

Minutes of Fedco 12-2024 – Final for Publication & Distribution – 18.12.2024

KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER 2024, ON MS TEAMS, BUT CONCLUDED ON SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2024

ITEM	Sub Item	Sub Item	MINUTES
1			<p>ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Attendance & Apologies To record attendance and apologies.</p> <p>Attendance: Clr JM Hubbard (Chairman of the Federal Council) – JH Clr C Chelchinsky (Vice-Chairman – DOGSPC) – CC Clr NJ du Preez ((Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council & Chairman – NAPC) – NdP Clr RB Jenkins (Chairman – Exco) – BJ Clr RD Jukes (Chairman – FS&NCPC) – RJ Clr N Redtenbacher (Chairman – DOGSPC) – NR Clr DC Sparg (Chairman – EC&BPC) [Note: Leave of absence granted for the morning session (see below); joined at 14.00] Clr LC Thornhill (Chairman – WCPC) – LT Clr MW Vorster (Chairman – KZNPC) – MV</p> <p>Staff in Attendance: Mrs PLE Midgley (General Manager) – PM Mr BG Robinson (KUSA Secretary) – GR Mr B Delily (Finance & HR Administrator) – BD Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat (Club Affairs Administrator) – CPA Mrs N Shortland (Shows & Judges Administrator) – NS</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to this virtual assembly of the Federal Council and opened the meeting with an announcement that, although two days had been scheduled for deliberations (with a possible spill-over to Monday, 2 December 2024, should there be unfinished business), the conclusion of the meeting would depend on the length and frequency of discussion and debate.</p> <p>With eight Federal Councillors present for the morning session, for all Constitution-related items, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be six (two-thirds), whereas five would constitute a simple majority as required for any other decision to carry. With nine Federal Councillors present for the afternoon session, for all Constitution-related items, the Chairman declared the majority for the changing of Articles and Schedules to be the same, i.e. six (two-thirds), whereas five would constitute a simple majority as required for any other decision to carry.</p> <p>The Chairman had informed the following absence was pre-advised for Saturday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clr DS Sparg on Saturday, due to work commitments, but he managed to join at 14.00. • Clr C Chelchinsky on Sunday from 10.00 to 12.00 to attend to a personal matter. [Note: As it turned out, the meeting was concluded on Saturday.] <p>Noted.</p>

			<p>The Chairman requested all present to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of the following persons who had passed away since Fedco 06-2024:</p> <p>Ms RHE Wonfor (WC) Mrs B de Waal (WC) Mr RB Jarman (Formerly KZN, latterly EC) Mrs SR Plowman (KZN) Mr H Kuilman (GAU) Miss MA Cole (GAU)</p> <p>Noted, with sadness. On behalf of KUSA, the Chairman extended sincere condolences to the families and friends of all the deceased.</p>
2	2.1		MINUTES OF FEDCO 06-2024 MEETING – ORDINARY MEETING – 28 & 29 June 2024
		2.1.1	<p>The Minutes of the meeting of the Federal Council held on Friday, 28 June and Saturday, 29 June 2024, were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed LT, seconded NdP</p>
		2.1.2	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
	2.2		MINUTES OF FEDCO 07-2024 – SPECIAL MEETING – 24 July 2024
		2.2.1	<p>The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024, were confirmed and adopted, unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed JH, seconded MV</p>
		2.2.2	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>
3			ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3.1		<p>Annual Report from the Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman presented her Annual Report, the acceptance of which was proposed by NdP, seconded by LT, and endorsed by acclamation.</p>
	3.2		<p>Article 12.5 – Declaration of Interests The Article reads: <i>“Any member nominated to sit on the Federal Council, Executive Committee of the Kennel Union as well as the Executive Members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) of any Provincial Council of the Kennel Union, shall declare within one (1) month of appointment to the Secretary in writing all their interests, of whatsoever nature, in dog related activities. Where the governing body of the Kennel Union, or such person or persons to whom the authority is delegated, determine that any interests are in conflict with those of the Kennel Union, such nominated members’ appointment shall ipso facto be terminated.</i></p>
		3.2.1	<p>Fedco Members – no new declarations</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		3.2.2	<p>Exco Members – no new declarations</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.3		<p>Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and Auditors’ Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2024</p> <p>Documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>

			<p>Having received no queries or comments from the Federal Councillors on the documentation circulated, PM confined her report to key areas of income and expense and expressed her satisfaction that KUSA had been able to declare a favourable “bottom line” for the year under review.</p> <p>Given the fact that unfavourable budgetary forecasts over the past number of years have not materialised, debate ensued on whether KUSA’s budgetary predictions were not perhaps unnecessarily understated. PM explained that the Budget Committee had always erred on the side of conservatism in its predictions by using a “worst case scenario” as its benchmark. Given the views of some Federal Councillors, the Budget Committee might be inclined to reconsider the ultra-conservative budgeting standards applied in the past.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by JH, KUSA’s Annual Financial Statements and Auditors’ Report for the Year Ended 31.08.2024 were approved, unanimously.</p>
	3.4		<p>Appointment of Auditor The current Auditors are Sprigg Abbott Inc.</p> <p>Appointment.</p> <p>The Chairman solicited the views of PM and BD on the standard of the services of Sprigg Abbott Inc. Both commented favourably and PM made the point that the seamless auditing process was in no small measure due to Sprigg Abbott Inc.’s well-documented knowledge and understanding of KUSA’s business and operations.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by RJ, KUSA’s current Auditors, Sprigg Abbott Inc., were appointed, unanimously, for the ensuing Financial Year, ending 31.08.2025.</p>
	3.5		Article 16.2.2
		3.5.1	<p>Election of Chairman of the Federal Council and Election of President of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.1 The current Chairman, Cllr JM Hubbard, retires on 31.12.2024 The current President, Mrs DE Powell, retires on 31.12.2024</p> <p><i>(Note: Article 14.7: The Provincial Council Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of the Districts of Gauteng and Surrounds members of the Federal Council shall submit to the Secretary nominations for the offices of President and of Chairman of the Federal Council which shall be placed on the Agenda for the last Federal Council meeting to be held in the fourth year of the terms of office of the current President and Chairman of the Federal Council.)</i></p> <p>The following nominations had been received by the deadline of 11.10.2024:</p> <p>Nominations received for Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA</p> <p>Mrs JM Hubbard, nominated by Cllr NJ du Preez, Cllr DC Sparg, Cllr RD Juckes, Cllr M Vorster, Cllr N Redtenbacher & Cllr LC Thornhill.</p> <p>No other nominations had been received.</p> <p>JH invited the Vice-Chairman, NdP, to take the chair for this item.</p> <p>NdP requested GR to confirm that all the Chairmen of the Provincial Councils had nominated Cllr JM Hubbard as Chairman of the Federal Council for a four-year term. GR confirmed this, but informed NdP that, although all the Chairmen had submitted their nominations, he had received no nomination from the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC, CC, who was also entitled to submit a nomination.</p>

		<p>CC apologised and said that she and the Chairman of DOGSPC had agreed on the nomination of JH. NR confirmed this and apologised that DOGSPC had neglected to submit the Vice-Chairman's nomination in favour of Cllr Hubbard.</p> <p>In view of the above clarification, NdP proposed that CC's late nomination be accepted by Fedco, seconded by NR. The proposal was accepted, unanimously.</p> <p>Having received nominations from all the Federal Councillors entitled to submit same, NdP declared Cllr JM Hubbard to be the duly elected Chairman of the Federal Council of KUSA for the period 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2028.</p> <p>On behalf of Fedco, NdP expressed his thanks and appreciation to JH for her exemplary leadership over the past four years and conveyed the expectation and confidence that KUSA and its business would be taken to even greater heights during JH's ensuing term.</p> <p>In conclusion, NdP congratulated JH on having earned the confidence and loyalty of all the vote-eligible Federal Councillors and wished her well for her second term in office, applauded by all.</p> <p>NdP handed the chair back to JH.</p> <p><i>Nominations received for President of KUSA</i></p> <p>Mrs JD Barrow, nominated by Cllr DC Sparg.</p> <p>Mrs DE Powell, nominated by Cllr NJ du Preez, Cllr RD Juckes, Cllr M Vorster, Cllr N Redtenbacher & Cllr LC Thornhill.</p> <p>Mrs JD Barrow's nomination was not seconded and, since Mrs DM Powell had received five (5) out of a possible seven (7) nominations, the Chairman declared Mrs DM Powell to be the duly elected President of KUSA for the period 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2028.</p> <p>[Note: The Chairman requested the KUSA Secretary to inform Mrs Powell of her election as President of KUSA and to copy the Federal Council.]</p>
	3.5.2	<p>Election of Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council – Article 16.2.2.2</p> <p>The current Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council, Cllr NJ du Preez, retires on 31.12.2025.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.5.3	<p>Election of Patron of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p><i>"The Federal Council shall elect a Patron; Life Members; Life Vice-Presidents; and any Vice-Presidents on termination of their fourth year in office."</i></p> <p>Subsequent to the death of the previous Patron, the late Mr GRP Eva, on 17.03.2021, no person had been identified to hold this office for the unexpired portion of Mr Eva's term, ending 31.12.2024.</p> <p>Nominations for Patron of KUSA to be considered by Fedco.</p> <p>NdP enquired whether there were any set criteria for being elected Patron of KUSA. JH said that, to the best of her knowledge, no such criteria existed, but she believed that the person so appointed would be a respected and revered member of the dog community and somebody who had supported, assisted and promoted KUSA over a considerable number of years.</p>

			<p>The Chairman called for nominations, but none were forthcoming.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that this matter be deferred to Fedco 12-2025, to afford members of Fedco the opportunity to give it further thought. However, should anybody have a nomination by Fedco 06-2025, they would be welcome to put it forward at that meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman's suggestion was supported, unanimously.</p>
		3.5.4	<p>Election of Life Members of KUSA – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p><i>It was decided at Fedco 12-2019 “to adopt a term of at least four (4) years’ service on either Fedco, or Exco, as a suitable and currently the only criterion for bestowing Life Membership on a person who had served KUSA in a voluntary capacity at the highest level of governance.”</i></p> <p>List of Life Members Mr V Alberts (Preferred name – Michael Alberts) Mrs JD Barrow Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez Mrs JM Hubbard Mr C Huyzers Mrs CM Immelman Mrs YC Jefferies Mr RB Jenkins Mr RD Juckes Mrs DE Powell Mr DC Sparg Mr BG Robinson Mrs LC Thornhill Mrs L Wilson Adv R Zeeman</p> <p>Based on the single criterion of “<i>at least four (4) years’ service on either Fedco, or Exco</i>” it was noted there were no new contenders for Life Membership to be considered at the present meeting.</p>
		3.5.5	<p>Election of Life Vice-Presidents – Article 16.2.2.3</p> <p>List of current Life Vice-Presidents: Mrs JD Barrow Mrs S Bloomfield Mr RB Jenkins Mr NS Kay Mrs DE Powell Mrs A Olivier Dr HRA van der Merwe</p> <p>Any nominations for Life Vice-Presidents to be considered by Fedco.</p> <p>No new Life Vice-Presidents were nominated.</p>
		3.5.6	<p>Appointment of Legal Adviser to KUSA <i>At Fedco 12-2018, it was resolved that Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez should continue as Legal Adviser to the KUSA for an indefinite period. The current Legal Adviser to KUSA is Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez.</i></p> <p>Appointment of Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez as Legal Adviser to KUSA for a further term of one (1) year, should he be prepared to serve in such capacity for the period.</p>

			<p>Having indicated his willingness to continue serving as Legal Adviser to KUSA, the Chairman declared Brig Gen (retd.) NJ du Preez duly appointed to assist KUSA in that capacity during the ensuing year.</p>
	3.5.7		<p>Article 16.2.3 – Appeals Committee <i>“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.”</i></p> <p>[Note: It was customary to elect <i>all</i> Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to serve on the Appeals Committee, if so appointed, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Federal Council, who shall be an <i>ex officio</i> member of any Appeals Committee. When required, the Chairman of the Federal Council shall appoint <i>two (2)</i> additional members of the Federal Council to consider any Appeal.]</p> <p>Appointment of all Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC to serve on the Appeals Committee, if and when so appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>Having reminded Fedco of the customary procedure set out in the Note above. It was agreed, unanimously, that all Provincial Council Chairmen of the Federal Council and the Vice-Chairman of DOGSPC would be eligible to serve on the Fedco Appeals Committee (FAC), if and when <i>two (2) members</i> were so appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p>
	3.6		<p>K9 Administration Upgrade Project</p> <p>Report-back from the KUSA Office.</p> <p>The Chairman invited PM to update Fedco on the K9 Administration Upgrade Project.</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that significant progress had been made with the K9 Administration Upgrade Project, despite the following stumbling blocks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra computer development work was required to accommodate online applications for the registration of Affixes on the FCI International Kennel Name Register. • As with all software, the Symphony framework required updates (several updated versions were run simultaneously), which resulted in some compatibility issues across the application. Repairs had to be made as and when identified while user testing was in progress. • This had a major impact on the initial online payment structure and methodology which, when initially tested, worked in the earlier stages of development. With subsequent coding development done as user testing progressed, more workflow complexity was added. It was realised that enhancements and amendments would be required to be made to the fees, invoicing and payment structure to meet financial, accounting and audit requirements. This work is currently being undertaken, requiring over 300 <i>manual</i> adjustments. User testing has been somewhat hampered, as the system is designed in such a manner that one cannot progress to the next stage of the application process until payment has been processed and confirmed as having been received. • As soon as the fee and payment issues have been resolved, stringent user testing would continue to complete testing of the online transaction applications for

			<p>Affixes, Registrations and Memberships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim was to focus on testing the sections pertaining to Clubs, Show Licences, Show Schedules, Show Returns and Champion Status Applications from early January 2025, with the added intention of integrating the Breed Standards Nomenclature changes and FCI Breed Groupings, where necessary. The impact on timelines of these particular additional enhancements and adjustments still need to be assessed. <p>PM reminded Fedco that she had circulated the developers' November 2024 KUSA Project Status Report, which concludes on an optimistic note: <i>We are nearing completion of the current application phase. While challenges remain, particularly around database linkage, progress has been significant. The team is on track to complete this phase within two to three weeks, followed by rigorous testing and bug-fixing. Collaboration with stakeholders remains key to ensuring all requirements are met effectively.</i></p> <p>The Chairman enquired whether there were any questions, but none were forthcoming.</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated PM and the KUSA Office on the progress made and said she was looking forward to the eventual implementation phase.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.7		<p>KUSA Office – Lease & Relocation</p>
		3.7.1	<p>KUSA Office – Lease Agreement (Interim) (Fedco 06-2021 Item 8.7, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.7.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.4.1)</p> <p>Review of Lease Agreement with AfricaWorks Group.</p> <p>Report on further developments, if any.</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that the Office Lease Agreement would be discussed at the next budget meeting in June, as the lease was only due for renewal in September 2025.</p> <p>Apart from the above, there were no further developments to report.</p>
		3.7.2	<p>KUSA Office – Relocation Strategy Plan (Fedco 08-2021 Item 3.3, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.10.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.4.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.7.2, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.4.2)</p> <p><i>The Chairman enquired from the Acquisitions Team – RJ, NdP & MV – whether there had been any subsequent developments in their investigation into a property acquisition to possibly serve as KUSA's headquarters in future.</i></p> <p><i>Speaking on behalf of the Acquisitions Team, RJ said it was very difficult to actively pursue the acquisition of a property in the absence of a budget, a proper brief and timelines. In view of this, he recommended that, since the status quo seemed to adequately meet KUSA's requirements at present, it was probably advisable to wait until KUSA's current accommodation was no longer suitable.</i></p> <p><i>All present agreed.</i></p> <p>Report on further developments, if any.</p>

		<p>Discussion ensued on whether, or not, the possible acquisition of property should be recycled on future Fedco Agendas, when the current business model of a rotationally staffed hub in conjunction with a work-from-home workforce seemed to adequately meet KUSA's present workplace requirements. This might change in future, at which point property acquisition might once more become a consideration.</p> <p>To forestall this item featuring on future Fedco Agendas, only to be deferred, NdP proposed that Fedco should accept that the status quo would remain for the foreseeable future. Should a viable opportunity to acquire a property present itself, or should KUSA's accommodation requirements change, a fresh proposal could be brought to the table. NdP's proposal was seconded by RJ. No objections were raised and the motion passed, unanimously.</p>
	3.8	<p>Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No. 4 of 2013 (Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5, Fedco 12-2023 Item 3.8, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.5)</p> <p>Progress Report.</p> <p>The Chairman informed Fedco that, following her judging assignment in Malaysia, where she had the opportunity of consulting with the President of the Malaysian Kennel Club (MKC), Mr Gopi Krishnan, she had made considerable progress in drafting a Privacy Policy for KUSA. As a member of the FCI's A2O Section, she had also been given access to the Privacy Policy of the Philippine Canine Club, Inc. (PCCI) and, additionally, had benefited from the advice of her personal Financial Adviser. From the outset, she had consulted the Privacy Policies of the FCI and the Royal Kennel Club, both voluminous documents but, unfortunately, not easily comprehensible.</p> <p>With the benefit of ten years' hindsight since the promulgation of the POPIA, the local experts with whom the Chairman had consulted, had all advised her to err on the side of simplicity, as the elaborate Privacy Policies, initially prepared by companies and organisations, had since proved to be unnecessarily complex. In her initial draft, she had therefore tried to stick to the basics, although the text is substantially based on the A2O examples mentioned above.</p> <p>Once completed, the Chairman intended to share her draft with the KUSA Legal Adviser and the KUSA Office for scrutiny and amendment. Once the revised document was ready for presentation, it was her intention to table it for discussion at a Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) early in the new year, after which any amendments directed by Fedco would be made and a final draft be prepared for adoption at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose, as well as any other purposes.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		<p>3.8.1 Provincial Councils – Appointment of POPIA Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer (Fedco 06-2022 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 3.5.1, Fedco 12 2023 Item 3.8.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 3.5.1)</p> <p>Update on the statuses of the various Provincial Councils to be provided by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>PM informed Fedco that all the Provincial Councils had advised their Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers.</p> <p>Noted, with thanks to all the Provincial Councils.</p>
	3.9	<p>Subscriptions & Fees – Document issued pursuant to Schedule 07</p>

			<p>All fee changes were ratified at Fedco 07-2024 (Special Meeting of the Federal Council held on 24.07.2024).</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	3.10		<p>Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary – Schedule 08</p> <p>No updates to report.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
4			MATTERS RELATING TO AFFILIATED CLUBS
	4.1		<p>Loss of Affiliation – Article 9 (Fedco 12-2017, Fedco 06-2019, Fedco 6-2020, Fedco12-2020, Fedco 06-2021, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1, Fedco 06.2024 Item 4.1)</p> <p>Note: The following ruling was made at Fedco 06-2017: <i>“Effective 01.01.2018, no licences will be issued for either Championship, or Non-Championship, Shows, unless Clubs are up to date with all returns required in terms of the KUSA Constitution.”</i></p> <p>The following ruling was made at Fedco 12-2017: <i>“Clubs that fail to comply with the provisions of Articles 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 for a period of eighteen months from the Fedco meeting where the breach was reported, will be recommended for disaffiliation.”</i></p> <p>[Note from Fedco 06-2020: <i>During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that, as a result of the above-mentioned Fedco rulings made in 2017, there had been a marked improvement in the timely submission of AGM documentation by Clubs. However, there were still a few “repeat offenders” and it was agreed, unanimously, that the overdue Clubs in red should be sent a notice advising that, should the outstanding documentation not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Clubs in question would be recommended for disaffiliation at Fedco 12-2020.]</i></p> <p><i>It was unanimously confirmed that the KUSA Office should continue with the policy as agreed at Fedco 06-2020 and recommend Clubs for disaffiliation at future Fedco meetings should they fail to meet the deadlines for submission of documentation as required per the final notices.</i></p>
		4.1.1	<p>Article 9.1.3 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.1, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.1)</p> <p>“Failure to submit minutes of Annual and/or Special General Meetings together with audited Financial Statements and balance sheets, where applicable, in terms of Article 8.6.2.”</p> <p>(%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (36 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (30 months) indicated in red (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (24 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (18 months) indicated in red (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (12 months) indicated in red (&) reported at Fedco 06-2024 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng (!\$) (Fin Yr-end 31/07/2023, AGM due 31/10/2023); no documents received as yet for 2022, 2023 or 2024.

			<p>[Note: CPA was advised on 08/10/24 that this Club would be closing down and its assets donated to Goldfields Showgrounds. Confirmation awaited.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalmatian Club (&) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet for 2023 or 2024. • Highveld Whippet Club (!&) (Fin Yr-end 30/04/2023, AGM due 31/07/2023); no documents received as yet for 2023 or 2024. • Mpumalanga Bulldog Club (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); signed financials received 17/09/2024 but AGM is overdue. • Mpumalanga GSD Club (!&) (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2023, AGM due 31/05/2023); no documents received as yet for 2022, 2023 or 2024. • SA Bulldog Club (&) (Fin Ye-end 28/02/2023, AGM due 31/05/2023); no documents received as yet for 2023 and 2024. • SA Mastiff Club of Gauteng (Fin Yr-end 31/03/2024, AGM due 30/06/2024); no documents received as yet. <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (Fin Yr-end 28/02/2024, AGM due 31/05/2024); financials signed by Treasurer in the capacity of 'auditor'. • Dog Training Club of Bredell (!&) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/24, AGM due 31/03/25); all AGM documents received for 2023 and 2024 except financials which are outstanding for 2023. • Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club (Fin Yr-end 30/06/24, AGM due 30/09/24); no documents received as yet. • K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng (!&) (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2022, AGM due 30/11/2022); AGM held but no financial statements received. • North West GSD Club (!&) (Fin Yr-end 31/10/23, AGM due 31/01/24); no documents received as yet. <p>[Note: It was agreed to write off the 2019 financial statements, but that the Club needed to be closely monitored in future.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club (&) (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2023, AGM due 30/09/2023); no documents received for 2023 or 2024. • Pomeranian Club of Gauteng (&) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); no documents received as yet. • Rottweiler Working & Breeding Assn. of Gauteng (&) (Fin Yr-end 31/08/2023, AGM due 30/11/2023); no documents received as yet. <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrier Club – Eastern Cape (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); AGM held 28/07/2024 but no documents received as yet. <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Free State Bull Terrier Club (!&) (Fin Yr-end 31/08/23, AGM due 30/11/23); financial statements not received as yet for 2023. • Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2024, AGM due 30/09/2024); no documents received as yet. <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hibiscus Kennel Club (&) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); 2022 financial statements not signed. • Margate Kennel Club (&) (Fin Yr-end 31/12/2023, AGM due 31/03/2024); signed financial statements outstanding.
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		<p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Handlers Dog Club (Fin Yr-end 30/06/2024, AGM due 30/09/2024); AGM held 13/10/2024 and all documents submitted but signed financials are still outstanding. • Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Fin Yr-end 31/03/2024, AGM due 30/06/2024); no documents received as yet. • White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the WC (%@\$#!&) (Fin Yr-end 31/01/21, AGM due by 31/04/21). No documents received for 2022, 2023 or 2024. <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted, with a request to the KUSA Office to continue following up with the Clubs in default of Article 8.6.2 and to actively pursue their submission of the outstanding AGM documentation.</p>
	4.1.2	<p>Article 9.1.4 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06.2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.2)</p> <p>“9.1.4 Failure to adhere to Kennel Union Constitutional requirements in respect of:</p> <p>9.1.4.1 Any event to be held, being held, or which was held under a Kennel Union licence</p> <p>9.1.4.2 Schedule of Documents and Returns to be sent to the Secretary of KUSA, Schedule 08.”</p> <p>PENALTIES & SHOW RETURNS – Shows up to and including 01.09.2024.</p> <p>[Note: Outstanding penalties in brackets; those not yet calculated appear as (TBC).]</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North West GSD Club (R450) • Rottweiler Working & Breeding Association (R600) <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margate Kennel Club (R650) <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Bulldog Club of the Western Cape (R1,000)

			<p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		4.1.3	<p>Article 9.2 (Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.6.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.1.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 12-2023 Item 4.1.3, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.1.3)</p> <p><i>Whenever an Affiliated Club's annual affiliation fee remains unpaid one (1) month after the date of renewal, the Secretary shall send a written demand calling for payment forthwith and in the event of the fee remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Club in default shall be removed from the list of Affiliated Clubs.</i></p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaskan Malamute Club of Gauteng [Note: Refer to Note under Item 4.1.1] Mpumalanga GSD Club <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>For noting.</p>
		4.1.4	<p>Article 8.6.2</p> <p>[extract] "The Club shall ensure that the Club Officers (Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer) names and contact details are sent to KUSA for recording each time there is a change and shall further ensure that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer, as well as any Committee Member with financial banking powers, i.e. with signing or transacting powers, in whatever form, on any of the Club's bank accounts, are members in good standing of the Kennel Union."</p> <p>[Notice to Clubs: The above Regulation directs, <i>inter alia</i>, that Clubs must elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and that these four Officers need to be members in good standing of KUSA.</p> <p>The KUSA Office can only provide Fedco with information supplied by the affiliated Clubs. If interim appointments of Officers are made, or other constitutional breaches remedied, the KUSA Office needs to be notified without delay so that KUSA's records may be updated.]</p>

		<p>(%) reported at Fedco 12-2021 (36 months) indicated in red (@) reported at Fedco 06-2022 (30 months) indicated in red (\$) reported at Fedco 12-2022 (24 months) indicated in red (#) reported at Fedco 06-2023 (18 months) indicated in red (!) reported at Fedco 12-2023 (12 months) indicated in red (&) reported at Fedco 06-2024 (6 months) indicated in red</p> <p>Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biewer Terrier Club of Gauteng (\$#!&) Vice-Chairman is a shared post with Treasurer Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club Treasurer's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 Northern Areas French Bulldog Club Secretary's membership due 15/02/2024, lapsed 15/03/2024 Northern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club Secretary's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 Pomeranian Club of Gauteng (!&) Vice-Chairman is not a member Treasurer is not a member [Note: The above two positions are held by the same person.] <p>Eastern Cape & Border Provincial Council (EC&BPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Free State & Northern Cape (incl. Namibia) Provincial Council (FS&NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free State Terrier Club Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/07/2024, lapsed 15/08/2024 [Note: The Office is looking into this as it has apparently been paid] Treasurer's membership due 15/07/2024, lapsed 15/08/2024 <p>KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil <p>Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape Vice-Chairman's membership due 15/06/2024, lapsed 15/07/2024 Western Province Boxer Club Treasurer's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 Secretary's membership due 15/09/2024, lapsed 15/10/2024 White Swiss Shepherd Club of the Western Cape (#!&) Treasurer's membership due 15/03/23, lapsed 15/04/23 <p>For noting.</p>
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			Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office in also following up with the Clubs currently in default of Article 8.6.2.
		4.1.5	<p>Article 9.4</p> <p>Whenever a Club has been disaffiliated under provisions Articles 9.1 and 9.2, it may submit a request to the Federal Council for reinstatement to the list of Affiliated Clubs and the Federal Council may, on consideration of all the circumstances, grant reinstatement on such terms and conditions as may be decided, including payment of all sums due and payable to the KUSA and provided such appeal is received by the Secretary within fifteen (15) months from the date of the Federal Council's meeting at which the decision to disaffiliate the Club was taken.</p> <p>Nil.</p>
		4.1.6	<p>Dissolution of Clubs</p> <p>The following Clubs closed since Fedco 06-2024:</p> <p>[Note: Alaskan Malamute Club (DOGSPC) has advised its imminent closure. The Club is in the process of scheduling the required SGM.]</p>
		4.1.7	<p>Voluntary disaffiliation of Clubs from KUSA</p> <p>The following Clubs declared their voluntary disaffiliation from KUSA:</p> <p>Nil.</p>
	4.2		Club Constitutions
		4.2.1	<p>New Club Constitutions and Amendments to Existing Constitutions (Fedco 12-2021 Item 8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 4.4.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 4.2.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 4.2.1)</p> <p>From Fedco 12-2021: <i>Discussion ensued, with most contributors declaring themselves in favour of KUSA dealing with future new Club Constitutions, or those requisite of amendment, under the two-pronged proposal outlined above, i.e. that, one, in order to prevent text contamination and drafting errors, existing Club Constitutions be replaced, rather than amendments being grafted onto them and, two, that Specimen Club Constitutions on the KUSA website be replaced by a simple Information Sheet for completion by Clubs seeking new Constitutions. On a proposal from GR, seconded by NdP, the binary procedure contemplated above was accepted, unanimously for introduction by the KUSA Office.</i></p> <p>From Fedco 06-2022: <i>In GR's view, the uptake of new Club Constitutions had been sporadic and he urged the Provincial Council Chairmen to convince their Clubs to "convert" to new-generation Constitutions in the interest of improved governance of KUSA-affiliated structures. Old Club Constitutions were no longer in sync with either the KUSA Constitution, or the Constitutions of the Provincial Councils, which created a serious problem. It was also imperative for KUSA-affiliated structures to at least show deference to the Animal Improvement Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act in their founding documents. After discussion, Fedco directed, unanimously that the KUSA Office should advise all affiliated Clubs, which had not already done so, of the importance of upgrading their Constitutions to the latest versions by completing and submitting the prescribed Information Sheet. The "conversion rate" should be carefully monitored by the KUSA Office over the next few months and a report on the status of all the Clubs be presented at Fedco 12-2022.</i> <i>Proposed NdP, seconded GR</i></p>

Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council (DOGSPC)		
	Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
	Eastern Districts Kennel Club	19/09/2023
	German Shorthaired Pointer Gauteng Club	28/08/2023
	Gundog Club	20/08/2024
	Labrador Retriever Kennel Club	26/01/2023
	Orion Kennel Club of Gauteng	11/05/2024
	Pretoria Kennel Club	19/09/2023
	SA Dachshund Club	04/02/2024
	SA Mastiff Club of Gauteng	22/03/2023
	SA Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	04/10/2022
	Schnauzer Club of Gauteng	15/08/2023
	Siberian Husky Club of Gauteng	09/09/2024
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Tvl	22/03/2023
	Teckel Club	22/10/2022
	Toy Dog Breeders Association	24/02/2022
	Transvaal Cocker Spaniel Club	16/09/2023
	Transvaal Field Trial Assn	17/08/2023
	Transvaal Midlands Kennel Club	06/12/2022
	Weimaraner Klub of Gauteng	26/01/2023
	Western Gauteng Kennel Club	11/05/2024
	Witwatersrand Corgi Club Tramordwy	21/09/2024
	Witwatersrand Kennel Club	09/10/2022
	Working Gundog & Cons. Club	18/04/2023
	Working Retriever Club of Gauteng	17/01/2024
	Working Spaniel Association	14/12/2023
	Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
	Australian Shepherd Club of East Gauteng	In progress
	Bouvier des Flandres Club, Golden Reef	In progress
	Gauteng Golden Retriever Club	In progress
	Goldfields Kennel Club	In progress
	Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng	In progress
	Marks Park All-breeds Dog Training Club	In progress
	Rainbow Hungarian Vizsla Club	In progress
	SA Great Dane Association	In progress
	SA Short-Legged & Working Terrier Club	In progress
	Shetland Sheepdog Club	In progress
	Sporting Dogs' Association	In progress
	Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
	Alaskan Malamute Club Gauteng [Note: Closure of Club imminent.]	01/05/2005
	Centenary Terrier Club	11/04/2019
	Collie Club of S.A.	15/01/1993
	Dalmatian Club	01/09/1995
	Eastern Transvaal Bull Terrier Club	01/07/2009
	Goldfields Supporters Club of Southern Gauteng	12/09/2015

		German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds Highveld GSD & ABT Club Highveld Hound Club Highveld Pomeranian Breeders' Association Highveld Rottweiler Club Highveld Whippet Club IGP Training Club of Southern Areas & Surrounds Jolly Dog School Junior Kennel Club of Gauteng Klun French Bulldog Club of Gauteng Meridian Rottweiler League Mpumalanga GSD Club Mpumalanga Bulldog Club Pretoria Toy Dog Breeders Club Roodepoort & Districts Kennel Club SA Alsatian and All-Breeds Training Club SA Bull Terrier Club SA Bulldog Club Saint Bernard Club of Transvaal Transvaal Terrier Club Vereeniging & Districts Kennel Club Working & Herding Breeds Association Golden Reef	23/11/2018 01/03/2009 10/09/2011 17/11/2016 13/05/1999 27/09/2011 26/08/2020 08/02/2019 23/10/2007 01/05/2008 15/11/1985 04/04/2021 02/06/2017 15/08/1981 01/06/1990 12/06/2021 18/01/2011 14/01/2013 13/02/1998 01/06/2012 04/12/2012 01/07/2009
		Northern Areas Provincial Council (NAPC)	
		Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
		Birch Acres Dog Training Club Golden City Fox Terrier Club Highveld Belgian Shepherd Dog Club Jacaranda City Kennel Club K9 Sport Specialist GSD Club of Gauteng Limpopo Bull Terrier Club North West Staffordshire Bull Terriere Club Northern Areas Agility & Dog Jumping Club Northern Areas Terrier Club Pretoria Shepherd Dog Club SA Ladies Kennel Association Saint Bernard Association of Northern Gauteng TKC Kennel Club Utility Breeds Club of Gauteng Working Deutsch Drahthaar Club Working Deutsch Kurzhaar Club Working Weimaraner Club	25/11/2023 13/04/2022 20/09/2020 16/07/2024 21/08/2021 16/10/2021 24/02/2024 19/09/2023 15/08/2023 16/03/2024 25/02/2024 20/08/2024 12/03/2024 28/04/2024 18/05/2022 19/04/2024 28/08/2023
		Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
		IGP Club of Northern Areas Praetor Rottweiler Club of Tshwane Rotek GSD Club of Northern Areas	In progress In progress In progress
		Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
		Beagle Association of Gauteng	11/07/2013

			Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
			Central Free State Bull Terrier Club	In progress
			Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
			Free State Bulldog Club	13/05/2016
			Free State Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	21/08/2005
			Free State Terrier Club	21/06/2011
			Hochland Dog Club	10/09/1996
			Northern Free State Bull Terrier Club	01/01/2014
			Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (S.V. Nam)	19/11/2015
			Windhoek Dog Club	21/01/2015
			KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council (KZNPC)	
			Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
			Barks GSD Club of KZN	17/08/2021
			Bluff Dog Club	18/04/2023
			Durban & Districts Kennel Club	01/03/2024
			Golden Retriever Club of KZN	14/10/2023
			Hibiscus Kennel Club	22/03/2023
			KwaZulu-Natal Junior Kennel Club	28/10/2023
			KwaZulu-Natal Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	18/04/2023
			KZN Carting Club	18/04/2023
			Margate Kennel Club	06/04/2021
			Natal GSD Club	15/01/2022
			Natal Gundog Club	18/04/2023
			Natal Working & Herding Breeds Association	18/04/2023
			Northern Natal Kennel Club	18/04/2023
			Pinetown Dog Training Club	24/01/2024
			Siegerhunde GSD Club	31/03/2024
			Zululand Kennel Club	18/04/2023
			Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
			Highway Agility Club	In progress
			Highway Kennel Club	In progress
			Umbogintwini Dog Training Club	In progress
			Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
			KwaZulu-Natal Boxer Club	21/01/2018
			KZN Dog Athletics Association	11/06/2019
			Natal Border Collie Club	23/06/2015
			Natal Rottweiler Association	21/03/2009
			Natal Sporting Hound Association	17/12/2014
			Natal Terrier Club	21/02/2015

Western Cape Provincial Council (WCPC)		
	Clubs that have Adopted POPIA-compliant Constitutions	Adoption Date
	Cape Bullmastiff Club	06/03/2024
	Cape Field Trial Club	22/11/2022
	Cape Heritage Bull Terrier Club	17/10/2023
	Cape Hound Club	18/06/2024
	Cape Terrier Club	16/05/2023
	Cape Town Kennel Club	20/08/2024
	Kennel Association	18/04/2023
	Mother City Poodle Club	20/08/2024
	Overberg Kennel Club	20/08/2024
	Pack GSD Club of the Western Cape	23/09/2021
	Swartland Kennel Club	16/07/2024
	Versatile Pointing Dog Club	18/04/2023
	West Coast Kennel Club	16/07/2024
	Western Province Bull Terrier Club	19/09/2023
	Whale Coast Kennel Club	20/08/2024
	Clubs that have requested POPIA-compliant Constitutions, but have not yet adopted them	
	Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of WC	In progress
	Cape Gundog Club	In progress
	George Kennel Club	In progress
	Liesbeek Kennel Club	In progress
	Matrix GSD Western Cape	In progress
	Outeniqua Kennel Club	In progress
	Sirius Western Cape IGP Dog Club	In progress
	Victory Toy Dog Club	In progress
	Western Cape Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	In progress
	Western Province Kennel Club	In progress
	Working & Herding Breeds Club of the Cape	In progress
	Clubs that still have to Adopt POPIA-Compliant Constitutions	Date of current Constitution
	Australian Shepherd Club of Western Cape	30/10/2018
	Brede Rivier Vallei Kennel Club	12/06/2003
	Cape Bulldog Club	10/10/2020
	Cape Handlers Dog Club	24/11/2015
	Cape Rottweiler Club	01/03/2009
	Cape Utility Dog Club	13/06/1991
	Cape Welsh Corgi Club	16/10/2020
	Dobermann Club of the Cape	16/05/1994
	French Bulldog Club of the Western Cape	20/03/2011
	Hottentots Holland Kennel Club	26/06/2019
	South Cape IGP Club	04/04/2016
	Western Province Boxer Club	28/01/2018
	Western Province Rottweiler Club	14/06/2001
	White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of the Western Cape	27/09/2016
	For noting.	

			Noted, with a request to the Provincial Council Chairmen to assist the KUSA Office in also urging the Clubs in their Provincial Councils to “convert” to new-generation Constitutions.
	4.3		Provincial Council Constitutions
		4.3.1	Amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions <p>[Note: Acceptance of proposed amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions are at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Federal Council and for noting by all other parties.]</p> <p>No amendments to Provincial Council Constitutions have been authorised by the Federal Council since Fedco 06-2024.</p>
5			MATTERS RELATING TO THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI)
	5.1		FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions (Fedco 12-2020 Item 3.11.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 3.8.2, Fedco 06-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.2, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 5.2. Fedco 06-2024 Item 5.2) <p><i>As agreed at Fedco 12-2015, representatives should either be Fedco Members, Conveners of National Sub-Committees, or persons deemed suitable by Fedco. Appointees needed to have a thorough knowledge of the Dogsport/subject in question.</i></p> <p><i>The following persons were appointed, or re-appointed, at the Fedco 06-2024 Meeting to serve as KUSA’s representatives on the FCI’s Non-Mandatory Commissions:</i></p> <p><i>Agility – Mr Rob Hall</i> <i>Breeding – Cllr Ron Juckes</i> <i>Dog Dancing – Ms Kathy Clayton</i> <i>Flyball – Ms Liesl Twyman</i> <i>Hoopers – Cllr Carolyn Chelchinsky</i> <i>Rally Obedience – Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys</i> <i>Rescue Dogs – Mrs Robyn Harflett</i> <i>Shows – Cllr Jenny Hubbard</i> <i>Show Judges – Cllr Jenny Hubbard and Mrs Tania Edwards, assisted by the KUSA Office</i> <i>Utility Dogs – Cllr Nikki Redtenbacher</i> <i>Youth – Ms Andria Haskins</i> <i>Education and Public Relations – Cllr Lori Thornhill</i> <i>Mondioring – Mr Keith Duranty</i></p> <p>Review of KUSA Representatives on FCI Non-Mandatory Commissions.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and all the above choices met with the general satisfaction of the members of Fedco. It was noted that a person needed to be appointed to represent KUSA on the Non-Mandatory Commission for Hoopers and it was proposed by DS, seconded by LT, that Cllr Carolyn Chelchinsky should provisionally caretake the position and that the above list should be accordingly amended, as indicated in red. Having confirmed her willingness to represent Hoopers until a more suitable representative emerged, CC’s nomination was approved, unanimously, with the list updated to be effective immediately.</p> <p>[Note: PM undertook to inform the FCI of CC’s appointment as KUSA’s representative on the FCI’s Non-Mandatory Commission for Hoopers as soon as possible after publication of these Minutes.]</p>
	5.2		FCI – Registration of Kennel Names (Fedco 12-2021 Fedco 06.2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2022 Item 5.3, Fedco 06-2023 Item 5.3, Fedco 12-2023 Item 5.3, Fedco 06-2024 Item 5.2 Fedco 07-2024 Item 3.1)

		<p>As reported to the Federal Council at various meetings, preparations for the implementation of the revised <i>KUSA Affix and FCI Kennel Name Registration Protocol</i> had progressed steadily since Fedco 06-2024 and roll-out was accomplished on 01.10.2024.</p> <p>Progress Report from the KUSA Office.</p> <p>The Chairman invited PM to update Fedco on the progress the KUSA Office had made with the registration of KUSA Affixes in the FCI's International Kennel Name Register.</p> <p>PM presented her report under bullet-points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the roll-out on 1 October 2024, one hundred and fifty-five (155) applications had been received from members to register their KUSA Affixes on the FCI International Kennel Name Register. • Of the 155, ten (10) were new Affix applications, whereas the balance (145), were applications for registration of KUSA-registered Affixes not yet due for renewal and/or Affixes with "twenty-five years or more" status. • Budget projections were set at 20 FCI Kennel Name registrations per month for KUSA Affix renewals, with the estimated total projected for this financial year, including new Affix applications, being 294. Fifty-three percent (53%) of the projected quantum had been achieved within the first two months. • Since the project had been launched, three batches of applications have been forwarded to the FCI for their acceptance and processing. The first batch of twenty (20) applications was sent to the FCI on 22 October 2024, the second batch of forty (40) on 6 November 2024 and the third batch of forty-two (42) on 20 November 2024. • On Thursday, 28 November 2024, the KUSA Office received confirmation from the FCI Affix Department that the forty (40) Kennel Names sent as the second batch had all been accepted and approved (all without ZA extensions) and it was anticipated that these 40 Kennel Names would soon be added to the list of International Kennel Names published on the FCI website. • Commencing the week following Fedco 12-2024, the forty (40) Primary Grantees of the now FCI-registered Kennel Names would be sent a letter of confirmation of registration of their Affixes on the FCI International Kennel Name Register and a digital copy of the newly designed Affix Registration Certificate. The ten (10) new applications would, of course, first be published on the KUSA website for the requisite 30-day objection period, after which, should no objections be received, they would be registered by KUSA in January 2025. • The FCI's invoice for the processing of the forty (40) Kennel Names should reach KUSA during December 2024 or January 2025. • An email was sent to the FCI Kennel Name Department enquiring why the second batch of KUSA Affixes had been processed ahead of the first batch of twenty (20) KUSA Affixes, sent in October 2024, just in case the first batch had not reached the FCI. • The Staff training on procedures and processes put in place were coming to fruition and appear to be working well. A complicating factor was that the enhancements of the Affix Application section of the new online transaction portal
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		<p>have not yet been completed. It was hoped that we would be able to process the FCI Kennel Name Registrations via the Staging Site (test environment) as part of user testing as from next week, so as to auto-generate digital copies of the newly designed Affix Registration Certificate instead of having to insert all relevant details into a fillable PDF version of the Certificate, which would be time-consuming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many challenges and obstacles have been overcome, and it was very pleasing to report that a great sense of achievement seemed to be emanating from all who had been involved in the project. <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted with thanks to the KUSA Office.</p>
	5.3	<p>FCI World Challenge of Top Dogs – Friday, 8 August 2025</p> <p>In a communication dated 26.09.2024, the FCI officially informed its National Canine Organisations (NCOs) of the introduction of a new Challenge to be held annually under the appellation of FCI World Challenge of Top Dogs.</p> <p>In the same communication, NCOs were advised as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Challenge will take place on Friday, 8th August 2025, in the frame of the FCI World Dog Show to be held in Helsinki, Finland.</i> <i>In the next weeks, the FCI Office will send an invitation to every FCI NCO to decide and nominate one dog as their representative for this competition. The deadline for nomination of the NCO representative will be stated on the invitation.</i> <i>The FCI does not provide any guidelines for the selection of the NCO representative. This is entirely at the discretion of the NCO, of what method or system they use to select their representative. Please be aware that all the expenses related to the dog and owner's travel and accommodation are under the responsibility of the relevant owner and/or NCO. The FCI will not charge any entry fee and the Finnish Kennel Club will offer a discount on the fee for the FCI World Dog Show, in case the dog in question is entered at both the Challenge and the World Dog Show.</i> <i>The dog selected to represent its NCO must be registered with the studbook (vs appendix) of the NCO in question.</i> <i>All participating dogs will be split into three groups, on a random basis. The top four dogs from each of the three groups will compete for the final.</i> <i>Each group will be judged by one judge and a fourth judge will designate the BIS.</i> <i>The Winner of the final will be awarded the title FCI TOP DOG 2025.</i> <p>[Note: Following the above announcement, Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year – was revised in line with the views expressed at the Fedco Discussion Forum – Session 4, held on 26.09.2024. The revised Schedule identifies the winner of the KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition in any year as the dog eligible to represent KUSA at the FCI World Challenge of Top Dogs in the following year.]</p> <p>[Note: Please refer to Item 13.5.1 for the changes to Schedule 05E(24)]</p>

		<p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by NdP, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(24) were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
	5.4	<p>FCI Dog Shows User's Guide (Brief Code of Conduct for Exhibitors, Judges and Staff at a Dog Show)</p> <p>Under Circular 24/2024, dated 17.09.2024, the FCI distributed its FCI Dog Shows User's Guide, essentially a brief Code of Conduct for Exhibitors, Judges and Staff at Dog Shows, as approved by the FCI General Committee in Thuin, Belgium, March 2024.</p> <p>This is a colourful, handy, quick-reference guide of dos and don'ts pertaining to dog shows, most of it common sense, but nevertheless an apt reminder to new and seasoned exhibitors, and others, of appropriate behaviour and conduct at dog shows.</p> <p>The FCI Dog Shows User's Guide has been published on the KUSA website under News > General Notices > FCI Notices > FCI Dog Show Code of Conduct.</p> <p>FCI Dog Shows User's Guide (Brief Code of Conduct for Exhibitors, Judges and Staff at a Dog Show) was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
6		FEDCO MATTERS
	6.1	<p>Fedco Portfolios (Fedco 12.2021 Item 3.13, Fedco 06-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 6.1, Fedco 06-2023 Item 6.1, Fedco 12-2023 Item 6.1, Fedco 04-2024 Item 7.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 6.1)</p> <p><i>Fedco Members' Portfolios were updated at Fedco Special Meeting 04-2024, as follows:</i></p> <p>Cllr JM Hubbard Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Budgets, Finance, Breed Health, Extraordinary Registrations</p> <p>Cllr RB Jenkins Budgets & Finance, Breed Health, Breed Shows, Registrations & Exports.</p> <p>Cllr RD Jukes DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Dog Dancing, Working Trials (Classic), Trick Dog & Property Acquisition</p> <p>Cllr NJ du Preez Legal Matters & Property Acquisition, Mondioring, Rescue Dogs and Tracking Trials.</p> <p>Cllr DC Sparg Agility, Dog Jumping, Field Trials, Obedience.</p> <p>Cllr LC Thornhill Information Technology, DNA, Genetic Health Issues, Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communication – KUSA Web & Social Media.</p> <p>Cllr M Vorster Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), Flyball, Carting, Property Acquisition, Budgets & Finance</p> <p>Cllr C Chelchinsky</p>

		<p>Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) – with regard to Dogsport, as well as Agility, Dog Jumping, Scent Work, Hoopers</p> <p>Cllr N Redtenbacher</p> <p>Handling, Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung (IGP), Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Rally Dog, Digital Communications – KUSA Web & Social Media.</p> <p>Mr BG Robinson, KUSA Secretary, has been allocated the following Portfolios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KUSA Constitution and Schedules • Club Constitutions & Bylaws • Provincial Council Constitutions & Bylaws • Breed Council and Liaison Council Constitutions & Bylaws • Media & Press – Liaison Officer <p>Areas of responsibility not specifically identified above are to be dealt with by the KUSA Office under the guidance of the General Manager.</p> <p>Any updates to Fedco Portfolio-holders, if required.</p> <p>CC brought to the attention of Fedco that her Portfolio was not properly aligned with FCI terminology and pointed out the misnomers. The necessary adjustments were made to CC's Portfolio (corrected text in red above) and, on a proposal from DS, seconded by LT, the Hoopers Portfolio was additionally allocated to CC. Although CC accepted, it was on the proviso that, should another Fedco member become more conversant with this form of Dogsport, she would surrender the Hoopers Portfolio to such other Fedco member. The allocation of the Hoopers Portfolio to CC was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>
7		<p>MATTERS RELATING TO THE ARTICLES</p>
	7.1	<p>Proposed Update to the List of Schedules by the addition of certain Schedules approved by the Federal Council under Articles 6.1 & 41</p> <p>Housekeeping – submitted by KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To update the list of Schedules on record at the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to the Constitution & Schedule List:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>CONTENTS <u>Schedule 05E(31)</u> <u>Regulations for Dog Jumping Inter-Provincial Competition</u> <u>Schedule 05V*</u> <u>Regulations for Hoopers Classes*</u></p> <p>[Note: *The insertion of this text is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from BJ, seconded by NR, the proposed amendments to the Constitution & Schedule List by accommodating Schedules 05E(31) and 05V were approved, unanimously.</p>

			Effective immediately.
	7.2		<p>Amendment to the Articles of KUSA</p> <p>Proposed by the KUSA Office and brought forward by the Chairman of the Federal Council.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To amend Article 2 – INTERPRETATION OF TERMS – by inserting Hoopers under the definition of “Discipline”. In the preparation of the Hoopers documentation to be tabled at Fedco 12-2024 and the consequential changes to various Schedules in which the new Dogsport had to be accommodated, the necessary change to Article 2 had unfortunately been overlooked. For Hoopers to be introduced early in 2025, the Article change needed to be effective on 01.02.2025, which prompted the Chairman to seek Fedco’s permission for the change by round robin, which was granted, unanimously. Notice of the change was circulated to the Clubs prior to 31.10.2024 in full compliance with Article 40.4.</p> <p>“Minor grammatical errors” were to be corrected at the same time as permitted under Article 40.5.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2. INTERPRETATION OF TERMS “Discipline” means a particular activity at an exhibition of dogs or competitive canine event, including those detailed in Schedule 05E, which may be held by any Affiliated Club qualified to do so in terms of the KUSA Constitution for which there is a Schedule containing Regulations for Judges, Judging, and the form in which the exhibition or competition shall take.[?] Disciplines currently recognised by KUSA are: {Breed, Obedience Classes, Working Trials (Classic), IGP, Breed Working Test, Field Trials, Dog Jumping, Agility, Dog Carting, Flyball[]}, TT (Tracking Trials), Handler Classes, Working Utility Dog (WUD), Dancing with Dogs and Testing Standards for Rescue Dogs, Canicross, Mondioring, [and] Rally Dog[] and Hoopers.</p> <p>On a proposal from JH, seconded by NR, the amendments to Article 2 were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.02.2025.</p>
8			MATTERS RELATED TO DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – SCHEDULE 01
	8.1		Disciplinary Hearings
		8.1.1	<p>Case 2024-01 – KUSA (Van Vliet) vs Brunner</p> <p>DSC Findings: After careful consideration of all the submitted evidence, documents and affidavits, the DSC unanimously reached the following decision, on a balance of probabilities, with regard to the Case 01-2024 before them:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DSC found that the complaint was fully substantiated, and that, in humiliating and undermining the authority of the Mr van Vliet, the Respondent had wilfully engaged in conduct that was improper, disgraceful and disrespectful and prejudicial and injurious to the interests of canine affairs and to members, officials and persons concerned and connected therewith. 2. The DSC therefore found the Respondent guilty of contravening Schedule 01 Rules 4.1.1 and 4.1.1.4, and further of contravening Schedule 04 Regulation 25, read with Schedule 03 Regulation 37.

		<p>3. The DSC further found the Respondent guilty of breaching Regulations 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 5.1, 5.17 and 5.18 of Schedule 09 (Code of Ethics for Members of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa).</p> <p>4. The DSC took note that Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B (International Utility Dogs Regulations (IGP)), under the section "Disciplinary Rights", makes provision for an objection to be lodged against a Trial Judge's method of assessment. It is stated under this section that in the section that: <i>"Justifiable objections may be made in cases where the judge has violated the trial regulations but not against his assessments. Any such objections must be made in writing and addressed to the relevant authority and must be lodged with the show holding organisation and signed by the complainant."</i> (emphasis added). It is further stated in the section that <i>"Public criticism of a judge's assessments may result in dismissal from the trial grounds and further disciplinary action may follow."</i></p> <p>Penalties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at any Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club for a period of six (6) months. 2. In terms of Rule 11.5 of Schedule 01, the DSC ruled that the penalty be suspended in full for a period of three (3) years, on condition that, during the period of suspension, the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions of Schedule 01 Rule 4, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint. 3. The DSC ruled that the above penalty will take effect on 1 July 2024. <p>Subsequent to the release of the finding of the DSC, the Respondent lodged an appeal in terms of Schedule 01 Rule 12.</p> <p>FAC Findings:</p> <p>The FAC considered the Complaint in totality and concluded that there was sufficient evidence, substantiated on a balance of probabilities, to uphold the DSC finding that Ms Brunner did not follow the procedure for laying a complaint as laid out in Schedule 05B(02) App B namely:</p> <p><i>Justifiable objections may be made in cases where the judge has violated the trial regulations but not against his assessments. Any such objections must be made in writing and addressed to the relevant authority and must be lodged with the show holding organisation and signed by the complainant. Objections must be lodged within 8 days of the close of the trial.</i></p> <p>The FAC partially upheld the DSC finding that Ms Brunner had wilfully engaged in conduct that could be considered improper and dishonourable to officials of KUSA which provided sufficient grounds for a complaint to be laid in terms of Schedule 01, Rule 4.1.1.</p> <p>FAC Outcome:</p> <p>Taking the above into account, the FAC considered the penalties imposed on Ms Brunner</p>
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		<p>by the DSC and agreed to amend the DSC's sanction as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In terms of Rule 11.1.2 of Schedule 01, the Respondent is excluded from taking part in, or having any connection with, or attending or participating or handling a dog at any Show, Obedience Class, Working Trial or Field Trial or other event held under KUSA licence, or from acting as an officer of a Club for a period of six (6) months. 2. That the penalty be suspended in full for a period of one (1) year, on condition that, during the period of suspension, the Respondent does not contravene any of the provisions of Schedule 01 Rule 4, or any other provisions in the KUSA Constitution, Rules and Regulations that would form the basis of a valid complaint. <p>General Observations and Supplementary Commentary:</p> <p>The Members of the FAC would fail in their responsibilities towards the Kennel Union should they not bring to the attention of the Executive Committee their concerns relating to events which had taken place at the Baakens Valley Working and Herding & All Breeds Training School's Non-championship Show held on 22 March 2024. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Judge on the day failing to adhere to Schedule 05B(02) App B Special Requirements in the FCI-IBGH 3 test with regard to the order in which exercises were to be carried out; 2. The Club failing to adhere to the Schedule 03 Regulation 37.1 which states (underline added for clarity): <u>"The Show Committee shall report, in writing, to the Secretary any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and any default or omission at or in connection with a Show which is brought to its notice. Every such report shall be submitted to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the show and shall be accompanied by all documents and information in connection therewith which is in its possession of power."</u>; 3. The Trial not meeting the requirements under Schedule 05B(02) App B which state, under Trial Participants, that: <i>"The examination (trial) must have a minimum of 4 participants per trial day. The minimum number of participants per day may only be less if for FCI-BH/VT or BH/VT (NPO) examinations these dogs pass and try for a further examination (FCI-IGP-1, FCI-IFH 1) at the same event."</i>; 4. The Non-championship Show held on 22 March 2024 not being compliant with the stipulation for trial days as provided for in Schedule 05B(02) App B under Trial Days; and 5. The validity of qualifications awarded on the day. <p>The FAC's intention in pointing out the above shortcomings, is to enable the Executive Committee to consider taking appropriate pre-emptive steps, either by way of regulation, or training, to hopefully avoid the recurrence of such disruptive events in future.</p> <p>The Acting KUSA Secretary in this Case (Chairman of the Executive Committee) was requested to bring the abovementioned points to the attention of the Executive Committee for appropriate action to be taken.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	8.2	<p>Disciplinary Rules</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 01 Regulation 4.1 – Disciplinary Rules</p> <p>Proposed by the JEC and brought forward by the Chairman.</p>

			<p>Proposal & Motivation:</p> <p>With the JEC's exams moving into the online space, there was a heightened need to guard against security breaches and, should such breaches occur, to hold perpetrators liable under KUSA's Disciplinary Rules. It is therefore suggested that Rule 4 (FOUNDATION FOR A COMPLAINT) be broadened to make the JEC's examinations subservient to the overarching Rule 4.1.1, which provides as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4.1.1 any conduct which is alleged to be fraudulent improper, dishonourable, disgraceful, or discreditable or deceitful, or conduct which is prejudicial or injurious to the interests of canine affairs or to members or officials of KUSA or Fedco, Exco or any PC of KUSA or persons who are concerned or connected therewith, relating to –</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u></p> <p>NEW Rule 4.1.1.6</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>4.1.1.6 the examinations of the JEC;</u></p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>NdP stated that, if the reach of overarching Rule 4.1.1 were to be extended to include the JEC's examinations, then the word "deceitful" ought to be included in undesirable actions listed in the Rule. All present agreed to this insertion, as indicated in red above.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by NdP, the proposed amendments to Schedule 01 were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
9			MATTERS RELATED TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS – SCHEDULE 02
	9.1		Schedule 02 Regulation 17 – Recognition of Breeds & Appendix A
		9.1.1	Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards
		9.1.2	<p>Breed Standards Committee</p> <p>List of Breed Standards to be amended/revised under the <i>KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards</i>:</p> <p>TERRIER GROUP FCI Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier</p> <p>UTILITY GROUP FCI German Spitz (Mittel)</p> <p>WORKING GROUP The Royal Kennel Club, UK Newfoundland</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
		9.1.3	<p>Adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the Great Dane</p> <p>On 20.09.2024, the KUSA Office received an appropriately motivated application from the South African Great Dane Association (SAGDA), for KUSA to adopt the FCI Breed Standard for the Great Dane to replace the current Royal Kennel Club (RKC) Breed</p>

		<p>Standard. Apart from the FCI's country-of-origin (Germany) Breed Standard for the Deutsche Dogge, the Club presented a compelling case for the colour Merle to be recognised as a valid colour in South Africa, as it is under the FCI Breed Standard as well as under the American Kennel Club Breed Standard.</p> <p>The Club also presented KUSA with the results of a "mini survey" it had conducted of Club members and some non-members, all current breeders and/or owners of Great Danes, each Voting Paper fully completed and signed. This considerably lightened the administrative burden on the KUSA Office of conducting the obligatory survey.</p> <p>As prescribed in the KUSA Protocol for Adopting Breed Standards, KUSA extracted a list of breeders of Great Danes who had registered litters during the past seven (7) years, as well as a list of persons who had taken transfer of one or more Great Danes into their Registered Ownership during the same seven-year period. From these lists, non-members were eliminated, since they were not eligible to participate in any poll conducted by KUSA. The lists were further diluted by the members who had already been surveyed by the Club.</p> <p>On 05.10.2024, the KUSA Secretary wrote to the remaining Breeders and Registered Owners, forwarding to them all the relevant information provided by the SAGDA to motivate its proposal for the substitution of the RKC Breed Standard with the FCI Breed Standard. These Breeders/Registered Owners were also sent a Voting Form to be completed, signed, scanned and returned to the KUSA Secretary by no later than Friday, 18.10.2024.</p> <p>From the votes collectively polled by the Club and KUSA, the result was overwhelmingly in favour of the conversion to the FCI Breed Standard and the Club's proposal therefore carried on a simple majority of the persons polled.</p> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by JH, the conversion of the Great Dane from the Royal Kennel Club Breed Standard to the FCI Breed Standard was ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2025.</p> <p>[Note: Depending on the ratification of this Item 9.1.3, the order of judging of the three (3) colour varieties of Great Dane would need to be slotted into Schedule 03 Appendix 1 under Working Group and into Schedule 03A Appendix 1 under Group 2 (Pinscher & Schnauzer – Molossoid & Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs).]</p> <p>[Note: PM informed Fedco that, as is customary with Breed Standard conversions, the new Great Dane Breed Standard would be distributed to the KUSA membership on publication of these Minutes.]</p>
	9.1.4	<p>Proposed change of the Portuguese Water Dog from the KUSA Working Group to the KUSA Gundog Group</p> <p>Submitted by the Breed Standards Committee and brought forward by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: All over the world, the Portuguese Water Dog is exhibited in the Gundog (Sporting) Group in all non-FCI countries and, in FCI countries, in Group 8 (Retrievers, Flushing Dogs & Water Dogs). The reason for its classification as a Working Dog under KUSA is not clear, but it might be a hangover from a much earlier classification which was never rectified, probably because the breed had never gained popularity in South Africa. Since the breed is currently misclassified, its classification needs to be corrected.</p> <p>For approval.</p>

			<p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, reclassification of the Portuguese Water Dog as a Gundog under the KUSA Grouping was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>[Note: This change will impact on the alphabetical listings in the amended and re-named Schedule 02 Appendix "A1". It will also impact on the grouping and alphabetical presentation of the Breed Standards on the KUSA website.</p> <p>Moreover, it will be incumbent on the KUSA Office to inform all Judges of the possibility that Learner Judges might be examined on the Portuguese Water Dog Breed Standard again if they were Licensed Working Group Judges, but not yet Licensed Gundog Judges.]</p> <p>[Note: The KUSA Office is to change the KUSA Group of the Portuguese Water Dog on the K9 Admin System where required and inform the developers of the requisite change to be made on the new online transaction portal.]</p> <p>[Note: The following documents, envisaged to be stored on the KUSA website under the Judges Portal as Guides, as envisaged under Items 15.3 and 15.3.2, would also need to be amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FCI NOMENCLATURE differences to KUSA Groups (Nov 2024)</i> • <i>FCI REGULATIONS – Judges Study Path for FCI Groups and FCI Int All-breed nomination.</i>]
		9.1.5	<p>Proposal to convert the Breed Standards of breeds with no recorded registration history for the past seven years from RKC (UK) Breed Standards to FCI Breed Standards</p> <p>Submitted by the Breed Standards Committee and brought forward by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: With the assistance of the KUSA Office, the Breed Standard Committee has identified fifteen (15) breeds with no recorded history of registrations for at least the past seven years. In keeping with KUSA's commitment to the FCI to incrementally adopt its Nomenclature and Breed Standards over an undetermined period, the Breed Standards Committee believes that adopting FCI Breed Standards for breeds that are seldom, if ever, imported into South Africa, or had declined in popularity to the point of obscurity, goes some way towards demonstrating KUSA's goodwill and its ongoing efforts to achieve conversions whenever possible. Apart from regular reminders at General Assemblies, the FCI has exerted minimum pressure on KUSA over its past thirty-one (31) years of full FCI membership but, for this to continue, there has to be some form of <i>quid pro quo</i> on the part of KUSA.</p> <p>During the previous conversion of this kind, seven (7) years of non-activity was deemed as a fair benchmark for the conversion of Breed Standards of breeds which no longer (or have never) enjoyed popularity in South Africa. Without the need for referenda, these seamless conversions are nonprejudicial to KUSA members but, importantly, bear testimony to KUSA's <i>bona fides</i> towards the FCI.</p> <p>The Breed Standards of the following breeds are proposed for conversion to FCI Breed Standards:</p> <p>GUNDOG GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retriever (Chesapeake Bay) – KC [03-2016] = Chesapeake Bay Retriever – FCI No 263 [02-1995] • Retriever (Curly-coated) – KC [03-2016] = Curly Coated Retriever – FCI No 110 [07-2009]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaniel (Welsh Springer) – KC [03-2016] = Welsh Springer Spaniel – FCI No 126 [07-2009] <p>HERDING GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancashire Heeler – KC [02-2017] = Lancashire Heeler – FCI No 360 [05-2016] Polish Lowland Sheepdog – KC [02-2017] = Polish Lowland Sheepdog – FCI No 251 [07-1988] <p>HOUND GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bloodhound – KC [01-2020] = Bloodhound – FCI No 84 [07-2022] <p>TERRIER GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dandie Dinmont Terrier – KC [01-2018] = Dandie Dinmont Terrier – FCI No 168 [10-2017] Lakeland Terrier – KC [07-2023] = Lakeland Terrier – FCI No 70 [05-2009] Norwich Terrier – KC [01-2018] = Norwich Terrier – FCI No 72 [01-2011] Sealyham Terrier – KC [01-2018] = Sealyham Terrier – FCI No 74 [05-2009] <p>TOY GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Charles Spaniel – KC [01-2021] = King Charles Spaniel – FCI No. 128 [08-2021] Löwchen [Little Lion Dog] – KC [04-2021] = Löwchen [Little Lion Dog] – FCI No 233 [04-2004] <p>UTILITY GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeshond – KC [01-2018] = German Spitz – Keeshond (Wolfspitz) – FCI No 97 [09-2024] <p>WORKING GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leonberger – KC [01-2017] = Leonberger – FCI No 145 [09-2002] Pyrenean Mountain Dog – KC [01-2018] = Pyrenean Mountain Dog – FCI No 137 [03-2005] <p>On a proposal from BJ, seconded by NR, the conversion of the Breed Standards of the above breeds to FCI Breed Standards was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2025.</p> <p>[Note: These Nomenclature changes will require amendments across the relevant Schedules, as well as to the K9 Admin System and the KUSA website. Also see Notes under Item 9.1.4.]</p>
	9.2	<p>Breed Health – BOAS/RFGS (Fedco 12-2019 Item 9.8, Fedco 06.2020 item 8.3, Fedco 06.2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.1 Fedco 12-2023 Item 9.1, Fedco 06-2024 Item 9.2)</p> <p>Report-back from the Fedco-appointed Task Team.</p> <p>No further developments to report.</p>

9.3		<p>Breed Health – HD/ED (Fedco 06-2019 Item 8.21.1 & 8.21.2, Fedco 12-2021 Item 4.3.3, Fedco 06-2022 Item 8.1, Fedco 12-2022 Item 9.2, Fedco 12-2023 Item 9.3)</p> <p>Report-back from the Fedco-appointed Task Team.</p> <p>No further developments to report.</p>
9.4		<p>Application for a once-off Inter-variety mating of Dachshunds – Long-haired to Smooth-haired</p> <p>Background: The above application was made to the Executive Committee in terms of Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1.7, which provides as follows:</p> <p>1.1.7 Cross-matings <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 1.1.6 hereof the Executive Committee shall be empowered to establish provisos in order to permit matings of different categories of the same breeds where such cross mating is recommended by a Breed Council, where such exists or is considered desirable in the interests of improving a breed where similar arrangements have been permitted by the club in the country of origin or development of such breeds.</i></p> <p>In applying to the Executive Committee, the applicant failed to take account of the overarching Regulation 1.1, which stipulates:</p> <p>1.1 The Kennel Union may also accept for registration, <i>subject to such terms and conditions as the Federal Council may stipulate from time to time</i>: (emphasis added)</p> <p>Having granted permission for the proposed mating at Exco 06-2026, the Executive Committee was alerted to the fact that terms and conditions for such a mating need to be set by the Federal Council. In consequence, at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose, Exco “decided to withdraw their approval for such a mating but, noted that the application could be resubmitted, provided it followed due process, namely that, as the request required dispensation from Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1, it should be submitted to Fedco with all necessary supporting documentation.”</p> <p>Following the publication of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, the applicant duly applied to the Federal Council for the required permission to proceed with the proposed Inter-variety mating and the matter was tabled for discussion at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) on Tuesday, 13 August 2024, where the application and supporting documentation were considered, as well as the various submissions by members of the Dachshund community opposing the application. In the interest of transparency, and in an attempt to hopefully broker consensus on this issue, Fedco recommended that the members of the two Dachshund Clubs (SA Dachshund Club and Teckel Club of SA) should be invited to a consultation meeting with a Fedco-appointed Task Team, comprised of Cllrs N Redtenbacher, NJ du Preez, L Thornhill and RD Juckes, acting as mediators. Cllr Redtenbacher undertook to arrange the envisaged consultation/mediation meeting, which duly took place on Wednesday, 21 August 2024.</p> <p>At the subsequent FDF, held on Tuesday, 27 August 2024, Cllr Redtenbacher reported on the outcome of the consultation/mediation meeting, which Cllr RD Juckes was ultimately unable to attend, and informed the Federal Council that the forum had, unfortunately, not been able to reach consensus on the issue. She alerted the Federal Council to a joint proposal submitted to the consultation/mediation meeting by the two Dachshund Clubs, the</p>

		<p>merits of which were not discussed at the FDF. However, it was acknowledged that it was incumbent on the Federal Council to revert to the Executive Committee with recommendations for the matter to be finalised and the outcome to be communicated to the interested parties by way of the Minutes of an urgent Exco Special Meeting convened for the sole purpose of dealing with this matter.</p> <p>The Executive Committee was thereafter duly informed of the Federal Council's unanimous recommendation that:</p> <p>The proposed once-off Inter-variety mating contemplated by the applicant should be authorised by the Executive Committee, in accordance with Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1.7 – Cross-matings, and imposed the following provisos should the mating go ahead, and a litter be produced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First-generation progeny from this proposed Inter-variety mating should be registered reflecting the coat variety according to the dominant expression of the gene (<i>in this case all progeny will be Smooth-haired</i>). 2. The Second-generation progeny, are also to be registered as per expression of the dominant gene, which should be clear by the age of 8 (eight) weeks and any Second-generation puppies intended for breeding will be required to be DNA tested for coat inheritance prior to mating and may only be permitted to be mated to dogs of the same gene expression. 3. The progeny from the present Inter-variety coat mating should only be registered once there is clarity on the coat-type. Should this only become clear after the expiration period of the KUSA-regulated registration period, reclassification according to coat variety may be permitted in accordance with Schedule 02 Regulation 1.1.8 – Reclassification of Recessives. 4. In this particular Inter-variety mating, the coat-variety classifications, i.e. Long-haired (LH) and Smooth-haired (SH), will be added as bracketed suffixes to the registered names of the Dam and Sire and, subsequently, to the registered names of their progeny, which should make it clear on every <i>Certificate of Registration and Certified Pedigree</i> issued by KUSA, that the registered progeny had resulted from a past inter-variety mating and indicate which coat-varieties of the ancestors had produced the offspring. <p>The requested urgent Special Meeting was convened by the Executive Committee on 3 September 2024 in order to reach a decision based on Fedco's recommendations and to reflect such decision in the Minutes of the Meeting to bring the desired finality to this matter.</p> <p>At the Special Meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously approved Fedco's recommendations.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	9.5	<p>Proposed Amendments to Schedule 02 to rename its current Appendix "A" as Appendix "A1", to be followed by a new Appendix "A2", which lists the KUSA-recognised Breeds in their FCI Groupings</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal: To provide for a new Appendix "A2" to Schedule 03, listing the breeds in their FCI Groupings with consequential amendments to Schedule 02.</p>

		<p>Motivation:</p> <p>With the introduction of the new Schedule 03A Appendix 1, to provide for Breed Classes and Order of Judging in the same way as it is done in Schedule 03, it is necessary to refer to the KUSA-recognised Breeds as they appear in their FCI Groupings for judging at FCI International Shows. Apart from the headings of the two Appendices, the addition of the new Appendix "A2" necessitates minor amendment within Schedule 02, as set out below:</p> <p>Amendment to Regulation 1.2:</p> <p>Recognition of Breeds</p> <p>The breeds of dogs recognised by the Federal Council for the purpose of classification, registration and competition, are those listed in Appendix "A1" <u>(for KUSA Championship and Non-Championship Shows)</u> and Appendix "A2" <u>(for FCI International Shows)</u> to this Schedule.</p> <p>Amendments to Regulation 2:</p> <p>2. BREED GROUPS</p> <p>2.1 For the purpose of competition between dogs of different breeds, the grouping of breeds <u>shall, for competition at KUSA Championship and Non-championship Shows,</u> [as shown in Appendix "A" shall be held to define sporting breeds, namely: Hounds, Gundogs and Terriers; and non-sporting breeds, namely: Utility, Herding, Working and Toy] <u>be in accordance with the traditional seven-group classification of dog breeds as reflected in Appendix "A1", i.e. Gundogs, Herding, Hounds, Terriers, Toys, Utility and Working.</u></p> <p>2.2 For the purpose of competition between dogs of different breeds, the grouping of breeds <u>shall, for competition at FCI International Shows,</u> [as shown in Appendix "A" shall be held to define sporting breeds, namely: Hounds, Gundogs and Terriers; and non-sporting breeds, namely: Utility, Herding, Working and Toy] <u>be in accordance with the FCI's ten-group classification of dog breeds as reflected in Appendix "A2", i.e. Group 1 (Sheepdogs & Cattle dogs), Group 2 (Pinscher & Schnauzer – Molossoid & Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs), Group 3 (Terriers), Group 4 (Dachshunds), Group 5 (Spitz & Primitive Types), Group 6 (Scenthounds and Related Breeds), Group 7 (Pointing Dogs), Group 8 (Retrievers, Flushing Dogs and Water Dogs), Group 9 (Companion & Toy Dogs) and Group 10 (Sighthounds).</u></p> <p>Amendment to Regulation 17.1:</p> <p>17.1 Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, when a dog of a breed not already listed in Appendix [A] <u>"A1" or Appendix "A2"</u> to this Schedule is imported, the breed may be added to the list of recognised breeds and the dog registered, provided that the breed is recognised by the FCI, The Royal Kennel Club or any National Canine Organisation with which the Kennel Union is in reciprocity and the conditions in respect of Registrations contained in this Schedule are adhered to.</p> <p>Appendix "A" Heading:</p> <p>SCHEDULE 02 APPENDIX "A1" (Change "A" to "A1")</p> <p>RECOGNISED BREEDS</p>
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10			MATTERS RELATING TO SHOWS – SCHEDULE 03 ET AL
	10.1		Matters relating to Schedule 03 – Regulations for Championship Shows
		10.1.1	<p>Proposed Amendments to Schedule 03 Regulation 42.1 – Provision for Sire of Merit (SOM) and Dam of Merit (DOM) Titles</p> <p>Submitted by the Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds & Northern Areas Provincial Councils.</p> <p>Proposal: To introduce Sire of Merit (SOM) and Dam of Merit (DOM) Titles for dogs competing in the showing by encouraging new owners to exhibit the progeny of such Sires and Dams.</p> <p>Motivation: In the interest of motivating breeders and exhibitors to encourage new puppy buyers to join as KUSA members and exhibit their dogs, at least until they have attained Champion status, we propose the introduction of two additional titles.</p> <p>“Sire of Merit” and “Dam of Merit” titles would encourage breeders to get new puppy owners involved in KUSA and participating at Shows thus, in turn, increasing entry numbers and KUSA levies payable.</p> <p>For a dog or bitch to attain these titles, the following would need to be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sire of Merit (SOM) – A dog that has produced at least ten (10) Conformation

			<p>Champion offspring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam of Merit (DOM) – A bitch that has produced at least five (5) Conformation Champion offspring. • At least three (3) of the conformation Champion titles, gained by the offspring (CH, GR.CH, SP.CH, INT.CH (C.I.B), FCI A2O CH), must have been awarded after the implementation date. <p>These titles could easily also be applicable and introduced for Dogsport exhibits, not only Breed.</p> <p>Moreover, the qualification criteria for the introduction of these two titles is uncomplicated, easily verifiable for the Office, and does not create any extra administration on the part of show-holding Clubs. The system is not prohibitive or particularly onerous for Breeds with either large, or small, numbers. Additionally, it is more difficult to win Challenge Certificate points in the numerically strong Breeds, thereby encouraging support for Shows held in the smaller, geographically “isolated” provinces. This should be achieved, as not only will dogs in numerically strong Breeds need to attend more Shows to gain the required Challenge Certificate points, but in conjunction with the proposal to re-introduce the “Out-of-Centre” (away) Challenge Certificate (CC) (refer Item 10.1.4), this also requires that the Challenge Certificate (CC) points be gained in at least two (2) different Centres, as defined by Article 13 and Schedule 03 Reg. 2.1.1. With regard to the issuing of Certificates by the KUSA Office, two new certificates would need to be designed in similar style to the current Champion, Grand Champion and/or Supreme Champion templates for the KUSA Office to issue digital certificates in PDF format for both these Merit titles.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Regulation 42.1 – Champion Dogs:</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u>.</p> <p><u>42.1.7. Sire of Merit (SOM) and Dam of Merit (DOM) Titles</u></p> <p><u>42.1.7.1. The Federal Council may award the title of “Sire of Merit (SOM)” to any dog registered on the Primary Breed Register of the Kennel Union, or registered by any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA, which has produced no fewer than ten (10) Breed Champion offspring registered with KUSA or with any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA.</u></p> <p><u>42.1.7.2. The Federal Council may award the title of “Dam of Merit (DOM)” to any dog registered on the Primary Breed Register of the Kennel Union, or registered by any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA, which has produced no fewer than five (5) Breed Champion offspring registered with KUSA or with any National Canine Organisation recognised by KUSA.</u></p> <p><u>42.1.7.3. At least three (3) of the Breed Champion titles, gained by the offspring (CH, GR.CH, SP.CH, INT.CH (C.I.B.), FCI A2O CH), must have been awarded after the implementation date.</u></p> <p><u>42.1.7.4. The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall issue a “Sire of Merit (SOM)” or “Dam of Merit (DOM)” Award Certificate, as the case may be, to the Registered Owner(s) of every dog qualifying for such an Award under the provisions of Schedule 03 Regulation 42 and any relevant Schedule of Regulations forming part of the KUSA Constitution.</u></p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>NdP said that, as had been mooted by the representative of the SA Bull Terrier Club at the DOGSPC meeting where this proposal had been discussed, he also still held the view that</p>
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		10.1.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 03 Appendix 1 – Order of Breed Judging</p> <p>Submitted by the Western Cape & and the Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Councils.</p> <p>Proposal: To make the order of judging as Regulated in Schedule 03 Appendix 1 less restrictive as fully motivated below.</p> <p>Motivation: At a special meeting of the Federal Council held on 15.02.2024, the KUSA Office proposed changes regarding the order in which Breeds are to be judged. The updated Regulations currently require that Breeds must always be judged as per the order listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A" (i.e. alphabetically), with no deviations, unless multiple Judges are involved. Historically, Clubs have had several valid reasons for deviating from the above prescribed order, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring proper scheduling and timing of the Show; 2. Running two Shows concurrently, starting one with breed A and the other with breed Z; 3. Addressing animal health concerns by judging brachycephalic or heavily coated breeds earlier in the day to avoid the heat; 4. Accommodating committee members or sponsors who need to balance work and show commitments; 5. Facilitating exhibitors in order to attract more entries; and 6. Supporting Specialist Clubs hosting Shows on the same day. <p>This new restriction complicates the organisation of Cluster weekends, where multiple Shows are held concurrently. For example, the SA Dachshund Club and Free State Bulldog Club, that have historically run their Shows alongside Jacaranda City Kennel Club and</p>

		<p>Bloemfontein & Northern Free State Kennel Clubs, respectively, will no longer be able to adjust the judging order to accommodate both events in each instance. This could hinder growth in an already challenging environment and potentially result in fewer entries.</p> <p>The rule also contradicts one of the core objectives outlined in the KUSA Articles defining Clubs: "The objects of which include the welfare of, interest in, and breeding of all recognised Breeds of purebred dogs, with a primary focus on providing Championship and other Shows." By preventing 'weather-vulnerable' Breeds from being judged at more appropriate times, the welfare of these animals is being compromised.</p> <p>The option of pre-applying to Exco for dispensation to deviate from the default order of judging, as mooted at the FDF – Session 2, would not be feasible, as it would introduce unnecessary bureaucracy. Clubs would need to submit formal requests to Exco, which would then be added to the Exco Agenda for consideration. The decision-making process could take up to two months, putting additional pressure on Clubs already managing tight timelines for planning their events, finalising judging panels, and submitting Show Schedules to KUSA for approval, thereby also burdening the KUSA Office with extra procedures and timelines.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and [deletions in struck through square brackets].</p> <p>4. <u>Breeds shall be judged in the order as listed in Schedule 02 Appendix 'A', unless clearly indicated on the Show Schedule.</u> [In the case of:</p> <p>1.1 A full Group allocated to a single Judge, the breeds will be judged in the order they are listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A";</p> <p>1.2 an alphabetically split part Group, e.g. A – M and N – Z, allocated to two different Judges, the breeds will be judged in the split order they are listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A";</p> <p>1.3 a randomly split part Group, whether based on numerical strength, size, function or propensity, allocated to two or more different Judges, the order of judging shall be as published in the Show Schedule; and</p> <p>1.4 randomly selected breeds, allocated to a Judge in addition to a full or part Group, the order of judging shall be as published in the Show Schedule, e.g. [Breed(s) Name(s)] after/before the [Group Name] Group.]</p> <p>2. In breeds for which KUSA has adopted the FCI Breed Standard, in which more than one variety of the breed is identified for the awards of [FCI CAC]<u>FCI-C.A.C.</u> or [CACIB]<u>FCI-C.A.C.I.B.</u>, such varieties will also be eligible for separate KUSA CCs. In the case of breeds for which KUSA has adopted the Breed Standards of The Royal Kennel Club (UK), KUSA CCs and [FCI CACs]<u>FCI-C.A.C.s</u> will be awarded separately to the varieties identified in the adopted KUSA Breed Standard but, at FCI International Shows, the varieties identified in the FCI Breed Standards of the same breeds will be eligible for separate [FCI CACIBs]<u>FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s</u>.</p> <p>3. In any Group where certain breeds include two or more varieties, the order of judging of those varieties shall be as follows:</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>[Note: Should Fedco approve an amended version of the above proposal, there is a possibility that it might impact on the numbering of the current 3.1 onwards.]</p>
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[Note: Depending on the ratification of Item 9.1.3, (Adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the Great Dane) the order of judging of the three (3) colour varieties of Great Dane needs to be slotted in under Working Group.]

The text under ORDER OF BREED JUDGING was intensely debated over a number of FDF Sessions, where it was acknowledged that there was no valid reason for dispensing with the stating of the default order of judging in Regulations 1.1 & 1.2, and that there was also no reason for discarding Regulations 1.3 & 1.4, as these provided further clarity to Clubs. To avoid possible misunderstandings between host Clubs and Specialist/Groups Clubs holding their Shows on the same day and at the same venue about starting times and possible suspension of judging, there was strong support for a further Regulation to be included providing for Letters of Agreement between the host Club and Clubs holding the Shows in tandem with the host Club, such Regulation to be inserted as a new Regulation 2.

The above ultimately led to the following re-draft, amending the text of the proposal as indicated in red:

ORDER OF BREED JUDGING

1. Breeds shall, by default, be judged in the order as listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A1". In the case of:

- 1.1. A full Group allocated to a single Judge, the breeds will be judged in the order they are listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A1", unless varied by the Club with good cause and the revised judging order is published in the Official accepted Show Schedule;
- 1.2. an alphabetically split part Group, e.g. A – M and N – Z, allocated to two different Judges, the breeds will be judged in the split order they are listed in Schedule 02 Appendix "A1", unless varied by the Club with good cause and the revised judging order is published in the Official accepted Show Schedule;
- 1.3. a randomly split part Group, whether based on numerical strength, size, function or propensity, allocated to two or more different Judges, the order of judging shall be as published in the Show Schedule; and
- 1.4. randomly selected breeds, allocated to a Judge in addition to a full or part Group, the order of judging shall be as published in the Show Schedule, e.g.
..... [Breed(s) Name(s)] after/before the [Group Name] Group.

2. Should the change in judging order in Regulations 1.1 and 1.2 above be necessitated or prompted by the accommodation of the judging order or starting times of Specialist Clubs or Group Clubs holding their Shows on the same day and at the same venue, the host Club shall ensure that all arrangements with Specialist Clubs or Group Clubs pertaining to the order of judging, starting times, and any foreseeable possible suspensions of judging due to clashes, are properly formalised in Letters of Agreement between the host Club and the Clubs holding their Shows in tandem with the Show of the host Club, which shall be submitted together with the draft Show Schedule to the KUSA office for audit and acceptance.

		<p>3. In breeds for which KUSA has adopted the FCI Breed Standard, in which more than one variety of the breed is identified for the awards of FCI-C.A.C. or FCI-C.A.C.I.B., such varieties will also be eligible for separate KUSA CCs. In the case of breeds for which KUSA has adopted the Breed Standards of The Royal Kennel Club (UK), KUSA CCs and FCI-C.A.C.s will be awarded separately to the varieties identified in the adopted KUSA Breed Standard but, at FCI International Shows, the varieties identified in the FCI Breed Standards of the same breeds will be eligible for separate FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s.</p> <p>4. In any Group where certain breeds include two or more varieties, the order of judging of those varieties shall be as follows:</p> <p>RENUMBER REST OF THE CLAUSES SEQUENTIALLY</p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by JH, the revised text was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p> <p>[Note: Fedco was reminded that, by the effective date, a number of Show Schedules would already have been lodged with the KUSA Office. In consequence, the KUSA Office sought permission from Fedco to permit Clubs to change the order of judging on their already-submitted Show Schedules at no charge after the effective date of 01.03.2025. The required permission was granted by Fedco without hesitation.]</p>
	10.1.3	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 Regulation 5.11.2 – Show Schedule – Commencement of Judging & Order of Judging</p> <p>Submitted by the Western Cape & Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Councils.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To align the requirement to publish the Commencement of Judging and Order of Judging in the Shows Schedule with the revised Schedule 03 Appendix 1 (refer to Item 10.1.2).</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and [deletions in struck through square brackets].</p> <p>5.11.2 The time judging is to commence and the [Order of Judging, only in the cases described in Regulations 1.3 and 1.4, which appear under ORDER OF BREED JUDGING in Appendix 1 to this Schedule] <u>proposed order of judging (where this differs from the order of breeds listed in Schedule 02 Appendix 'A1' and 'A2'), shall be clearly indicated on the Show Schedule.</u></p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by JH, the amendment to Schedule 03 Regulation 5.11.2 was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
a	10.1.4	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 by the reinstatement of the previously voided Regulation 42.1.1.1</p> <p>Submitted by the Districts of Gauteng & Surrounds Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal: To reinstate the previously voided Regulation 42.1.1.1 to make the attaining of an 'away-point' mandatory for Champion status.</p>

		<p>Motivation:</p> <p>At Fedco 06-2018, Regulation 42.1.1.1 was voided, effectively eliminating the requirement for an 'away point' for Champion status.</p> <p>Historically, the requirement for an 'away point' in order to achieve Champion status served multiple purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring support for Shows held in other geographical Centres; 2. Ensuring competition against different specimens of any particular Breed in other geographical Centres; 3. Greatly assisting with Provisional Judges experiencing different specimens of any particular Breed, thereby increasing their experience base; 4. Facilitating exhibitors in order to attract more entries; and 5. Supporting Specialist Clubs hosting Shows on the same day(s) as All-breeds Clubs. <p>With the introduction of the Grand Champion and Supreme Champion titles, and the associated requirements for points to be gained in three (3) or four (4) geographical provinces of South Africa or three (3) geographical provinces of South Africa plus Namibia, it was believed that the requirement for an 'away point' in order to achieve Champion status was no longer necessary and that the above requirements were sufficient to encourage support for Shows held in the smaller provinces and encouraging owners to show their dogs for a longer period than is the norm.</p> <p>Over the last six years, it transpired that these beliefs and intentions, however genuine, have had the opposite effect on show entries and support for Clubs and Shows in smaller provinces and 'geographically isolated' areas. Eastern Cape, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal historically received fair support from either Gauteng or the Western Cape exhibitors, or both, but have become geographically isolated and Clubs in those areas are under severe pressure to survive with current low entry numbers and support received from exhibitors in other provinces. Whilst Gauteng and the Western Cape still enjoy reasonably acceptable support with entry numbers averaging between 300 – 400 dogs, the other provinces are lucky to receive entry numbers exceeding 200 dogs, many far fewer than that, with the East London Cluster Weekend attracting in the region of 70 entries per Show and the second Port Elizabeth weekend in the region of 100 entries per Show. At this rate, the activities and survival of these Clubs will not be sustained for very much longer.</p> <p>Fedco has a fiduciary responsibility towards an appreciable proportion of the KUSA affiliated Clubs, and those who support KUSA and its continued existence, to find a solution to what has become a state of steady degeneration.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and [deletions in struck through square brackets].</p> <p>42.1.1.1. [Void] <u>not more than four (4) of the minimum five (5) points were gained in one Centre.</u></p> <p>For discussion & decision.</p> <p>From the ensuing discussion, it became clear there was no unanimity on this proposal and the various Provincial Councils held conflicting views on it.</p> <p>NR proposed the adoption of the motion, seconded by DS.</p> <p>Given the dissent expressed by some Councillors earlier, the Chairman had no choice but to put the motion for the reinstatement of the previously voided Schedule 03 Regulation 42.1.1.1 to the vote, which carried on a vote of five (5) in favour, and four (4) against.</p>
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			<p>Debate ensued on Effective Date vs Implementation Date and a compromise was reached on allowing exhibitors some extra time for the acquisition of an elusive CC in a different geographical Centre.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025, with a deferred Implementation Date of 01.05.2025.</p> <p>[Note: The effect of decision is that, after the Implementation Date of 01.05.2025, all Championship Applications submitted to the KUSA Office must be supported by five (5) CCs won at any time, of which at least one (1) CC must have been won in a different geographical Centre.]</p>
		10.1.5	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 Appendix 3 – Official Show Entry Form</p> <p>Housekeeping – submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To provide for Hoopers Classes and Dog Jumping Intermediate height category on the Official Show Entry Form.*</p> <p>Official Show Entry Form was <i>attached</i> to the Agenda, duly marked up with insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and [deletions in struck through square brackets].</p> <p>[Note: *The insertion of this text is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the revised Official Show Entry Form, in which Hoopers Classes and the Dog Jumping Intermediate height category have been accommodated, was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2025.</p>
		10.1.6	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 03 by insertion of a new Regulation 42.16 to provide for Hoopers Champion, with sequential renumbering of the previous Regulation 42.16 onwards</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office on behalf of the Fedco Hoopers Task Team.</p> <p>Proposal: To include Hoopers Champion title descriptions.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>42.16 <u>Hoopers Champion*</u> <u>The Federal Council or Executive Committee shall Award:</u> <u>42.16.1 The title of Hoopers Champion to any dog awarded three (3) Hoopers Qualifying Certificates at Championship Shows, under any two (2) different Judges.</u> <u>42.16.2 The title of Hoopers Grand Champion to any dog awarded ten (10) Hoopers Qualifying Certificates at Championship Shows, under any three (3) different Judges providing at least one is domiciled outside the dog's normal area of competition.</u></p> <p>[Note: Sequentially renumber previous Regulation 42.16 onwards.]</p> <p>[Note: Proposed abbreviation for Hoopers Champion is CH HP.]</p> <p>[Note: *The insertion of this text is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p>

			<p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the insertion of a new Regulation 42.16 into Schedule 03 to provide for Hoopers Champion was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
	10.2		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03A – Regulations for FCI International Dog Shows
		10.2.1	<p>Insertion of a new Appendix 1 into Schedule 03A – Regulations for FCI International Shows</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office on behalf of Fedco.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To provide Schedule 03A with its own Appendix 1 to regulate Breed Classes and order of judging at FCI International Championship Shows and to provide for Breed Varieties which separately qualify for FCI-C.A.C.s and FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s, under their FCI Groupings. This new Appendix 1 emulates the corresponding Appendix 1 to Schedule 03 and would be a step forward towards customising Schedule 03A.</p> <p>Proposed New Schedule 03A Appendix 1 was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>[Note: The complete proposed Appendix 1, as attached to the Agenda, contains the section, ORDER OF BREED JUDGING AT FCI INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS, drafted as the KUSA Office believes is appropriate. The wording of the Regulations under this section will be dependent on, and adjusted in accordance with, the decision taken by the Federal Council under Item 10.1.2 above.]</p> <p>[Note: Depending on the ratification of Item 9.1.3 Adoption of the FCI Breed Standard for the Great Dane), the order of judging of the three (3) colour varieties of Great Dane needs to be slotted in under Group 2 (Pinscher & Schnauzer – Molossoid & Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs). In anticipation of a positive result, the insertion of Great Dane under Group 2 had provisionally been done in the draft attached to the Agenda.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the new Appendix 1 to Schedule 03A was long overdue. Similar to Appendix 1 of Schedule 03, this Appendix sets out the order of breed judging at FCI International Shows and also regulates which varieties of recognised breeds are eligible for separate FCI-C.A.C.s and FCI-C.A.C.I.B.s at FCI International Shows.</p> <p>On a proposal from LT, seconded by NR, the new Appendix 1 to Schedule 03A was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
	10.3		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 03B – Regulations for FCI A20 Championship Shows
	10.4		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04 – Regulations for Non-championship Shows
	10.5		Any Matters Relating to Schedule 04A – Regulations for Qualifying Shows
11			MATTERS RELATING TO JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
	11.1		Schedule 05E(12) – Regulations for KUSA National Handler of the Year Competition
	11.2		Schedule 05K – Regulations for Handler Classes
12			MATTERS RELATING TO DOGSPORT
	12.1		Schedule 05A – Regulations for Obedience Classes
		12.1.1	Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener

		<p>National Obedience Sub-Committee Report to Fedco 12-2024 Convener: Mr Rex Koning</p> <p>As my term of office comes to an end at the Annual General Meeting to be held January-March 2025 after ten years in office, it is with deep regret that another Obedience Judge, Mr Jerry Allen from the Eastern Cape, passed away in January 2024. Our deepest sympathy to his friends and loved ones.</p> <p>I would like to thank the following members who helped and assisted me during my position as National Convener for Obedience:</p> <p>KUSA President – Mrs Doreen Powell Fedco Chairman – Mrs Jenny Hubbard KUSA General Manager – Mrs Pascale Midgley KUSA Office – Mrs Claire Patterson-Abrolat, Mrs Nadine Shortland and Mrs Audrey Hauptfleisch Western Cape Exco Representative – Mr Michael Alberts Western Cape Provincial Chairman – Mrs Lori Thornhill</p> <p>And my National Obedience Sub-Committee: Mrs Y Taentzer (DOGSPC), Mr Greg Bass (KZNPC) and Mrs J Corney (EC&BPC).</p> <p>We have sent out to all Provinces the Obedience Newsletter from December 2017 to July 2024 – 24 issues of the Newsletter, with many photographs included.</p> <p>2023 Provincial Dog of the Year (Schedule 05E(27)) – KUSA sent the following Certificates to the winners:-</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Gold Class C</td><td>Silver Class B</td><td>Bronze Class A</td></tr><tr><td><u>Western Cape</u></td><td>Howard Armour</td><td>Rosemary Jones</td><td>Sharon Mills</td></tr><tr><td><u>KwaZulu-Natal</u></td><td>Cherry Nel</td><td>Pierre Retief</td><td>Neil Dougall</td></tr><tr><td><u>Gauteng</u></td><td>Dawn Crawshaw</td><td>Michelle Scott</td><td>M. Francini</td></tr><tr><td><u>Eastern Cape</u></td><td>Julia Lane</td><td>Nan Perold</td><td>Jayne Tripe</td></tr></table> <p>Thank you to Claire Patterson-Abrolat who sent out the Certificates.</p> <p>As per Newsletter Number 7 (November 2023), congratulations to the following Handlers for their achievements at the 2024 KUSA National Championships held in KwaZulu-Natal in May 2024:</p> <p>1st Judith Bachanan (KZN) 2nd Dawn Crawshaw (Gauteng) 3rd Marjorie White (Gauteng)</p> <p>As per Newsletter Number 9 (July 2024), welcome to Valentino Barends who passed his Obedience Judges Level One examinations.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the National Convener for Obedience was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere thanks.</p>		Gold Class C	Silver Class B	Bronze Class A	<u>Western Cape</u>	Howard Armour	Rosemary Jones	Sharon Mills	<u>KwaZulu-Natal</u>	Cherry Nel	Pierre Retief	Neil Dougall	<u>Gauteng</u>	Dawn Crawshaw	Michelle Scott	M. Francini	<u>Eastern Cape</u>	Julia Lane	Nan Perold	Jayne Tripe
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	12.2	<p>Schedule 05B(01) – Regulations for Working Trials (Classic)</p>																				
		<p>12.2.1 Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee (Incorporating Working Utility Dog) Convener: Mrs Claire Patterson-Abrolat</p>																				

Shows have been held in Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and KZN. Thank you too to all our hard-working Judges and Tracklayers – without them Trials would not be possible.

The number of Judges remains relatively stable. Our current Judges are:

Level	Gauteng	Western Cape	KZN	Eastern Cape
CD	Mrs L Stone	---	---	Miss M de Lange
TD1	Mr G Baigrie Mr D Gerber Mrs S Woodiwiss Mrs Y Taentzer	---	Mr G Smith	---
TD2		Mr RA Davis** Mrs M Pietersma*\$ Mrs J Twell	---	---
TD3	Dr H Ramsay Mrs R Cook* Mrs C Patterson-Abrolat* Mrs T Richardson* ** Mr E Ryan* **	Mrs A Brooke* Mrs R Claasen	Mrs D Turner	Mrs E Angell* Mr W Westra*
Inactive / Retired	Mrs C Kruger	Mrs G Land Miss G Wade Mrs F Powrie Mrs K Pohl		Mr J Chandler Mr I Judd Miss L Esterhuysen

* WUD

** working towards next level

*** has expressed interest in renewing licence

\$ TBC re future judging activities

In addition to the KUSA Nationals, it was exciting to see acknowledgement of the sport in special awards given at Goldfields Dog of the Year and NAPC Top Dog. Winners were:

KUSA National Tracker Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Kilt
KUSA National Police Dog – Lindie Cronjé & Iara
KUSA National Working Utility Dog – Pat Tutton & Flash

Goldfields DotY Tracker Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Jill
Goldfields DotY Police Dog – Lindie Cronjé & Iara
Goldfields DotY Working Utility Dog – Pat Tutton & Star

NAPC Top Dog Tracker Dog – Claire Patterson-Abrolat & Jill
NAPC Top Dog Police Dog – Lindie Cronjé & Iara
NAPC Top Dog Working Utility Dog – Maxine Quinton & Kendo

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the members of the Sub-Committee that Working Trials is a small community, and it is only by working together that we can grow the sport. There is a wealth of experience across the country and sharing ideas is important for growth and development. Furthermore, creative thinking is needed to move the sport forward and constructive ideas for growing the sport are welcomed.

Thank you to the Clubs that loan the Working Trials community show licences – without their ongoing support, it would not be possible to hold the number of Trials that we do.

Thank you to all the sponsors for their generous support over the past year and to the farmers who allow us access to their land for both training and competition purposes.

			<p>Last, but not least, thank you to the NWTSC for their input and work. May Working Trials return to full strength in the coming years.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National Working Trials (Classic) Sub-Committee (incorporating Working Utility Dog) was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
	12.3		Schedule 05B(04) – Regulations for Working Utility Dog (WUD)
		12.3.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>See Item 12.2.1.</p>
	12.4		Schedule 05B(02) – Regulations for International Working Trials and International Tracking Trials (IGP)
		12.4.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National FCI-IGP Sub-Committee: Mr John Swartz (From April 2024 AGM)</p> <p>I would like to open my report with a heartfelt thank you to all the Clubs who are involved in IGP in our province, as well as to each of their members. Without the dedication of the people involved, we would not have a sport.</p> <p>We had a very successful year. We had two Learner Judges that came to do their annual Judge's Report; for this we thank our JEC representative Audrey Hauptfleisch, who was also present and overseeing this process. The candidates were from our province. One was a BH Judge that upgraded to become a fully-fledged IGP Judge, Theo Smit. The second candidate was Antoinette Rennie. She is a Breed Specialist Judge and is now also an IGP Judge. So, from our province's side, we would like to congratulate these Judges on their success.</p> <p>We had quite a few successful events during the past year, also with the invitation of two international Judges. IGP Club of Northern Province hosted FCI Judge, Marin Pesja, and Barus Karbusicka from the Czech Republic, both of whom had podium positions at the WUSV, with the seminar hosted by Rotek Club. There was also a seminar and a Trial hosted at the Rotek Club grounds with another WUSV world winner and Judge from Germany, Dirk Edler. Helper Workshops were sadly overlooked this year, but during 2025 there will be Helper Workshops hosted by the Tutor Helpers in our province.</p> <p>I, as Charman of the National IGP Sub-Committee, represented KUSA at the FCI World Championships and at the Utility Commission meeting in Croatia for 2024. This meeting was very successful; lots of positive things came forward from the meeting for hosting of national Dogsport events. The other events I attended were the VDH meeting as a visitor and the RSV2000 World Championship and RSV2000 Annual National Meeting in Korbach, I was also part of the WUSV IGP meeting and the WUSV IGP World Championship in Meppen.</p> <p>The 2025 Meisterschaft will be hosted in Gauteng with the DOGSPC IGP Sub-Committee and the NAPC IGP Sub-Committee working in conjunction to make it a total success for Gauteng.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National IGP Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
		12.4.2	Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B – FCI Guidelines for International Utility Dog Trials and International Tracker Dog Trials IGP

			<p>Proposed replacement of Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B – International Utility Dogs Regulations (FCI-IGP)</p> <p>Submitted by the National IGP Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation:</p> <p>To adopt updated FCI Regulations.</p> <p>Proposed replacement Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B was <i>attached</i> to the Agenda.</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by NdP, the replacement of Schedule 05B(02) Appendix B – International Utility Dogs Regulations (FCI-IGP) was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
		12.4.3	Schedule 05J – Regulations for KUSA Registered Helpers (IGP)
	12.5		Schedule 05B(03)TT – Regulations for Tracking Trials
	12.6		Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6) – Regulations for Field Trials
		12.6.1	<p>Report by the Field Trial Liaison Council Chairman</p> <p>Field Trial Liaison Council – 2024 Annual Report Chairman: Dr Alan Kloeck</p> <p>2024 continued to be a challenging year for the field trialling community, however, there was significant activity and positive development especially in the Shooting Ratings, Gundog Hunting Tests and Versatile Hunting Tests fraternities. For the first time in South Africa, the top tests for the Shooting Ratings and the Gundog Hunting Tests were run. Four dogs were successful in the Shooting Dog Excellent Test, and three passed the Retrieving Dog Excellent. In the VGP Test – Schedule 05C(5) – three dogs passed, judged by visiting German Judges.</p> <p>The majority of disciplines were successful in holding well-attended field trials and tests across the country. On the upside, a total of 409 dogs ran in Retriever Trials, 52 in Spaniel Trials, 13 dogs ran in the Natural Ability Test, 70 in Shooting Ratings, 7 in Versatile Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds and 8 in Gundog Hunting Tests.</p> <p>A number of retriever clubs and versatile breed clubs also managed to hold Working Tests and workshops during the season, which enabled dogs and handlers to get some extra training and trial experience.</p> <p>The 2024 KUSA National Retriever Championship Field Trial was held at St Fort in Clarens and was successfully hosted by the joint committees of the Working Retriever Club and the Gundog Club. This prestigious event was exceptionally well run by the joint team and had 14 entrants invited to run. It proved to be an excellent spectator competition with five dogs finishing the Championship Stake, (held over two days,) with all five achieving SAHRA points (above 70%). It was won by the Golden Retriever “Rookie”, Gospelash Highlander of Chardale, owned by Charles Trollope.</p> <p>Despite the FTLC’s best endeavours to continue its initiative to focus on improving judging skills in all disciplines and of trying to attract new Judges to the sport, this continues to be hampered by a lack of new members to the sport. We, however, managed to provide ample exposure to a number of relatively new Hunt test, Retriever, and Spaniel field trial Judges to gain experience over all the stakes during the course of the year.</p>

			<p>A number of tests under Schedule 05(C)5 and Schedule 05(C)6 were offered by the WDDC and Cape clubs and a Shooting Ratings Workshop was presented in the Cape, all proving very successful.</p> <p>The WDDC, WWC and WDKC also planned a training and Judges' seminar in order to improve both judging skills/interpretation as well as training skills in these disciplines and aligned with the visit of guest German Hunting test Judges in the latter half of the season. The FTLC had new copies of all the updated Schedule 05(C) regulations printed for all disciplines and provided these to all participants and officials in the various disciplines. A proposed field trial calendar has been set for 2025, with a total of 27 events proposed, which we hope to see rolled out as the new season breaks. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Vice-chair/Secretary/Treasurer and representatives of the FTLC for all their hard work in making 2024 a success and trust 2025 will be an exciting year for the field-trialling community.</p> <p>For those readers interested in learning more or in participating in Field Trials, the FTLC website (http://www.kusa.co.za/fieldtrials) contains up-to-date information and links to the field trial clubs.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Chairman of the Field Trial Liaison Council was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
		12.6.2	Proposed changes to Schedules 05C (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6) – Regulations for Field Trials
		12.6.3	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(1) – Regulations for Retriever Field Trials
		12.6.4	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(2) – Regulations for Flushing Spaniel Field Trials
		12.6.5	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(3) – Regulations for Hunt Point Retrieve Field Trials
		12.6.6	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(4) – Regulations for Shooting Rating Field Trials
		12.6.7	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(5) – Regulations for Gundog Hunting Tests
		12.6.8	Proposed changes to Schedule 05C(6) – Regulations for Versatile Tests – Pointing Breeds
	12.7		Schedule 05D – Regulations for Dog Jumping Grades
		12.7.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee: Mr Bobby Boyd</p> <p>Over the last year we, the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee (NDJSC), have striven to improve the sport of Dog Jumping with Regulation changes that benefit dog, handler and Judge. To this end, I would like to thank the NDJSC members for their dedication to the sport and its longevity.</p> <p>I would like to thank Carolyn Chelchinskey as Secretary; you have done a great job! I would also like to thank Bev Hourquebie for taking on the position of Secretary and the National Dog Jumping League. Welcome to all newcomers on the National Sub-Committee. I hope we can grow the sport further.</p> <p>A Judges' Refresher course was held and all Judges attended.</p> <p>The Dog Jumping Championships were held in conjunction with the KUSA Classic Weekend and were a great success. Thank you to all the sponsors who came on board.</p> <p>The National Dog Jumping League has been a success and growing. My thanks to all provinces for coming on board.</p>

			<p>Again, to the National Sub-Committee, keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you.</p> <p>The KUSA Classic 2025 and KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship and the League are to be hosted by Cape Town. I've heard they aren't interested, but can only hope they change their minds.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
		12.7.2	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05D</p> <p>Submitted by National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee</p> <p>Proposal: The inclusion of the new Intermediate height category was ratified at Fedco 06-2024 for implementation from 01.01.2025. However, one paragraph was inadvertently overlooked and unfortunately not submitted with the other amendments. It is important for the safety of the dogs that the height of the two bars is distinguishable, and it is vital that all Regulations pertaining to the new height category be updated.</p> <p>An additional housekeeping item was also noted which was included in the June 06-2024 submission.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2.11 Competition by Officials at Shows 2.11.4 [At the discretion of the Show-holding Club, a] A Dog Jumping Judge at a Non-championship Show may enter a dog registered in his name to run as "Not for Competition", provided it is handled by another person and that it runs last in its Class.</p> <p>5.2.3 Spread Hurdles On all hurdles, the top part must be easily displaced. The centre of the front element for Grade 1 and 2 Large and Intermediate shall be a minimum of 10cm lower than the back element and a minimum of 5cm lower for Grade 1 and 2 Small and Medium. The parallels of all spread hurdles shall be in ascending order.</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by DS, the amendments to Schedule 05D were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.01.2025.</p>
	12.8		Schedule 05F (9.1.5) – Regulations for Aptitude Tests
	12.9		Schedule 05G – Regulations for Dog Carting
		12.9.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Carting Sub-Committee – Annual Report 2024 Convener: Miss Eleanor Gow</p> <p>Cape Town has had no Provincial Carting representative for the past year after the resignation of Tinus van der Vyfer. Maddie Fourie has taken up the challenge. We wish her a very productive term serving Carting in the Western Cape. The other 3 Provinces are still going forward.</p>

			<p>Shows have continued in all 4 Provinces despite the low entries and the shortage of Judges in all 4 provinces. This shortage has come about due to the insistence of KUSA and the writing of Schedule 03. Sometimes prospective learner judges are writing Schedule 03 twice a year for different forms of Dogsport. An old Judge having started the road to judging in 2019, where the new rule of writing Schedule 03 was not in place have now found themselves unable to qualify until they have written Schedule 03 under the new system. Unfortunately, we have now lost 2 Learner Judges in Carting. It needs to be noted that Carting Judges still write reports, and it will take them 2 years to qualify. How can you change a system midway?</p> <p>The KUSA Nationals in Carting were very poorly attended due to the rumours of unrest during the voting week. Despite this, it continued with some moans and groans from competitors over petty things. I would like to thank all the competitors for entering Carting and for our 3 Judges who acted in a professional manner.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National Dog Carting Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
	12.10		Schedule 05L – Regulations for Agility (Appendix A to and including I)
		12.10.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Agility Sub-Committee – Annual Report 2024 Convener: Mr Rob Hall</p> <p>This report covers the 8-months period since the last report, to coincide with the deadlines for National Sub-Committee's AGMs. This was a busy period for Agility, with many activities taking place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>KUSA SA Agility Championship (SAAC) Trials</p> <p>The January to March period on the Agility calendar covers the SAAC Trials, with handlers from all major provinces competing for the top 80 spots which will earn the qualifying handlers & dogs an entry into the SAAC finals in June.</p> <p>This year we had one minor administrative hiccup, which resulted in KZN handlers forfeiting points in trial 1. In the end this had little impact on which dogs qualified.</p> <p>The AWC WG arranged shirts for all competitors, with the proceeds going to the AWC 2024 team.</p> <p>SAAC Finals 2024 & AWC Trials 2024</p> <p>This year's SAAC finals and AWC Trials were hosted by NAPC Agility Sub-Committee, headed up by Mr Richard Wright. The event was held at Goldfields Kennel Club and, although the weather was cold, the event was a great success. The NAgSC thanks Mr Wright and his committee for their efforts.</p> <p>This event was also one of several firsts. Paleopet Pure, a raw dog food manufacturer came on board and sponsored the event. Their generous sponsorship was appreciated by all participants, and we hope to establish a long-term partnership with Ms Isis Limor and the rest of her team.</p> <p><u>SAAC Finals 2024</u></p> <p>In addition, 2024 saw four first time winners of the most prestigious award on the Agility calendar – the title of KUSA South African Agility Champion 2024. Small category – Sheldene Smit & Tanzy (KZN), Medium category – Leanne Russell Williams & Ruby (GTG),</p>

		<p>Intermediate category – Leandre van der Merwe & Ri, Large category – Melanie de Klerk & Sinna. Congratulations to all.</p> <p><u>AWC Trials 2024</u> As per the usual format, the AWC Trials were held in conjunction with SAAC Finals. Congratulations to all who competed and especially to the handlers and dogs who will represent KUSA at the FCI Agility World Championships 2024 in Belgium in the first week of October.</p> <p>The team comprises the following, Small – Carolyn Chelchinsky & Katy (Team & Individual), Gail Killian & Rossi (Team & Individual), and Gail Killian & Emily (Team & Individual). Medium – Stefanie Bosman & Fiji (Individual), Intermediate – Leandre van der Merwe & Zen (Team & Individual), Leandre van der Merwe & Ri (Team & Individual), Tam White & Neva (Team & Individual) and Rob Hall & Duffy (Team & Individual), Large – Melanie de Klerk & Sinna (Team & Individual), Melanie de Klerk & Lex (Team & Individual), and Rob Hall & Europa (Team & Individual). The NAgSC wishes the team of 11 dogs and seven handlers the best of luck for the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KUSA Schedule 05L and appendices changes The NAgSC submitted updates to the 05L and appendices to Fedco for consideration during their June 2024 meeting. <p>Due to the extensive work conducted in revising and tidying up the Schedules in 2023, these revisions were mostly minor in extent. One matter remains open, that of the so-called “15% rule” and correspondence was submitted by the NAgSC to Fedco to allow for a working group to come up with a workable solution to this matter. To date, the NAgSC has not yet received any correspondence in return from Fedco with respect to the request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Agility League 2024 The National Agility League 2024 has only started at the time of writing the report, with Round 1 (of 4) having been completed. It is unfortunate to note that the Eastern Cape & Border has elected to only run Trials in East London (Border) and not in Port Elizabeth. <p>The net proceeds will be transferred into the KUSA AWC Control Account for use by the AWC Team 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC 2025 Applications for the hosting and judging of the South African Agility Championships 2025 are still open. <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the Agility Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
	12.10.2	Schedule 05L Appendix A – FCI Agility World Championships
	12.10.3	Schedule 05L Appendix B – FCI Agility Obstacle Guidelines
	12.10.4	Schedule 05L Appendix C – Regulation for the selection of Dogs to Compete at the FCI Agility World Championships
	12.10.5	Schedule 05L Appendix D – Regulations for the KUSA South African Agility Championships
	12.10.6	Schedule 05L Appendix E – Regulations for Agility Judges
	12.10.7	Schedule 05L Appendix F – Regulations for the KUSA National Agility League
	12.10.8	Schedule 05L Appendix G – Regulations for the Annual National Agility Inter-Provincial Competition
	12.10.9	Schedule 05L Appendix H – FCI Agility Jumping Guidelines
	12.10.10	Schedule 05L Appendix I – FCI Agility Regulations
	12.11	Schedule 05M – Regulations for Flyball (Appendix A & B)

		12.11.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Flyball Sub-Committee – Annual Report 2024 Convener: Miss Liesl Twyman</p> <p>1. 2024 It has been a rather uneventful year in the Flyball lanes. There have not been as many Flyball competitions as in the past and most Flyball Judges rotated to judge an equal number of shows. There have been no new Flyball Judges who qualified either.</p> <p>A few rules were amended to improve the sport as a whole, based on FCI and European best practices. Once again, some proposals were declined by the KUSA Fedco without providing any explanations. The NFSC can now only submit proposed amendments to Fedco in December 2025 due to the senseless 18-month rule.</p> <p>2. National Championships The 2024 KUSA Nationals were hosted by KZN. The underfoot conditions were not ideal, but the Flyball community made it work.</p> <p>Five teams competed and the KUSA Nationals was won by FBI Special Ops once again in a best time of 17,41s followed by FBI Access Denied in a time of 19,78s and Locomotion Electrified coming third in a best time of 19,12s. These 3 teams ended on the same number of points after the completion of the round robin format and had to run another round to determine the podium places.</p> <p>The teams would like to thank the organising committee and sponsors – the rosettes were beautiful and the goodie bags and dog food prizes were much appreciated.</p> <p>3. Titles and achievements Congratulations to all the Flyball handlers and dogs who reached specific milestones this year by achieving FD, FDX, FDA, Champion, “Th One & Only” title or the prestigious Grand Champion title.</p> <p>4. Thank you I would like to thank the respective Flyball Sub-Committees for their support, input, involvement and commitment during the past year. To every dedicated handler who ensures the sport is thriving, every club who hosted Flyball and every official (Judges and Stewards), thank you!</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National Flyball Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
		12.11.2	Schedule 05M Appendix A – Regulations for Flyball Competitions
		12.11.3	Schedule 05M Appendix B – Regulations for the National Flyball League
	12.12		Schedule 05Q – Rescue Dog Trials (RDT)
	12.13		Schedule 05R – Dog Dancing Heelwork to Music (HTM) & Schedule 05S – Musical Freestyle (MFS)
		12.13.1	Schedule 05R – Regulations for Heelwork to Music (HTM)
		12.13.2	Schedule 05S – Regulations for Musical Freestyle (MFS)
	12.14		Schedule 05T – Regulations for Rally Dog (Including 05T(A))
		12.14.1	<p>Report from the National Sub-Committee Convener</p> <p>National Rally Dog Sub-Committee Annual Report 2024 Convener: Mrs Robyn Harflett</p>

		<p>As KUSA is aware, Rally Dog very sadly said goodbye to its long-standing Convener, Mrs Robyn Clement at the end of August 2024. Unfortunately, due to work and family commitments, she felt that she was not able to do the sport or the National Sub-Committee justice. So, on the 26th August, we held an SGM to vote in an interim Convener and, with the vote for the new Convener, we then required a new Secretary. Rally Dog's new Convener is Mrs Robyn Harflett and Secretary is Mrs Chantal Ross-Germishuys who will sit in the position until the AGM of 2026.</p> <p>Chantal Ross-Germishuys also remains the FCI Representative for KUSA and is doing a sterling job with keeping us up to date on points that are discussed and giving us an opportunity to have our opinions heard on an international level.</p> <p>Rally Dog has seen quite a lot of changes this year. The FCI released a new set of signs and rules for the hosting of the World Championships, which for the first time ever are being hosted as I write this report, which is exciting for Rally Dog going forward. The National Sub-Committee sat in some very long meetings to discuss the new set of signs and to see how they affected the sport in South Africa and to make the appropriate rule changes. Final decisions were achieved, and the new signs and rules submitted to Fedco for approval. The new rules and signs come into effect in October 2024, and we are looking forward to the new challenges when building courses, and the competitors executing them.</p> <p>Rally Dog as a sport has really been accepted by the competitors across a number of different disciplines with us even seeing a huge variety of different breeds dipping their toes in the water and giving the sport a try. Rally is growing hugely in popularity amongst competitors and the standard is becoming very high with the dogs at the top levels showing some really amazing talent.</p> <p>The National Rally Dog Sub-Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank the Clubs for hosting Rally Dog at their events. Without the Clubs' support, we would not be able to host the number of events over the year. There have been about 90 shows where Rally Dog competed over the last year across the country. Additionally, we've seen an average of 40% increase in the number of Rally Dog Record cards issued over the last year.</p> <p>Also, a huge thank you to all the KUSA members who support the sport and make it possible for the sport to exist. Rally Dog saw the KUSA National event go from three dogs in 2023 to a magic number of seven dogs entered for the National Event hosted in 2024. The Nationals were hosted in KZN, who did a phenomenal job of making handlers feel welcome and appreciated.</p> <p>There have been a number of people who have become learner Judges in the last few months, and we are very pleased that we are able to help them going forward with the process and, holding thumbs, we will be able to present KUSA with a list of newly qualified judges very soon across all the provinces.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Convener of the National Rally Dog Sub-Committee was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
	12.14.2	Schedule 05T (A) – Rally Dog Signs
	12.15	Schedule 05U – Regulations for Mondioring + (Appendix A & B)
	12.15.1	Schedule 05U Appendix A – International Rules for Mondioring Competition
	12.15.2	Schedule 05U Appendix B – South African Begleithund (BH ZA). Requirements for Mondioring.
	12.16	Schedule 05V – Regulations for Hoopers Classes
	12.16.1	Proposed new Schedule 05V – Regulations for Hoopers Classes

			<p>Submitted by the Fedco Hoopers Task Team.</p> <p>Proposal: To include the sport of Hoopers as a Dogsport under the administration of KUSA.</p> <p>Motivation: The Dogsport Hoopers has become increasingly popular overseas and has recently been adopted by the FCI. Fedco formed a Task Team to investigate the possibility of KUSA including this sport under its suite of activities and, if appropriate, to design a set of Regulations for the sport. As the FCI has not finalised its Regulations for the sport, the Task Team studied the Hoopers Regulations in several other countries and drew up interim Regulations for Fedco's consideration and, hopefully, adoption.</p> <p>Proposed new Schedule 05V was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the interim Regulations for Hoopers Classes, as set out in a new Schedule 05V, were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
		12.16.2	<p>Approval of Hoopers Qualifying Record Card</p> <p>Proposed Record Card was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>[Note: The approval of the Hoopers Qualifying Record Card is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the Hoopers Qualifying Record Card was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
13			MATTERS RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS – VARIOUS SCHEDULES 05E
	13.1		Schedule 05E(01) – Kennel Union of Southern Africa Regulations for the S.A.L.K.A. Junior Dog of the Year
		13.1.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(01)</p> <p>Submitted by the Northern Areas Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The competition was last held in 2019, and with the introduction of ShowAssist, the system of entering has vastly changed. 2. The 'Bibs' and 'Floating Trophy' have been lost. 3. With the extra expenses incurred by running this Competition, it is necessary to charge a nominal fee. <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>Title of Schedule Schedule 05E(01) – [Kennel Union of Southern Africa]Regulations for the <u>SALKA</u> [S.A.L.K.A.] Junior Dog of the Year</p>

		<p>[SCHEDULE 5E (1)]</p> <p>[Note for KUSA Office: The heading of the Schedule must start with the Schedule's name, followed by the description, as indicated above,]</p> <p>1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS The Regulations relating to licensing and all other matters to do with Shows as set out in Schedule <u>03</u> – Regulations for Championship Shows, and Schedule <u>04</u> – Regulations for Non-championship Shows of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, shall apply to this Competition [se far]<u>insofar</u> as they can be relevant to The SALKA Junior Dog of the Year Competition <u>and</u> insofar as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule <u>05E</u> (01).</p> <p>4. HOST CLUBS Until or unless this Schedule <u>05E</u>[-](<u>01</u>) is amended or altered, the Host Club for this event is designated as The South African Ladies' Kennel Association.</p> <p>5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY Open to all dogs which have been awarded "Best Puppy" at Championship Shows held in the KUSA area of jurisdiction in their respective breeds <u>in the previous calendar year</u> [between the first day of January of the preceding year and the thirty first day of December in the current year].</p> <p>6. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY</p> <p>6.3 Exhibitors who win Award Cards described in Regulation 6.1 above and wish to enter "The SALKA Junior Dog of the Year" Competition [are] <u>may be</u> required to send photocopies of such cards to the organisers [as soon as possible after the show at which they were awarded or not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of January in any one year.] <u>not later than the closing date of SALKA's Championship Show for that year.</u></p> <p>6.5 Entry to "The <u>SALKA</u> [S.A.L.K.A] Junior Dog of the Year' Competition [will]<u>shall</u> be by invitation only [and free of any charge] <u>and an entry fee may be charged.</u></p> <p>6.6 All Exhibitors taking part in this Competition are required to wear a special [bib] <u>number disc</u> displaying the number of their exhibit.</p> <p>7. JUDGING</p> <p>7.1 Judging will take place after completion of the [Scheduled]<u>Group</u> [Classes]<u>Challenges</u> [for the day]<u>at the Club's Championship Show.</u></p> <p>8. PRIZES AND AWARDS</p> <p>8.1 A [floating] trophy will be handed to the Owner of the winner of the Competition [. to be held by the Owner for one (1) year.] <u>for photographic purposes only. The trophy will thereafter be returned to the Club for safekeeping.</u></p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by RJ, the amendments to Schedule 05E(01) were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
	13.2	Schedule 05E(04) – Regulations for KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship
	13.2.1	<p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05E(04) Regulation 9.3</p> <p>Submitted by the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation:</p>

		<p>The wording of Regulation 9.3 was ambiguous and has been reworded to clarify what awards (medals, trophies, etc.) are to be provided by KUSA to the organisers of the KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championships.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>9.3 The winning dog in each height category will be awarded the floating “KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship” trophy [, and a miniature memento, the latter may be kept by the winner. All placed dogs in each height category to receive a KUSA medal]. <u>KUSA will provide KUSA medals that will only be presented to the first placed dog in each height category. The Organising Committee of the KUSA SA Dog Jumping Championship may also present miniature mementos to the winning dogs which may be retained by them.</u></p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal by MV, seconded by CC, the amendment to Schedule 05E(04) Regulation 9.3 was approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
	13.3	<p>Schedule 05E(11) – Regulations for the Kennel Union of Southern Africa National Awards</p>
	13.3.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(11)</p> <p>Housekeeping – submitted by KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: To include National Awards for Hoopers* and Intermediate height dogs in Dog Jumping.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY:</p> <p>5.7 Dog Jumping – Grade 1 Small, Medium, Intermediate & Large Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificate.</p> <p>5.16 Hoopers* <u>Dogs may be entered which have been awarded a minimum of one (1) Hoopers Qualifying Certificate.</u></p> <p>9. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS</p> <p>9.2.6 Dog Jumping – Grade 1 – Small, Medium, Intermediate & Large The winner of this event shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL DOG JUMPING DOG for [Grade] [year].</p> <p>9.2.15 Hoopers (Regular (singles), Dogs with Permanent Disabilities: Small, Medium, Large) <u>The winner of these events shall be declared KUSA NATIONAL HOOPERS DOG for [Division/Grade] [year].</u></p> <p>13. PRIZES AND AWARDS</p> <p>13.5 Dog Jumping Grade 1 – Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large Each person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL DOG JUMPING DOG [Grade] [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement “NAT. DJ [Grade] [year]” added to the dog’s Certificate of Registration <i>after</i> the dog’s name.</p> <p>13.14 Hoopers*</p>

			<p><u>Each person whose dog is awarded the title NATIONAL HOOPERS DOG [Division/Grade] [Size] [year] shall receive a special KUSA Award Certificate and be entitled to have the abridgement "NAT. HP [Division/Grade] [Size] [year]" added to the dog's Certificate of Registration after the dog's name.</u></p> <p>[Note: *The insertion of this text is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from CC, seconded by MV, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(11) to accommodate Hoopers and the Dog Jumping Intermediate height category for purposes of the KUSA National Awards, were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
	13.4		<p>Schedule 05E(22) – Regulations for Northern Areas Top Dog Competition</p>
		13.4.1	<p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(22)</p> <p>Submitted by the Northern Areas Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal: To incorporate the new height class in Dog Jumping and the new Dogsport Hoopers.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(22)</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>6.3.3 Dog Jumping (Grades 1, Small, Medium, <u>Intermediate</u>, Large) Competitions The top fifty (50) in Grade 1, or a suitable number, as determined by the organisers. All points gained in these <u>four (4)</u> [three] Grades at all shows, both Championship and Non-Championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.</p> <p>6.3.9 Child & Junior Handlers Competition Any Child Handler & Junior Handler who has won a 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th <u>Place</u> in accordance with 6.1.1 above. This is irrespective of the age of the qualifiers on the date of the Competition.</p> <p><u>6.3.12 Hoopers*</u></p> <p><u>The top fifty (50) dogs in Advanced or Proficient, or a suitable number, as determined by the organisers. All points gained in these two (2) Grades at all shows, both Championship and Non-championship during the period of qualification, will be entered onto the official score sheet for the competition.</u></p> <p><u>8.14 Hoopers*</u></p> <p>[Note: *The insertion of this text is subject to the approval of the Regulations for Hoopers Classes as proposed under Item 12.16.1.]</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>On a proposal from NdP, seconded by CC, the proposed amendments to Schedule 05E(22) to incorporate Hoopers and the Dog Jumping Intermediate height category into the Regulations for the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition, were approved, unanimously.</p>

			<p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p> <p>[Note: For the Northern Areas Top Dog Competition in 2025, the Dog Jumping qualification criteria would be as per the height categories which applied in 2024.]</p>
	13.5		<p>Schedule 05E(24) – Regulations for KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition</p>
		13.5.1	<p>Amendments to Schedule 05E(24)</p> <p>Submitted by the KUSA Office.</p> <p>Proposal & Motivation: Amendments necessitated by the introduction of the FCI World Challenge of Top Dogs (Refer to Item 5.3), i.e. to identify the winner of the KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition as the eligible dog to represent KUSA at the FCI World Challenge of Top Dogs in Schedule 05E(24). Certain housekeeping amendments were also required throughout Schedule 05E(24) to improve the document's clarity and provide for dispute resolution once the final League Table has been published.</p> <p>Proposed amended Schedule 05E(24), marked up with the changes, was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>CPA informed Fedco that, while incorporating the amendments into the Schedule, she was alerted by Mr Michael Alberts to a further Regulation which might cause confusion and proposed that Fedco should consider the following amendment:</p> <p>Proposed amendment to Schedule 05E(24) Regulation 4.4</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in struck through square brackets.</p> <p>Bonus Points: for every three (3) Bests in Show won during the [any] Competition Period, <u>five (5)</u> [5] Bonus Points will be added to the dog's score.</p> <p>NR agreed with CPA's proposed change and there were no objections to making this change additionally.</p> <p>On a proposal from NR, seconded by NdP, the amendments to Schedule 05E(24) were approved, unanimously, including the amendment indicated in red above.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025.</p>
		13.5.2	<p>Arrangements for the KUSA Showdog of the Year Awards Ceremony 2024/2025</p> <p>For discussion & confirmation.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed the date of next year's Awards Ceremony as Saturday, 9 August 2025. Further details would be advised in due course.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	13.6		<p>Schedule 05E(32) – Regulations for Western & Eastern Cape Rising Star Challenge</p>
		13.6.1	<p>Proposed New Schedule 05E(32)</p> <p>Submitted by Western Cape Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal:</p>

		<p>To introduce a new Challenge for dogs owned by residents in the Eastern and Western Cape, to be hosted annually by Swartland and West Coast Kennel Clubs as part of their weekend of Championship Shows.</p> <p>Motivation: The current economic climate has seriously affected travel to dog shows out of province, which has deprived exhibitors in certain provinces of many of the special events on offer in the more populous Gauteng. Exhibitors in the southern provinces – Western Cape and Eastern Cape – deserve to experience the thrill of success for our “Rising Stars” in the showing. The aim of the Rising Star Challenge, proposed to be hosted by Swartland and West Coast Kennel Clubs, is to serve as recognition of potential of home-bred and imported young dogs, owned by residents of the Western and Eastern Cape, and presented at dog shows within the Western and Eastern Cape. The hosting of such a challenge will not simply be about winning, but about celebrating the journey of our young dogs on their path to greater achievements in the showing, and it is anticipated that the challenge may serve as a worthwhile incentive for improved entries across the two regions.</p> <p>Proposed New Schedule 05E(32) was attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>For discussion and approval.</p> <p>During the discussion that followed, DS mentioned that the EC&BPC had not been consulted on the proposal and that he had been unable to discern any benefit the Competition might have for the Eastern Cape. The latter concern was shared by the majority of Federal Councillors, i.e. that benefits seemed to be confined to the Western Cape in general and to Swartland and West Coast Kennel Clubs in particular.</p> <p>GR said that, what concerned him most, was that, unlike annual Competitions hosted by other All-breeds Clubs in Gauteng or the Western Cape, this Competition did not have a national reach, which meant that exhibitors from other provinces, on whom Swartland & West Coast heavily relied for their entries, would be excluded from competing at this special event.</p> <p>To get a sense of the level of support for the proposal, the Chairman polled the opinion of the Federal Councillors in turn, from which it transpired that the motion was only supported by the WCPC. In the absence of a seconder, the Chairman declared the motion failed.</p>														
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	14.1	Schedule 11 Appendix A – Regulations for Canine Good Citizen (CGC)														
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		<p>Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Annual Report 2024 Claire Patterson-Abrolat – Club Administrator & Communications and Chairman of the Exco-appointed CGC Task Team</p> <p>At Fedco 06-2020, it was noted that the CGC test was in need of revision (section 51.1). A Task Team was duly Exco to carry out a revision (Item 9.9, Exco 06- 2020) of the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) programme and the ‘new’ set of rules was implemented on 01.03.2023.</p> <p>The KUSA Office has started keeping statistics of dogs entered. Below is a brief summary of the dogs that have earned titles:</p>														
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		14.3.1	<p>Report from the KUSA Office</p> <p>KUSA Trick Dog Annual Report 2024</p> <p>Following implementation on 01.02.2024, Trick Dog has grown in leaps and bounds. To date a total of 1,103 level titles (excluding Specialities) have been awarded to 574 dogs. A total of 70 different breeds have participated in Trick Dog as well as a wide range of mixed-breeds or breed-types. Of the 336 handlers that participated, 42.9% are KUSA members.</p> <p>Trick Dog currently has 12 Evaluators, all of whom deserve a special thank you for giving up their time to evaluate, encourage, coach and motivate participants.</p> <p>Approximately 25 demos have been given as well as several workshops. All have been well attended. This included the two PetExpo events and the Eastern Districts Kennel Club Handlers Camp in 2024.</p> <p>Trick Dog regularly gets feedback complimenting the programme on its inclusivity (for rescue dogs, special needs dogs and people living outside major centres). Furthermore, many favourable comments are received about the enhancement of the relationship between the owner/handler and dog, increased confidence and improved performance.</p> <p>The structure of Trick Dog has been adapted by several training schools for their classes to work through as it has been designed in a way that each step lays the foundation for the next step.</p> <p>In addition to the titling levels, Specialities are run on occasion and for a limited time period. These speak to dogs that have completed all the levels, those not ready for the next level or those unable to progress further (i.e. due to age). To date six Specialities have been run, each speaking to a specific theme (e.g. Valentines, Happy Holidays, Halloween etc.).</p>																									

			<p>Participants are required to do a specified number of tricks speaking to the theme. A total of 166 dogs have participated in these events.</p> <p>A total of 45 dogs have achieved the Champion title and, although this may sound like a lot, a number of them had achieved Trick Dog Champion through the US-based Do More With Your Dog and then moved across to KUSA to get their title officially recognised. As expected, the number of submissions for Champion has slowed down, but submissions are still received on a regular basis.</p> <p>Some exciting events are planned for 2025 and we look forward to seeing further growth and development in Trick Dog.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>PM alerted Fedco to the exponential growth of Trick Dog within a short period and Fedco congratulated all involved on the tremendous strides made in popularising Trick Dog as a worthy and viable Companion Event under KUSA.</p> <p>The Report compiled by the KUSA Office on Trick Dog was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>			
15			MATTERS RELATED TO BREED JUDGING			
	15.1		The Judges Education Council (JEC)			
		15.1.1	Report by the Chairman of the JEC			
	15.2		Proposed updates to the Judges Education Council (JEC) Constitution			
		15.2.1	<p>Formalising the position and Key Functions of the new Examination Officer under Annexure “B” to the JEC Constitution and adding certain Key Functions to other positions</p> <p>Submitted by the JEC</p> <p>Motivated and tabled at the Fedco Discussion Forum (FDF) of 13.08.2024, where it was unanimously supported by the Federal Council.</p> <p>Insertions <u>underlined in bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through in square brackets].</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ANNEXURE “B”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUDGES EDUCATION COUNCIL OF KUSA</p> <table><tr><th>POSITIONS & KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JEC</th></tr><tr><th>FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE CHAIRMAN</th></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• chair all meetings of the JEC• report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges’ Education and educational initiatives for other branches of Dogsport entrusted to the JEC by Fedco• collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals• draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco’s consideration• maintain updates to the Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA (<i>Schedule <u>09</u> Appendix “B”</i>) as required• draft notices for the KUSA website and for distribution to Judges regarding changes or clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges’ and judging• review and moderate examinations• prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda</td></tr></table>	POSITIONS & KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JEC	FEDCO REPRESENTATIVE CHAIRMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chair all meetings of the JEC• report back and liaise with Fedco on all matters relating to Breed Judges’ Education and educational initiatives for other branches of Dogsport entrusted to the JEC by Fedco• collate suggestions for changes into formal proposals• draft amendments to Schedules and the JEC Constitution for Fedco’s consideration• maintain updates to the Code of Conduct and Practice for Judges licensed by KUSA (<i>Schedule <u>09</u> Appendix “B”</i>) as required• draft notices for the KUSA website and for distribution to Judges regarding changes or clarification of local and international regulations affecting Judges’ and judging• review and moderate examinations• prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda
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			KUSA JUDGES' DEPARTMENT
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * record new applications approved by the JEC * advise and guide Candidates with regard to support material and requirements * liaise with the Resources Officer on the planning of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop * record Candidates' successful completion of the Level 1 Virtual Workshop, Open-book Worksheet and Paper 1 Examination * record Learners' chosen course(s) of study * record Learners' successful completion of Breed Tests, as provided by Assessment Officer * record Learners' successful completion of the Breed Hallmark Assignment or Breed Assignment (Breed Specialisation Course) – as supplied by Assessment Officer * record Learners' pending and completed judging appointments and their specific criteria relating to module requirements * record Learners' successful Skills Assessment – as supplied by Assessment Officer * record successful Judging Assessments, as supplied by Assessment Officer * request permission from Officiating Judge for Learner Judge to shadow and offer guidelines * record Learners' successful completion of Portfolios • liaise with the relevant Departments in the KUSA Office • assess all Portfolios for sign-off under a uniform system of quality control

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alert Learners to incomplete requirements and pursue the submission of outstanding documentation • support and guide Learners towards finalisation of their Portfolios • co[-]ordinate Learners' credits and successful completion of Portfolio and notify the JEC Fedco Representatives of Candidates eligible to sit the Paper 2 exams. • deal with general queries pertaining to the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme • record and maintain Learners' credits and progression on the JEC spreadsheet • update Learners' credits on the KUSA database and website • any other relevant general administration • <u>collaborate with the JEC Vice-Chairman on the processes relating to Breed and Dogsport examination</u>
			ASSESSMENT OFFICER
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain list of Assessors and Mentors • assign Mentor to Learner for each course of study • assign Assessors to Learner Judges for three of their judging appointments • forward documentation to relevant parties (Breed Tests, Skills Assessment forms, Judging Assessment forms, etc.) • guide Mentors and Assessors in their functions and deal with queries • maintain communication and feedback with Mentors and Assessors • co[-]ordinate Learners' credits and progress with KUSA Judges' Department
			RESOURCES OFFICER
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schedule and organise the Level 1 Virtual Workshop • organise seminars and workshops nationally and internationally • maintain timetable of seminars and workshops • prepare and distribute seminar and workshop announcements and publicity on email and appropriate social media platforms • administer registrations for seminars and workshops • explore and alert Learners to potential learning encounters nationally and internationally • create accessible web repository for learning encounters on the KUSA website • alert the Chairman to any matters deemed important to be brought to Judges' attention as an email or website notice
			RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research and develop new study materials • research and develop new study Webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Educational Webinars deemed necessary from time to time by Fedco and the JEC ○ Ring Stewardship Webinar • Assessors Course and subsequent Test in order to qualify as a JEC Assessor • review and update existing materials • research and prepare presentations and courses • prepare and update Breed Tests, Worksheets, and their respective memoranda • identify additional learning media and/or learning strategies for potential use in the Learning Programme • maintain change management and the integrity of the JEC's documentation
			EXAMINATION [COORDINATION] OFFICER
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>set new examination questions across all examination sections</u> • <u>review and adjust examination questions in line with study material changes</u> • <u>maintain and reset weighting matrix</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>set examination scripts and their respective memoranda</u> • <u>mark examination scripts</u> • <u>coordinate records with Moderator and KUSA Office – JEC Judges Officer</u> • <u>maintain question database and coordinate with KUSA Office</u> • <u>undertake the training of identified Officers of the JEC in the methodology and science of exam-setting with a view to setting a succession plan in place</u> <p>For ratification.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by NdP, the above changes to the Key Functions of the JEC's Officers as set out in Annexure "B" to the JEC Constitution were ratified, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective immediately upon submission of the updated Annexure "B" to the KUSA Office.</p>
15.3		<p>Matters relating to Schedule 10 – Breed Judges' Learning Programme</p> <p>Submitted by the Judges' Education Council (JEC)</p> <p>Proposal: To amend Schedule 10 as motivated.</p> <p>Motivation: As a full member of the FCI, it is necessary for KUSA to align its Breed Judges' Learning Programme more closely to the FCI Regulations for Show Judges. To do this, the JEC had to investigate the synergies between the KUSA 7-Group classification of breeds and the FCI's 10-Group classification, while taking account of the so-called FCI Key Groups 1, 2, 3, 5, & 9. The alignment of these two diverse groupings, to the utmost extent possible, is of critical importance for the acceptance of KUSA Judges as eminently qualified to officiate in FCI countries.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined in bold type</u> and deletions [struck through in square brackets]</p> <p><u>THE 10 NUMERICAL GROUPS OF THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI) DEFINED</u></p> <p><u>FCI Group 1 – Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs (except Swiss Cattle dogs) – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 2 – Pinscher and Schnauzer – Molossoid and Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 3 – Terriers – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 4 – Dachshunds</u> <u>FCI Group 5 – Spitz and primitive types – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 6 – Scent hounds and related breeds</u> <u>FCI Group 7 – Pointing Dogs</u> <u>FCI Group 8 – Retrievers – Flushing Dogs – Water Dogs</u> <u>FCI Group 9 – Companion and Toy Dogs – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 10 – Sighthounds</u></p> <p><u>THE 7-GROUP CLASSIFICATION UNDER KUSA AND THE ELEMENTS FROM THE FCI GROUPS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESPECTIVE KUSA GROUPS</u></p> <p><u>Gundog Group – FCI Groups 7 & 8</u> <u>Herding Group – FCI Group Key 1 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Hound Group – FCI Groups 4, 6 & 10 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Terrier Group – FCI Key Group 3</u> <u>Toy Group – FCI Key Group 9 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u></p>

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2. LEVELS OF PROGRESSION

There are six (6) levels of progression in the Learning Programme.

2.2. LEVEL 2: LEARNER JUDGE

2.2.1. **Foundation Phase:** On the successful completion of Level 1, a Learner Judge may register to study only one Group or a single breed at Specialist Level, and work through the modules in Level 2.

2.2.2. **Advanced Phase:** On the successful completion of the Foundation Phase, a Learner Judge may study up to two (2) courses simultaneously, **provided that they are not regulated by the FCI as one of the FCI Key Groups** (e.g. two (2) Group Courses **(which excludes any FCI Key Group)**; or one (1) Group Course, **which may be an FCI Key Group (Key Group 9 excluded)** plus the Breed Specialisation Course; or one (1) Group Course, **which may be an FCI Key Group (Key Group 9 excluded)** plus the Junior Showmanship Course) – taking on an additional course of study only once the previous Level 2 examination has been passed.

2.3. LEVEL 3: PROVISIONAL JUDGE

2.3.1. On the successful completion of Paper 2: Group Course, or the Junior Showmanship, or Breed Specialisation examinations, the KUSA Office will acknowledge the Learner Judge as a Provisional Judge until the requirements for Level 3 have been met (*See Appendix 1, 2, or 3 for relevant criteria*).

2.3.2. A Provisional Judge is permitted to judge at Non-championship or Qualifying Shows and may award Challenge Certificates (CCs) at Championship Shows in the Group or Specialist Breed for which he/she has passed the examination, subject to required time restrictions (*See Reg. 3*).

2.4. LEVEL 4: LICENSED JUDGE

2.4.1. On the successful completion of the requirements of Level 3, the KUSA Office will acknowledge the Provisional Judge as a Licensed Judge.

2.4.2. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at Non-championship or Qualifying Shows and may award Challenge Certificates (CCs) at Championship Shows in the Group(s) or Specialist Breed for which he/she has gained licence(s), subject to required time restrictions (*See Reg. 3*).

2.4.3. Licensed Judges are requested to volunteer their services, whenever possible, at Non-championship Shows in order to assist Club Organisers in the filling of roles and also to keep in good practice.

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

2.4.5. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award the FCI '*Certificat d'aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté*' (FCI-C.A.C.I.B.®) to breeds within the qualified Group(s) at South African-hosted FCI International Shows only, until a period of two (2) years has passed from the date of the qualifying examination[~~whereafter a Licensed Judge may accept invitations to award FCI C.A.C.I.B.®s to breeds within the qualified Group(s) at FCI International Shows outside of South Africa~~].

			<p><u>2.4.5.1. During this two (2) year period, a KUSA Licensed Judge who has opted to do one Group Course only, will be allowed to apply through the KUSA Office, to embark on further educational studies to become compliant with the FCI Regulations for those breeds which form part of the FCI Group, but do not form part of the KUSA Group as per Schedule 02 Appendix “A1” and Appendix “A2”. Having successfully applied and completed the educational studies as referred to under Regulations 2.3.1.9, 2.3.6.5, 2.3.7 & 4.1.5.1 of Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course, the Licensed Judge may accept invitations to award FCI-C.A.C.I.B.®s to breeds within the qualified Group(s) at FCI International Shows outside of South Africa.</u></p> <p>2.4.6. 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 or Mentor for that Group or breed.</p> <p>For approval.</p> <p>Discussion ensued, during which several questions were posed to the two Representatives of the JEC. The responses from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the JEC appeared to adequately obviate any doubt that the JEC’s proposal posed the most feasible solution to the problem of South African Judges attaining FCI international judging status under the misaligned KUSA and FCI groupings. The Chairman implored Fedco to support the JEC’s efforts to align the two groupings in the most sensible and innovative manner possible to achieve the desired outcome of not only continuing to qualify local Judges under the KUSA Breed Judges’ Learning Programme (KBJLP), but also to achieve adherence to FCI Regulations by guiding Learner Judges to follow properly structured study paths as a means of effectively and efficiently progressing through the KBJLP.</p> <p>GR reminded Fedco that navigation between the two groupings to advise Learners of the most practicable means to an end was fraught with complexities. It was, however, the task of the JEC to find the often-elusive middle ground along which to guide those aspiring to become licensed FCI Judges. The amendments to Schedule 10 and its Appendices aim to chart the most rational course as currently anticipated, but should not be taken as etched in stone. The application of the new Regulations should soon prove their efficacy and relevance and it was, of course, eminently possible that further amendments would be required to fill lacunae and fine-tune the text to improve clarity.</p> <p>On a proposal from MV, seconded by NR, the proposed amendments to Schedule 10 were approved, unanimously.</p> <p>Effective 01.03.2025, but may be implemented on publication of these Minutes.</p>
		15.3.1	<p>Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Schedule 10 Appendix 1</p> <p>Submitted by the Northern Areas Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal: To remove the requirement for Learner Judges to officiate out-of-province at one or more Non-championship Shows.</p> <p>Motivation:</p>

		<p>As a pre-requisite for qualifying as a KUSA Breed Judge, all Learner Judges must judge at least one Show for the Group qualification out-of-province. The rationale for this requirement is for Learner Judges to gain practical experience in the multi-skilled task of judging at conformation Shows. In the past this was appropriate and helped in achieving the intended objective due to the number of exhibitors attending these events.</p> <p>In recent years, however, there has been a significant decrease in the number of exhibitors attending these events for various reasons, but, as a result, the intended objective of the requirements has been significantly impacted.</p> <p>Previously, Learner Judges could expect to evaluate several exhibits at almost every Show, therefore the experience gained from having to officiate at out-of-province Shows was both beneficial and justified. In the current climate there are much fewer exhibitors than in the past and it has occurred on multiple occasions that only one specimen is exhibited at a Show. It is not unexpected nowadays to find the same exhibitors attending Shows and more so only attending Non-championship Shows to make up the qualification of a new exhibit and thereafter only attending Championship Shows which further leads to the reduced number of exhibitors at Non-championship events.</p> <p>This potentially places an enormous amount of pressure on Learner Judges, since they may accept a judging appointment out-of-province where there are no, or an insignificant number, of exhibits to evaluate while at the same time not offering sufficient experience to the candidate. It is near impossible to justify the costs of travel, meals and accommodation, whether by road or air, to Learner Judges under such circumstances. In some instances, Learner Judges may even need to take a leave of absence from their employment to accept an appointment out-of-province.</p> <p>Non-Championship Shows do not typically require pre-entry, therefore the number of expected exhibits is always an unknown and the Learner Judge must accept an appointment to judge at least three months in advance in terms of KUSA Schedules. This collectively results in the balance of probabilities being disproportionately unfavourable for the Learner Judge.</p> <p>In recent times, many Breeds and Clubs have been holding Breed- and Group-specific workshops for interested parties such as Learner Judges where exhibitors bring their dogs to the workshop for display and discussion by specialists of the Breed. This potentially has far more value for Learner Judges than the current out-of-province requirements and could be considered as a substitution of the out-of-province requirement in the Breed Judges' Learning Programme.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>2.3.3. Judging Appointments</p> <p>2.3.3.2. The Learner Judge will need to judge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) at least eight (8)* different breeds in the chosen Group b) at least sixty (60)** exhibits c) at a minimum of three (3) Non-championship Shows, at least two (2) of which must cover the whole Group, subject to Regulations 2.3.3.4 and 2.3.3.8] <u>2.3.3.7.</u> below. <p>[2.3.3.4. At least one (1) of the judging appointments must be in a different geographical Centre from the one in which the Learner Judge is based; more if possible]</p> <p>[Note: Previous Regulation 2.3.3.5 to be renumbered 2.3.3.4, with sequential renumbering of the clauses through to Clause 2.3.3.13. Cross-reference within new Clause 2.3.3.12 to</p>
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		<p>be changed from 2.3.3.8 to 2.3.3.7.]</p> <p>[Note: The following amendment, proposed under this Item 15.3.1, does not form part of either the item's proposal or its motivation. As this amendment relates to Breed Specialisation (Schedule 10 Appendix 3), it is assumed that it was meant to be part of the proposed amendments under Item 15.3.4. As it is misplaced, it needs to be eliminated.]</p> <p>3. LEVEL 3: PROVISIONAL JUDGE</p> <p>3.1.3. The Provisional Judge will be required to judge a minimum of eight (8)* breeds during at least one (1)) <u>two (2) Championship Show appointments and for a Bull Terrier Breed Specialist Judge a requirement to judge at least three (3) Championship Speciality Show appointments.</u></p> <p>For approval of the relevant part of the proposal.</p> <p>NdP agreed that the amendment to Schedule 10 Appendix 1 Regulation 3.1.3 had been misplaced, as it had indeed been envisaged for the Breed Specialisation Course (Schedule 10 Appendix 3).</p> <p>Regarding the removal of the requirement for Learner Judges to officiate at a minimum of one out-of-Centre ("geographical Centre" being the same as geographical Province) appointment, JH informed Fedco that the JEC had considered this proposal at its most recent meeting and believed that it should be part of a wider discussion on the restructuring of the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme (KBJLP). As a result, she appealed to Fedco to grant the JEC the latitude to consider this proposal along with other proposals from the Council members with a view to adjusting the JEC's requirements to take account of current realities, rather than the prevailing ones at the time of the JEC's founding. Making piecemeal amendments at this stage was not considered by the JEC to be the desired strategy. MV supported JH's appeal and said that the JEC should be able to revert to Fedco with its proposed amendment to the KBJLP by Fedco 06-2025.</p> <p>Since the proposal had emanated from the NAPC, NdP expressed his amenability to affording the JEC the necessary time to bring its envisaged proposal for the restructuring of the KBJLP to the table at a future Fedco meeting. JH thanked NdP for his understanding and hoped that the JEC would also be able to rely on the support of the other members of Fedco to entrust this matter to the discretion and judgement of the JEC.</p> <p>MV assured Fedco of the JEC's intention to create a new experience for Learner Judges under the revised KBJLP by closely aligning the Programme with the judges' education methods recommended by the FCI and applied in other FCI countries. Since the NAPC had brought the above proposal to the table, and mindful of the fact that NdP would be expected to give feedback to his Council, the JEC would obviously consult him on the JEC's proposal once it's been formulated.</p> <p>On a request from JH, there were no objections to the deferment of the NAPC's proposal, pending the JEC's proposal to restructure the KBJLP.</p> <p>Deferred.</p>
	15.3.2	<p>Schedule 10 Appendix 1 – Group Course</p> <p>Submitted by the Judges' Education Council (JEC)</p> <p>Proposal: To amend Schedule 10 Appendix 1 as motivated.</p> <p>Motivation:</p>

		<p>Refer to Motivation under Item 15.3 above.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined in bold type</u> and deletions [struck through in square brackets]</p> <p>Before embarking on the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme, interested persons may apply to the KUSA Office to receive <u>a link to download</u> the free booklet: "<i>How to apply to become a Breed Judge</i>", which will contain detailed guidelines regarding the qualifying criteria, the application process and relevant information.</p> <p><u>THE 10 NUMERICAL GROUPS OF THE FÉDÉRATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FCI) DEFINED</u></p> <p><u>FCI Group 1 – Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs (except Swiss Cattle dogs) – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 2 – Pinscher and Schnauzer – Molossoid and Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 3 – Terriers – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 4 – Dachshunds</u> <u>FCI Group 5 – Spitz and primitive types – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 6 – Scent hounds and related breeds</u> <u>FCI Group 7 – Pointing Dogs</u> <u>FCI Group 8 – Retrievers – Flushing Dogs – Water Dogs</u> <u>FCI Group 9 – Companion and Toy Dogs – FCI Key Group</u> <u>FCI Group 10 – Sighthounds</u></p> <p><u>THE 7-GROUP CLASSIFICATION UNDER KUSA AND THE ELEMENTS FROM THE FCI GROUPS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESPECTIVE KUSA GROUPS</u></p> <p><u>Gundog Group – FCI Groups 7 & 8</u> <u>Herding Group – FCI Group Key 1 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Hound Group – FCI Groups 4, 6 & 10 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Terrier Group – FCI Key Group 3</u> <u>Toy Group – FCI Key Group 9 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Utility Group – FCI Key Group 9 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u> <u>Working Group – FCI Key Group 2 + Breeds from FCI Key Group 5</u></p> <p>1.4. REQUIREMENTS 1.4.1. Course Introduction 1.4.1.1. The Candidate Judge shall participate in a Course Introduction – a presentation delivered as a virtual webinar presented nationally, initiated and arranged by the JEC Resources Officer on a specified date, or as an actual seminar <u>or an online webinar</u> presented to local attendees in a provincial area. 1.4.1.2. Determined by the intake of Candidate Judges, the Course Introduction will be offered up to twice a year as a requirement for Candidate Judges to obtain examination entrance for Paper 1.</p> <p>2. <u>LEVEL 2: LEARNER JUDGE</u></p> <p>2.1. STUDY PHASES 2.1.1. Foundation Phase: On a Learner Judge's <u>first</u> entry to Level 2, only one course may be studied. (See 1.5.9.) 2.1.2. Advanced Phase: 2.1.2.1. On the successful completion of the Foundation Phase, a Learner Judge may study up to two (2) courses simultaneously, choosing any of the following:</p>
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			<p>a) two Group Courses, <u>provided that they are not regulated by the FCI as one of the FCI Key Groups</u></p> <p>b) the Junior Showmanship Course in combination with a Breed Specialisation Course</p> <p>c) any Group Course in combination with either a Junior Showmanship Course or a Breed Specialisation Course</p> <p>2.1.2.2. A Learner Judge may take on an additional course of study as contemplated in 2.1.2.1 above only once the previous Level 2 examination has been passed, subject to the exception permitted in 2.1.2.3 below.</p> <p>2.1.2.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 2.1.2.1, if the additional course undertaken is not the Junior Showmanship Course, the Learner Judge shall be permitted to supplement his chosen two (2) courses, <u>provided that they are not regulated by the FCI as one of the Key Groups</u>, with the Junior Showmanship Course.</p> <p>2.1.2.4. The Learner Judge will need to pace his/her studies to sit the final examination of each course consecutively or over greater periods since there is no allowance for a Learner Judge to sit two course examinations simultaneously during any examination session (June or November).</p> <p>2.3. MODULES</p> <p>2.3.1. Breed Tests</p> <p>The rationale for this module is to cultivate familiarity with the location and content of the most current Breed Standards and to ensure a thorough understanding of the relevant breeds before entering the ring to judge them</p> <p>2.3.1.1. The Learner Judge completes fifteen (15)* Breed Tests of the currently popular breeds in a Group.</p> <p>2.3.1.2. The JEC Assessment Officer will forward these Breed Tests to the Learner Judge. Once completed, the Learner Judge will submit the Breed Tests to the assigned Mentor who will be responsible for assessing them.</p> <p>2.3.1.3. The Breed Tests comprise questions on elements of the relevant Breed Standards. Learner Judges must consult the current Breed Standards – available on the KUSA website – in order to answer the questions correctly (www.kusa.co.za/index.php/documents/breed-standards).</p> <p>2.3.1.4. The pass mark for the Breed Test is 100%.</p> <p>2.3.1.5. If initially unsuccessful, Learner Judges will have the opportunity to revise or redo the Breed Tests until a successful pass mark is attained.</p> <p>2.3.1.6. Once approved by the assigned Mentor, the fifteen (15)*Breed Tests must be stored in the Portfolio.</p> <p>2.3.1.7. The assigned Mentor will notify the JEC Assessment Officer of the successful completion of the Breed Tests, who will, in turn, co-ordinate the Learner's credits and progress with the KUSA Judges' Department.</p> <p>2.3.1.8. A Learner Judge will not be cleared to progress further until all fifteen (15)* compulsory Breed Tests have been successfully completed.</p> <p><u>2.3.1.9 FCI compliance: In accordance with the provisions of a Level 4 Licensed Judge, as per Regulation 4.1.5.1 below, the successful applicant will be required to submit Breed Tests for those FCI Breeds within an FCI Group, which form part of the FCI Group, but do not form part of the KUSA Group.</u></p>
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	15.3.3	Schedule 10 Appendix 2 – Junior Showmanship Course
	15.3.4	<p>Schedule 10 Appendix 3 – Breed Specialisation Course</p> <p>Submitted by the Northern Areas Provincial Council.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>That a Provisional Breed Specialist Judge, to become a Licensed Breed Specialist Judge, must judge at least two (2) Championship Specialty Shows, no longer only one (1). Further, that Provisional Bull Terrier Specialist Judges be required to judge three (3) Bull</p>

		<p>Terrier Specialist Championship Shows before qualifying as a Licensed Specialist Judge for Bull Terriers. This aligns with the requirement set in Schedule 05E(15)(1.3) – The Rules and Regulations governing the Supreme Bull Terrier of Southern Africa and Bull Terrier Major Trophy Show – which requires a Judge to have judged three (3) Breed Specialist Championship Shows before being allowed to judge this event.</p> <p>Motivation: To better prepare Judges who will ultimately be recognised as Specialist Breed Judges.</p> <p>Insertions in <u>underlined bold type</u> and deletions in [struck through square brackets].</p> <p>8. FINAL ASSESSMENT</p> <p>8.3 The Provisional Breed Specialist Judge will be required to judge at least [one (1)] <u>two (2)</u> Championship Speciality Show appointments <u>and for the Bull Terrier Breed Specialist Judge to judge at least three (3) Championship Speciality Show appointments.</u></p> <p>8.4 The JEC reserves the right to assign a Breed Specialist Assessor to observe the Provisional Judges' performance and provide feedback on a set of criteria that the Provisional Judge must meet in order to be approved as a Licensed Judge.</p> <p>8.4.1 If the assessment criteria [is]<u>are</u> not met, the Provisional Breed Specialist Judge will need to fill [a second] <u>additional Championship Show appointments with the same assessment criteria as above.</u></p> <p>8.4.2 [Championship Show appointments with the same assessment criteria as above.]</p> <p><u>[Note: 8.4.2 must be joined to 8.4.1]</u></p> <p>[Note: The above amendments to Regulation 8 of Schedule 10 Appendix 3 were assessed by the JEC, which reserved judgment on universally increasing the number of Breed Speciality Shows to be judged by all Breed Specialisation Judges from one (1) to two (2). Although this quantum is easily achievable by Bull Terrier Specialisation Judges due to the numerous Bull Terrier Speciality Shows on offer throughout any year, the same does not apply to Rottweiler and German Shepherd Dog Specialisation Judges, the other two breeds for which Breed Specialisation courses have been developed so far. There were precious few judging opportunities at Breed Speciality Shows for Rottweiler and German Shepherd Dog Specialisation Judges.</p> <p>In consequence, the JEC recommended a re-draft of the proposed amendments to Regulation 8 to permit the various Specialisation Breeds to set their own quota of Breed Specialty Shows to be judged by Provisional Judges in order to achieve Licensed Judge status. This may be accomplished by setting the numbers of <i>additional</i> (i.e. over and above the first such appointment) Breed Specialty Shows for the individual Specialisation Breeds.</p> <p>In the above proposal submitted by the NAPC, it is envisaged that a Bull Terrier Specialisation Judge should fill three (3) (2 + 1) Breed Speciality Show appointments to qualify as a Licensed Judge. In line with the JEC's proposal, it is recommended that this outcome is regulated on a 1 + 2 (3) basis, as follows:]</p> <p>8. FINAL ASSESSMENT</p>
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	15.4	Matters relating to Dogsport Judges
16		MATTERS RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS – SCHEDULE 09
17		MATTERS RELATED TO BREED/LIAISON COUNCILS
	17.1	Rottweiler Breed Council of KUSA (RBC)
	17.1.1	<p>Report from the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council</p> <p>Rottweiler Breed Council Annual Report 2024 Chairman: Mr Neil Perkins</p> <p>I would like to begin by thanking the Council's executive members, delegates, club committees and club members for their continued efforts to maintain and improve our sport and breed.</p>

		<p>It is important to reflect on our achievements as a collective and ensure we maintain our focus for the future.</p> <p>We must also give thanks to Fedco for its continued support and understanding of the critical role the Breed Council plays in the development of our sport as it pertains to the Rottweiler breed. Our breed is faced with many challenges as with many other breeds and we strongly believe that this continued partnership ensures good governance and a strong foundation for the existing structures as well as those in development. I'm aware of some new proposals in the pipeline, however these still require considerable work before they can be formally proposed and voted on.</p> <p>This year, our Clubs hosted well-organised shows and trials overall, but we still see the lingering effects of Covid affecting show entries, specifically in Johannesburg and KwaZulu-Natal. It is at this time that this Council needs to consider measures to encourage a greater level of participation, both in shows and on the working field.</p> <p>This year our National Sieger Show was combined with two other Shows, one being a regional Sieger Show. This 3-day event with two International Judges, being the first of its kind, was created in an effort to create some excitement and possibly improved entries, with mixed results.</p> <p>As costs continue to rise, Clubs are forced to consider additional fund-raising efforts. For those Clubs with sponsorship deals it is critical that Clubs ensure that sponsors are getting a tangible return on investment. The days are gone where sponsors are satisfied with minimal exposure at events.</p> <p>We continue to celebrate the successes of our Specialist Judges being invited to Judge internationally and we are encouraged by two additional Judges who have recently met all requirements and have already judged their first Championship Shows. This affords Clubs a cheaper alternative and additional choice when considering a Judge for their events. We continue to encourage new Judges who meet the basic requirements to begin their journey to becoming a Judge.</p> <p>Rescue continues to be a strain on limited resources and volunteers, these individuals display intimate dedication and patience. Our thanks to Rottweilers Rescue for their tireless efforts. "Education" is constantly required to educate not only potential owners, but also breeders. This must be considered as a new portfolio on the Council together with "Breeder Liaison", which is focussed on keeping breeders engaged and informed as well as encouraging those breeders not currently registering their puppies with KUSA to become members and begin doing so.</p> <p>We are mindful of our responsibility to promote the immense working ability of our breed and constantly seek ways to grow this area. I would like to encourage the clubs to host working seminars, trials and training that displays the mental and physical ability of our working breed. Without preserving these aspects of our breed we lose the essence of the Rottweiler. To conclude, the Council remains committed to its mandate and will continue to pursue the development of the Rottweiler within the KUSA jurisdiction through the support and input from affiliated Clubs and their dedicated membership bases.</p> <p>I would like to thank all the members of Fedco for their continued support for the Rottweiler and the initiatives that have enabled us to develop our breed to this extent.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Chairman of the Rottweiler Breed Council was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
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		17.1.2	Schedule 05E(18) – Regulations for the South African Rottweiler Sieger Show												
		17.1.3	Schedule 05E(21) – Regulations for Rottweiler Specialist Championship Shows												
	17.2		Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council (FBCSA BC)												
		17.2.1	Report from the Chairman of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of SA Breed Council Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council 2024 Chairman: Mr Keith Duranty The Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council started its year with some new faces as representatives. The Breed Council representatives for 2024 are as follows: <table><tr><td>Mrs Sally Young</td><td>Boxer Club Gold Reef</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Shaun Graham</td><td>Boxer Club Gold Reef</td></tr><tr><td>Mrs Adri Engelbrecht</td><td>Northern Boxer Club</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Keith Duranty</td><td>Northern Boxer Club</td></tr><tr><td>Mrs Rene Erasmus</td><td>Western Province Boxer Club</td></tr><tr><td>Mr Ken Hull</td><td>Western Province Boxer Club</td></tr></table> Professor Marinda Oosthuizen stood down from the Breed Council and was replaced by Mrs Adri Engelbrecht. I would like to thank Prof. Oosthuizen for her contributions to the Breed Council and all the information and insight that she provided to the members of the Breed Council. She was a valuable contributor and will be deeply missed. She was always calm, level-headed and objective when discussing various topics. I wish Professor Oosthuizen everything of the best for her future endeavours. New to the Breed Council are both Mrs Rene Erasmus, who represents the Western Cape Boxer Club, and Mrs Adri Engelbrecht, representing Northern Boxer Club. Mrs Erasmus replaced Mrs Jacqui Eisler and Mrs Engelbrecht replace Professor Marinda Oosthuizen. At the Annual General Meeting that took place on 10 December 2023, Mr Shaun Graham was elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Breed Council. Although the office of Secretary has historically been elected from within the representatives of the Breed Council, there was no one willing to fulfil the role and it was necessary to co-opt a person other than a Breed Council representative. Mrs May Oosthuizen from Boxer Club Gold Reef was kind enough to accept the appointment as Secretary of the Breed Council shortly after the meeting was held. Mrs Diane Kee du Plessis was unanimously re-elected as the Treasurer and Mr Ken Hull agreed to continue administering the website. Mrs Karin Schoeman agreed to continue in her role as the Registration Secretary and was also unanimously re-elected. The Pet Expo for 2024 was raised as a discussion point and after much deliberation it was agreed that the FBCSA BC would once again not participate in the event due to the inability to ensure sufficient presence during the event. The Northern Boxer Club, at the same time, confirmed that, despite the Club having a licence available during the exhibition, it would not be hosting a show at the event either. It was later announced that the Pet Expo 2024 would not be taking place at the proposed venue and these decisions therefore had no impact, although it was disappointing to see that there was not enough interest to have participated, had it taken place. Although it was agreed that the FBCSA BC would encourage and arrange to host Breed Assessments, Breed Suitability Tests and Endurance Trials, none were held during the year and none have been planned for the remainder of 2024. It is my opinion that the Breed Council has come to a crossroad and that, at the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the representatives are going to need to make a decision whether there is any value to the Council's affiliated Clubs being provided by the Breed Council and, if not, how this is going to be turned around.	Mrs Sally Young	Boxer Club Gold Reef	Mr Shaun Graham	Boxer Club Gold Reef	Mrs Adri Engelbrecht	Northern Boxer Club	Mr Keith Duranty	Northern Boxer Club	Mrs Rene Erasmus	Western Province Boxer Club	Mr Ken Hull	Western Province Boxer Club
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			<p>The Western Province Boxer Club has hosted their shows planned on the KUSA Show Calendar, as did Boxer Club Gold Reef. BCGR will also be celebrating their sixtieth year of existence during October 2024. I would like to congratulate the Club and wish them a very successful event on 12 October 2024. Northern Boxer Club also hosted their traditionally February show on 23 March, which was held along with Vereeniging and Districts Kennel Club. The purpose was to try encouraging bigger numbers in entries. I would like to thank Vereeniging and Districts Kennel Club for making the opportunity available to NBC.</p> <p>Puppy registrations to date have been a little lower than previous years and the demand for puppies remains higher than the availability. A concerning statistic is the increase in the number of puppy deaths prior to two weeks after birth, which has unofficially increased by approximately 88 percent.</p> <p>Financially, the Breed Council is doing well with an unconfirmed balance of R72577.32 in the account. The Breed Council needs to look at how these funds can be used to contribute toward the Breed, such as hosting BA, BST and AD events and more, rather than simply growing the balance.</p> <p>The January 2025 requirements for dogs to have a natural tail arose and after investigation and consultation with various stakeholders it seems that, for the immediate future, we will take a similar approach to KUSA to "wait and see" what happens. It seems that even among the Boxer enthusiasts, there is a difference of opinion. Other than that, no other significant changes, events or discussions arose at the FBCSA BC during 2024.</p> <p>In closing, I would like to thank all the representatives from each of the Clubs for your contribution during the year and all the Clubs for continuing to promote the Boxer dog.</p> <p>For noting.</p> <p>The Report from the Chairman of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa Breed Council was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
	17.3		German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council (GSDLC)
		17.3.1	<p>Report from the Chairman of the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council</p> <p>GSD Liaison Council 2024 Chairman: Jan Louwies</p> <p>First of all, I would like to thank all the Club representatives from all over the country for their commitment, sacrifices, energy and valuable time they had dedicated to the GSDLC throughout the year, but most of all into making the GSD breed so special.</p> <p>The aim of the Council is to promote ethical breeding, training and showing of our GSD breed. I thank the representatives of the Clubs who attended the meetings, giving their input and those of their Club members where necessary/required, taking issues back to the Clubs which needed to be discussed all contributed towards the common goal of the GSDLC, which is the improvement of the GSD.</p> <p>Some of the meetings had some passionate discussions, in the end everything was amicably resolved and agreed upon in the best interest of the GSD.</p> <p>The number of Shows and Trials hosted by various Clubs during the year had increased entries, which is commendable. These Shows and Trials were also held without any incidents or problems and we want to thank our Clubs and the Judges for going the extra mile to make all the participants and their owners feel special.</p>

			<p>Hip and Elbow gradings, together with proven DNA, a show grading of “Good” or better, and full compliance with the KUSA Regulations, are essential for the continuous improvement of any breeding programme.</p> <p>Potential owners of GSD puppies need to do their homework and should be advised to only buy from reputable breeders meeting KUSA requirements and breeding in a safe and healthy environment. I’m proud of the breeders who refer potential buyers to other breeders when/if they don’t have puppies available and/or if the person is looking for something specific. This is an indication of how far we’ve come since the inception of the GSDLC.</p> <p>Once again, I would like to thank the Club representatives for their input and KUSA for its support and assistance in ensuring that the Council fulfils its purpose in the best interest of the GSD breed.</p> <p>The Report from the Chairman of the German Shepherd Dog Liaison Council was noted by Fedco with interest and sincere appreciation.</p>
18			MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES
19			MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN
	19.1		<p>German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa (GSDFSA) vs Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) and Others</p> <p>The Chairman updated Fedco on developments since her previous report.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
20			<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>2025 27, 28 & 29 June 2025 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) RESERVED, with Friday, 27 June 2025, the first date to be sacrificed should it appear feasible for the meeting to be concluded in two days, i.e. on Saturday & Sunday, 28 & 29 June 2025.</p> <p>With the crowded end-of-year calendars of Fedco members, the Chairman had appealed to the Chairman of the WCPC for her Province to move its annual Cape Top Dog event to Saturday, 29 November 2025 (the same date as KZN Top Dog), to free up the three-day period of Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 5, 6 & 7 December 2025, for Fedco 12-2025. LT confirmed that the WCPC had agreed to the move.</p> <p>With the exception of DS, who might be obliged to advise periods of absence due to the demands of his work over the Festive Season, the aforementioned dates seemed to be acceptable to all the other Fedco members.</p> <p>2026</p> <p>To be determined.</p>
21			<p>CLOSING</p> <p>In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members of Fedco for their dedication over the years and their individual contributions to the hefty workload of the Federal Council. She expressed her satisfaction with the way Fedco had evolved into a representative body that was fully engaged with its constituents and KUSA.</p> <p>On behalf of Fedco, MV thanked JH for her leadership and congratulated her on her re-election as Chairman of the Federal Council. His sentiments were echoed by acclamation.</p>

			<p>The Chairman thanked the members of Fedco for their confidence in her competence and leadership and undertook to endeavour to continue serving KUSA to the best of her ability and to fully apply herself to the prosperity and growth of the organisation.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Chairman wished the members of Fedco and the KUSA members of staff and their families a joyous Festive Season and a prosperous 2025. She believed the new year held much promise and opportunity for KUSA, all desirous of fulfilment and realisation.</p> <p>As there was no further business to attend to, the Chairman closed the meeting at 17.12.</p>
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