



NKU / AU MEETING 12.10.2016

AGENDA

Date: 12.10.2016

Place: Radisson Blu Airport Hotel
Hotelvegen, NO-2061 Gardermoen

Time: 09.00. – 17.00.

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1 Opening of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen opened the meeting at 08.55.

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 12.10.2016:

Herdis Hallmarsdottir from HRFI was elected to examine the minutes.

3 Approval of the agenda

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

Agenda was approved.

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 13.4.2016; enclosure 4

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The article 9 will be discussed again in this meeting on point 5.3., the proposal of the VK meeting 11.10.2016.

5 Items from the last meeting

5.1. SKK; enclosure 5.1, see also point 5.2.

From the minutes 13.4.2016:

FKK/ Recognition of new breeds

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

1. Any member of the NKU can recognize and register new breeds which are not officially recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized and registration accepted 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 recognized and registered by a specific decision of the NKU.

SKK has gone through old NKU-minutes from meetings and prepared a document with main decisions from 1996 and onwards as the basis for discussing revised rules for accepting new breeds within the NKU, see enclosure.

NKU CEO-group have agreed on a proposal which will be presented at the NKU/AU-meeting.

SKK will introduce the matter.

5.2. NKU/VK/ Recognition of new breeds

The NKU has made a decision on breed recognition in 2012:

NKU 20.3.2012:

Beslut: NKU-länderna godkände listan för icke FCI-erkända raser att gälla i Norden vilket innebär att de nya raserna kan få en stamtavla samt utställnings- och tävlingsrätt. Inget land inom NKU kan utfärda en stamtavla för en icke FCI-erkänd ras förrän rasen presenterats vid ett NKU/AU möte. Beslutsordning är enligt följande:

1. Något NKU-land anmäler frågan för beredning till NKU/VK
2. NKU/VK lämnar sitt förslag till NKU/AU
3. NKU/AU beslutar i frågan

Rätt att döma dessa raser är nordiska allrounder och gruppallrounder.

En förutsättning för att en ny ras ska presenteras för NKU/AU via NKU/VK, är att det i Norden finns ca 50 individer av den aktuella rasen.

Decision of the NKU/VK 1.-2.6.2016:

The NKU/VK proposes to the NKU/AU that the procedure from 20.3.2012 will be used when recognising new breeds.

Proposal from the NKU/VD meeting on 11.10.2016:

Step 1: For a new breed to be recognised the NKU/AU tries to come to a common solution to have the same acceptance in registering in the Nordic countries. To do this the Kennel Clubs need the follow the following procedures:

The country that applies for a breed to be recognised should provide:

- a) A breed standard from the kennel club/country that has developed the breed including a pedigree that is recognised by any of the NKU-countries
- b) Information about the history of the breed and other information
- c) A breeding strategy containing international population, health status, behaviour traits and genetic diversity. This is up to each Kennel Club.
- d) A breed enrolment should be made by the country which is making a petition for the recognition of the breed. This is to clarify size, type of coat, colour

No Nordic country issues a pedigree for a breed not recognised by the FCI until

1. NKU/VK gives an opinion to the NKU/AU
2. NKU/AU tries to come to a common solution.

Step 2:

For a new breed to have the right to be shown the NKU/AU tries to come to a common solution to have the same timetable for showing and trials in the Nordic countries.

A breed can be shown after the requirements and the procedures described in step 1 has been fulfilled.

Nordic all breed judges and group allrounders are allowed to judge these breeds and other judges that the NCOs decide.

Rules for how to receive a national certificate should be assessed

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The proposal was approved.

5.3. SKK, enclosure 5.3.1. and 5.3.2. FKK/Recognition of the American Hairless Terrier and the East European Shepherd

From the minutes 13.4.2016:

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.

See also enclosure 5.3.2, the decision of the Board of the Finnish Kennel Club regarding the American Hairless Terrier and the Rat Terrier.

The excerpt from the SKK working group for breed standards have been further discussed and developed according to the below.

Conditions

- AKC register Rat Terrier and American Hairless Terrier as two separate breeds with separate standards
- NKU/AU have decided to recognise Rat Terrier and American Hairless Terrier as two breed varieties under one breed name allowing interbreeding between the varieties

Suggestion

- **Common breed name:** Rat Terrier/American Hairless Terrier
- **Breed varieties:** two breed varieties registered with each breed code; Rat Terrier and American Hairless Terrier respectively
- **Standard:** one common document with a common "heading" followed by the two respective standard texts
- **Show:** Rat Terrier and American Hairless Terrier are judged from their respective part of the standard text with a separate certificate and BOB

SKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10 2016:

The NKU/AU decided according to the suggestion. This decision is valid from January 1 2017.

The date for when the rules for new breeds will be valid is at the turn of the year, e.g. January 1st 20xx.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The NKU/AU changed the decision made in 13.4.2016 as follows:

The American Hairless Terrier and the Rat Terrier will be registered as two separate breeds according to the AKC standard. NKU recommends that the breeds can be cross-bred.

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

The SKK is interested in knowing how the work within the working group is progressing.

Eeva Anttinen will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

Eeva Anttinen and Jorgen Hindse gave the NKU/AU an update on the work of the FCI working group for restructuring the FCI.

The SKK will make a proposal to the next NKU/AU meeting about the maximum number of CACIB shows in FCI countries to be presented in the next FCI General Assembly.

5.5. SKK/Decision regarding introducing Scandinavian challenge certificate shows, enclosure 5.5.

The working group have presented a proposal for the rules for the Nordic Dog Shows that the respective countries have processed.

Norway

The Norwegian Kennel Club Board is positive to establish Nordic Dog Shows in Norway, but a decision in NKC's General Assembly (GA) in November 2016 is needed. The NKC Board has recommended to the GA to support Nordic Dog Shows from 2018. If the NKC GA decides not to support Nordic Dog Shows from 2018, Nordic Dog Shows in 2018 and 2019 will be held in the other countries only. Regulations for the new Nordic Show Champion will follow the "Regulations for Nordic Dog Shows".

Iceland

The Board of the Icelandic Kennel Club has accepted to work within the framework introduced, although our exemptions were to widely written in the draft presented and our understanding is that this is just a drafting issue, as the understanding of NKU group was the same as the boards. Our representatives at the meeting in October will introduce what are the exemptions needed, but our approach is only to accept vital exemptions resulting from the quarantine issue we have importing dogs that restrict us from traveling between shows in Scandinavia. Other requirements we would like to maintain for Iceland as well.

Finland

The decision of the Board of the Finnish Kennel Club (27.5.2016) is to be with in building up the Nordic Dog Shows. The decision of the Borad of the Finnish Kennel Club (15.6.2016) is that the Board accepted the preliminary draft of the Nordic Show regulations. The exact number of the Nordic Shows will be published, when the applications of the shows for the year 2018 have been dealt with.

Sweden

On June 17 the SKK board decided to accept the Nordic Show Rules and the new champion title. The board assigned to SKK Show Committee to asap complete a suggestion for the distribution of the show program for 2018 for the SKK regional clubs (länsklubbar). The number of CACIB show will be between 5 and 10, Nordic Shows around 15 and national show around 10-25.

Denmark

The board of the Danish Kennel Club agreed on its meeting on 5.10.2016, that it will participate and will organize minimum 1 Nordic Show from 2018.

The NKU Show group will have one more meeting (in Reykjavik on 25.10.2016) to finalize the rules.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The Regulations for the Nordic Dog Show including Nordic Show Champion (Nordic ShCh) and transition rules during 2018 and 2019 was decided. The NKU working group for dog show was assigned the task to at the latest on December 31 propose the program for the Nordic Dog Shows for 2018.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The proposal was approved.

5.6. SKK/Establishing a website/other information regarding the Nordic Kennel Union, enclosure 5.6.

SKK has been working for the last months with preparations for a NKU website. Material has been collected and translated into English. A demonstration of the site will be made at the meeting

A written official statement regarding the respiratory related health problems in brachycephalic dogs has been written by SKK and the SKK would like to put it on the website as a common statement from all the Nordic countries. The question is, can all agree on putting the material on the website? Pekka Olson gave information from a telephone meeting with the working group. Enclosure

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The NKU decided to proceed with the work and assigned to SKK to act as webmaster for the website for the cost of € 1 500 per land per year (DKK; FKK, NKK and SKK).

With reference to the discussion it was decided that the statement will be used by FKK, DKK, NKK, HRFI and SKK in their respective country adapted to every country's situation.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

Ulf Uddman made a demonstration of the website and the website got applaus. The proposal of the SKK was approved. After every meeting we decide which articles in the minutes are not to be published in the NKU website. Language is English and the minutes published start from 2016.

And we add to the end of every agenda, that the meeting has to decide, which articles are not to be published at the NKU website.

It was agreed that on the agendas of different commissions of the NKU a sentence will be added stating that all commission decisions have to be approved by the NKU/AU.

6 SKK / IPO revised regulations

Discussions regarding the proposal for revised IPO-regulations and especially the use of the soft stick.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

NKU/AU have not changed their previous stand point regarding the use of the soft stick at IPO-trials, e.g. the soft stick should only be used to indicate a blow, never touch the dog. NKU/AU will pursue their stand point with the FCI Utility Commission and the FCI General Committee.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The proposal of the soft stick was approved.

7 SKK / FCI working group Utility Nordic Style

A few years ago NKU got accept from the FCI regarding the regulations for Utility Nordic Style.

Proposal for the decision of NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

NKU/AU pointed out the importance for each Nordic country to appoint a representative in the FCI working group for Utility Nordic Style.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The item was withdrawn and will be discussed when more information has been gathered.

8 SKK/Elkhounds – common data base for elkhounds within the NKU; enclosure 8

The elkhound clubs in Finland, Norway and Sweden has signed an agreement stating that they are going to work for establishing a common breeding data base within the Nordic elkhound union.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10 2016:

NKU/AU stated its support for the close co-operation regarding the elkhound breeds that the clubs wishes to do as most of the breeds only exist in Nordic countries. FKK, NKK and SKK are requested to support the clubs with adequate information.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

It was decided to forward this matter to CEO's of SKK, FKK and NKK and the respective breed clubs in order to make a specific agreement how to create and use a database to answer the special needs of the Elkhound Clubs and breeding.

9 FKK/Consumer protection law

The Consumer protection law in Finland considers a dog as a good/merchandise (i.e. car, fridge) and this causes some serious problems in difficult situations when selling/buying puppies. Therefore the FKK would like to discuss the practices in the different NKU countries. How does the Consumer protection law handles buying and selling dogs in the NKU countries?

FKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The lawyers of the Kennel Clubs will have a meeting at the next staff meeting in order to compare consumer protection legislation in the NKU countries.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016

The NKU/AU supports the FCI European Sections work to effect EU to change the consumer law so that it separates animals from merchandise.

Each Kennel Club takes active measures to effect its EU Parliament MPs and governments.

The lawyers of the Kennel Clubs are having a meeting at the next staff meeting (22.2.2017) in order to compare consumer protection legislation in the NKU countries.

10 FKK/Penalized show judges; enclosure 10

There has been recently several cases, where a show judge is penalized by his/her national organization. Quite soon after the banning the judge in question has got a new nationality and a new judging license in the country of the new nationality.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The decisions of the National Kennel Clubs regarding judge suspensions should be respected in other FCI member countries.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

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11 NKK/Book about Samoyed, enclosure 11

Norsk Polarhundklubb intends to publish a book about the Samoyed dog. The book will contain the history of the breed, the breed in the rest of the world, the standard and the use and function of the breed today. The Nordic countries have the patronage of the Samoyed dog and are responsible of the management of the breed, a book like this will be a contribution to this fact throughout the world. To

release a book like this is expensive. As the Samoyed is a Nordic breed, we ask, if the NKU can give economic support to this publication.

NKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

NKU is not financially supporting breed books of Kennels or breed clubs unless they are initiated by the NKU, but we welcome the idea of good breed book of the NKU breed.

12 NKU/VK/ Breed standards – health and function

Breed standards have been revised through the last decades, in order to promote health and function and remove descriptions that could predispose to illness or reduced function/welfare. However, looking into the individual standards, there is still a need to change certain descriptions. The majority of descriptions predisposing to reduced function are about short muzzles. There are also some that describe other traits.

Decision of the NKU/VK 1.-2.6.2016:

The NKU/VK agreed that it would be a good idea to propose that FCI Standards Commission reviews all breed standards and updates descriptions that may lead to reduced function.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

NKU/AU is referring this proposal back to the NKU/VK and ask them to make with the Brachycephalic group a breed specific appendixes suitable to the Northern requirements of the animal protection laws. We underline the use of BSI in educating new judges in the NKU countries and in the other hand inform judges invited to judge in our countries about the BSI. There was also discussion to use more Nordic judges for the high profile breeds.

13 NKU/VK / Miniature American Shepherd

This breed is being registered by the AKC.

Decision of the NKU/VK 1.-2.6.2016:

The NKU/VK suggests that the Miniature American Shepherd will be registered as a variety of the Australian Shepherd.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

It was agreed that this matter will be brought back to the next NKU/AU meeting.

14 FKK/Brachycephalic dog breeds, enclosure 14

As an enclosure there are minutes from the two meetings the working group has had and also a report of their work. Their next meetings will be on 27.10. and 29.11.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The Brachycephalic working group has had two meetings and they need at least one more before they are ready to give their statements. The Media working group has started its work.

15 For information

15.1 Draft of the NKU/Show group 24.5.2016, Copenhagen, Denmark, enclosure 15.1.

15.2 Minutes of the NKU/VK meeting 1.-2.6.2016, Uppsala, Sweden, enclosure 15.2.

The NKU/VK as a working group for the NKU cannot send an inquiry to the FCI in any matters until approved by the NKU/AU. NKU/VK is allowed to send the inquiry regarding the list of large and gigantic breeds in connection of hip dysplasia screening.

The HD/ED panel: NKU/AU asks NKU/VK to make a proposal to NKU/AU about the matter of the time period between two HD/ED radiographs.

For the future all the NKU working commission should pay attention that the minutes will be published on the NKU website and they should be short and very clear, consisting only recommendations and proposals.

15.3 Minutes of the NKU/Agility committee meeting, 12.8.2016, Lillehammer, Norway, enclosure 15.3.

15.4. The letter to the Japan Kennel Club, enclosure 15.4.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The materials was discussed.

16 Information from the NKU countries

In the NKU/AU meeting 24.8.2015 it was it was agreed that we bring the figures of each country to the meeting in the spring and trends to the meeting in the autumn.

DKK: members stable, registrations stable, show entries very positive, competitions stable and economy positive

FKK: members stable, registrations stable, show entries slightly negative, competitions and economy stable

HRFI: currently members positive, registrations stable, show entries slightly negative, competitions positive, economy stable

NKK: currently members positive, registrations positive, show entries positive, competitions very positive, economy positive

SKK: members negative, registrations positive (+2%), show entries positive, competitions strongly positive, economy stable

17 Any other business

1. NKK/Registration of litters from outcross-projects in the Nordic kennel clubs, enclosure 17

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The CEOs and each countries registration departments will make a proposal to solve this question of crossbreeding the rare national breeds of the NKU countries by the next NKU/AU meeting.

2 The FCI Commissions: we stress to our national delegates to collaborate with other Northern delegates and as Kennel Clubs we assure that in every commission meeting there is a representative from every country present.

18 Next meeting

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4., point 24: the next NKU/AU meeting will be held on 23.2.2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

The next meeting will be held in Copenhagen 23.2.2017.

19 Closing of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen closed the meeting at 16.25.