepted.
- 4.4.1.2.10 **Saint Bernard**
Revised FCI Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.2 **Amendments to Kennel Club Breed Standards:**
- 4.4.2.1 **Herding Group**
- 4.4.2.1.1 **Australian Cattle Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.2 **Bearded Collie**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.3 **Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael)**
- 4.4.2.1.4 **Belgian Shepherd Dog (Laekenois)**
- 4.4.2.1.5 **Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois)**
- 4.4.2.1.6 **Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)**
Revised Breed Standards attached to agenda.
Belgian Shepherds have separate Breed Standards.
Not accepted. See item 4.4.11 below regarding request to adopt the FCI Breed Standard for Belgian Shepherd dogs.
- 4.4.2.1.7 **Border Collie**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.8 **Briard**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.9 **Collie (Rough)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.10 **Collie (Smooth)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.
- 4.4.2.1.11 **Lancashire Heeler**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.12. **Maremma Sheepdog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.13 **Old English Sheepdog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.14 **Polish Lowland Sheepdog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.15 **Pyrenean Sheepdog Long-haired**
Please note that there has been a request to change the Breed Standard from The Kennel Club (UK) to the FCI. The country of origin is France.
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Please note name change
Refer to item 4.4.10 below regarding the adoption of FCI Breed Standard.

4.4.2.1.16 **Samoyed**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.17 **Shetland Sheepdog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.18 **Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.1.19 **Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.
Accepted.

4.4.2.2 **Working Group**

4.4.2.2.1 **Bullmastiff**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Objections to amendments received from both Bullmastiff Clubs. The Clubs to be requested to consult with the parent Club in the UK and to report back to Fedco with the reasons for their objections, after which the amendments, and the reasons for them, will be considered again.
To be carried forward to next agenda.

4.4.2.2.2 **Greenland Dog**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Please note name change from Eskimo Dog.
Accepted.

4.4.2.3 **Hound Group**

4.4.2.3.1 **Borzoï**
Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda
Refer to item 4.4.8 Borzoï Breed Standard Referendum – adoption of FCI Breed Standard.

Change of name to Borzoi Russian Hunting Sighthound.

4.4.3 **Amendments to AKC Breed Standards:**

4.4.3.1 **Herding Group**

4.4.3.1.1 **Miniature American Shepherd**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Please note that conversions of inches into centimetres is required throughout the document.

Accepted.

4.4.3.2 **Working Group**

4.4.3.2.1 **Alaskan Malamute**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Accepted.

4.4.4 **Amendments to Canadian Kennel Club Breed Standard**

4.4.4.1 **Working Group**

4.4.4.1.1 **Canadian Eskimo Dog**

Revised Breed Standard attached to agenda.

Accepted.

4.4.5 **Change of Breed Standard from the ANKC to The Kennel Club**

4.4.5.1 **Herding Group**

4.4.5.1.1. **Turkish Kangal Dog**

*Change of Breed Standard from Australian National Kennel Council to The Kennel Club
(Breed not recognised by FCI)*

Please note name change from Kangal Dog.

(This Breed Standard no longer exists on the Australian National Kennel Council site; it has been incorporated into the Anatolian Shepherd Dog.)

4.4.6 **Amendments to Kennel Club Breed Standards:**

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

Insert words underlined:

4.4.6.1 **Borzoi**

Colour Any colour acceptable, with the exception of merle.

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

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

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

Accepted.

4.4.6.3 **Lowchen** (Little Lion Dog)

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

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

Accepted.

4.4.6.4 **Pekingese**

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

Accepted.

4.4.6.5 **Shih Tzu**

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

Accepted.

4.4.6.6 **Tibetan Spaniel**

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

Accepted.

Agreed that, should any applications for registration for those breeds listed under item 4.4.6 above be received by KUSA where the colour is given as 'merle', it will be recorded as 'colour not KUSA-recognised'.

Unless otherwise indicated, the amendments to the Breed Standards listed above were **accepted unanimously**.

Proposed LW, seconded JH.

Effective 01.02.17

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

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

Noted.

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

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

Result:

In accordance with the above, a voting paper, motivation and copies of the current and FCI Breed Standards were sent to 14 owners and breeders of Borzoïs on 09.9.2016.

Replies were requested by 07.11.2016.

Of the eight (8) responses received, there were five (5) votes in support of adopting the FCI Breed Standard and three (3) votes against.

Agreed, unanimously, to accept the result of referendum and the adoption of the FCI Breed Standard.

Proposed JH, seconded GR

Note change of name to Borzoï Russian Hunting Sighthound.

4.4.9 **Protocol for change of origin of Breed Standards** (Fedco 12-15 item 11.14, Fedco 06-16)

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

Discussion – work in progress.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

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

Proposal NAPC

Owners of this breed have requested to change the Breed Standard, presently The Kennel Club, to the FCI Breed Standard. The country of origin of the breed is France. There is no Breed Club in South Africa for this breed and only four breeders/owners are recorded on the KUSA system.

Letters have been received from all the breeders/owners confirming that they wish the FCI Breed Standard to be adopted.

Unanimously resolved to adopt the FCI Breed Standard.

Proposed JH, seconded LW

4.4.11 **Belgian Shepherd Dog – request to change to FCI Breed Standard**

Referendum to be conducted on same terms and conditions as those set for the Borzoï.

Clr Hubbard also advised that the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club was opposed to the changes to The Kennel Club Breed Standard which now reflects the four varieties as separate standards. The Club would like to retain the previous standard until such time as their referendum is complete to switch to the FCI standard.

The request was **unanimously** supported.

Proposed JH, seconded DP

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

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

4.5.1.1 Annual Report from Convener – attached.

Noted with thanks.

4.5.1.2 Annual Report from Examiner & Curriculum Developer – attached.

Library of online seminars and worksheets – budget to be requested.

The hard work of Mrs Gael Morison, Ms Joy McFarlane and the other members of the NBJS was acknowledged with thanks and appreciation. Cognisance was taken of the 100% pass rate achieved in the November exams, which was commendable by any standards.

It was noted that Ms McFarlane was working on the criteria for qualification for breed specialisation courses and exams.

4.5.2 NBJS Proposed amendments to Schedule 10

Delete words in [square brackets], insert words underlined

Schedule 10 – Appendix 1:

4.5.2.1 2.4 EVALUATIONS

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

Motivation:

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

The NAPC made a suggestion here that, instead of leaving this open-ended, a time-limit should be set for writing the final exam, taking it to 3 years (6 exam opportunities).

This counter-suggestion was not supported.

The proposal by NBJS was **approved** unanimously.

Proposed GR, seconded JB

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

Schedule 10:

4.5.2.2 3.1.3 Level 3. Provisional Judge

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

of breed specialisation, or at least eight breeds within a group, in the case of a group study, has been fulfilled, after which the Kennel Union will register the Judge as a Licensed Judge.

3.1.3.2. A Provisional Judge is permitted to award Challenge Certificates.

3.1.3.3. A Provisional Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions, but only on completion of a Championship Show appointment will he/she be registered as a Licensed Judge. (See Reg. 3.1.3.1 & 5).

Schedule 10, Appendix 1:

4.5.2.3 3. Level 3. Provisional Judge

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 or group has been fulfilled, after which the Kennel Union will register the Judge as a Licensed Judge.

3.2. A Provisional Judge is permitted to award Challenge Certificates.

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

Motivation:

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

The above amendments at 4.5.2.2 and 4.5.2.3 were **approved** unanimously.

Proposed JH, seconded DP

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

Schedule 10:

4.5.2.4 3.1.4. Level 4. Licensed Judge

3.1.4.1. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award 'Certificat d' Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté' (CACIBs) in South Africa and will be registered as a Licensed Judge. A Licensed Judge may only accept appointments to award CACIBs at a show outside of South Africa that is scheduled after the conclusion of two years since the Judge gained Level 4 status for that group or section of breeds.

3.1.4.2. A Licensed Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.

[3.1.4.3. If the Licensed Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for that group or breed. (See Reg. 6.)]

3.1.4.[4]3. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Reg. 5).

Schedule 10, Appendix 1:

4.5.2.5 4. LEVEL 4: LICENSED JUDGE

4.1. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award 'Certificat d' aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté' – CACIBs. (See Schedule 10, Reg. 3)

4.2. A Licensed Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.

4.3. If the Licensed Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for that group or breed. (See Schedule 10, Reg. 6.)

4.4. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Schedule 10, Reg. 5)

Motivation & Comment:

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

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

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

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

The above amendments at 4.5.2.4 and 4.5.2.5 were **approved** unanimously.

Proposed LW, seconded CI

Effective 01.04.2017. May be implemented immediately.

4.5.2.6 4. Junior Showmanship Judge Qualifications and Licensing

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

4.1.1. *Junior Handlers*

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

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

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

4.1.2. *Provisional or Licensed Judges*

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

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

Motivation:

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

Approved unanimously.

Proposed JH, seconded LW

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

4.5.2.7 5. Judging Restrictions

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

- 5.1.1. *Between two Non-Championship Shows in the same province*: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in the same province**
- 5.1.2. *Between two Non-Championship Shows in different provinces*: there is no time restriction between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in different provinces*, provided that approval from both Show-holding clubs is gained if the appointments fall within 1 month of each other.*
- 5.1.3. *Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Shows and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province**
- 5.1.4. *Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in different provinces*: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in a different province**
- 5.1.5. *Between two Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province**
- 5.1.6. *Between Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Shows, in any province*: a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows; a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows and all-breeds Qualifying or Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first; a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows and all-breeds Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first; a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows; and a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Non-Championship Shows[, in any province].*
- 5.1.7. *All scheduled breed events held under 5E are excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6.*
- 5.1.8. *Judging in Namibia is excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6. (Note: * refers to judging clearance areas as defined by the Kennel Union, namely: Eastern Cape and Border, Free State and Northern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Boland. Clubs under the control of DOGSPC and NAPC are regarded as falling in one province for the purpose of clearing judges 5.2. Judges are required to be aware of these restrictions when offered appointments at both Non-Championship and Championship Show level and should check appointments already accepted before accepting another appointment.*

Motivation

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

Approved unanimously.

Proposed GR, seconded CG

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

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

Quote from previous Minutes:

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

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

Proposed amendments to Schedule 3 and Schedule 4:

Schedule 3 – insert new 3.6:

- 3.6 *The applicant Club may make a decision to lend a licence to the organisers of the event, in which case that organising committee will be held responsible under Regulation 3 and Sub-Regulations 3.1 to and including 3.5 above. An agreement between the two parties must be submitted, together with the application for the licence from the applicant Club on a form specified by the Kennel Union Office.*

Schedule 4:

- 3.5 *The applicant Club may make a decision to lend a licence to the organisers of the event, in which case that organising committee will be held responsible under Regulation 3 and Sub-Regulations 3.1 to and including 3.4 above. An agreement between the two parties must be submitted, together with the application for the licence from the applicant Club on a form specified by the Kennel Union Office.*

A proposed application form was attached to the agenda.

Approved unanimously.

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

Proposed LW, seconded FM

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

Exco proposal will be tabled, if available.

Deferred.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

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

Amendments to the above regulations (set out on the agenda) were approved at the June 2016 Fedco Meeting.

The above amendments to Schedule 3 were rescinded and it was **agreed unanimously** that the fitness requirements be incorporated into the Judges' Contract.

Revised contract **approved**, without objection, subject to minor editing.

Proposed DP, seconded LW

Effective as soon as the new Judges' Contract is ready for offering.

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

A proposal to harmonise requirements for Champion Status was set out on the agenda.

After discussion this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

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

Housekeeping:

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

Insert NEW:

42.3.6 *Working Utility Dog (WUD) Champion*

42.3.6.1

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

42.3.6.2

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

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

Insert NEW

42.8 Flyball Champion

42.8.1

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

42.8.2

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

42.8.3

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

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

Approved, unanimously.

Proposed JH, seconded JB

Effective 01.04.17. May be implemented immediately.

NOTE:

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

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

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

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

Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chairman gave the Councillors the opportunity to recount their Councils' views and suggestions, which proved not only multifarious, but also diverse and contradictory.

The Chairman reminded Fedco that it had been thirteen years since the introduction of a Grand Champion title was first mooted. Over the years, all attempts to get the title introduced had failed because the various Provcos were unable to reach consensus, not only with each other, but also within the Councils. With a Grand Champion title having the near universal support of the dog-showing fraternity, the inability of Fedco to meet their expectations was not only proving frustrating for the dog-showing community, but also for Fedco.

The Chairman made it clear that the only sensible way forward on this matter was for Fedco to reach a compromise decision on the criteria for a Grand Champion title. Fedco had a fiduciary responsibility towards an appreciable proportion of the KUSA membership and those who support KUSA shows to find a way out of what has become a permanent and impenetrable impasse.

After a lengthy debate the following revised proposal was approved:

Delete words in [brackets], insert words underlined.

Schedule 3 Regulation 42 Champion Dogs

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

42.1 Breed

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

42.1.1.1 not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one Centre,

- 42.1.1.2 at least one (1) point was gained after the dog was eighteen (18) months of age,
 42.1.1.3 the balance of the points was awarded after the dog was nine (9) months of age,
 42.1.1.4 the above condition shall apply to all Breeds with the exception of those Breeds for which special additional qualifications are required in respect of working tests, special judging, age limitation and any other qualifications agreed by the Executive Committee and more specifically detailed at Appendix I to this [Article] Schedule. The details of Appendix I may from time to time be added to, suspended, revoked or amended by the Federal Council.
- 42.1.2 The Federal Council may award the title of breed Grand Champion to any dog on the full Breed Register of the Kennel Union or any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA which has won, a total of at least fifty (50) points as per Appendix 2, provided that:
- 42.1.2.1 the dog is a KUSA Breed Champion of record.
42.1.2.2 not more than fifteen (15) of the minimum fifty (50) points were awarded by one (1) Judge.
42.1.2.3 points were gained in at least three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa or two (2) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia.
42.1.2.4 only awards gained after 1 January 2012 shall count for points towards this title.
42.1.2.5 a maximum of forty (40) points won before 1 February 2017 shall count towards the title.
- 42.1.[5]3 The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a Champion or Grand Champion Certificate, as the case may be, to the owner of every [Champion] dog qualifying for each such award under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.
- 42.1.[6]4 Any dog which has achieved any type of Championship Status as described in this Regulation 42, or under any Schedule forming part of this Constitution, shall not be described as such until the Federal Council or Executive Committee has confirmed the appropriate award and the relevant Championship Certificate has been issued, notice of which shall thereafter be published in the official Kennel Union Journal.

APPENDIX 2

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

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

BREED-BASED POINTS:

<u>First place in the Champions Class</u>	<u>(after 1 February, 2017)</u>	<u>1 point</u>
<u>Best of Breed</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>2 points</u>
<u>Best of Breed at Specialist Club Show</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>3 points</u>

BONUS POINTS:

<u>Best in Group</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>2 points</u>
<u>All Breeds Club Best in Show</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>2 points</u>
<u>All Breeds Club Reserve Best in Show</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>1 point</u>
<u>Group Club Best in Show</u>	<u>(after 1 January 2012)</u>	<u>2 points</u>

Points earned at any one show will be cumulative.

Note:

Group Club is defined as follows in Article 2:

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

Therefore, a Best in Show win at a Club such as Celtic Breeds or Short-Legged Terrier would earn the winner 2 points towards the title. Best in Show at a Working & Herding Show would also earn 2 points.

Specialist Club is defined as follows in Article 2:

*"Specialist Club" means a Club, the objects of which include a welfare of, interest in, breeding of a recognised specific single pure breed of dog which may include facilities for training of such dogs, in accordance with training tests approved for the breed, hold Breed Shows in terms of this Constitution, provide information on breeding and rearing such dogs and generally promote the Breed through Club activities in bringing breeders, members and other interested parties together to encourage interest and involvement in Club affairs to the betterment of the Breed concerned.

* Clubs for breeds with multiple varieties deemed to be separate breeds, e.g. Dachshunds, Poodles, Weimaraners, are considered to be Specialist Clubs.

Approved unanimously, and subject to review after one year

Proposed CG, seconded LW

Effective 01.04.17

New certificate required.

To be followed up at Fedco 12-17 with a proposal for Supreme Champion.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

4.5.9 **Schedule 3A – Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows** (Exco 09-16 item 10.1, Exco 10-16 item 3.9.2)

Exco proposal:

Proposed amendments attached to agenda. These are to bring the Schedule in line with FCI Regulations.

Approved subject to insertion of point 2 at the end of the document with regard to Best of Breed where Junior and Veteran Classes are compulsory.

Unanimously supported.

Proposed LW, seconded JH

Effective 01.04.17

5. **WORKING DISCIPLINES**

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

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

Accepted with thanks.

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

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

Accepted with thanks.

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

3.17 Working Requirements

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

3.17.1 *Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work.*

3.17.2 *Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired.*

3.17.3 *Commands and/or signals during "Stay" exercises are not allowed.*

3.17.4 *In the "Finish" the dog may proceed to the "Working Side" direct or around the handler.*

3.17.5 *Dogs must not anticipate commands.*

3.17.6 Competitors are not allowed to be in sight during:

3.17.6.1 Placement of articles for Elementary Search (Beginners CD & CD), Controlled Search TDI – PD & Veterans

3.17.6.2 Placement of the Search & Locate article TD3 and the Hidden Person PD

3.17.6.3 Laying of tracks TDI – PD & Veterans

3.17.7 Competitors are not allowed to watch the exercises being executed in 3.17.6.1; 3.17.6.2 3.17.6.3 above, unless they have completed the exercises themselves.

3.17.8 Competitors caught infringing the above will be disqualified from further competition.

Motivation:

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

4. SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR WORKING TRIALS

4.2 COMPANION DOG

Maximum marks 100

Minimum qualifying marks 80

Eligibility

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

Motivation:

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

4.5.6 SEARCH & IDENTIFY ARTICLE,

35 marks (article **MUST** be found to qualify).

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

Search 20 marks

Finding article 10 marks

Barking 5 marks

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

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

The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines.

Motivation:

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

Reg 4.5.6 (cont.)

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

Motivation:

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

Reg 4.5.6 (cont.)

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

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

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

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

The article may not consist predominantly of metal.

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

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

Motivation:

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

Approved unanimously.

Proposed JB, seconded DP

Effective 01.04.17

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

5.3.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

Report circulated at meeting and accepted with thanks.

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

The above revised Schedule was approved (effective 01.02.17) at the June 2016 Fedco meeting, subject to amendment to Clause 4.2.1, which was to be finalised at this meeting. We have since been advised that Clause 4.2.1 will remain as is.

To be changed to:

4.2.1 "The minimum number of participants is four handlers."

Approved unanimously.

Proposed JH, seconded FM

Effective 01.02.17

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

5.4.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

There is no Convener for this Discipline.

5.5 Working Utility Dog – Schedule 5B (4)

5.5.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

Report included with Working Trials.

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

1.5.3 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

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

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

Motivation:

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

Note:

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

3.17 Working Requirements

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

3.17.1 Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work.

3.17.2 Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired.

3.17.3 Commands and/or signals during “Stay” exercises are not allowed.

3.17.4 In the “Finish” the dog may proceed to the “Working Side” direct or around the handler.

3.17.5 Dogs must not anticipate commands.

3.17.6 Competitors are not allowed to be in sight during:

3.17.6.1 Placement of articles for Controlled Search

3.17.6.2 Placement of the Search & Locate article

3.17.7 Competitors are not allowed to watch the exercises being executed in 3.17.6.1 & 3.17.6.2 above, unless they have completed the exercises themselves.

3.17.8 Competitors caught infringing the above will be disqualified from further competition.

Motivation:

Working Utility Dog is centred around the bond and working relationship between handler and dog. The handlers’ not knowing where the articles are tests this relationship and is an integral part of the test. The insertion of this clause assists in applying the rule.

4.1.8 CONTROLLED SEARCH 30 marks

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

Motivation:

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

4.1.9 SEARCH & IDENTIFY ARTICLE,

35 marks (article **MUST** be found to qualify).

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

Search 20 marks

Finding article 10 marks

Barking 5 marks

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

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

The article may be placed anywhere within the boundary lines.

Motivation:

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

Reg 4.1.9 (cont.)

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

Motivation:

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

Reg 4.1.9 (cont.)

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

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

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

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

The article may not consist predominantly of metal.

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

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

Motivation:

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

Approved unanimously.

Proposed JB, seconded DP

Effective 01.04.17

5.6 Field Trials – Schedule 5C

5.6.1 Report from the FTLC – attached to agenda..

Accepted with thanks. Congratulations and thanks to FTLC for its sterling work.

5.7 Dog Jumping – Schedule 5D

5.7.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener - nil

Convener to be instructed to submit a report.

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

Proposed amendments submitted by NSC were attached to the agenda.

Approved unanimously.

Proposed FM, seconded JB
Effective 01.04.17

5.8 **Schedule 5E – Regulations for Special Events**

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

Proposal by NAPC:

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

Clause 5 Qualifications for Entry

Insert NEW:

5.5 Working Trials – Working Utility Dog

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

Renumber the remainder of Clause 5.

Clause 9 Determination of Winners

Insert NEW:

9.2.4 Working Trials – Working Utility Dog

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

Renumber the remainder of Clause 9.

Clause 13 Prizes and Awards – 13.3 Working Trials

Insert NEW:

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

Approved unanimously

Proposed JH, seconded CI

Effective 01.04.17

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

Proposed by DOGSPC:

8. JUDGES

Insert NEW:

8.1.5

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

Insert words underlined:

8.6

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

An objection from the Western Province Bull Terrier Club was noted.

Approved, with one objection

Proposed GR, seconded CI

Effective 01.04.17

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

Regulation 10 – General Conditions

Amend 10.4:

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

Approved unanimously

Proposed CI, seconded JB

Effective 01.04.17

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

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

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

Copy of proposed Schedule was attached to the agenda.

After discussion the document was **approved**, with two (2) objections, subject to a reduction of points for FCI Shows.

Proposed LW, seconded CG

Effective 01.06.17

- 5.9 **Schedule 5F- Regulation 9.1.4**

See item 7.1.1 (RBC)

- 5.10 **Dog Carting – Schedule 5G – Nil**

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

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

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

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

Accepted with thanks.

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

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

Accepted with thanks.

- 5.12 **Flyball – Schedule 5M**

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

Accepted with thanks.

- 5.13 **Aptitude Testing**

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

Convener to be instructed to submit report.

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

It was agreed at the June 2016 Fedco to formalise the above as a new Discipline wef 01.02.17
Report:

KUSA Schedule 5Q is attached to the agenda.

This Schedule is for the Regulations for Rescue Dogs which includes every aspect other than judging. The Judging Schedule is being carefully worked through at present, taking into consideration the FCI Judging Rules for Rescue Dogs as well as existing KUSA Schedules with reference to Judges' training in various other Disciplines which compare. It is planned that this work will be completed by January, together with worksheets, workbooks, etc. As the sport is new to KUSA, it is envisaged that, for the first half of the year after the effective date 01.02.2017, Rescue Dogs will start with a training seminar, one of which is already booked for March 2017, and practical training after that. The training of Judges and competitions will commence once this is complete. The Sub-Committee will begin with the training on the Area Search first and then progress to the other competition in due course. One aspect at a time to ensure the success of this KUSA Discipline.

Noted that the above was accepted as a Schedule at June 2016 Fedco and will be effective from 01.02.17

Schedule 3, Regulation 42 – Champion Dogs

42.9 Insert **NEW:**

42.9 Rescue Dog Champion

The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall award:

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

(NOTE:

See item 4.5.6 re-numbering.)

Agreed that abbreviation of title to be CH RESCUE, which is to appear as a prefix to the dog's name on the Certificate of Registration.

Approved unanimously.

Effective 01.04.17

6. SCHEDULE 9 – CODE OF ETHICS

Proposal Exco:

It is recommended that an amendment be made to the end of Clause 2.14 by the addition of the words "and has been microchipped (w.e.f. 01.09.2010)."

Approved unanimously.

Proposed LW, seconded JH

Effective 01.04.17

7. BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS

7.1 Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA

Report received and accepted with thanks.

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

Revised document attached to agenda.

Withdrawn.

7.2 SABOX

7.2.1 Annual Report from SABOX Chairman – attached to agenda.

Accepted with thanks.

7.3 GSD Liaison Council

7.3.1 Report from Chairman of GSD Liaison Council – attached to agenda.

Accepted with thanks.

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

Proposal by GSD Liaison Council

(Agreed in principle at December 2015 Fedco)

Delete words in [brackets] and insert words underlined:

3 **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS**

3.1 *All dogs are positively identified by microchip before any X-ray examination is made. The microchip identification number is included on all developed X-ray film/digital image and on the certificate.*

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

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

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

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

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

3.7 Both parents must have a DNA profile.

Agreed with amendment to 3.5 as indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

Applies for dogs that have been x-rayed from 01.01.2017.

Approved unanimously.

Proposed CG, seconded LW

Effective 01.04.17

8. **GENERAL** - nil

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

9.1 **Boxers**

Boxer Registrations: A directive to KUSA members to be issued regarding the registration and showing of Boxers with KUSA following KUSA's registration as a Registering Authority under the Animal Improvement Act.

The KUSA Office was instructed to place Boxer registrations on hold, pending the outcome of negotiations with the Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA (FBCSA). As an interim measure, the dogs' registration details need to be captured on an Excel spreadsheet for the allocation of a Show Clearance Certificate Number, which will entitle the dog to a "showing only" status.

9.2 **Decisions and Voting by Federal Councillors at Fedco Meetings**

Clarification is being sought from the Chairman of the Federal Council on what seems to be the belief that Federal Councillors are obliged to decide and vote on any issue at Fedco meetings only as directed by the majority of the members of their Councils, even if the Federal Councillors do not necessarily support that majority view.

The Chairman provided the following response:

If this were indeed the belief, there was no constitutional grounds for it and it was probably propagated by urban legend. KUSA's Constitution enables a system of Representative Democracy, whereby elected officials decide and vote on issues on behalf of a community or a group of constituents. In such a system, if practicable, it is accepted that elected officials elicit the views of their constituents, but are ultimately expected, and indeed mandated by their constituents as their elected representatives, to exercise their own sound judgment in any decision-making process.

The powers of representatives are curtailed in the KUSA Constitution by the Articles which provide for a "plebiscite" in Article 40.3. This empowers the majority of Affiliated Clubs to object to a Constitutional

change in line with the principles of Direct Democracy if, in their majority view, Representative Democracy failed to achieve the desired result.

The Chairman further reminded the members of Fedco that in line with King III guidelines for responsible and best practice governance, when Fedco is in session the only interests to be served are those of KUSA. That means that “all other hats come off” and every decision that is taken must be guided by KUSA’s best interests and nothing else.

The Chairman requested the members of the Federal Council to bring this clarification to the attention of their Provincial Councils at the earliest opportunity and to ensure that it is recorded as a Federal Council ruling in the minutes of the meeting where it is tabled.

9.3 Extra Owners on Affixes

The addition of extra owners on Affixes needs to be addressed. The current system is difficult to manage and not entirely fair. Consideration should be given to having primary owners on Affixes and streamlining the process of adding or removing additional owners.

Task Team appointed. Clrs Immelman and Hubbard to review Schedule 2 Regulation 8 Affix (Kennel Name), taking into consideration the requirements of DAFF. Thereafter, the Task Team’s proposal should be reviewed by KUSA’s Legal Adviser, before tabling.

Report back at June 2017 Fedco.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

9.4 Health Test Records on the K9 Database

The recording of some Health Tests needs to be considered in detail. Parameters need to be set for the acceptance of Health Tests to be reflected on the K9 database. Health Tests ought to be done by, or supervised by, Specialist Veterinarians.

List of Health Tests to be revisited by Clrs Immelman, Hubbard and Mrs Midgley.

(Clr Hubbard and Mrs Midgley to schedule another visit to Onderstepoort and to engage with other key players involved in doing DNA Health Tests in the New Year.)

9.5 Telephonic & Anonymous Complaints Received by the KUSA Office

How does the KUSA Office deal with telephonic complaints, in some cases where the caller requests anonymity?

Confirmed, and supported by Fedco, that the KUSA Office will not entertain complaints unless they are submitted in writing. Under no circumstances will the KUSA Office deal with complaints where the complainant requests to remain anonymous.

9.6 Registry Information the Office is at Liberty to Disclose to Public

Clarity was sought on whether the KUSA Office is at liberty to disclose registration information to members of the public enquiring about registrations.

It was confirmed that KUSA runs an open registry and there is no prohibition on disclosing information about litters registered to members of the public who lodge an enquiry. Under the Promotion of Access to Information Act, KUSA is obliged to provide information considered to be in the public interest and confirmation whether a dog is registered with KUSA, or not, will certainly be deemed important for those considering a purchase. Withholding such information will also render KUSA liable under the Consumer Protection Act.

9.7 Class Changes at Championship Shows

Clarification requested on the point at which it became a breach of KUSA Regulations to make a Class change, presuming the person who had entered the dog requests the change, i.e. that it's not a mistake where the dog is entered in a Class for which it is not eligible.

It was confirmed that an entry form may **not** be altered or amended after an entry has been made - Schedule 2 Regulation 7.4 refers:

"No Officer of the Show-holding Club shall complete any entry form, except his own nor shall he alter or amend any entry after the entry has been made save and except for the correction of bona fide errors by exhibitors in entries for the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior and Graduate Classes in respect of age determination where such errors are discovered by the officers of the Show-holding Club after acceptance of the entries."

Given the frequency with which Clubs receive requests for Class changes, and seemingly comply with them, this Regulation needs to be brought to the attention of Clubs and included on KUSA website and FB page.

9.8 **Article 12.5**

"12.5 Any member nominated to sit on any Council, Committee or Sub-Committee of the Kennel Union shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members appointment shall ipso facto be terminated."

The above Article is unmanageable and needs to be amended. It places an unnecessary administrative burden on Councils and on KUSA and probably most of what may be ruled a "conflict" will be open to challenge under the Bill of Rights of the SA Constitution.

After discussion the Secretary was requested to write to the KUSA Legal Adviser and report back.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

9.9 **Mating of KUSA-registered Dogs to Dogs from other Non-recognised Registries**

Following KUSA's registration by the DAFF as the Breed Registry, it was necessary for KUSA not to be seen as condoning KUSA-registered dogs mated to dogs on registries not recognised by DAFF.

It was recommended that Schedule 9 Code of Ethics should be amended as follows and that this item should be placed on the June 2017 Fedco Agenda:

Clause 2.13 amend to read:

Not knowingly permit any purebred dogs registered on the Breed Register to mate with a dog of a different breed, or to a cross bred or to [an unregistered dog of the same breed] any dog that is not registered with the Kennel Union of Southern Africa;

To be carried forward to next agenda.

9.10 **Breed Judges Specialisation Courses**

It was noted that the curriculum developer, Ms Joy McFarlane, was working on the criteria to be met by breeds applying for specialisation judging courses. The Rottweiler Specialisation Course has been completed and Ms McFarlane was currently working on the Bull Terrier course.

Fedco was grateful for the progress Ms McFarlane had made with the specialisation courses but, in addition to the Bull Terrier Specialisation Course, there was pressure to also finalise the German Shepherd Dog Specialisation Course. In this regard, cognisance needed to be taken of the GSD Breed Assessment by a highly-experienced judge which will be taking place over three days in two centres next year. Ms McFarlane will be invited to attend the Breed Assessment as part of her preparation for the GSD Specialisation Course.

It was recommended that the Office should check with Ms McFarlane when the criteria document (to qualify for a Specialisation Course) was likely to be completed.

9.11 **Health Tests**

KUSA members appear to not understand that the health testing which is reflected on an Annex to the Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree is confidential. In many instances members do not send through the results of health tests for fear of these results being made public.

It also raises the question whether KUSA is at liberty to use health test results for statistical purposes without identifying the dog or the owner.

Many HD & ED tests are not being done through the KUSA (SAVA) scheme as members do not wish these to be recorded on the dogs' Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree. Could we not give owners the option of having these results recorded on the Annex to the Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree?

How do we advise the owners to test and at the same time send us the results to be used statistically, without divulging the dog's registration number or owner?

KUSA members test all over the world and they should be advised that the Annex to the Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree where health tests are recorded is confidential to the breeder.

Perhaps KUSA should publish an article on the subject.

Request received from Field Trial people that KUSA should revisit the publishing of HD and ED results on the Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree and that this information should be moved to the Annex, upon which all health tests submitted by the breeder are recorded.

Agreed in principle, with the exception of those breeds listed in Schedule 2 Appendix C (Breed-specific Registration Requirements).

(Mrs Midgley to send notes from Dr Kirberger to Clr Hubbard.)

Refer to June 2017 Fedco for update.

To be carried forward to next agenda.

9.12 **Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act**

*Information circulated: Now a legal requirement for all Events with **2000 and more** participants/spectators/audiences to have Events Plans thereof submitted by Event Organisers to the National Commissioner of SAPS, a month before the event, for Risk Grading purposes.*

Noted.

9.13 **Junior Handler Pledge**

It was recommended that Junior Handler Pledge signed by the KUSA National Junior Handler should in future require the KUSA National Junior Handler to coordinate the fundraising for the Rosemary Elliott Junior Handler Memorial Fund to benefit him-/herself and not for his/her successor.

Clr Robinson was requested to revise the wording of the Pledge for fundraising to commence directly after the KUSA Classic Weekend and to continue up to the departure of the KUSA National Junior Handler for Crufts.

9.14 **Judging in China**

There is a need for a statement to be drafted to counter the accusations and adverse publicity directed at KUSA judges accepting judging appointments in China and at KUSA for allowing its judges to officiate in China.

It was agreed that such a statement should convey that KUSA strongly disapproves of any form of animal cruelty and condemns in the strongest possible terms practices such as those associated with the Yulin Festival. The Chinese Kennel Club is a member of the FCI and its efforts to educate the Chinese people and eradicate the reprehensible practices of certain communities should be encouraged.

There was insufficient support to have the statement posted on the KUSA website and Facebook page.

9.15 Affiliation Requests from Clubs Affiliated in other African States:

9.15.1 Rottweiler Club in Botswana

Request to affiliate to the Club to KUSA.

There was sufficient evidence that Botswana had always been contemplated as one of the neighbouring States in which KUSA operates and the fact that it had been dropped from the list of areas in Schedule 3 Regulation 2.1.1 was probably due to an oversight.

Although Botswana could be added back onto the list, it would be prudent to first check with the DAFF whether it foresaw any conflict of interests.

Carry forward to June 2017 agenda.

9.15.2 GSD Club in Nigeria

Request to affiliate to KUSA. Information circulated.

Not accepted. Nigeria could not be considered part of 'Southern Africa'.

9.15.3 Kennel Association of Zambia - Lusaka & Districts Kennel Club

Request by the Lusaka & Districts Kennel Club to be affiliated to KUSA.

This was discussed and it was confirmed that KUSA cannot affiliate clubs which ought to be affiliated to the NCO, the Kennel Association of Zambia.

9.16 Agility FCI International Champion

Request to apply for same terms as for Breed for Dogs in South Africa to become FCI International Champions.

Agreed to contact the FCI to establish what it would be prepared to consider in this regard.

9.17 Hot Weather Policy at Dog Shows

Draft Policy Document circulated.

The general feeling was that the onus should be on dog owners to ensure the comfort of their dogs in hot weather, and not on Clubs. Clubs can assist with announcements when the heat starts getting uncomfortable.

9.18 KUSA Communication Platforms

a) *KUSA Gazette: What is the current status of the KUSA Gazette?*

It was noted that the KUSA Gazette compiled by Marilize Nel was done using free software called Joomla. According to Clr Immelmann, Joomla was not user-friendly and if the Gazette was going to be produced internally, in other words, not outsourced, then it might be prudent to investigate one of the proprietary software packages which somebody in the KUSA Office would find easier to use. Clr Immelmann undertook to do research and report back.

b) *Social Media Management: Should Marilize Nel continue with maintenance of KUSA's Facebook page on a freelance basis for the time being and provide a monthly Social Media Report to Exco.*

There was no objection to Marilize Nel continuing with the Facebook page at the same remuneration as currently paid and that the situation should be reviewed at June 2017 Fedco. The monthly Social Media Report she produced for Exco was, however, deemed superfluous and no longer required.

9.19 SAVA/KUSA HD & ED Scheme

Request from SAVA for KUSA to consider changes to the HD certification process.

Clr Hubbard to consult with key players in Provinces and Breeds.

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

It was accepted at December 2015 Fedco that representatives would either be Fedco members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or such persons and Fedco may deem suitable. Appointees must have a thorough knowledge of the subject/discipline in question.

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

The following persons to serve as KUSA's representatives on FCI's Non-Mandatory Commissions for the ensuing year were **confirmed**:

Breeding – Clr Chris Griffith

Shows – Clr Lois Wilson

Show Judges – Clr Lois Wilson

Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett

Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman

Dancing with Dogs – Clr Jenny Hubbard

Youth – Ms Kerrie Wilson

Utility Dogs – Mr Case van Hattem

Agility – Mrs Gaby Grohovaz

Clr Powell advised that an invitation had been received, via Mr Eva, from The Kennel Club, UK, to attend a two-day Congress of Kennel Clubs on 29-30 June 2017. Both Clrs Powell and Griffith indicated that they might be in the UK at that time and possibly available to attend.

Clr Wilson advised that she was unavailable to attend the FCI Shows Commission meeting on 04.02.2017 in Russia.

Noted.

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

Councillors presented their area/social responsibility reports.

Noted.

12. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

9, 10 & 11 June 2017.

The Chairman closed at 12h46 on Sunday 04.12.16 and thanked everyone for their attendance and constructive contributions.