



## **NKU/AU MEETING 13.10.2022**

### **AGENDA**

Date: 13.10.2022

Place: Swedish kennel club office, Rotebergsvägen 3, Sollentuna, Sweden

Time: 9:30 – 15:00

#### Participants:

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| FKK  | Eeva Anttinen<br>Harri Lehkonen<br>Markku Mähönen  |
| HRFÍ | Erna Sigríður Ómarsdóttir, secretary<br>Guðbjörg Guðmundsdóttir<br>Silja Ösp Jóhannsdóttir |
| SKK  | Kees de Jong<br>Magnus Jensen<br>Thomas Uneholt  |
| NKK  | Hilde Engeland<br>Nils-Erik Haagenrud  |

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### **33) Opening of the meeting**

Guðbjörg Guðmundsdóttir opened the meeting at 9:30

### **34) 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."

This time it will be persons from HRFÍ. Next time SKK, then DKK, FKK and NKK.

### **35) Approval of the agenda**

Points for any other business:

- Information and proposals from the NKU show meeting
- SKK: points from the K8 meeting in Amsterdam, a new breed
- NKK: Proposal of a meeting for the registration departments and a meeting between the AU and communication group

### **36) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 29.03.2022, enclosure 1**

Some points from the VD meeting which were adjusted on the VD meeting.

### **37) Item 20/22 from last meeting about Nordic Championships**

"From 2021: SKK Proposal: The conditions for all the different Nordic Championships are very different so quite a lot of considerations must be taken if common guidelines should be introduced. To avoid the costs to arrange Nordic Championships for the host country should be too high, the following proposals are made:

*Entry fees for all Nordic Championships that will cover about 50 % of the total cost of the respective Championship. All judge's expenses covered by the host country. No dinner or similar for participants paid for by the host country*

March 2022: The Finnish Kennel Club would like the NKU/AU to discuss again about this item as it seems that all organizers of Nordic Championships do not work according to the above mentioned proposal.

Discussion: Need to have a certain standard on how much things should cost and so on, not that one country has high standards and another lower standard.

Decision 29.03.2022: Jens will write down some standards and bring to next meeting."

**Discussion:** SKK and DKK will work together towards a proposal for the March meeting, sending it out to the AU before the end of the year.

### **38) Representatives from NKU/Communications and lawyers**

One representative from NKU/Communications and lawyers attend the NKU/AU meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes to inform about their meetings and discussions in their respective group.

Communications: A lot of conversations took place. Focused were on the situation in Norway and a lot of discussion about what is the plan there to do. Norway will share what they are doing, press releases among other things. That way other clubs can answer questions and show support. Facebook group was made for the communications group. Norway wanted to use and reuse material from other countries. They looked at what the Argentina has been doing and Norway showed what is being planned there. They want to make short videos to show to the public and try to show what is being done and what can be done with dogs (shows, trails, breeding etc.). Discussion about promoting the "Nordic Model", the way of having dogs, showcase what we are good at, why you should pick a dog from us which is a pedigree dog. The group is going to start doing video meetings and try to have them quite regularly to continue the work.

Lawyer: discussion about exclusion of members, regarding bad talk and online discussion, hard to do much about this and control these situations. FKK asked about the court case in NKK which were discussed, results are expected in the next weeks.

### **39) DKK/The current international situation (energy crisis etc.)**

Talk about opinions about the situation, what do we expect (in shows, registration, etc.), how will it influence our members (higher prices in many cases). Discussion about what people think. Some effects on members, registration numbers and other things but not sure what the real reason is as we are experiencing changes after covid and also with the situation in Russia/Ukraine. All clubs are experiencing that higher cost affects operation costs (office, events, etc.). We could start seeing it affect participation, memberships and registrations for example. Some think that some situations have a later effect on the dog sport, but it could come soon.

### **40) DKK/FCI's International breeding rules/pedigree creditability**

#### **a) Confirmation between the kennel clubs increase the credibility of our pedigrees.**

According to the FCI's International Breeding Rules, enclosure 2.

#### **b) Litter registration DKK**

1) A breeder must confirm, where the litter is born.

2) If litter is born in another country, we need the foreign kennel clubs accept, before registration in DKK.

#### **c) Import registration DKK**

Imports with Danish ID-numbers (= puppies born in Denmark, registered in another kennel club) will not be recognized unless the conditions of the breeding rules are fulfilled.

DKK wants to have us going over how we are following the rules. They have encountered cases where dogs have a DK chip but are coming from other countries. Want to have contact within all clubs who know everything about registrations so that clubs can talk to each other and find a solution to this. If we keep an eye on this, we can figure it out. Everyone shares

email addresses, so all clubs have contact. Then connect these people together and have them meet in the fall of 2023.

**41) SKK/Harmonization of show rules**

There is difference between the show rules of the countries. On the show committee meeting it was discussed doing the work of compering and see if there will be some rules that will be changed or adapted. The committee will put together a working group for this.

The AU agrees on that the show group should start this work.

**42) SKK/Revision of NKU/BSI, enclosure 3**

Revision of NKU/BSI, page 4-5. It is high time to start the work with the third edition. Essential/urgent to have a time frame and a way to work.

We need to start the work; Sweden is ready to take the lead on this. We need to have a new version trying to have it ready so it can take effect on January 1, 2024.

Another point to work on looking at how to get the judges to finish filling this out, Norway e.g., fills it out after every breed (BSI breed) in the system, can't move to the next breed. Denmark still does this on paper.

**43) SKK/Request to Dansk Kennel Klub to open their Hunddata/DogWeb for common members/breeders within the NKU-countries**

The DKK will open the database from 1 of January for all people living in the Nordic countries.

**44) SKK/FCI sanctions against The Russian Kynological Federation, RKF, enclosure 4**

The general assembly did not vote with the sanctions on Russia in Madrid in June. Discussion about the difference in what the countries are doing in that regard. The clubs thanked Jørgen Hindse for standing up and speaking against the results at the general assembly regarding no sanctions on Russia.

**45) SKK/The future for International Partnership for Dogs, IPFD, enclosure 5**

Organization that is dealing with various animal welfare questions. SKK thinks this should be more of a connection into the Kennel clubs and not a platform for the public. Discussion about the contracts they have. Would like to see the IPFD to be working on what the kennel clubs want to work on, not something they do independently without the kennel clubs input. That they stop having their website feature propaganda videos. NKK, FKK and SKK are members, along with other clubs. Discussion about the board selection. Discussion about wanting there to be scientists, not politicians in this. The NKK representative says that this is a good organization, but not presenting itself well. The organization is a mix of companies and kennel clubs.

**46) NKK/The Nordic agility committee – new rules for the Nordic Championship, enclosures 6, 7 and 8**

Rules are approved.

**47) NKK/Proposal to nominate Norway as a country of patronage of the Siberian Husky in the FCI nomenclature, enclosures 9 and 10**

The Norwegian Siberian husky club wants the approval from the AU to ask the FCI to make this change. Discussion about the husky. The FCI said no to Russia for having it a Russian breed due to the war, will be reexamined after the war. The FCI board did not last time approve that the husky was a sled bred, they don't believe it will work now. It is an AKC breed. There is an agreement between the FCI and AKC, and therefore the FCI will not change the nomenclature of an AKC breed, and vice versa.

FKK and SKK think that the breed clubs support it, but the boards haven't discussed it.

The clubs, except DKK, will take it to their clubs and breed clubs to get an opinion for the next meeting.

**48) From NKU Obedience committee**

See points in enclosure 11, additional information in enclosure 12, 13 and 14.

Rules are ok, but not the things about the expenses. Rules are approved but not the part about the expenses part, they need to wait about the part about the cost.

Jens will take the lead on the expense part.

**49) Any other business**

SKK: points from the K8 meeting in Amsterdam and a new breed

- At the meeting they were talking about what the clubs are doing and not doing. A useful meeting. Have almost the same problems even that they are different. Another meeting in February. There was a question raised to take to this meeting. On exchanging data, some countries (Italy, France, Holland, Germany) want to join the NKU scientific committee in the purpose of exchanging of data.
  - These counties have not any corporation at the moment, and they like the idea of what we are doing and the way we are handling things.
  - The question is if the NKU scientific committee should let these countries join the committee. Some want to take this to their board for discussion before making a decision on the matter, the clubs will discuss it and send a decision to Erna before the end of the year.
- SKK has approved the polish hunting spaniel, and the FKK did that also last week. DKK has also done that.

NKK:

- Proposal of a meeting for the registration departments have a meeting in the fall in 2023.
- Also a meeting between the media group and the AU, like an hour or two. Join the meeting in March or next fall

From the show committee:

- Nordic Champion ship in Junior handling

- Norway moved the show to July which has effect on the process how countries choose their teams. Discussion about what to do, idea for Iceland to host the competition that year.
- Approved that Iceland will host the Nordic junior handling champion ship in November 2023.
- Comparative file for non-FCI recognized breeds
  - Have the list updated for next meeting and go over it again, all clubs will go over it again and send in English to Erna to make a new comparative file
- Bring up the idea of Nordic Junior and Veteran titles
  - Talked about having it start at January 1, 2024, Sweden needs to talk about this with their board. AU agrees that the show committee should start the work.
- Idea of the national junior/veteran titles, only needing one point in another country, as it is with regular champion titles.
  - Countries will take it up with their boards and bring to next meeting.
- The proposal to send to FCI
  - Approved and will be sent to the FCI.

#### **50) Next meeting**

Item 31 from meeting on 29.03.2022: 2023, March 28-29, in Denmark.

#### **51) Closing of the meeting**

Guðbjörg closed the meeting at 12:10.