



NKU/AU MEETING 29.03.2022

AGENDA

Date: 29.03.2022

Place: Meeting room Ás - Center Hotel Miðgarður, Laugavegur 120, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

Time: 9:00 – 16:00

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1) Opening of the meeting

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir, the meeting chair, opened the meeting at 9:00.

Meeting started with a short introduction of all meeting participants.

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

Decision 29.03.2022: Agreed on that NKK, Tom and Hilde, will examine the minutes.

3) Approval of the agenda

Decision 29.03.2022: SKK want to discuss item no. 24 with point no. 17

NKK announce they have participants that will join via Teams with an introduction on for point no. 9.

NKK has a letter that they want to present under point no. 8

Items for any other business:

SKK: BSI and news from Europe, Belgium hunting dogs

FKK: updated regulations in obedience for Nordic

4) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 18.11.21, enclosure 1

Decision 29.03.2022: The meeting minutes are approved.

5) Nordic championships (shows, agility, obedience, etc.)

Based on minutes 16.11.2020:

Host of the NKU championships					
Championship	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Nordic Winner show	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Denmark	Finland
Junior handling	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Denmark	Finland
Obedience	Norway	Sweden	Denmark	Finland	Norway
Agility	Sweden	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden
Freestyle/Heelwork to Music	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Denmark
Rally Obedience	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Denmark	Finland

6) Rotation of the host country of the NKU

Based on approval in minutes 24.10.2018:

2022-2024 HRFÍ

2025-2027 SKK

2028-2030 DKK

2031-2033	NKK
2034-2037	FKK
2038-2040	HRFÍ

7) Status in the Nordic kennel clubs

Overview of figures presented at the meeting and highlights from each kennel club are as follows:

DKK:

- New fields in process, dog training center, now 3 trainers
- Webinars are profitable

FKK:

- Agria KoiraExpo-event online, 350 participants
- Webinars for breeders, owners, puppy buyers
- Ethical training and commitment for guard dog enthusiasts and officials
- Dog Fair/Winner Shows took place in the mid of December with almost 13 000 entries

HRFÍ:

- Finally launching parts of the "hundavefur" computer system - ongoing process
- Increases in all areas in the operation of HRFÍ
- Return to relatively "normal" activity (shows etc)

NKK:

- Digital – NKK has experienced a digitalization in two years that normally would have been made on 5-10 years. Nearly all our employees have the possibility to work from home. The new normal is hybrid office.
- Corona- shows – a positive experience. Open up the schedule (terminlisten) and made it possible for organizers to arrange shows during the pandemic. The “NKK model” was even adopted by the government (not officially, but the same model was presented for other arrangements also in Norway) The show committee work hard and put down a great job together with our staff.
- Competitions during Corona – The working dog committee and hunting dog committee made rules that made it possible to hold and participate in competitions. The schedule (terminlisten) was opened.
- Economic turn operation – good result for 2021. The result is not without a great deal of sacrifice and has its aftertaste.
- All time high registration numbers and members
- New employees and nearly all new management team at the end of 2021

SKK:

- Sweden is going to apply for the European Dog Show 2025 or 2026.
- SKK will organize Stockholm Hundmässan for the first time in two years.
- Big increase in puppy registrations and membership during 2021.

8) NKK / Lawsuit against NKK, regarding Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and English bulldog (25/21)

NKK will give information about the court case and the appeal.

a) Consequences of the court case

Which unite actions can we make/ what can we do together?

Discussion: NKK presented the case and the appeal. Changes in the rules, different situation. BOAS results for Bulldog are quite good as well as with C-sections. Cavaliers have the problem with CCS and EF.

b) Information from a meeting between FCI and NKK regarding the court case

Discussion: FCI wants to hold a BOAS conference in Oslo in the autumn. FCI is open for more meetings about the matter.

Ongoing discussion on how the NKU countries can help each other.

- FKK suggest sharing what each country is testing for and what the statistics are. Have the scientific committee collect the data and make a combined report. NKK thinks this is being taken care of in the committee.
- How to educate show judges about this
- Sending a statement to the standard commission and the scientific commission within the FCI. Talk to the KC at the same time. Important to include the breed clubs as well.
- NKK proposed that the breed clubs in question come together in the NKU and talk together. Create a platform between the breed clubs. Create a summons of the concerns.
- Make recommendations of breed standards to the KC and FCI commissions. Cover all bases and make a stronger case. Start with the bulldog standard, has longer history of this problem with bulldogs. More veterinary literature available about the bulldog than the cavalier.
- Financial issue, maybe the other clubs can support in this fight as it is fighting for all the dog world.
- Prepare a proposal for the Europe section for the meeting in Paris.

9) NKK / Cooperation on breeding tools

Greater cooperation regarding breeding and cooperation on tools that makes it easier to have a common genetically pool? Is it possible?

Discussion: Two participants from Norway joined on Teams. They held a presentation about the project, about investigating how to provide breeders and clubs with a wide range of documentation and selection tools based on both indexing and cross-referenced data from dogweb (NKK database). NKK got data from SKK, they showed suggestion of how to present this data. You can pick a breed and pick a period of time and get a visual of the data, for example number of dogs, number of born puppies registered, average litter size, average inbreeding. There is also a health card, showing the tests done and the results. Also have hunting trails in there with the same, how many have participated and how the results are, possible to look at different traits. Showed a few examples of searching and filtering.

They are still working on and looking at the best way to present each variable.

The thought is if there is a possibility that the Nordic kennel clubs join together by sharing information in a common database.

SKK thinks it is interesting as they are also looking in general how to present their data better and also think this would be a good cooperation project. FKK has similar built into their database.

Decision 29.03.2022: Next step would be to look at the cost. NKK are preparing a business plan. They will share that. All the countries will share the data they have on English bulldog to test this, FKK is not sure to participate as they have a private company taking care of this in their database, they will look into it. Planning of interphase.

10) New EU-regulations for import/export of semen (28/21), enclosure 2

Decision 29.03.2022: The Europe section contacted the EU but no answer yet. Concluded till there is an answer.

11) Consensus regarding assessment of disqualified faults (30/21)

From minutes from meeting 18.11.2021:

“As judge you must follow the current FCI breed standard. If the standard states that spurs are a fault, you assign a quality prize, based on that. If spurs are a disqualifying fault, the dog should be assigned disqualified if the spurs have not been removed. To remove spurs today is forbidden, but as we understand the Nordic countries are not harmonized when it comes to this point. SKK would like to initiate a discussion regarding this subject.

Decision of the NKU/AU 18.11.21: SKK will send the case to the kennel clubs who will address the item to the judges' committees in the respective kennel clubs”

Discussion: SKK did not send out anything but has some info. Look at it as if a dog is born with a fault, it is a fault. Like if you remove dewclaws, it is still considered a fault. More clubs are going to talk to their judges.

Decision 29.03.2022: Concluded.

12) Samoyed – Working Breed status (27/21), enclosure 3

From minutes from meeting 18.11.2021:

“The FCI Sledge Dog Commission request for a change of nomenclature for the Samoyed from “without working trial” to “subject to a working trial”. DKK, SKK and NKK will give information See enclosure 4, 5 and 6 Decision of the NKU/AU 18.11.21: SKK, NKK, DKK and HRFI support the change in nomenclature for the Samoyed FKK was pending”

Decision 29.03.2022: FKK is still waiting for an answer. The FKK will inform the secretary about the decision of the Samoyed club so a letter can be sent to Europe section.

13) DKK / Discussion on the origin of Samoyed, enclosure 4

Origin to be discussed: Northern Russia and Siberia.

Decision 29.03.2022: A short while ago the decision was to nominate Russia. In sake of the circumstances this is postponed.

14) DKK / Hip-dysplasia scores and quality control

Discussion: In DKK there has been a lot of discussion. The scores are going down so the breeders think that the reading is different. The only reason is that the images are a lot better than they used to be. The question is, is this the same problem in the other Nordic countries.

SKK agrees. They register every result, DKK too. Should we be checking all these breeds. Maybe not a problem that can be solved, at least not right now, just explained. Indexes have been successful in some countries.

Decision 29.03.2022: Waiting for the seminar and all take this to the breed clubs.

15) DKK / Kennel names after or before the dog name – suffix or prefix

Example: Molly von Mauritius Hause or Von Mauritius Hause Molly

Discussion: They wanted to know how this was in other countries.

All countries except Norway have it in front, in Norway you can choose either to have it in front or in the back.

16) DKK / Information from FCI's Europe Section

Discussion: Discussed about the 3 assemblies and what is on the agenda.

17) 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 in the NKU countries. What are the requirements for registration and is it possible to breed one-colored Poodle to a multi-colored Poodle?

Discussion: They want to know, are you registering multicolored poodle, (party color) do you have it separate.

Decision 29.03.2022: Every country sends FKK what they are doing with this, both regarding registration and shows.

18) FKK / The European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO), enclosure 5

The Finnish Kennel Club would like the NKU/AU to discuss about the new digital system that ECVO is establishing. There are lots of questions regarding for example costs, technologies

and updates of the system. Enclosed are some questions that raised up at the Finnish Kennel Club concerning the new system.

Discussion: This is presented with point no 19.

The Ecvo vets want a European system, have a German company that can do it, but they want us to join. This is expensive and not as good as our current systems but would be a shared database. Would cost now a round 15000 euros and not be as good or better than now. Not against it but it would need to be better.

Decision 29.03.2022: Not an offer we want to accept at this moment at least.

19) DKK+FKK / Centralized procedure for eye examinations

The German company VetZ has been running a database for eye exams for several years. At present, only few countries including Norway and Denmark forward their data to VetZ. Some countries are still using paper versions of the ECVO certificate, and many versions exist due to lack off updating. The European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO) wishes to unify and centralize the procedure. This means that all updates and modifications of the ECVO certificate is done at one place, all countries get access to an online formula and the results are stored automatically in the VetZ database. The prize will be 0,5 Euro per dog. DKK and FKK already have systems very similar to this and it will cost some money to establish a “bridge” between the systems.

Discussion: See point no. 18

20) FKK / Nordic Championships

NKU/AU 2.6.2021, point 0/21

SKK Proposal: The conditions for all the different Nordic Championships is 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 to 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”

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 standards.

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

21) FKK / FCI all-round judge

At the annual meeting of the Finnish Show Judges Association, it came up, that the FCI asks more detailed information for becoming an FCI all-round judge. For example, a judge needs to give information when he/she has been nominated as a group judge for the first group. If this has happened 20 years ago, it can be hard to find that information. The Finnish Kennel Club would like the NKU/AU to discuss, if there would a possibility to ask to relieve these requirements at least for the long-time judges?

Discussion: FKK has a few all rounders that they are having trouble with getting the all round status from FCI. They have some new rules, that you need to have one whole group 10 years before you get the all rounder status, they have some judges that haven't finished this group but have most breeds in all groups and FCI denies their application as they don't fulfill these requirements. The thought should be that the rules should not be retroactive.

22) SKK / International Partnership for Dogs, IPFD

SKK would like to initiate a discussion about the NKU's general opinion about the IPFD-organization.

Discussion: Some discussion about this. SKK, FKK and NKK are in this along with some other countries. But DKK and HRFÍ are not. DKK are a part of it through FCI, they don't think it is worth of the money, once they are, DKK might join.

The idea was to collect data and share it.

Decision 29.03.2022: Ask the IPFD, how can they give us better value of the info they have. Could be high value to still be in there.

23) SKK / Brachycephalic breeds

Information about where SKK stand at this point.

Discussion: They are trying to have more talk with breeders and breed clubs, having regular meetings and discussion with the breed clubs about what should and can be done. Find a common ground and trust each other. How should the health be and look like? How long time should it take to get there? Going over, the breeding, head, muzzle, eyes, explain that to judges and what prices should be given if any symptoms are. SKK will present this case in judge meeting in Paris. Kennel clubs should try to close the gap between breeders and scientists.

24) SKK / Miniature American Shepherd, MAS

SKK would like to discuss and be informed of what rules apply for breeding MAS in the respective countries. SKK is still to make a final decision regarding MAS.

Discussion: Is it the right way to go to split up colors/coats, can you breed Aussie and MAS together, X-register first for 3 generations?

Decision 29.03.2022: All clubs need to think about this.

25) SKK / Cross breeding project in Finland

Considering the situation in Norway, SKK is interested in receiving more information about the project.

Discussion: FKK showed a video that explained this. This is on Youtube.

26) SKK / New show rules in Denmark

SKK has received information that DKK has changed their show rules. SKK is interested in an explanation and the reason why it has changed.

Discussion: It was concerning how the CACIB is given out, had to change the rules to full fill the FCI rules due to EDS.

Decision 29.03.2022: DKK will host a show meeting soon. Wilfred will send the changes.

27) SKK / Nordic Winner Show – Common NKU stand

SKK would like to initiate a discussion regarding the NKU stand. The SKK suggestion is to have a common stand for the countries under the NKU-logotype and to promote a theme suitable for the occasion. If the suggestion gets approval – form a working group.

Discussion: DKK, FKK, NKK and SKK are coming, HRFÍ still thinking.

Decision 29.03.2022: Everyone agrees, FKK will organize it at the next Nordic Winner. Referred to the CEO's.

28) SKK / General information

Sweden has applied for the Euro Dog Show in 2025 and 2026. A presentation is prepared for the General Assembly in Paris.

Discussion: Was talked about in no. 16. They are still working on the presentation.

29) Updated regulations for Rally Obedience – Nordic Championships, enclosure 6

From the NKU committee for Rally Obedience:

“Attached please find an updated version of the Rally Obedience Nordic Championship Regulations with changes tracked.

We would very much appreciate if the NKU board could approve the updated regulations at their meeting in March, so they can be effective from the next championship in Turku in November.”

Decision 29.03.2022: Approved.

30) Any other business

Discussion:

SKK: BSI and news from Europe, Belgium hunting dogs

- BSI: Have to call for a meeting, digital for example, make up a timetable
- Belgium hunting dog: There is talk about not allowing any loose dogs while hunting. This needs to be looked into and talked about. How can we support them or what kind of reaction is appropriate. SKK will find out more material and info and inform the rest. Contact the club in Belgium and find out what they need support on and make a statement and get information for further discussion.

FKK: updated regulations in obedience for Nordic champion ships

- Will be sent to everyone via email – send with the minutes and have on the agenda for next meeting.
- Addition: Hard to organize these championships, expensive and take lot of time. Is it possible to have it at more individual level.

31) Next meeting

Item 32 from meeting on 18.11.2021: 2022, October 12.-13. in Stockholm for the VDs and AUs

Discussion: Talk about have more staff meetings along with the AU and VD meetings. Also have the meetings in the middle of a week.

Lawyer meeting in Stockholm to talk about the case going on in NKK, which is starting as well in FKK.

Dates for 2023:

March 28-29 in Copenhagen

November 14-15 in Oslo.

The rotation:

Iceland

Sweden

Denmark

Norway

Finland

32) Closing of the meeting

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir closed the meeting at 15:45.