



NKU/AU MEETING

10.04.2025

MINUTES

Digital meeting on Teams 10.04.2025

Time: 12.00 – 17.00 (Swedish time)

Participants:

DKK Lise Frandsen
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FKK Kimmo Mustonen
 Eeva Anttinen
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HRFÍ Erna S. Ómarsdóttir
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SKK Britt-Marie Dornell
 Eva Liljekvist Borg
 Kees de Jong



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1) Opening of the meeting

Britt-Marie Dornell opened the meeting and there where a short presentation.

2) Election of the person to adjust the minutes

Each Kennel Club reviews the minutes in turn and this time it's headed to HRFÍ.

3) Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

4) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on October 16th, 2024

SKK raised a question regarding item 25, *"A joint statement should be made for the NKU countries and send it as a project to the NKU Scientific committee to work on and go to the FCI Scientific committee as well."*

NKU/AU decided to give an assignment to the NKU Scientific Committee to prepare documentation to NKU/AU about the ongoing work with different welfare issues in the NKU Scientific Committee and assign a person from the committee who will present it for the NKU/AU.

5) SKK/NKU Dog welfare committee

SKK raised the question of the purpose of the new committee and stated that it can be covered by the existing NKU committees/groups such as the NKU Scientific Committee, NKU BSI Group, NKU DNA Group and NKU Index Group and NKU X-ray panel.

NKU/AU decided that there is no need for a welfare committee as for now.

NKU/AU also decided that a "Report from each country regarding welfare issues" should be on the agenda at every NKU/AU meeting from now on.

6) SKK/ Follow up item 30/24 regarding acceptance of the BOAS test from each NKU country.

All countries agree with the goal that we should accept each other's BOAS test and gave the NKU Scientific Committee the mission to keep up the work to achieve it.



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7) SKK/ NKU statutes

NKU/AU agreed that a framework for how NKU should work should be established. A person from each country should be assigned to a working group led by Herdís Hallmarsdóttir with the purpose to make a proposal of a new framework for NKU to be presented to the NKU/AU. Each country should send the name of their representative to the NKU-secretariat.

8) FKK/ In 2026 it is 70 years, since NKU was established. How should we celebrate the anniversary?

A celebration will be arranged at the European Dog show 2026 in Sweden.

9) FKK/ FCI General Assembly in August:

The Nordic countries should try to have common stands when participating in the FCI General Assembly, to make us stronger. SKK will invite to a Teams meeting after the agenda is published.

10) DKK/ Recognition of sort spids

DKK requests that all NKU countries should nationally recognize the Danish breed Sort Spids

All NKU countries who doesn't already recognize the breed will take the matter to their respective boards for a decision.

11) NKK/ Nordic championship title hunting test- elkhounds

There is a motion regarding this issue to the SKK General Assembly in September and SKK cannot take a decision before that.

The matter is postponed to the next NKU/AU meeting.

12) Reports from each country about the current situation regarding economy, members, registrations, health issues, legislations and contacts with governments and authorities.

There were short reports from each country about the current situation in each country.

NKU/AU decided to reinstate a standard report that each country should send in advance.



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13) FKK/ Discussion about what we can do together in the NKU countries to meet the current situation

We do all have the same situation regarding “defending” pedigree dogs. What can we do together?

DKK do have on their agenda to be seen as a welfare organization as an example.

We should have more communication regarding “the story of the aim with our dogs” and about our breeds. More communication about our work with mentality.

Another idea is that we should have our clubs to arrange more fun activities with our pedigree dogs.

We should share good ideas and communication in the topic with each other.

14) Request to use the Davidsons illustrations of setters

A request has been made about using the Davidsons illustrations of the setter breeds. As the NKU owns the copyright of the illustrations an approval to use the illustrations is needed.

NKU/AU decided to approve the request.

15) Minutes NKU Obedience Committee 10-11.11.2024

The content of the minutes was noted, and no questions were asked.

16) NKU Obedience Committee – Update of rules for Nordic Obedience Championships

NKU/AU decided to approve the updated rules for the Nordic Obedience Championship.

17) Minutes NKU Show Group 12.03.2025

The content of the minutes was noted, and no questions were asked.

18) NKU Show Group – Report system between countries

The NKU Show Group wish to have better information channels between the countries, or a report system, when a person or dog is banned from attending dog shows.

According to DKK a system is already established, but FKK has not accepted it with reference to GDPR. FKK was asked to look at it again.



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19) NKU Show Group - Exemption for prohibited breeds to become Nordic Show Champion

The NKU Show Group wish to change the rules for becoming Nordic Show Champion for the breeds that are prohibited in Denmark and Norway. For the prohibited breeds the rule should be three (3) Nordic Show Certificates in two (2) countries, instead of three (3) countries. This is to make it possible for these breeds to become a Nordic Show Champion.

NKU/AU decided to change the rule as requested by the NKU Show Group to be valid from the 1st of January 2026.

20) NKU Show Group – Nordic Dog of the year

A proposal was raised by the NKU Show Group about introducing a new competition for the Nordic dog breeds.

As there was some lack of clarity in the proposal from the NKU Show Group, the issue was postponed until the next meeting.

21) Minutes NKU Hunting Committee 21.01.2025

The content of the minutes was noted, and no questions were asked.

22) NKU Hunting Committee - Request from the Nordic Hunting Committee to the Nordic Kennel Union

The NKU Hunting Committee requested the NKU/AU to urge the national kennel clubs to be brave and dare to stand up for the dogs regarding the issue of predators.

NKK and SKK have declared their position regarding wolfs/predators. SKK will share their policy statement about predators.

23) NKU Hunting Committee - Share of data

The NKU Hunting Dog Committee has been inactive for a few years but has now been revived. One of the issues addressed was the need for data exchange between the Nordic countries.

The NKU Hunting Dog Committee strongly recommends that the NKU can be a driving force for all working dog/hunting test data and dog data to be shared with such joint Nordic breeding projects for "non-commercial" purposes

NKK declared that the breed clubs for elkhounds in Norway and Sweden already are sharing data and wants Finland to join. FKK will look at it.



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24) SKK/ How to use AI - future joint venture in NKU?

A discussion about what we can collaborate about in the future.

SKK gave a short update regarding the work with AI as a tool for reading x-rays on hips, and it was once again stated the importance to coordinate and have the same system in the future.

25) SKK/ How are elected officials paid in the various NKU countries?

Each country gave a short information about payments to officials. It was stated the importance of maintaining the base for non-profit commitment.

26) Any other business

No questions were raised.

27) Update of the to-do list

The to-do list was updated and new items from this meeting were added.

28) Next meetings

Next meeting will be in Iceland 15-16.10.2025.

29) Closing of the meeting

Britt-Marie Dornell closed the meeting and thanked everyone for a good meeting.