



NKU / AU MEETING 15.2.2018

MINUTES

Date: 15.2.2018

Place: Svenska Kennelklubben
Rotebergsvägen 3, Sollentuna

Time: 09.00. – 15.30.

Participants:

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FKK	Kari Järvinen Harri Lehkonen, Chairman Markku Mähönen Sampo Miettinen, Secretary
HRFI	Herdís Hallmarsdóttir Guðny Isaksen
NKK	Merete Røberg Larsen Trine Christensen Hage Tom Øystein Martinsen
SKK	Britt-Marie Dornell Pekka Olson Ulf Uddman



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1 Opening of the meeting

Harri Lehkonen opened the meeting at 09.15.

New member of the NKU/AU, Britt-Marie Dornell from Sweden presented herself to the NKU/AU.

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 15.2.2018:

Pekka Olson from SKK was elected to examine the minutes.

3 Approval of the agenda

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

HRFI would like to combine the point 6 on the list with discussion from the SKK with points 10 and 11. Another point in "any other business" regarding the revival of the NKU Junior Handling committee, point 14.3.

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 26.10.2017; enclosure 4

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The minutes were approved.

5 Items from the last meeting

5.1. NKK/Registration of litters from outcross-projects in the Nordic kennel clubs, enclosures 5.1.a-b

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

The NKU/VD proposes the following amendments:

Point 1: The breeds country of origin design the outcross project, set the **MINIMUM** requirements....

Point 2: A breeder that wish to conduct and outcross must first apply the national kennel club. The national kennel club decides if the combination is approved or not.

Point 3: When the crossbreeding is accepted the national kennel club of the breed will be informed.

Point 4: This point will be deleted

Point 5: This point will be deleted.

Point 6: It is up to the Kennel Clubs to decide how to register the litter under their national registration rules.

Point 7: All the Nordic countries accept the registered litters which are done under these crossbreeding projects.

The NKU/VK will be asked about its opinion of this proposal and a list of outcross projects that have already taken place in each of the NKU countries should be provided.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved and will be sent to the NKU/VK.

Decision of the NKU/VK 31.-5.-1.6.2017:

Registration of litters from outcross-projects in the Nordic kennel clubs:
The NKU/VK will gather a list for the NKU/AU.

Decision of the NKU/AU 26.10.2017:

The NKU/VK will gather a list for the NKU/AU.

Outcross projects, NKU/VK, January 2018

List of kennel club approved outcross projects that have already taken place in each of the NKU countries:

Denmark

- Old Danish Pointing Dog

Finland

- Barbet
- Brazilian Terrier
- German Pinscher
- Kromfohländer

For more information on the project of the German Pinscher, see <https://tinyurl.com/ybbqghvd>. For more information on the project of the Kromfohländer, see <https://tinyurl.com/yatfd5kj>.

Norway

Norwegian hounds: Dunker, Haldenstøver and Hygenhund

Norwegian Puffin Dog

For more information, see the enclosure Outcross projects NKK.

Sweden

- Clumber Spaniel
- Smålandsstövare, Schillerstövare and Gotlandsstövare

For more information, see the enclosure List of breed crosses SKK.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 14.2.2018 (according to the decision of NKU/VD 22.2.2017 and NKU/AU 23.2.2017):

1. The breeds' country of origin design the outcross project, set minimum requirements (e.g. health tests) for candidate dogs and approve each mating.
2. A breeder that wish to conduct an outcross must first apply to the national kennel club. The national kennel club decides if the combination is approved or not.
3. When the crossbreeding is accepted the national kennel club of the breed will be informed.
4. It is up to the Kennel Clubs to decide how to register the litter under their national registration rules.
5. All the Nordic Kennel Clubs accept the registered litters which are done under these crossbreeding projects.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

5.2. Brachycephalic breeds, enclosures 5.2.a-d

SKK/Update/co-operation regarding the brachycephalic breeds

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

NKU/AU thanks the working group of a very thorough and excellent job and NKU/AU sends the proposals and the conclusions to each national kennel club for further decisions and actions. NKU/AU expects kennel clubs proposals for further actions by the next meeting in October 2017.

The media group will make a public presentation of the proposals of the working group and send it for approval to NKU/AU addressed to the NKU secretary.

Up till today (16.10.) no presentation has been received by the secretary and only the Finnish Kennel Clubs further actions are available:

Further actions of the Finnish Kennel Club:

walking test for following breeds: Affenpinscher, Boston Terrier, English Bulldog, French Bulldog, Griffons, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel, Pekingese, Pug, Shih Tzu and Norwich Terrier (for other reasons than Brachycephali).

the FKK encourages breed clubs to do breeding inspections and concentrate especially in exaggerated features particular form for dogs with symptoms of Brachycephali or for already operated dogs

SKK

walking test in process

a conference for judges will take place in February 2018

from the year 2020 to the year 2024 only Nordic judges are allowed to judge English Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pug and Boston Terrier

DKK

a conference for breeders and judges of Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pug and Boston Terrier will take place in the beginning of 2018

Decision of the NKU/AU 26.10.2017:

The NKU/Brachy group will continue its work with brachycephalic breeds, the media group will be closed and it was decided to share all information created in member countries to other members as soon as possible.

The NKK will make a draft of a letter to be sent to the Kennel Clubs responsible for the breed standards of the mentioned four breeds.

NKK / Draft of a letter to the countries of origin of four brachycephalic breeds

The four mentioned breeds are the Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pug and Boston Terrier. Enclosed is a draft of the letter. In the draft, the problems with brachycephalic breeds are described briefly. The relevant paragraphs from the breed standards of the four breeds are also quoted. However, the letter is not finalized, as we find it important that the NKU-AU discusses the exact questions or requests to the countries of origin.

The Finnish Kennel Club proposes that NKU/Brachy group will make amendments/corrections to each breed standard of the breeds in question to improve the understanding of the problems of breeds in question. And then we will propose those amendments to the countries of origin. We also propose that NKU invites an international seminar for all interested parties in Europe to hear and discuss these problems with representatives from the countries of origin. See enclosures 5.2. b-d for the results of the NKU/Brachy group in 2017.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The NKU/AU decided not to send a letter, but instead ask for meetings with Kennel Clubs of the countries of the origin of the brachycephalic breeds. These meetings will be held under the NKU umbrella and will be organized by the SKK.

5.3. DKK/Recognition of the Biewer

The breed is recognized at least by the Russian Kennel Federation, the Latvian Kennel

Federation, the American Kennel Club, the Hungarian Kennel Club, the Ukrainian Kennel Union, the Kennel Union of South Africa and the Slovakian Kennel Club but not by the FCI. The breed is originally from Germany and the first litter was born in 1984. In the AKC the breed belongs to the Toy group.

Enclosed is material of the breed, for example the breed standard issued by the Biewer Terrier Club of America and another issued by the Biewer Breed Club of America and history of the breed as well as the application from the Klubben for Små Selskabshunde (Denmark).

DKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 26.10.2017:

breed name: Biewer

the breed will be placed in group 3

the breed is recognized for example by the AKC (Foundation Stock)

breed standard based on the standard of the Biewer Terrier Club of America

authorization to judge: it is up to each kennel club to decide of the authorization to judge the breed

imported dogs can until further notice be registered with a pedigree from all the kennel clubs recognized by the FCI and the United Kennel Club

registration can be done immediately after the NKU/AU decision

the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after X.X.XXXX, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

Proposal of the NKU/VD 25.10.2017:

The DKK will send a proposal for recognition of the Biewer to the NKU/VK for their opinion for the next NKU/VD meeting.

Decision of the NKU/AU 26.10.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved. The opinion of the NKU/VK must be at hand latest on the meeting of the NKU/VD in Stockholm in February.

The NKU/VK has answered, that they have not got the proposal from the DKK. The NKU/VK has meeting once a year and the next meeting is on March so that is the earliest possibility to handle this matter as the NKU/VK do not handle items by email.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 14.2.2018:

The DKK will send the proposal to the NKU/VK the soonest possible so that they can handle the matter in their next meeting in March.

In the future the NKU/VK has to have meetings by email if needed.

Denmark will make same kind of list as Sweden about the most popular non-recognized breeds and Finland, Iceland and Norway will try to collect the same information in their countries.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The NKU/AU recognized the Biewer.

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the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after 1.1.2019 but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

5.4 FKK/IDs for judges, officials etc

In every country there are different kinds of IDs for different kinds of officials and at least some of them has benefits: for example with the ID of a ring steward there is free entry for the card holder to all the shows in the Nordic countries. FKK would like to have discussion about the different IDs and their purposes and benefits.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 26.10.2017:

The FKK will make a proposal for the next NKU/AU meeting about the use of IDs.

The Finnish Kennel Club proposes that with the IDs of show judges and ring stewards are acceptable

- a) in all shows arranged by NCO
- b) in all KC shows and all international dog shows in each country
- c) in all dog shows in each country

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

Show judges and stewards can have free entry with their IDs to all the Nordic shows. When the cards are renewed, this change will be notified.

5.5. FKK/Task force for the British Pointers within the NKU/AU

At its last meeting on 26.10.2017 the NKU/AU decided to establish a task force to create official Championship trials of each breed. The task force would consist of one person per NKU member club and it may call an external secretary. NKU/AU could also nominate a member. The Finnish Kennel Club proposes, that the Chairman of the task force would be Mr. Henrik Standertskjöld-Nordenstam (FI) and the Nordic Kennel Club would send him the information about their representatives in the task force so that the first meeting could be called.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

Mr Henrik Standertskjöld-Nordenstam was nominated as a Chairman for this task force. Nordic Kennel Club will send him the information about their representatives in the task force so that the first meeting could be called.

SKK has already nominated their delegate: Peter Hoyer and Denmark Harris Jensen.

6 HRFI / Our position within the FCI after the General Assembly meeting in Leipzig.

This item will be included in points 10 and 11.

7 HRFI / Educations of Showjudges.

The HRFI would like to explore the possibility of the NKU countries exchanging informations on education of Showjudges, and if there is a ground for co-operation and co-ordination between the NKU countries.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

A task force was founded for exchanging informations on education of showjudges in the NKU countries. DKK nominated Svend Lövenkjaer, SKK nominated Kjell Svensson, HRFI Lilja Dora Halldorsdottri, NKK Anne Livo Buvik, FKK will inform its representative later. FKK will call the first meeting in spring 2018.

8 NKK / Vaccination regulations

During the winter months every year the Norwegian Kennel Club (NKK) gets many notes in e-mails and on social media concerning kennel cough, and dog owners/handlers concern about infection when participating in dog shows.

The Norwegian vaccination regulations are as following, and due to the vast amount of inquiries, we have added the last sentence from 1.1.2018:

“3.4 Vaccination regulations

All dogs must document that they are vaccinated against distemper (paramyxo-virus).

-Dogs under 15 months of age when attending the show must be vaccinated after the age of 10 weeks.

-Dogs over 15 months of age must be vaccinated at least at 10 months of age and last vaccination conducted maximum 3 years before attending the show.

-If the dog is vaccinated only once, the vaccination must have been made at least two weeks before the dog can attend the show.

We recommend all dogs to be vaccinated against parvovirus and parainfluenza.

Unannounced controls of import, health and vaccination documents may occur at the show. **Vaccination against kennel cough is recommended taken every year.”**

There are several respiratory infections dogs may get, and dog shows with a big number of dogs may of course be a place where dogs may get infections. Some of the Norwegian handlers/owners have asked for regulations that contains requirement of vaccination against kennel cough every year.

NKK believe this can be an issue to discuss for the NKU scientific commission(NKU-VK). If NKU AU/VD meeting can support this, we recommend that the case is sent to the NKU-VK for discussion and recommendation. When their recommendation is made, the case can be returned to NKU AU/VD meeting for decision.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

After having discussed the matter the suggestion was turned down.

9 NKK / Coordination of guidelines of Nordic Championships

The Norwegian Kennel Club (NKK) would like all the guidelines/regulations concerning the Nordic championships to be coordinated and be the same in some areas.

Our experience is that there are different guidelines concerning:

Entry fee (every country pays for agility, but not for obedience etc.

Judges fee and traveling cost, in Utility each country pays the expenses (traveling, judges fee, hotel, food) for one national judge every year, in obedience each country pay travel expenses for one judge and the organizer pays the rest, in agility organizer pays all cost concerning the judges used.

Dinner for the participants and team leader, in obedience there are stated in the regulations that the organizer must cost dinner one evening for all the participants and the team leaders, in dog dancing some tributes to a small get together dining (pizza, snack or something like that)

NKK would like the guidelines on these issues to be the same for every sport, and suggest following guidelines:

Each country pays entry fee for their participants, at the same amount like regular entry fees in the organizing country, or a fixed price that NKU decided.

The organizer pays all costs for the judges used in the championship (judges fee, travel costs, hotel, dinner etc.)

The practice of dinner for participants, at the cost of the organizer, ends. The organizer may of course organize get together dining if they wish.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

After discussion it was concluded that common guidelines would not be possible.

10 SKK / FCI Statutes – discussion

SKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 14.2.2018:

The NKU/VD proposes to the NKU/AU, that the presidents of the Nordic Kennel Clubs will discuss with the presidents of other European Kennel Clubs about the further improvements within the FCI and perhaps founding a new section.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.
The NKU/AU supports the proposal of amended statutes that FCI Board has put to the General Assembly in Leipzig and will be put to vote in Brussels.

11 The FCI European Section Meeting on 17.-18.4.2018 and the FCI Extraordinary General Assembly on 14.-15.8.2018

This item is for discussion.

Decision of the NKU/VD 14.02.2018:

The NKU/VD will have an extra meeting on 22.5.2018 in Copenhagen about preparing argumentation regarding the FCI rules and closer co-operation between Kennel Clubs.

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The NKU/AU will have a Skype meeting after the material regarding the FCI European Section meeting has arrived. The NKU/AU supports the meeting of the NKU/VD in Copenhagen in May.

12 For information

12.1.Minutes of the NKU/Agility Committee meeting 7.10.2017, Liberec, Czech Republic, enclosure 12.1.

12.2.Minutes of the NKU/Show group meeting 18.10.2017, Sollentuna, Sweden, enclosure 12.2.

12.3.A letter from the NKU to the FCI regarding welfare in dog shows and the answer of the FCI to the letter, enclosure 12.3.

The NKU/AU does not agree with the answer of the FCI. The NKK will make a draft and send it to the other NKU countries for acceptance.

On behalf of the NKU, Trine Hage has received a response from the FCI and president Rafael De Santiago to our letter of 20th of December. The contents of the letter has been presented to NKU/VD.

The NKU/AU finds it necessary to emphasize the following: At the bases for the FCI's answer is the following statement from the breed club in the country of origin:

“Any extra muscles will only be disadvantageous in term of slowing their speed down and cause muscle injury. “

According to the FCI, the breed club's statement is satisfactory and leaves no cause for further actions from the FCI. The NKU does not support the position of the FCI.

12.4. Minutes of the NKU/BSI group 30.11.2017, Oslo, Norway, enclosure 12.4.

13 Information from the NKU countries; enclosures 13 and 13.1.

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.

SKK/Comparison between SKK puppy registering and Jordbruksverkets owner register in 2017; enclosure 13.1.

14 Any other business

14.1. Decisions of this meeting, that are not to be published at the NKU website

There are no decisions that cannot be published.

14.2. NKK/Breed Specific Instructions 2018; enclosures 14.2.a-b

The BSI 2018 were approved.

14.3. HRFI/The revival of the NKU Junior Handling committee; enclosure 14.3.

The NKU/AU decided to revive the committee as a NKU Youth Committee. Every country nominates one representative to the committee and the HRFI will call the first meeting. The NKU/AU would like the committee to make suggestions on youth related activities that the committee will focus on, such as handling, agility etc.

15 Next meeting

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017, point 17: the next NKU/AU meeting will be held on 24.10.2018 in Reykjavik, Iceland.

We should also decide the meetings for 2019 based on Norwegian proposal at this meeting.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 14.2.2018:

The next meetings will be on 12.-14.2.2019 in Oslo and 15.-16.10.2019 in Copenhagen

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

16 Closing of the meeting

Harri Lehkonen closed the meeting at 13.45.