



## NKU / AU MEETING 24.10.2018

### AGENDA

- Date: 24.10.2018
- Place: Hotel Reykjavik Natura  
Nautholsvegur 52, Reykjavik
- Time: 12.00. – 18.00.
- Participants:
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| FKK  | Eeva Anttinen, Chairman<br><del>Kari Järvinen</del><br>Harri Lehkonen<br>Markku Mähönen<br>Sampo Miettinen, Secretary |
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| NKK  | Merete Røberg Larsen<br>Hilde Engeland<br>Wenche Skogli<br><del>Tom Øystein Martinsen</del>                           |
| SKK  | Britt-Marie Dornell<br>Pekka Olson<br>Ulf Uddman  |



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## 1 Opening of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen opened the meeting at 13.10.

## 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. Next time DKK, then NKK, FKK, HRFI, SKK."

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

Wilfred Olsen from DKK was elected to examine the minutes.

## 3 Approval of the agenda

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

HRFI: Joint statement presentation. The statement was unanimously approved.

DKK: point 14. and 24, will be combined as well as point 7 and 12

## 4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 15.02.2018

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

The minutes were approved.

## 5 SKK/Recognition of new breeds in the NKU

What criteria should apply for recognition of a breed by the NKU/AU? –Questions has been risen by the SKK Working Group for Breed Standards in connection with the recognition of the Biewer, see below:

- 5.1 NKU/AU chose not to wait for a statement from the NKU/Scientific Committee.
- 5.2 AKC only recognise the breed within their Foundation Stock Service, which means that the dogs cannot be registered with the AKC
- 5.3 AKC does not publish a breed standard, NKU/AU has recognised the breed with the standard from the breed club Biewer Terrier Club of America as a base
- 5.4 Pedigrees from United Kennel Club are supposed to be recognised due to the fact the AKC is the kennel club which FCI co-operates with
- 5.5 NKU/AU recognises the breed with the name *Biewer* though it is named *Biewer Terrier* with the AKC, UKC and Biewer Terrier Club of America
- 5.6 Will other "designer breeds" be recognised in a similar way in the future?

The matter of recognition of new breeds has been in the meetings of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016 and of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017, see enclosures 5a and 5b.

The NKU/VK has informed the secretary of the NKU/AU, that it does not handle items by email, see enclosures 5c and 5d (the NKU/VD 14.2.2018 and the NKU/AU 15.2.2018).

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

If the non-recognized FCI breed is already recognized by an FCI country or a non-FCI member country it can be recognized by any of the NKU countries. The country in question informs other NKU countries in NKU/AU meeting about the decision to recognize the breed and other countries may accept the breed or not.

## 6 FKK/Recognition of the Yakutian Laika

The breed, originally from Russia, is recognized at least by the Russian Kennel Federation, Estonian Kennel Club and the American Kennel Club but not by the FCI. The first dogs have been registered by the RKF in 2004 so the breed has been registered during three generations.

Enclosed is material of the breed, for example the breed standard issued by the Russian Kennel Federation.

Incidence of the breed 01.04.2017:

Belgium 15  
Brazil 6  
Estonia 10  
Finland 40  
France 50-60  
Germany 20  
Italy 20-30  
Luxembourg 10  
the Netherlands 10  
Norway 2  
Poland 15-20  
Russia 1800  
~~Sweden 50~~  
Switzerland 15

The Board of the Finnish Kennel Club has decided on its meeting on 14.6.2018 to propose to the NKU/AU the breed to be recognized.

### Proposal of the NKU/VD 23.10.2018:

- breed name: **Yakutian Laika**
- the breed will be placed in group 5, section Nordic Sled Dogs
- the breed is recognized for example by the RKF and the AKC (Foundation stock)
- breed standard based on the standard of the Russian Kennel Federation
- authorization to judge: it is up to each kennel club to decide of the authorization to judge the breed
- imported dogs can until further notice be registered with a pedigree from all the kennel clubs recognized by the FCI and the United Kennel Club
- registration can be done immediately after the NKU/AU decision
- the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after 1.1.2020, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

Finland, Iceland, Denmark and Norway recognized the breed Yakutian Laika but Sweden did not recognize it for the time being.

## 7 DKK/Continental Bulldog / Old English Bulldog; enclosures

The DKK would like to discuss, if the Continental Bulldog could be registered in the x-register.

The country of the origin is Switzerland and the enclosed breed standard is from year 2011 and according to it the breed belongs to the FCI group 2, section 2.

The DKK will introduce the matter.

### Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:

This item was moved to the point nr. 12.

## **8 DKK/Portuguese breeds (Wolfdogs): Transmontano Mastiff and Barbado de Terceira**

The DKK will introduce the matter.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU/AU did not accept the mentioned breeds, Transmontano Mastiff and Barbado de Terceira.

## **9 DKK/Nordic shows, Nordic judges on x-register breeds**

The DKK would like discussion about judges for the x-register breeds at the Nordic dog shows.

The DKK will introduce the matter.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU/AU discussed the matter of judging the non FCI recognized breeds. Every country decide by themselves who can judge these breeds.

## **10 FKK/Nordic electronic newsletter**

The FKK proposes, that the NKU countries would create an electronic newsletter. With this newsletter the NKU countries could inform other FCI countries, European Veterinary Associations, Veterinary Authorities and Members of the European Parliament about different issues taken place in the NKU countries; for example regarding welfare of dogs.

The FKK will introduce the matter.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU/VD meeting discussed the matter on its meeting on 23.10. and it will be forwarded to the NKU media group next February in Oslo. All the Kennel Clubs should send to the NKK till the end of January 2019 the items they would like to propose to be discussed in the NKU media group meeting regarding how we use all medias, inform each others on critical issues.

## **11 SKK/Conference – Nordic Breeds**

The SKK would like to propose a well-prepared conference to be organized regarding the origin of and relation between the hunting spitzes and other closely related breeds in the Nordic countries.

The SKK will introduce the matter.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The proposal was approved and the SKK will organize the first conference in 2019-2020.

## **12 SKK/Brachycephalic breeds – show judges**

The brachycephalic issue, the question of only Nordic judges to judge the appointed brachycephalic breeds, Boston Terrier, Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pugs and Pekingese (which recently has been added to the list in Sweden).

Due to the new animal protection law in Sweden (1.4.2019), the SKK would like to discuss the continued common direction with the brachycephalic breeds regarding breeding and confirmation.

The SKK will introduce the matter:

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The matter was earnestly discussed and information changed between the NKU countries. This item included points 7 and 12. Regarding the Continental Bulldog the NKU/AU did not accept the breed.

**13 SKK/Reciprocal agreement with CMKU about show champions**

The Czech Kennel Club has sent an email to the DKK, NKK, SKK and Cyprus Kennel Club about a reciprocal agreement of show champion titles.

The SKK will introduce the matter.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU countries will not make the reciprocal agreement with the CMKU. The FKK will send a letter to the CMKU about the answer.

**14 DKK/Rally Obedience – Nordic cooperation**

The DKK will introduce the matter.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

This point goes to point 24.

**15 DKK/Video of all breeds**

The American Kennel Club has a video on every single breed, examples can be found in this links:

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanKennelClub/videos/465348280619712/UzpfSTMxOTY1NDg5ODE2MDcwNToxNjcwNjQ0MTE5NzI4NDM2/>

<https://www.akc.org/video-library/?video=4blpqnEE>

Could the NKU countries also make videos and share the expenses?

The DKK will introduce the matter.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2019:**

This will be one of the items that will be forwarded to the NKU media group in February in Oslo. The videos should be made for the public and they should be short and compact.

**16 The FCI Extraordinary General Assembly on 14.-15.8.2018**

This item is for discussion.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

It was pointed out, that the new statutes and standing orders were accepted unanimously.

**17 SKK/FCI today and forward – an illusion?**

The SKK considers, that the FCI has almost no interest when it comes to breeding and lobbying and would like to discuss how it would be best to favor these issues in our countries and surrounding areas. Maybe it should be created a network of like-minded kennel clubs in Western Europe model NKU?

The SKK will introduce the matter.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU/AU decided to form a task force to work for better possibilities towards the FCI which is complying its own statutes and standing orders. The task force should also find stronger way for the NKU to work.

The members of the task force are: HRFI: Herdis Hallmarsdottir, SKK: Pekka Olson, DKK: Wilfred Olsen, NKK: Wenche Skogli, FKK:Eeva Anttinen.

#### **18 NKK & SKK/FCI General Assembly 28.-29.4.2019 and the FCI World Dog Show 2019 in China**

The NKK would like to have discussion about the FCI General Assembly 2019 and the FCI World Dog Show 2019 and asks if the Nordic Kennel Clubs could have a similar approach to these two events.

The SKK would like to discuss if the NKU has any common motions for the FCI General Assembly 2019 and if the NKU have a candidate to propose for the FCI General Committee?

##### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

Annika Klang/SKK presented the options to travel to China and different kind of guidance that is needed to travel to China and stay in China.

The SKK will only take part in the meeting and they will not send a Junior Handling team.  
The DKK will only take part in the meeting.  
The FKK will only take part in the meeting.  
The NKK will only take part to the meeting or give proxy to a NKU country.  
The HRFI will give proxy to the DKK.

The NKU will send a letter to the FCI Board about updating what happens in China since 2015 regarding the dog welfare based on contacts and discussion on social media.

#### **19 SKK/Invitation from the Societe Centrale Canine**

The SKK will introduce the matter.

##### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The SKK would like to organize a two-day conference with main Kennel Clubs (like the KC last year). The time for this conference would be in June 2019 on weekdays and topics would be the DNA-testing in dogs and strategies how to handle the information.

#### **20 FKK/Rotation of the host country of the NKU**

As the HRFI has expressed its interest to host the NKU and as the FKK was hosting NKU earlier than its turn was, the FKK would like to propose the following order of rotation:

2019-2021	NKK
2022-2024	HRFI
2025-2027	SKK
2028-2030	DKK
2031-2033	NKK
2034-2037	FKK
2038-2040	HRFI

The FKK will introduce the matter.

##### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The proposal of the FKK was approved.

#### **21 NKU/HTM and Freestyle commission**

The commission has made some amendments to the Nordic HTM/Freestyle rules and asks for the approval of the NKU/AU.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The rules were approved.

**22 NKU/VK – Mentality group**

The NKU/VK would like to know the current state of the Mentality Group and is interested to getting to know which issues it has been working with.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

It has been decided in February 2018 that the commission will not be formed. CEOs decided that NKU forms a task force to make an agenda for the future work in spring 2019.

**23 NKU/VK – Breed Standard of the Samoyed**

The FCI breed standard of the Samoyed requires that the dewclaws of the dogs' hind legs should be removed. This is prohibited by the Finnish Animal Protection Act. The Finnish breed club and the FKK ask the NKU to further its' request to the FCI, to change the breed standard of the breed. The breed club states that many countries have made national changes to the breed standard, without the approval of the FCI. For example, England and the USA do not even mention the dewclaws in the hind legs.

In the opinion of the NKU/VK, it is obvious that the sentence should be taken out. The NKU/VK proposes that this issue will be taken to the FCI standards commission.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The NKU/AU approves the proposal of the NKU/VK and will send a letter to the FCI standards commission.

**24 For information**

24.1.Memo of the NKU/HTM and Freestyle commission, 14.8.2017, Oslo, Norway.

24.2.Minutes of the NKU/VK meeting 21.-22.3.2018, Helsinki, Finland.

24.3.Memo of the NKU/HTM and Freestyle committee meeting, 11.6.2018, Skype.

24.4.Minutes of the NKU/Agility Committee meeting 10.8.2018, Helsinki, Finland.

24.5.Memo of the NKU Lawyers meeting 22.8.2018, Helsinki, Finland.

24.6.Minutes of the NKU/Agility Committee meeting 6.10.2018, Kristianstad, Sweden.

24.7. Summary of practice done by the SKK regarding pedigrees issued by the United Kennel Club.

24.8. Memo of the NKU Rally Obedience meeting 13.7.2018, Solrød Strand, Denmark.

24.9. Memo of the NKU Rally Obedience meeting 2.10.2018, Solrød Strand, Denmark.

**25 Information from the NKU countries**

In the NKU/AU meeting 24.8.2015 it was it was agreed that we bring the figures of each country to the meeting in the spring and trends to the meeting in the autumn.



## **26 Any other business**

- 26.1. Breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries.

The summary of the breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries was made by Astrid Indrebo and was a task given by the NKU/VD.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

It was decided that the CEOs will work common recommendations to breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries and use the report made by the Uppsala University of Agricultural Sciences for scientific reasoning to certain rules.

- 26.2. Decisions of this meeting, that are not to be published at the NKU website

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

None.

- 26.3. A joint statement from the Nordic Kennel Union regarding the import of dogs to Iceland, enclosure 26.3.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:**

The statement was approved on point 3.

- 26.4. Annika Klang/SKK made a small presentation of the first meeting of the secretaries of the CEOs.

## **27 Next meetings**

Decision of the NKU/AU 15.2.2018, point 15: the next NKU/AU meetings will be held on 14.2.2019 in Oslo, Norway and 16.10.2019 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

## **28 Closing of the meeting**

Eeva Anttinen closed the meeting at 18.25 and pointed out, that for the next three years the host country of the NKU is Norway.