



## **MINUTES NKU / AU MEETING 02.06.2021 on Teams**

Date: 02.06.2021

Place: Web meeting - Teams

Time: 10.00. – 15.00 (Norwegian time)

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### **1/21 Opening of the meeting**

NKK Chairman Tom Ø. Martinsen opened the meeting.

### **2/21 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. This time it will be persons from DKK. Next time FKK, then NKK, HRFI and SKK.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** Jørgen Hindse and Wilfred Olsen from DKK were elected to examine the minutes.

### **3/21 Approval of the agenda**

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The agenda was approved.

### **4/21 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 16.11.20**

Issues to follow up from 16.10.19 meeting, and most issues planned to the meeting in March 2020 was postponed to the NKU/VD and NKU/AU meeting in 2021.

I was commented from FKK that a few follow up items from 2019 were not at the agenda to the meeting, e.g. Registration of Norwegian Lundehund project (18/2019). NKK told that there recently were held a meeting between SKK and NKK in this matter and the agreement is signed. DKK and HRFI have earlier signed the agreement. NKK and FKK will have a meeting to follow up.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The Minutes was approved.

### **5/21 Status in the Nordic kennel clubs**

Each kennel club gave information about current status in their kennel club.

**Denmark:** DKK are doing very well. A lot of new members (11 % up) and lot of new dogs (30 % up). International show in Vejen in 2 weeks time (6000 dogs in 3 days). The Danish border is now open to fully vaccinated judges. Came out with a small loss in 2020, but less than expected.

**Sweden:** New CEO from 1.10.2021. Ulf Uddman will be on "time consultant contract" further on. The GA will be held in autumn, probably October. SKK has been in a meeting with the government about brachycephalic breeds. Information given about the SKK work and discussion about other European trends – e.g. regulations in the Netherlands.

The finance 2020 was good, partly due to postponed meetings, judging education etc. Puppy registrations are going up, antepiate 10.000 more puppy registration than 2019 (from 50.000 til 60.000). SKK believe trails etc will be back to normal from September, but

there will still be some restrictions. Big shows and competitions will not be held. No need to reduce staff, most things will be back in September.

Judging education - had a lot of local education with judges etc. Presentation about breeds – for Norwegian and Swedish judges weekly.

**Finland:** First outdoor show will start up again this month. Small trails have been made this year, bigger events like agility etc. have been cancelled. All shows were cancelled in 2020, from the time COVID started. Brachycephalic issues are not in focus in Finland for the moment.

Personell in office is stable. Strike in the end of 2020, made accountant better. Profit i 2020 was good.

General meeting last week. The new showregulations decided. FKK will have new Junior and Veteran Champions. New animal welfare law is out on hearing, is was postponed from before COVID. Some problems with the university, which would like to have all information about dogs regardless to GDPR regulations. FKK had a scandal with utility dogs and videos about cruel training were published. German Shepherd Club, the Utility clubs and FKK have cancelled all traings and have set up etical guidelines.

**Island:** New president this week; Daniel Örn Hinriksson was elected as new president, but he could not join the meeting. He is and FCI judge, breed Chihuahua and also poodle earlier, member of the Board earlier as well. Registrations have been doubled the first 6 months, the economy is great. There will be a puppy show in June, and a double international show in August. All restrictions are lifted and the future is looking pretty good.

**Norway:** The past 2 years have been challenging, the future is challenging as well, but probably brighter. NKK had the “dog disease” autumn 2019, which was challenging also for the economy. Thus, entering the COVID-pandemic was even harder. 8 people have resigned or had to let go in the administration now than in 2019.

Internal changes – The Board and administration planned for economic and budget, but the GA November 2020 was postponed until March 2021. The GA accepted the operational plan made by the Board, but not the budget. The Board, except 1 member, stood down in the meeting. One month later extraordinary GA – new Board in place now.

All time high membership rate for the member – up 10.000 member from last year the same date. More puppies registered. Very good cooperation with the authorities. All meetings have been held on Teams.

Shows will be started 5 - 6th June –if no new restrictions gets in the way these last days before the event. NKK has launched “NKK Academy” on web. This will be developed into a training platform. The situation is now looking good.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The provided information was noted.

## **6/21 Regulations for dog purchases in Sweden**

SKK gave information about the regulations, and their work towards the Government.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The provided information was noted.

## **7/21 Proposal from the NKU/VK regarding harmonization of calibration and appeal of IVDD (intervertebral disc disease)-X-ray-screening**

NKU/AU decided to start a working group in 2019 on this item. NKU/VK and the working group have discussed the matter.

NKU/VK proposal:

The current NKU X-ray panel performs calibrations and handle appeal cases for HD and ED. There is an overlap of HD/ED- and IVDD evaluators so the X-ray panelists that evaluate IVDD-screening in Finland, Norway and Sweden already have a seat in the NKU X-ray panel. Only the evaluator for IVDD-screening from Denmark is currently not a member of the NKU X-ray panel. The current NKU X-ray panel is, with its vast accumulated knowledge and competence, the natural choice of experts on a Nordic level to: i) monitor harmonization procedures of IVDD-screening detailed in enclosed document 'IVDD in the Dachshund', ii) develop calibration programs for evaluators and iii) propose an appeal procedure.

It is therefore proposed that the Danish IVDD-screening evaluator be included as a member of the NKU X-ray panel, and that the panel initiates work on i)-iii). On the practical level – the IVDD evaluators, who do not evaluate HD and ED, will not have to be involved in the current calibration- and appeal processes for HD and ED, and vice versa. When physical meetings become possible again, agendas can be made to accommodate this in an efficient and timely manner.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** NKU/AU supported all proposals (i)-iii), and that the Danish IVDD-screening evaluator is included as a member of the NKU X-ray panel).

## **8/21 Lawsuit against NKK etc. about breeding Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and English Bulldog**

NKK gave information: NKK, the two breed clubs and 6 breeders have been sued from the Norwegian Welfare Organization – Dyrebeskyttelsen Norge (DBN). DBN are of the opinion that breeding Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and English bulldog should be banned, because they believe these breeds have too many health issues to be able to be bred within the animal welfare laws in Norway.

NKK, the breed clubs, and the breeders have the same lawyer, Geir Lippestad. The case is planned in the Court in November 2021.

There will be some negotiations in front of the Court treatment. NKK will keep NKU/AU posted.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The provided information was noted.

### **9/21 NKU Committees – updated mandate**

NKK proposal: NKU/AU decided updated mandate for the NKU Committees. New mandates are valid from 1.6.2021.

**Decision of NKU/AU:** Decided with a small change about physical meetings.

### **10/21 Common guidelines for Nordic Championships**

SKK Proposal: The conditions for all the different Nordic Championships is very different so quite a lot of considerations must be taken if common guidelines should be introduced.

To avoid the costs to arrange Nordic Championships for the host country should be too high, the following proposals are made:

Entry fees for all Nordic Championships that will cover about 50 % of the total cost of the respective Championship.

All judge's expenses covered by the host country.

No dinner or similar for participants paid for by the host country.

### **11/21 Regulations Nordic Championship Rally Obedience**

**Decision of NKU/AU:** The NKU/AU approved the updated regulations, with changes that follows from approved common guidelines for Nordic Championships (NKU/AU 10/21)

### **12/21 Regulations Nordic Championship Agility**

The NKU Agility Committee has proposed updated regulations for Nordic Championship in agility.

**Decision of NKU/AU:** The NKU/AU approved the updated regulations, with changes that follows from approved common guidelines for Nordic Championships (NKU/AU 10/21) and except regulations about NKU delegates present at and given an official role in organizing the championship.

### **13/21 Nordic Game Tracking Champion**

NKK has made some changes in the Norwegian Blood Tracking tests and champion title.

**Decision of NKU/AU:** NKU/AU approves that the Norwegian Blood Tracking Champion title meet the requirements for Nordic Game Tracking Champion title.

### **14/21 Miniature American Shepherd – a variety or not?**

FKK The Finnish Kennel Club would like to know, if the breed Miniature American Shepherd should be classified as own breed or as a variety of Australian Shepherd?

FCI has recognized this breed as a breed and not a variety. FCI don't accept crossbreeding of these two breeds.

**Decision of NKU/AU:** Miniature American Shepherd and Australian Shepherd are accepted as two separate breeds by the FCI and are not approved for crossbreeding. SKK will look into their regulations.

**15/21 Development of breeding evaluation in cooperation with Aninova, Hamar, Norge**  
SKK will give information.

Aninova have presented information about how present heritage etc. SKK have given them information about 60.000 norwegian elkhound and got data presented in a good way. The same data is the same as we already have. Maybe a way to make it easier to see the nordic population, but not interesting if only Sweden do this.

The Norwegian Elkhound Club have some cooperation with Aninova, but the exact cooperation is not known to the NKK administration.

FKK informed that FKK-policy is that they will do this kind of things "inhouse", but more information will be very interesting.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** The provided information was noted. SKK may reply to Aninova that a presentation will be of interest for the other Nordic Kennel Clubs.

**16/21 Complaint about decision made by the NKU X-ray panel**

FKA Finnish breeder has sent complaint to FKK for decision in the NKU/AU.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** NKU/AU does not handle individual cases or complaints from breeders etc. The complaint must be sent by the breeder to the X-ray panel.

**17/21 Nordic Champion title Rally Obedience**

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** NKU/AU approved Nordic Champion title Rally Obedience for dogs that have received national Rally Obedience Champion title in three Nordic countries.

**18/21 Other issues/information the kennel clubs would like to give information about.**

Enclosure 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 from FKK

**FKK:**

- **Non-pedigree dogs at Nordic Championships**  
There have been raised question if non-pedigree dogs may attend Nordic championships, e.g. in Freestyle/Heelwork To Music.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 2.6.2021:** Non-pedigree dogs or dogs cannot take part in the Nordic Championships.

- **Schedule for the Nordic Winner shows and Nordic championships** were set after NKU/AU meeting 16.11.2020, and will not be changed at this time.
- **New national breed recognized in FKK: Small Medimurje dog (Medi)**
- **European open, Junior European open and Open World Cup championships**  
Question and discussion about hoe these are handled in the kennel clubs.
- **Labradoodles – breeders doing castration on all males before selling as a puppy**  
Question if this is a discussion or issue in the other Nordic countries. The other kennel clubs have not heard of such practice.

**DKK:**

- **Information about FCI**  
Planned General Assembly in FCI in September 2021 was postponed until 2022 and will be held in Madrid. The financial situation in the FCI is difficult due to corona. Most income in the FCI comes from international shows, which have not been held in 2020/2021.

FCI Europe Section have had several meetings. FCI European Section Shows have been postponed. The FCI Europe section General Assembly 2021 will be held as “3 section GA” in Paris in 2022.

**NKK:**

- **False pedigrees in dogs registered in The Kennel Club**  
A Norwegian breeder was earlier this year contacted by a person in UK who had bought a puppy with a pedigree containing dogs from the Norwegian breeder. The parents of the puppy were imported from Belarus. The kennelclub in Belarus confirmed to NKK and The Kennel Club (TKC) that the imported dogs never had been registered in Belarus. TKC planned action that was only to remove the parents from the pedigrees, thus after 3 generations these false pedigree dogs would be “clean accepted pedigree dogs” even if their real heritage is known to be false.

NKK sent a note to FCI Europe Section meeting i April, and they sent the case to FCI office. NKK will follow up this issue towards FCI.

**19/21 Closing of the meeting**