

GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY
(Meeting of Full Council)
AGENDA



To be held on Wednesday, 22 February at Conway Hall, Holborn, London at 1pm

Open Forum discussion of Show Awards System for all to attend at 12 noon

	PRESENTED BY	PREVIOUS REF
C1835 WELCOME TO DELEGATES	CHAIRMAN	NEW
C1836 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	CHAIRMAN	NEW
C1837 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING		
1. The Draft Minutes of 26 October 2011 are enclosed and proposed for acceptance.	CHAIRMAN	NEW
C1838 MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING 26 October 2011 Only items not included elsewhere on the agenda.		
C1839 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY		
Note: The information contained in these Minutes may be superseded by the Minutes of subsequent meetings.		
1. Board of Directors (Executive Committee) 06 September 2011, 04 October & 22 November 2011		INFO
2. Finance Committee: 10 August 2011, 11 October 2011,		INFO
C1840 PROPOSALS TO REVISE SHOW AWARD SYSTEM		
1. Update from forum held 12 noon prior to meeting of Council.	CHAIRMAN	
C1841 FINANCE		
1. Update. Presentation of 2011 10 month accounts. Document to be available on web site on or before 17 February 2012.	ACCOUNTANT	NEW
C1842 BUSINESS PLAN		
1. Update. Document to be available on web site on or before 25 January 2012.	VICE CHAIRMAN	NEW
2. Partnership Update.	CHAIRMAN	NEW
3. Household Pet Registration.	AG	NEW
C1843 IT REFRESH PROJECT		
1. Update – To be presented.	OFFICE MANAGER	NEW
2. Explanation of revision to Mating Certificate System.	OFFICE MANAGER	EC2782.3
3. Explanation of proposal to operate joint accounts severally.	OFFICE MANAGER	EC2782.2
C1844 JUDGES		
Additional proposals accepted up to Friday 17 February 2012 will be notified on the website www.gccfcats.org and a written list will be available at the start of the meeting.		
JUDGES FOR APPROVAL		
Bengal BAC		
Probationer Judge	Mr Steve Nash-Morris	
Burmese BAC		
Full Judge	Mrs Barbara Prowse	
Probationer Judge	Mrs Joan Smith	
Oriental Joint BAC		
Probationer Judge	Mrs Joan Smith	Mrs Elizabeth Corps

Ragdoll BAC

Full Judge	Mr Mark Pearman	Mrs Lyndsey Grant
Probationer Judge	Mrs H Marriott-Power	Mrs Ann Ivinson
	Miss Claire Lewis	Mrs Linda Dutton

Russian BAC

Probationer Judge

Miss Charis White

Siamese JAC

Probationer Judge

Mrs S Tokens

Somali BAC

Full Judge

Mrs H Marriott-Power

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Mrs L Dutton

JUDGE WITHDRAWALS

1. The Russian BAC has requested that Mrs A Bailey and Mrs H Dessauer names be removed from the list of Full Judges.

C1845 JUDGES REPORTS

Proposal for Judges Reports from Guild of GCCF Judges.

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EC2758.1

C1846 PROPOSAL FOR NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

1. The Celtic Longhair & Semi-Longhair Cat Society propose that all nominations for GCCF committees are published on the GCCF website 30 days before the June meeting at which voting takes place. This will enable clubs to give these nominations due consideration.

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C1847 BYLAW CHANGES

1. Proposal to restore the size of the Disciplinary Committee to 9 (nine) persons.

EC284.1
C1812.4

C1848 RULE CHANGES

Deletions shown **thus**, additions shown **thus**.

1. The Board proposes the following new rule as SECTION 1: rule 11(t) to allow prefixes to be passed down through families where previous joint arrangements have not been in place.

11t **Continuity of Prefixes by family members after death of the current owner**

1. **Where a prefix holder dies giving clear instruction that they wish to transfer their prefix after death then this will be honoured as an ordinary amendment to the prefix with block transfer of cats as appropriate.**
2. **Where a prefix holder dies without giving clear instruction as to their intentions for the prefix, one or more immediate family members may, with the agreement of the executor or administrator, apply to have the prefix re-registered in their name(s) by payment of the full fee and following the procedure for a full application for a new prefix and subject to the same conditions.**

EC2789.5

2. The Board have agreed to allow the use of hyphens and other grammar symbols within Prefix names, such symbols are however, limited to those that appear on the Standard English Keyboard. The normal approval process will apply in that all GCCF registered cat names are limited to a maximum of 26 characters, including spaces. The Board proposes the following modification to rule SECTION 1: rule 11(j) to widen the choice of characters in prefixes:

Existing text

- 11j Prefixes may consist of one word only and may be of any number of **letters**. It must be remembered that the total number of characters, including letters and/or spaces/punctuation, allowed for registration is 26, including the prefix.

New text

- 11j, Prefixes may consist of one word only and may be of any number of **the characters found on a standard English keyboard**. It must be remembered that the total number of characters, including letters and/or spaces/punctuation, allowed for registration is 26, including the prefix.

Delete

- ~~11n. Hyphens, apostrophes, cedillas, accents, and similar symbols are not allowed in prefixes.~~

EC2785.2

3. The Board proposes the following modification to rules SECTION 1: rules 33, 35, 44, & 49 concerned with Breed Promotion. Rule 32 is unchanged but shown for clarity.

32 A breed number, official name and description will be granted or confirmed by the Executive Committee upon Preliminary recognition. The breed will be registered on the Experimental Register and may be shown in Assessment Classes as soon as is practical after recognition has been proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by a meeting of Council. They will be judged in Assessment classes by full judges of the relevant breed group.

33 Delete rule 33 entirely and substitute, **See rule 35**

35. Requests for promotion of Breed status (**Provisional and Championship**) must be made to the **Executive Committee Board**. If the request is approved, the **Executive Committee Board** will place it on the agenda for the next available meeting of Council and, if approved, the promoted breed will be eligible for inclusion in schedules for shows taking place no less than **six four calendar months** from the date of the meeting

44 The **Executive Committee Board**, if satisfied that the new breed should be granted Preliminary recognition, will allocate a breed number, official name and description. The breed will be registered on the Experimental Register and may be shown in Assessment classes **as soon as practical** after recognition has been proposed by the **Board** and approved by a meeting of Council. ~~at shows whose closing dates have not yet passed, with the agreement of the show manager.~~

Rationale: This brings it in line with rule 32 (Preliminary recognition for new colours and patterns of existing breeds) which has the more succinct wording

47 Delete existing rule 47 entirely and substitute: 47. **See rule 35**

49 Delete existing rule 49 entirely and substitute: 49. **See rule 35**

Rationale: The changes to 35 on 23.06.11 were meant to be inclusive of 33, 35, 47 and 49 (all previously amended June 2010) but although the required amendments were made the deletions were not put to Council. Also, six months was inadvertently substituted for the agreed Board period of four months and this wasn't realised until brought to the attention of the November Board Meeting. The above changes make the necessary corrections.

EC2789.2

4. The Board proposes the following modifications to rules SECTION 2: 7e, SECTION 4, 11a, Olympian Awards Rules.

Section 2: 7e No cat shall be eligible to enter the **Olympian Adult** Imperial Grand Champion, Grand Champion; **Olympian Neuter**, Imperial Grand Premier, Grand Premier class, as the case may be, unless it has attained **the relevant qualifying status** on or before the closing date for entries, published in the schedule. **Olympian certificates gained may count immediately towards the next level of the award but additional certificates gained at breed shows before the win that qualifies the cat for a bronze, silver or gold Olympian title will not count at the next level unless two Olympian certificates are**

EC2759.1

awarded on the same day where shows share a venue and one of those certificates gives the cat the relevant qualifying status. (See Section 4, Rule 11a).

Section 4: 11a No cat shall be eligible to enter the **Olympian Adult** Imperial Grand Champion, Grand Champion; **Olympian Neuter**, Imperial Grand Premier, Grand Premier class, as the case may be, unless it has attained the **relevant qualifying** status on or before the closing date for entries, published in the schedule. **Olympian certificates gained may count immediately towards the next level of the award but additional certificates gained at breed shows before the win that qualifies the cat for a bronze, silver or gold Olympian title will not count at the next level unless two Olympian certificates are awarded on the same day where shows share a venue and one of those certificates gives the cat relevant qualifying status.** (See Section 2 Rule 7e).

C1848 APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTION/RECOGNITION

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| 1. The Joint Rex BAC requests approval for Championship Status for the LaPerm. (See enclosed documents) | EC2763.1 |
| 2. The Somali BAC requests Preliminary Recognition for the Shorthaired Somali Cat.(See enclosed documents). The list for Short Haired Somali's will be in the current full judges list dated December 2011. | EC2763.2 |
| 3. Persian Tipped & Smoke BAC requests Preliminary Recognition of the Dilute Series of Green-eyed Silver & Golden Persians. (See enclosed documents) | EC2793.2 |

C1849 REGISTRATION POLICIES

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| 1. Revised Registration Policy for the Chinchilla group for approval. (See enclosed documents) | EC2791.1 |
| 2. Revised Registration Policy for the Australian Mist Cats for approval. (See enclosed documents) | EC2791.2 |

C1850 STANDARD OF POINTS

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| 1. Revised Standard of Points for the Chinchilla group for approval. (See enclosed documents) | EC2790.1 |
| 2. Revised Standard of Points for the Siamese Cat for approval. (See enclosed documents) | EC2790.2 |

C1851 APPLICATION FOR PRE-AFFILIATION

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| 1. The Board propose for acceptance of the Burmese Cat Association for pre-affiliation. | EC2792.2 |
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C1852 BAC MATTERS

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| 1. Letter from Oriental Bicolour BAC regarding the status of the Grand and Imperial Classes in the Oriental Section. (See enclosed document) | EC2756 7 |
| 2. Proposal from the Norwegian Forest BAC requesting that the Amber gene to be included in the current list of "GCCF recognised colours and patterns". (See enclosed documents) | EC2764.1 |
| 3. Proposal from the Joint Rex BAC
'Cats which have no points for colour or pattern to be entered in shows with breed number only' . | EC2764.2 |
| 4. Letter received from the Joint Rex BAC regarding BAER testing for consideration/discussion. (See enclosed document). | NEW |

C1853 SUPREME SHOW

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| 1. Update | SSM | NEW |
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C1854 WORLD CAT CONGRESS

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| 1. Update | CHAIRMAN | NEW |
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C1855 GCCF INTERNATIONAL

1. Update

CHAIRMAN NEW

C1856 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

C1857 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 12 noon in the Main Hall at The Conway Hall, London.

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End of Agenda

