

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Following the October 2009 Council meeting the Executive Committee took note of the comments made by delegates regarding converting the GCCF into a limited liability company. Gill Wilson, the chairman of the Abyssinian Cat Association who has over 30 years experience working as a Company Secretary in the North West region of a national firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, who are a division of a quoted Public Company was invited to attend a special meeting of the Executive on the 6th January to talk about the options available to us.

Gill presented a paper listing the pros and cons of each option and gave her professional opinion on the best way forward. The **pros and cons**, **Memorandum of Association**, **Articles of Association** and **Bye-Laws** prepared by Gill accompany this statement in pdf format and may be downloaded. Copies will be sent to all delegates.

The Bye-Laws are the current constitution that has had relatively minor modifications to comply with the proposed Articles of Association. The Rules mentioned in the Articles of Association are the current Rules and have not been amended in any way.

At the Council meeting on the 17th February delegates will be able to ask questions about these documents in order to be able to consult their club committees and members in whatever way the clubs deem appropriate. Gill Wilson has kindly agreed to attend the meeting to present the documents and help answer questions.

As previously announced there will be a special meeting of Council starting at 1.30pm on Wednesday the 7th April when Council will be asked to vote on the proposal that the GCCF becomes a company limited by guarantee.

Delegates will also be presented with a business plan and budget for the company.

Please take the time to read the information which will be put on the website and pass onto club members if they are without internet access. The matter will be discussed in detail at the February Council meeting, which will hopefully provide the answers to any questions raised.

The additional meeting scheduled for 7th April will be the time to make a decision.