



NKU / AU 16.10.2024

Minutes

Date: 16.10.2024

Place: Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä, Simonkatu 9, 00100, Helsinki, Finland

Time: 09:00-15:00

Participants:

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

19) Opening of the meeting

Erna opened the meeting at 9.10 and started on thanking the FKK for hosting this meeting.

20) 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 NKK. The Kennel Clubs oversee reviews in the sequence of: HRFÍ, SKK, DKK and FKK.

21) Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved with few items under any other business.

22) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on April 10, enclosure 1.

Minutes from the last meeting was approved.

23) Rotation of the host country of the NKU

Based on the minutes 29.03.2022:

- 2025-2027 SKK
- 2028-2030 DKK
- 2031-2033 NKK
- 2034-2037 FKK
- 2038-2040 HRFÍ

Host country is going to Sweden after this meeting, HRFÍ will send all document to SKK after the meeting.

24) Follow up from last meeting: Item 9/24:

From AU 10.04.2024:

“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.”

Discussion: SKK has postponed this until their rules are changed.

25) SKK / SKK's continued efforts to realize the SKK's policy statement by developing exterior target images on how to interpret the breed standard for certain brachycephalic breeds (SKKs head of breeding and health department, Helena Skarp, will make a presentation through Teams)

Helena Skarp made a presentation on how to interpret the breed standard for certain brachycephalic breeds. Discussion about the presentation and it will be interesting to see how it goes with the breed clubs in Sweden. This is a good step for the future considering what is happening around the world.

A joint statement should be made for the NKU countries and send it as a project to the NKU Scientific committee to work on and go to the FCI Scientific committee as well.

26) SKK / How the registration of foreign dogs participating in shows and trials in the Nordic countries is handled.

Denmark, Iceland, Norway, and Finland, all have some digital cover for this matter. Sweden is working on a solution.

27) SKK / Establish a sled dog committee within the NKU for the coordination of sled dog activities within the NKU

Agreed to have a sled dog committee in the NKU. All countries will take it to their club and then bring a name for the committee if it is relevant for them.

27 b) Additional idea from DKK: NKU dog welfare committee

Agreed to start NKU dog welfare committee. All countries will come up with a candidate for that committee.

28) SKK / Work towards the FCI removing ownership/personal information from HD certificates in order to better comply with GDPR regulations, enclosure 2

All countries agree that it is both not necessary to have the owner information on the certificates and goes against the GDPR regulations. The NKU will make a joint letter to send as the NKU and ask the FCI to change this part of the rules.

29) SKK / The current sanctions against Russia and Belarus in the Nordic countries and future plans regarding these sanctions.

All agree to keep the sanctions against Russia and Belarus unchanged at this moment.

30) SKK / Minutes of the NKU Scientific Committee 2024-04-17-18, enclosure 3

It is suggested by the NKU Scientific committee to accept the BOAS test from each other. All countries will check with this will work for everybody and get back to the AU group with a decision.

31) DKK / Artificial Intelligence (AI) for judging the results of HD-x-rays

It is known that France is well on its way with the development of a system, SKK is also in development stage. DKK will write to France to ask for a presentation of the system on the K8 meeting in February.

32) NKK / Proposal regarding Nordic Championship, enclosure 4

The proposal was discussed. Another proposal from FKK that the club sending the judge will cover that cost and the club hosting the event will cover the event cost. That proposal is liked by the group.

Another proposal from Denmark is that all the events are hosted by the same country the same year, so the country and club can host all the events in the same weekend and same place if that works for them or can split it up on different weekends during the same year.

Countries will take the ideas to their countries and send to the AU when a decision has been made by them regarding these proposals.

33) FKK / Nordic Winner Show Trophy

NKU/AU has made the following decision on its meeting on 23.10.1996:

Beslöts att vandringspriset tilldelas Best In Show -hunden på NV-utställningar. Pokalen kommer dock att stå uppställd i den kennelklubb som står i tur att ordna följande NV-utställning. DKK fick I uppdrag att tillverka ett fodral (kasse) åt pokalen. Beslöts även att det skall hållas bokföring över vandringspriset.

The trophy has for last year's been stored at the Finnish Kennel Club and now when the office moved to new premises, the trophy was "found". It was sent to the SKK in June so that it can be presented with the Best In Show-winner at the Nordic Winner Show in Stockholm 14.-15.12.2024. It should be decided, what would be the future of this trophy?

Decided to retire the trophy.

34) FKK / New breed – for information

Approved by the Board of the Finnish Kennel Club on 4.4.2024.

Breed name: Black Spitz (Sort Spids)

Breed standard is based on the standard of the Danish Kennel Club.

Breed will be placed in the FCI group 5, section 3, Nordic Watchdogs and Herders, and registered in the appendix.

Registration can start immediately and until further notice, imported dogs may be registered with a pedigree from all kennel clubs that the FCI recognizes.

At the time of the mating both parents should have hips and knees checked.

Breed will be permitted to take part in trials, tests and competitions immediately, in shows after 1.1.2025

35) Any other business

- A) FKK / Discussion about FCI's decision on making puppy classes mandatory. No NKU country will approve this decision because of dog welfare rules. NKU will make a joint statement and letter to the FCI as soon as possible to state that this goes against of our welfare rules and therefore is not suitable for our shows to have mandatory puppy classes.
- B) FKK / Todo list. Decided to make a separate to do list to send out with the minutes after each meeting to be more productive.
- C) Discussion about the EU changes and the Europe section meeting in Slovenia. Documents from the Europe section meeting will be shared to the group.
- D) HRFÍ / K8 group. Iceland would like to join the K8 group, which all other Nordic countries are a part of. The other Nordic countries agree and will bring it up to the other countries in the group.
- E) FKK / NKU statues. All articles are only available in Finnish at the moment. They will translate it and send to the group.

36) Next meetings

Next meeting will be on Teams on April 10 and the physical meeting will be in Iceland, communication group on October 14-15, VD on October 15 and AU on October 16.

37) Closing of the meeting

Meeting was finished at 12:30