



NKU / AU 10.04.2024

Agenda

Date: 10.04.2024

Place: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo, Norway

Time: 9:30

Participants:

DKK	Jens Glavind
FKK	Eeva Anttinen Esa Kukkonen Markku Mähönen
HRFÍ	Ágústa Pétursdóttir Erna Sigríður Ómarsdóttir Herdís Hallmarsdóttir (Teams)
SKK	Britt-Marie Dornell Eva Liljekvist-Borg Kees de Jong (on Teams)
NKK	Ingvild Bretten Berg Lars Arne Aulie Nils-Erik Haagenrud

1) Opening of the meeting

Erna opened the meeting at 9.30. The meeting started with introductions from all attendees.

2) Selection of the KC to adjust the minutes.

According to the decision made in September 2007, each Kennel Club reviews the minutes in turn. This time it's headed to FKK. The Kennel Clubs oversee reviews in the sequence of: NKK, HRFÍ, SKK, and DKK.

3) Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved. Discussion regarding the agenda in general for the meeting to come. Club's need to make sure to do the work in between the meetings so we have some process in the decision makings. Also make sure to use the opportunities we get to discuss things that are not as easy to discuss over email.

4) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on November 15, 2023, enclosure 1.

The minutes received were approved. On the latest minutes there were many unfinished businesses that all are on agenda. Attendees discuss the importance of receiving the minutes as soon as possible.

5) DKK/ Follow up from last meeting: Nordic Championships, enclosure 2

At the last meeting it was decided that Jens (DKK) would send some criteria that he has written down to the next meeting.

Continuation on discussion regarding the positives of hosting one big event for the Nordic championships. Decision was made to make a working group to work on making some guidelines and structure for the big event.

Action point: Refer the matter of coordination to a work group DKK will take charge on that matter. List of names and emails have been sent to Jens (DKK) and DKK will take the lead on getting the group together.

6) NKU/ Follow up from last meeting: Breeding rules & Animal Welfare legislation, enclosure 3.

Following NKK's presentation on the ruling of the Supreme Court in Norway and discussions on the impact of the ruling on breeding programs and rules it was agreed that KC would exchange information on the issue and information would be sent by the end of January by all members so that the issue could be discussed at this meeting. Enclosed is SKK Policy statement.

Outcome: SKK shared documents and attendance exchanged views.

7) FKK/ Follow up from last meeting: Collaboration on addressing aggressive behaviour at shows, trials, competitions, tests.

At the last meeting, it was decided that KC would exchange information so that lawyers could work on a proposal for common regulations to address such behavior in a coordinated manner. Furthermore, the clubs would provide a summary of the situation in each country for discussion at the meeting.

Discussion about the possibility to coordinate the rules from each country. There is a working group in the show committee that is looking into harmonization of the show rules, the group will be asked to look into this matter as well and that could be implemented as well for the rules in agility, working trials and so on.

Information from the lawyer meeting that was held on April 9, there are no GTP reasons for not sharing this information between the clubs. Enclosed the minutes from that meeting.

Decision was that the clubs would share information regarding dogs and handlers that are eliminated from competitions, the CEO's will find a way how it is best to share this information and register it within their clubs.

- 8) SKK / Follow up on issues pertaining to the DNA statements, enclosure 4,5 and 6. At the last meeting, it was decided that KC would have talks on concerns related to the DNA assertions, and that the item would be returned to the agenda in March.**

Discussion regarding the Clear by parentage (N/C/P) status. The NKU/VK recommendations are to test every third generation. Iceland, Finland, and Sweden already have limitations on either two or three generations – Denmark and Norway will look into this matter. Also discussion regarding mutual recognition of DNA tests.

- 9) NKK / Suggestion for a Nordic championship title for Finnish spitz and Norrbottensspitz hunting tests. At the last meeting NKK proposed a Nordic championship title, and it was decided that members will consider it at their KC and continue the conversation in the March meeting.**

The title was discussed and if or if not the title should show up in the dog's pedigree. SKK will need to further discuss this with their clubs. NKK will start the title as they already have it in Finland, SKK will come with answers on the next meeting in October.

- 10) DKK / Political interest in dog welfare in Denmark DKK requested discussion, and no supporting materials were submitted.**

Jens introduced the DKK's new program with unregistered dogs with very strict conditions regarding health and looking like the dog breed. Views and information was shared regarding this matter and how the process has been for DKK.

- 11) From NKU Agility committee, enclosure 7 & 8**

The NKU agility commission meeting minutes, as well as a request for new rules, are included, along with explanations.

The rule changes were accepted.

- 12) SKK / Meeting with 8 KC's 12-13th of February in Stockholm, enclosure 9.**

Enclosed for information are the minutes from the meeting.

- 13) From NKU Show Committee, enclosure 10**

The NKU Show Committee Meeting minutes for information.

14) From NKU Youth Committee, enclosure 11 and 12

Minutes from the NKU Youth Committee Meeting, as well as suggested amendments to the Nordic Championship Regulations. The Committee wants clearance prior to August 2024 since it would affect how the Nordic Championship 2024 is organized.

All countries accept the proposed changes.

15) SKK/ Nordic Water Trial Champion, enclosure 13

SKK proposes that a Nordic Water Trial Champion title should be introduced from the 1st of January 2025 for breeds that can obtain a national water trial champion title in the Nordic countries.

All countries accept the title.

16) Any other business

Question from Finland regarding Nordic championship in Freestyle/HTM. It seems not to be totally clear if Norway or Sweden is hosting the championship this year. After some discussion and looking at the calendar on the NKU site it was clear Norway is hosting it this year and Sweden next year.

Discussion regarding the NKU hunting committee, NKK will take charge in calling that committee together again, each country will send info to NKK regarding their representative in the committee.

17) Next meetings

Decided to change the autumn meeting from Teams to physical and from now on have the spring meeting on Teams instead. Therefore, the meeting on October 15-16, 2024 will be held in Helsinki, Finland. Decided to have the Communications group meet on the 15th like the CEO and AU on the 16th.

18) Closing of the meeting

Erna closed the meeting at 12.50.