



## **NKU SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**Date:** 23 October 2024

**Time:** 10.30-15.00 hrs. CET

**Place:** SKK, Rotebergsvägen 3, 192 78 Sollentuna

#### **Participants:**

**Finland** Markku Mähönen

**Iceland** Anna Gudjonsdottir – via Teams  
Ágústa Petursdottír – via Teams  
Erna Ómarsdottír – via Teams

**Norway** Merete Greaker  
Pernille Saltnes

**Sweden** Birgitta Bernhed  
Susanna Hallgren  
Katja Lindholm-Anyimba

**Denmark** Helle Schou Scheffmann  
Jette Nielsen (minutes)

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Helle welcomed everybody and thanked the SKK for hosting the meeting.

Then there was a presentation round and with information about the “show situation” in each country.

#### **DKK:**

Number of entries are stable, but not as good as before Covid-19.

DKK is very much looking forward to hosting the FCI EDS in 2028.

#### **SKK:**

SKK is preparing the FCI EDS in 2026 and is very excited about the event.

They have some challenges with parking space and internet for the computers/tablets.

Birgitta asked the other countries about how they solve the internet challenges. NKK and DKK both use tablets with SIM-cards (mobile broadband). The DKK have separate keyboards for the tablets.

Katja who is the new secretary to the SKK show committee introduced herself.

SKK is organizing the Nordic Winner Show this year and has invited all the other Nordic clubs to join the Nordic Stand in Stockholm on 14-15 December 2024.

#### **NKK:**

Contrary to most of Europe, entries are increasing in Norway!

This is both good and bad because Norway lacks venues big enough to host the very large shows. Especially parking space and space for caravans is a challenge.

NKK is currently working at organizing this year’s last show in Sandefjord + Nordic

Championship in Freestyle and HTM. All events are organized by the NKK show department (3 persons).

#### **FKK:**

Markku informed that his current project is the winner shows in December + FCI WDS 2025. The winner shows have a total of approximately 11,000 entries.

FCI WDS 2025 will be like a winner show, only bigger. Moreover, the FKK will also have to organize the FCI General Assembly 2025.

#### **HRFI:**

HRFI organizes 5 dog shows per year. Each show has a space limit of 1.150 dogs. Therefore, puppies often have their own shows. In the summer, HRFI has had 1,000 dogs each day.

### **2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Jette apologized for not having had the time to organize the first Teams meeting about harmonization of show regulations. Further discussion under points 6 and 7.

### **3 STATISTICS (SKK)**

All countries had brought statistics to the meeting and were able to explain the tendencies behind the statistics.

For us to be able to compare statistics, we should probably make an excel spreadsheet ahead of the meeting for everybody to fill in. This way, all countries can contribute with comparable statistics.

### **4 NKU WEBSITE (SKK)**

The URL is: <https://www2.skk.se/en/NKU-home/>

Everybody agreed that the NKU website needs to be updated.

Information and updates can be sent to [webmaster@skk.se](mailto:webmaster@skk.se).

As the SKK communications team have many other tasks, some delay should be expected.

The show group discussed the purpose of the NKU website. Most of the information published is not relevant to the public. It is more relevant to the five Nordic kennel clubs and their respective committees and employees.

Helle mentioned that we could have the information on Teams so that it is available only to the kennel clubs. Teams is a very good platform for sharing information. The participants were very sympathetic to this idea.

Merete and Pernille offered to start a Teams Group for the NKU Show Group.

#### **DECISION**

NKK (Pernille and Merete) will start a Teams Group for the NKU Show Group. The purpose will be to share information and start a show calendar for Nordic Shows that can be updated by all countries.

### **5 PUPPY CLASSES AT CACIB SHOWS (SKK)**

The discussion was about the change in the FCI Regulations for Dog Shows stating that puppy class and minor puppy class are mandatory at international dog shows as of 1 July 2024.

Everybody was against that these classes have become mandatory.

The main reason is dog welfare. Big shows can be hard for the small puppies due to large, crowded spaces, noise and/or loud music, long waiting times, etc. Especially big indoor shows can be very stressful. When it comes to welfare, eyes are looking at dog shows from everywhere.

Moreover, it is not good that this decision has been made without involving the FCI Show Commission.

It seems that the motivation for the decision is money. FCI is currently collecting a fee of EUR 1.40 per dog entered in the catalogue, regardless of age/class.

Everybody agreed that it should be up to the organizer to decide whether to have minor puppies and/or puppies included in the show.

Markku informed that the NKU-AU had decided that the NKU should make a joint statement and letter to the FCI as soon as possible to state that this goes against our welfare rules and therefore is not suitable for our shows to have mandatory puppy classes. This will be done very soon due to WDS 2025 in Finland. Erna will keep us posted. The NKU Show Group was very content with this decision.

## **6 NORDIC REGULATIONS (SKK)**

The NKU Show Group discussed how to start comparing the show regulations of the respective countries and agreed that it would be a good idea to make a comparison in an Excel spreadsheet.

### **DECISION**

As the NKU secretariat will be passed on to the SKK very soon, it was decided that the SKK will start an Excel file.

## **7 HARMONIZATION OF SHOW REGULATIONS (FROM LAST MEETING)**

The NKU Show Group confirmed that the working group will be composed of the following persons:

FKK: [Paula Rekirenta & Kimmo Mustonen](#),  
NKK: [Merete Greaker & Pernille Saltnes](#),  
SKK: [Birgitta Bernhed & Katja Lindholm-Anyimba](#),  
HRFI: [Anna Gudjonsdottir & Ágústa Petursdottir](#),  
DKK: [Gerner Sørensen & Jette Nielsen](#).

### **DECISIONS**

The date of the first meeting will be 15 January 2025 at 15.00 hrs. The meeting will take place on Teams. Jette will summon the meeting.

Our show regulations – or as much as possible – should be put in the Excel spreadsheet before the meeting.

## **8 MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF BREEDS (DKK)**

The comparison made since the last meeting showed that we recognise the same breeds – with only a few exceptions. One of the exceptions is the Black Spitz which is a Danish national breed. The DKK started registering this breed on 1 January 2022. Merete mentioned that although the NKU kennel clubs were not obligated to recognize the same breeds, they were obligated to recognize the breeds *native to the Nordic kennel clubs*. Therefore, the DKK should recommend to the NKU-AU that the Black Spitz be recognized by the NKU. In this connection, the breed standard should be presented.

Jette will therefore see to it that this documentation will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the NKU-AU.

## **9 FCI SHOW COMMISSION / FCI SHOW JUDGES COMMISSION – MORE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES? (DKK)**

As previously agreed, we should set up a meeting on Teams when we know the agenda for the FCI Show and Show Judges Commission meetings in February.

Jette will call the meeting on Teams. It will most likely be in January 2025. The Nordic members of these FCI commissions can be found on the FCI website.

In this connection, the new FCI judging fees were mentioned. Due to domestic tax rules, not all NKU countries pay the new fees.

## **10 PUBLICATIONS FROM THE FCI AND/OR FCI EUROPE SECTION (DKK)**

The NKU Show Group discussed the new “Brief code of conduct for exhibitors, judges and staff at a dog show” from the FCI and the “good welfare for dogs” poster from the FCI Europe Section.

The general opinion was that these documents were good and are used by the kennel clubs in the NKU. It can also be an inspiration for making your own material.

Everybody agreed that judges should set a good example for the exhibitors.

## **11 CHECKING CHIP NUMBERS OF DOGS ATTENDING DOG SHOWS (HRFI)**

HRFI asked if any other countries had had cases of people showing up with another dog on purpose - and whether they performed identity checks?

In Norway, the animal welfare controllers do it. It is usually quite popular among the exhibitors – especially when it concerns breeders’ groups and progeny groups.

Sweden also checks various things.

In Denmark, there are only random checks.

Finland does vaccinations and doping tests.

In many situations, we all rely on the “exhibitor police” for information.

If the checks should be mandatory, we will have to make sure that it is possible to check these things in the rings. Usually, the ID number is not available for the ring staff to check in the catalogue.

Markku mentioned that dog shows are still a hobby. It can be very expensive and time consuming to check everything.

## **12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **EU REGULATIONS**

The EU draft regarding European regulations on welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability and transport was discussed.

Everybody could agree that we do not want extreme dogs. Therefore, it is very positive and important that the BSI is now being adopted by the FCI. Another important point is breeders' education. We know that the dog world is slow. Changes take time. Many initiatives come from the Nordic countries, and we should continue taking steps towards better dog welfare.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Most NKU countries have rules saying that if a person has been excluded from participation in another Nordic country, they are also excluded in the country in question. Therefore, it is important that we exchange information about disciplinary actions. Thankfully, the "exhibitor police" is very helpful in these situations.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF TITLES**

DKK asked NKK not to confirm DKCH titles until they have been confirmed by the DKK. NKK regretted the error and assured that everything should now be OK.

#### **SKK MUSEUM**

At the end of the meeting, the SKK gave us a quick tour of their beautiful museum.

### **13 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 10.30 hrs. CET on Teams.**

Jette Nielsen, DKK  
7 November 2024