



NKU/AU MEETING 13.4.2016

MINUTES

Date: 13.4.2016

Place: Grand Hotel Reykjavik
Sigtún 38, IS-105 Reykjavík

Time: 12.55. – 17.30.

Participants:

DKK Jens Glavind
Jørgen Hindse
Wilfred Olsen

FKK Eeva Anttinen
Kari Järvinen
Markku Mähönen
Sampo Miettinen, secretary

HRFI Herdis Hallmarsdóttir
Friður Esther Pétursdóttir

NKK Trine Christensen Hage
Tom Øystein Martinsen, absent

SKK Pekka Olson
Mats Stenmark
Ulf Uddman

1 Opening of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen opened the meeting at 12.55.

2 Election of the person to adjust the minutes

NKU/AU 26.9.2007, item 2: "In future the election of persons to examine the minutes will rotate between the kennel clubs. Next time DKK, then NKK, FKK, HRFI, SKK."

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Jørgen Hindse from DKK was elected to examine the minutes

3 Approval of the agenda

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Agenda was approved.

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 24.9.2015: enclosure 4

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Point 19, doping samples: a solution will not be sought. The matter is still on judges hands.

Point 24, Judges in one country/examined in another country: the matter has been in the FCI Show Judges Commission and the matter is going on to be solved.

5 Items from the last meeting

Point 9, Exchange information regarding disciplinary matters between the NKU countries

It was agreed that NKU/VD will find a system so that all countries will be informed about disciplinary matters.

NKU/VD will discuss this matter at its meeting on 12.4.2016 and have a suggestion for the NKU/AU meeting on 13.4.2016.

Decision of the NKU/VD 12.4.2016:

SKK proposed to use for example Google Drive to save the information about the disciplinary matters. Only certain people from the Kennel Clubs would have access to the files in Google Drive. Information will be saved to an excel file with the name and location of the person, how long the penalty will last and what they are not allowed to do.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Member countries will change information, that is available only to named people in the Kennel Clubs about the people who has been penalized: the name, the reason and the penalty time.

6 DKK / New show judges; enclosure 6

Danish Kennel Clubs Dog Show Judges committee would like to have discussion, what can be done to give new show judges more international experience.

DKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

When we get the Nordic Championship shows it allows us better to invite also new judges from different member countries to the National shows.

7 FKK / Co-ownership with the breeder and the buyer

The consumer authorities in Finland do not approve of co-ownership of a dog between the breeder/seller and the buyer(s). Co-ownership between two or three buyers is approved of. The Finnish Kennel Club is contemplating making a contract of co-ownership between two or three merchants (näringsidkare), where the seller can be a co-owner. Therefore the FKK would like to discuss the practices in the different NKU countries. Is co-ownership allowed and what kinds of pros and cons have the different Kennel Clubs experienced?

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

In Sweden there is a rule for co-ownership, Finland is preparing one, other countries have no problems in co-ownership. In Denmark there is an arbitrary committee appointed by Council to help buyer and breeder discrepancies.

8 FKK / Procedure to accept new breeds within the NKU and its member countries; enclosure 8

The Finnish Kennel Club would like to discuss about the procedure to accept new breeds within the NKU and its member countries and has made the following proposal:

1. Any member of the NKU can accept and register new breeds which are not officially accepted by the FCI, but are registered of any full members of the FCI. Such a breed must be a national breed and must be officially registered in the full FCI member in question.
2. If the breed is accepted to the stud book or appendix of one of the NKU member, it can participate to shows, trials and competitions in the member country in question, but it cannot achieve a championship before it is accepted by the NKU.
3. In order to be accepted by the NKU, the NKU member country that has started the registration to its own stud book or appendix, must provide the following information to NKU:
 - a. The number of registration in the country of origin, in the NKU, and in the neighboring countries
 - b. The information concerning the blood lines (families) and the possible health information
 - c. The specific registration requirements in the NKU country registering the breed and in the country of origin
 - d. The statistics concerning shows, trials and competitions in the NKU member country registering the breed
4. When the breed is accepted for registration by the NKU, it can participate to any shows, trials and competitions within the NKU. In this case it can achieve national championships within the NKU and also become a NORD champion.
5. If a breed does not have a country of origin or it originates outside the FCI, it can be accepted and registered by a specific decision of the NKU.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

These rules for recognizing new breeds in NKU was decided to be reviewed by the NKU/VD by the next meeting in October 2016.

9 FKK / Recognition of the American Hairless Terrier and the East European Shepherd

The Board of the Finnish Kennel Club has decided to apply for recognition of the American Hairless Terrier and East European Shepherd. The NKU/VK has handled these two breeds at its meeting on 4.-5.11.2015 and made the following decision:

In general, when recognizing new breeds, the size of the population and the health status of the breed should be taken into account. If possible, new breeds should be recognized as varieties of existing breeds, which enables interbreeding. In addition, information of the health status of the breed should be provided, together with some kind of a breeding strategy regarding genetic diversity as well as health and behavior traits.

9.1 American Hairless Terrier is a variant of Rat Terrier (hairy one), which is not recognized by the FCI. The NKU/VK recommends that NKU recognizes both Rat Terrier variants under a same breed name, with a possibility to interbreed.

9.2. East European Shepherd seems like a variety of the German Shepherd Dog, but at present it is not possible to recognize it as such. The NKU/VK recommends this breed to be recognized and registered in the appendix

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

The decision was according to the proposal.

10 FKK / Multi-colored Poodles

The Board of the Finnish Kennel Club would like the NKU/AU to discuss about the registration of multi-colored Poodles because currently there are different practices in the Nordic countries:

Finland: registration to the "normal" color, in the studbook there will be reference "multi-colored"

Sweden: like other Poodles, reference "color not according to the breed standard", are allowed to breeding purposes

Denmark: registration "color not approved", cannot take part in shows and are not allowed for breeding purposes

Norway: like other Poodles but are not allowed for breeding purposes

Iceland: the same procedure as in Denmark and Norway. There are no multi-colored Poodles in Iceland so far.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

The list was reviewed and the situation is like in the introduction.

11 FKK / BSI report

FKK suggests, that the judge should fill in the BSI reports after judging of each breed rather than in the end of day. The judge could keep tally during the judging of each breed about the areas of risk and count the numbers after judging the breed. This way the information in the forms could be more accurate and collecting the data of the areas of risk would be easier and maybe even more motivated.

FKK suggests this to be taken to the NKU/BSI group.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

This way of fulfilling the BSI forms will happen like in the introduction in every country. The implementation will go to the NKU BSI group.

12 Brachycephalic dog breeds

12.1 NKK/ The Challenge of brachycephalic dog breeds; enclosure 12.1.

NKK has sent a memo to NKU/AU of the challenge of the brachycephalic breeds (enclosure). The matter will also be discussed at the meeting of NKU/VK in June (walking tests for short-nosed breeds like the Bulldog and the Pug).

NKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

A Working Group will be called from scientists and breed specialists. Every country will name two persons to this group, chairman will be Finland. The group has to define what breeds are in the need of an immediate action and to define the necessary procedures and collect the existing data from member countries.. Secondly we need a Media group to co-ordinate and combine the strategies from member countries. Sweden will call up the Media group. Both groups must be nominated 1st of May at the latest and the results must be presented in September. Thirdly we take these issues to judges training. Denmark was proposing to use only Nordic judges for these breeds in dog shows.

12.2. SKK/Information regarding breeding programs for brachycephalic breeds; enclosure 12.2.

SKK will introduce the matter.

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13 SKK / Information regarding the task in the FCI working group for restructuring the FCI

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Jørgen Hindse and Eeva Anttinen informed about the work of the Working Group.

14 SKK / Decision regarding introducing Scandinavian challenge certificate shows; enclosure 14

NKU/Show Group 3.3.2016:

The Finnish and Swedish Kennel Club have prepared a proposal concerning the NKU show and Nordic CAC (enclosure).

DISCUSSION: In NKU Show group 3.3.2016 it was discussed that the NKU show proposal was good and the development has to continue. The transition time in the proposal (2017-2018) seemed to be too soon as the implementation of the NKU show type to Denmark and Norway can cause small problems. Finland and Sweden can implement this show type easily into the show calendar.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

It was decided that work on proposal enclosure 14 will continue so that every country names CEO plus one show person to conclude the work by the end of May. Denmark will host the meeting. The group will discuss the number of CACIB-shows in Northern Countries in the becoming years. Iceland will get an exemption in the same way as with the FCI.

- 15 SKK / Replacement of the international awards (CACIB, CACIT, CIB CIE etc.); enclosure 15**
SKK would like to discuss – in case of a new international/Nordic/European organization – about the replacement of the international awards issued by the FCI.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

The proposal was withdrawn.

- 16 SKK / Question regarding rules for issuing more national / Nordic champion titles, e.g. agility, obedience, hunting trials etc; enclosure 16**

Usually a dog, that is a show champion/working champion of one Nordic country will become a champion of another Nordic country with one result (CAC, working CAC). However, there are exceptions in this practice at least in Denmark with the agility champion and working champion of the British Pointers (enclosures).

SKK would like NKU/AU to decide if the practice of one result should concern all the champion titles.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016

The harmony will be complete after DKK has changed certain rules 1.1.2017. The NKU/AU again confirmed the principle of championship rules and titles in the Northern Countries.

- 17 SKK/Establishing a website/other information regarding the Nordic Kennel Union ; enclosure 17**
SKK would like to arise the topic, if the Nordic Kennel Union should be more transparent. At the moment the minutes of the NKU/AU and the committees are not published anywhere. There is an international curiosity on how our good co-operation works without statutes, finance or published minutes or decisions.

SKK proposes a website for the NKU, where relevant information could be gathered/collected. The country that is holding the secretariat could be responsible to maintain the site.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

It was decided that we establish the website for better information to our members. Sweden will host the website and the secretary country will maintain the site. Approximate cost 10 000€ divided by four countries. Language is English and material starts from 2016.

18 SKK / Question for co-operation regarding distance education; enclosure 18

SKK has arranged some distance educations and got good feedback. At a seminary organized by the Lithuanian Kennel Club last year, Eva Lejdbrandt gave a lecture about the distance education of SKK and her lecture got extremely positive feedback from many European kennel clubs.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Sweden introduced their distance education program for members and judges on different subjects.

19 Working routines of the NKU/VK

The NKU/VK discussed at its last meeting, that a one-day meeting is too short to be able to deliberate issues thoroughly. It would be rational to have two-day meetings. The first day would be for general matters and the second for discussions. In addition, half a day will be reserved for the DNA group.

Decision of the NKU/VK 4.-5.11.2015:

The NKU/VK informs the NKU/AU that from now on, it intends to have longer meetings: two days for the VK and half a day for the DNA group.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

The NKU/AU advises the NKU/VK not to talk politics but concentrate on health issues at their meetings. Finland, Norway and Sweden were prepared to allow if needed by agenda a two-day meeting for the NKU/VK. Iceland was neutral on this matter. In addition, half a day will be reserved for the DNA group.

20 For Information

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

20.1.Minutes of the NKU/VK meeting 4.-5.11.2015, Oslo, Norway; enclosure 20.1.

The meeting suggested an ad hoc group to discuss mentality. This group reports to the NKU/AU. Each country will appoint one or two representatives.

The NKU/AU turned down the panel for spinal diseases.

The meeting is of the opinion that the x-ray screening must take place according to the FCI protocol.

20.2.Minutes of the NKU/Show Group 3.3.2016, Helsinki, Finland; enclosure 20.2

No comments.

21 Information from the respective countries

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016

The meeting went through the information sheet.

22 Meeting procedures

How to present items for the agenda and, how to introduce items for the meeting and a preliminary proposal for a decision of the country introducing the matter.

- An introducing text for discussion and for the basis of decision

- Enclosures
- Preliminary proposal for a decision of the country introducing the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

The agendas will be according to this day's agenda and we agreed about the procedures as above.

23 Any other business

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Jørgen Hindse informed, that the FCI European Section will organize the conference "We care about dogs" on 28.6.2016 in Brussels to European Parliament members.

24 Next meeting

Decision of the NKU/AU 24.9., point 4: the next NKU/AU meeting will be held on 12.10.2016 in Oslo, Norway.

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016:

Registration and media and PR people will have a meeting on 10.10.2016, the NKU/VD on 11.10.2016 and the NKU/AU on 12.10.2016.

The meetings of 2017:

Copenhagen 23.2.2017
Helsinki 26.10.2017

25 Closing of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen closed the meeting at 17.30.



Eeva Anttinen
Chairman



Sampo Miettinen
Secretary

Minutes adjusted by

Jørgen Hindse