



NKU / AU MEETING 23.2.2017

MINUTES

Date: 23.2.2017

Place: Danish Kennel Club
Parkvej 1, DK-2680 Solrød Strand

Time: 09.00. – 17.00.

Participants:

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~~HRFI Herdis Hallmarsdottir~~
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Tom Øystein Martinsen

SKK Pekka Olson
Mats Stenmark
~~Ulf Uddman~~



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1 Opening of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen opened the meeting at 09.00.

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 23.2.2017:

Tom Øystein Martinsen from NKK was elected to examine the minutes.

3 Approval of the agenda

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the NKU/Agility Committee will be discussed at point 16.1. Pekka Olsson will introduce the matter.

4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 12.10.2016; enclosure 4

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

5 Items from the last meeting

5.1. SKK/Information regarding the task in the FCI working group for restructuring the FCI (also an item sent by the DKK); enclosure 5.1.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

Eeva Anttinen and Jorgen Hindse gave the NKU/AU information about the work of the FCI working group for restructuring the FCI.

The SKK will make a proposal to the next NKU/AU meeting about the maximum amount of CACIB shows in FCI countries to be presented in the next FCI General Assembly.

SKK will introduce the matter.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

This item will be discussed later in this meeting.

5.2. SKK/Elkhounds – common data base for elkhounds within the NKU

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

It was decided to give this matter to be handled by SKK, FKK and NKK CEOs and the respective breed clubs in order to make a specific agreement how to create and use a database to answer the special needs of the Elkhound Clubs and breeding.

FKK comments: the national breed club of Elkhounds in Finland is against the planned common database.

Decision of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

NKK, SKK and FKK will recommend, that the Nordic Elkhound breed clubs can create a common database and each kennel club will make a deal with their elkhound clubs of this database. The kennel clubs do not give permission to transfer any information regarding personal data.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

5.3. SKK/Recognition of the Miniature American Shepherd and NKK/Registration of litters from outcross-projects in the Nordic Kennel Clubs

These two matters will be as own items on the agenda.

6 FKK/Recognition of the Epagneul de Saint-Usuge; enclosure 6

The breed is recognized by the French Kennel Club in 2003 but is not recognized by the FCI. The breed belongs to the FCI group 7.

Enclosed is material of the breed, for example the breed standard issued by the French Kennel Club, history and the working standard of the breed.

FKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

FKK will start to register this breed immediately after this NKU meeting. FKK proposes that the NKU will approve the Epagneul de Saint-Usuge as a NKU breed.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

- breed name: Epagneul de Saint-Usuge
- the breed will be placed in the FCI group 7
- the breed is recognized by the French Kennel Club in 2003 but is not recognized by the FCI
- breed standard based on the standard of the French Kennel Club
- 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
- registration can be done immediately after the NKU/AU decision
- the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after 1.1.2018, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

7 SKK/Recognition of the Treeing Walker Coonhound; enclosure 7

The breed is recognized by the AKC and is imported to the Nordic countries around 2012. The breed belongs to the FCI group 6.

Enclosed is material of the breed, for example the breed standard issued by the AKC.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

See the enclosure.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

- breed name: Treeing Walker Coonhound
- the breed will be placed in the FCI group 6
- the breed is recognized by the AKC and is imported to the Nordic countries around 2012
- breed standard based on the standard of the AKC
- 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 1.1.2018, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

8 SKK/Recognition of the Miniature American Shepherd; enclosure 8**Decision of the NKU/VK 1.-2.6.2016:**

The NKU/VK suggests that the Miniature American Shepherd will be registered as a variety of the Australian Shepherd.

Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:

It was agreed that this matter will be brought back to the next NKU/AU meeting.

Enclosed is more material of the breed, for example the breed standard issued by the AKC, history and health issues.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

See the enclosure.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

- breed name: Miniature American Shepherd
- the breed will be placed in the FCI group 1
- the breed is recognized by the AKC
- breed standard based on the standard of the AKC
- 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 1.1.2018, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved.

9 NKK/Registration of litters from outcross-projects in the Nordic kennel clubs; enclosure 9**Decision of the NKU/AU 12.10.2016:**

The CEOs and each countries registration departments will make a proposal to solve this question of crossbreeding the rare national breeds of the NKU countries by the next NKU/AU meeting.

The Norwegian Kennel Club has made a proposal for the protocol for the registration of puppies from outcross-projects of the rare national breeds within the Nordic countries, the proposal is enclosed.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:**Outcross projects for Nordic dog breeds – suggested protocol for registration of puppies**

1. The breeds' country of origin design the outcross project, set requirements (e.g. health tests) for candidate dogs and approve each mating.
2. A breeder that wish to conduct an outcross must first apply to the national kennel club of the breeds' country of origin. The national kennel club, in collaboration with the breed club, decide if the combination is approved or not.
3. If the combination is accepted, the kennel club of the breeds' country of origin will then write a letter of approval for the combination in question.
4. The breeder must attach the letter of approval when applying for registration of the litter. A signed letter of approval should be sufficient documentation between Nordic countries.
5. Offspring from outcrosses will also need a letter of approval from the breeds' country of origin before they themselves may be bred. The same goes for further generations until the country of origin give a written permission to register the puppies with full breeding rights. The third generation (f3) will automatically have full breeding rights.
6. The kennel clubs may decide if they wish to register the litter in the normal registry, or in a so-called x-register, as long as the dogs are eligible for an export pedigree and have breeding rights (e.g. that they can be used for further breeding as long as the combination is approved by the country of origin).
7. No Nordic country can refuse to register a litter from outcross projects initiated by other Nordic countries, as long as the mating is accepted by the country of origin and a letter of approval is provided as described in this protocol.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

The NKU/VD proposes the following amendments:

Point 1: The breeds country of origin design the outcross project, set the **MINIMUM** requirements....

Point 2 A breeder that wish to conduct and outcross must first apply the national kennel club. The national kennel club decides if the combination is approved or not.

Point 3 When the crossbreeding is accepted the national kennel club of the breed will be informed.

Point 4: This point will be deleted

Point 5: This point will be deleted.

Point 6: It is up to the Kennel Clubs to decide how to register the litter under their national registration rules.

Point 7: All the Nordic countries accept the registered litters which are done under these cross breeding projects.

The NKU/VK will be asked about its opinion of this proposal and a list of outcross projects that have already taken place in each of the NKU countries should be provided.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The proposal of the NKU/VD was approved and will be sent to the NKU/VK.

10 DKK/Approval of mental test; enclosure 10

In Denmark for example Rottweilers need an approval to be used for breeding and their offspring to be registered. There are some matters with the (Danish) called "avlsgodkendelse" that need to be solved and probably this would be of benefit for all the NKU countries:

- Svenska Brukshundklubben does not recognize the Danish MH
- Broholmer Finland Club (non-recognized by the Finnish Kennel Club) would like the Danish Kennel Club to approve the Finnish mental evaluation test for Broholmers in Finland

DKK will introduce the matter.

This item was sent in Danish and by 9.2.2017 the DKK has not made a proposal to this item.

NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

Ulf Uddman introduced the Swedish rules:

A male dog who is living in another country and owned by a person living in that country, the male dog don't need any mentality test when a litter is registered in SKK after him. But if the dog is imported to Sweden or is staying in Sweden for breeding the dog must have an MH, the same rule as for all other Swedish owned dogs.

If a dog want to have the title MT, the dog must have a MT test and get enough points to be recognized, and the dog must have an MH before the dog have the right to start at MT.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The question has been solved.

11 DKK/Nordic Champion, dogs with docked tails; enclosure 11

DKK will introduce the matter.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

FKK: this matter needs better introduction from the DKK. As such FKK does not consider this to be a NKU/AU item at all.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The question has been solved.

12 DKK/lpo Soft Stick

DKK will introduce the matter.

This item was sent in Danish and by 9.2.2017 the DKK has not made a proposal to this item.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

NKU members unanimously decided that hitting a dog with soft stick on trials is not acceptable and in some cases against national law. Each member of the NKU will inform the FCI General Committee about this decision immediately.

13 Brachycephalic breeds; enclosure 13

The NKU Brachycephalic Working Group has done report of its work. "Statements and proposals regarding respiratory health in brachycephalic dogs" is enclosed to this agenda. Once the NKU/AU has approved the report, it will be sent to all kennel clubs, breed clubs for brachycephalic breeds within the NKU, Dogwellnet.com and to NKU website.

Proposal for the decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:**NKU Brachycephalic Working Group proposals:**

Increase education of show judges, breeders and puppy buyers.

Develop and implement methods to examine breeding animals regarding respiratory function and temperature regulation.

Promote central registration of dogs diagnosed and operated for BOAS.

Work internationally towards breed standards with non-exaggerated text that consider the importance of health.

Actions suggested for authorities: investigate possibilities to set up breeding programs aiming for better health also to unregistered dogs.

Make an inventory of dogs 3-6 years of age, free from clinical signs of BOAS and with anatomical features compatible with a decreased risk for BOAS.

Construct a Nordic BOAS health survey.

Produce a guideline to how clubs are to organize and execute lectures/seminars.

Evaluate the progress.

Proposal of the NKU/VD 22.2.2017:

The NKU/VD proposes the following amendments:

Point 3: Promote national kennel club registration of dogs diagnosed and operated for BOAS.

Point 8: The NKU/VK will evaluate the progress.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

NKU/AU thanks the working group of a very thorough and excellent job and NKU/AU sends the proposals and the conclusions to each national kennel club for further decisions and actions. NKU/AU expects kennel clubs proposals for further actions by the next meeting in October 2017.

The media group will make a public presentation of the proposals of the working group and send it for approval to NKU/AU addressed to the NKU secretary.

14 Information from the NKU countries, enclosure 14

In the NKU/AU meeting 24.8.2015 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.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The meeting went through the information sheet.

15 For information

15.1. Minutes of the NKU/Brachycephalic Media Working Group 19.9.2016, enclosure 15.1.

15.2. Minutes of the NKU/Agility committee meeting 25.9.2016, Zaragoza, Spain, enclosure 15.2.

15.3. Minutes of the NKU/Show regulations, 25.10.2016, Reykjavik, Iceland, enclosure 15.3.

- 15.4. Memo of the NKU Brachycephalic Working Group, 27.10.2016, enclosure 15.4.
- 15.5. Minutes of the NKU Brachycephalic Working Group, 29.11.2016, Stockholm, Sweden, enclosure 15.5.
- 15.6. Letter to the FCI Shows and Show Judges Joint Commission Meeting, enclosure 15.6.
- 15.7. SKK: letter to the NKU Agility Committee, enclosure 15.7.

16 Any other business

16.1

SKK: letter to the NKU Agility Committee (from the point 15.7.)

The NKU/Agility Committee should make the rules to reflect real life and it has to be done before the 1st of May 2017.

16.2.

Items of these minutes, that are not to be published at the NKU website

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

All items can be published.

17 Next meeting

Decision of the NKU/AU 13.4.2016, point 24: the next NKU/AU meeting will be held on 26.10.2017 in Helsinki, Finland.

Decision of the NKU/AU 23.2.2017:

The meeting in spring 2018 will be in Stockholm on 13.-15.2. and autumn 2018 in Reykjavik on 23.-24.10.

18 Closing of the meeting

Eeva Anttinen closed the meeting at 14.10.