



Nordic Kennel Union

NKU/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

16.04.2026

MINUTES

Online meeting

Time: 10 am to 1 pm CEST

Participants:

DKK	Jørgen Hindse Jens Glavind
FKK	Jari Parkkisenniemi Pirjo Onza
HRFI	Erna S. Ómarsdóttir Herdís Hallmarsdóttir Ágústa Pétursdóttir
NKK	Linda Stensrud Ingvild Bretten Berg,
SKK	Eva Liljekvist Borg Ulf Uddman Kjell Svensson, Secretary



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1) **Opening of the meeting**

Eva Liljekvist Borg, SKK, opened the meeting.

2) **Election of the person to adjust the minutes**

Each Kennel Club reviews the minutes in turn. This time the responsibility falls to FKK.

3) **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved with three additions under Any other business.

4) **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 15 October, 2025**

The minutes from the NKU Executive Committee meeting on 15 October 2025 were approved.

5) **Update of the to do list**

The to-do list was updated, and new items will be added from this meeting then the minutes are finalised.

6) **Notes from NKU CEO meetings**

The notes from the NKU CEO meetings on 3 November 2025, 7 January 2026, 23 January 2026 and 2 March 2026 was noted for information.

7) **Proposal from the NKU CEO Group:**

7.1) **Meeting dates for the NKU EC 2027**

NKU/EC **decided** on the following meeting dates for 2027.

Thursday 15 April 2027, online.

Thursday 21 October 2027 in Stockholm.

7.2) **Mandate for subordinate committees of the NKU.**

The NKU CEO Group presented a proposal for a document to support the work of the NKU committees "Mandate for subordinate committees of the NKU".

A discussion was held regarding the boundaries for the NKU Committees decision making authority.

The NKU/EC **decided** to approve the new document "Mandate for subordinate committees of the NKU" which will be published on the NKU website.



7.3) **Change back the name of the NKU sub-groups from Commissions to Committees in the NKU Framework for Cooperation**

In the NKU Framework for Cooperation approved at the previous NKU/EC meeting the NKU sub-groups was referred to as commissions. The NKU CEO Grupe propose to change back to “committees” to make the role of the sub-groups clearer.

The NKU/EC **decided** to change the name of the NKU sub-groups back to “committees”.

The secretary was assigned to update the NKU Framework for Cooperation and publish the revised version on the NKU website.

8) **EU dogs/cats welfare & traceability Regulation**

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir presented a memo named “*EU dogs/cats welfare & traceability Regulation – Article 6A(3) implementation considerations*” with the purpose to explain how Article 6a(1)–(3) operates and to identify practical engagement points during the delegated act and implementation phase.

A discussion was held about how NKU can work further with the forthcoming delegated act and implementation phase.

NKU/EC **decided** to assign the NKU Health and Welfare Committee to pursue the matter further.

9) **NKK/ Common anti-doping platform across the Nordic countries**

The NKU CEO Group has discussed if and how it would be possible to make a common anti-doping platform across the Nordic countries.

The underlying premises for why a common anti-doping system would be beneficial are as follows:

- **Protect dog welfare:**
Ensure that all dogs compete without exposure to harmful substances or practices.
- **Ensure fair and ethical competition:**
Prevent artificial advantages and uphold integrity across all Nordic dog sports.
- **Create a unified Nordic standard:**
Establish consistent rules, testing procedures and enforcement across all NKU countries.



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A recorded presentation from the Swedish Anti-doping Commission for dogs about how the anti-doping activities are organised in Sweden was shown.

The NKU/EC **decided** to assign to the NKU CEO Group, together with the anti-doping group/commissions in the Nordic countries, to initiate work on a common anti-doping platform across the Nordic countries.

10) NKK/ Digitalization of the Pedigrees across Nordic Countries, joint venture towards FCI?

An exchange of information regarding how digital pedigrees is used in each country was conducted.

The NKU/EC **decided** to assign the Secretary to write to the FCI General Committee regarding the need to update the FCI Status about the use of digital pedigrees.

11) NKK/ Registration of dogs from Russia and Belarus.

The NKU/EC received reports on how each country, after four years of war, handles registrations of dogs from Russia and Belarus. All countries continue to apply the same prohibition on dogs from these countries as previously. However, no restrictions are applied to dogs owned in another country holding an FCI pedigree, even if born in Russia or Belarus, with the exception of Sweden, which does not register such dogs.

The NKU/EC **stated** that a common position on this matter within the NKU would be preferable.

12) SKK/ Development of costs of veterinary care in the Nordic countries.

A comparison of the development of veterinary care costs in the different countries was made.

The NKU/EC **noted** that the development is similar, with significantly increasing costs, having a substantial impact on dog owners. Various measures are being undertaken, however, the issue remains difficult to address.

13) Minutes NKU Scientific Committee 2-3.04.2025

It was noted that these minutes were submitted very late.

A discussion was held regarding the organisation and operation of the NKU Scientific Committee in relation to the new NKU Framework for Cooperation that states:

“The Scientific Committee consists of experts nominated by the Members in fields such as genetics, veterinary medicine, and related sciences. Its purpose is to harmonise regulations, health evaluations, and other key aspects of the work of the Nordic kennel clubs. An important function of the Committee is also to improve communication and the exchange of information between the scientific and veterinary departments of the Members.”



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The NKU Scientific Committees meeting scheduled for March was postponed until the autumn. The NKU/EC stated that the committee should consist of two representatives from each country.

The NKU CEO Group was assigned to support the NKU Scientific Committee in its adaptation to the new NKU Framework for Cooperation.

The content of the minutes was **noted and approved**.

14) Minutes NKU Agility Committee 16.08.2025

The content of the minutes was **noted and approved**.

15) Minutes NKU Agility Committee 03.11.2025

The content of the minutes was **noted and approved**.

16) Updated regulations for Nordic Agility Championship

The updated regulations were **approved** and shall apply from 2026.

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

A similar development was noted in all countries, with several operational indicators declining. This requires close attention going forward. Overall, the financial situation was described as stable.

18) Any other business

a) Proposal from the NKU Obedience Committee to amend the regulation for the Nordic Championship in obedience.

A minor change of the regulation was proposed from the NKU Obedience Committee.

The NKU/EC **approved** the amendment to the regulations.

b) Proposal from the NKU Show Group to remove the reserve Nordic certificate from the regulation for Nordic dog show

The proposal was submitted very late, and the NKU/EC stated that further justification is required regarding the need for the change and its consequences. The proposal was returned to the NKU Show Group for further preparation.



c) Guidance for NKU Committees

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir presented a guidance for NKU Committees to introduce the new NKU Framework for Cooperation to all NKU Committees. All NKU committees will be invited to an online meeting during the spring to receive this information and be able to ask questions.

The NKU CEO Group is responsible to prepare common templates for the NKU Committees to use in their work to make it easier.

19) Next meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2026 in Denmark.

20) Closing of the meeting

Ulf Uddman thanked the Committee for their work as this was his last meeting. A new secretary general for SKK will assume the role from 27 April.

Eva Liljekvist Borg closed the meeting and thanked everyone for a good meeting.