



## MINUTES

### For the Meeting of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY**

Wednesday, 14 November 2018 at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London

Present: Mr John Hansson - Chairman  
Mr Sean Farrell - Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Valerie Anderson Dr Gillian Bennett  
Dr Peter Collin Mr Steve Crow  
Mrs Hilary Dean Mrs Rosemary Fisher  
Mr Thomas Goss Mrs Shelagh Heavens  
Mrs Catherine Kaye Mrs Jen Lacey  
Mrs Elaine Robinson Mrs Lisa Robinson-Talboys



#### **BD3808 MEETING INTRODUCTION**

1. **Apologies for absence.**  
1.1 Apologies for absence were given on behalf of: Mrs Lynda Ashmore, Dr Bruce Bennett, and Mrs Helen Marriott-Power. Mrs Dean had sent notice of a slightly delayed arrival time.
2. **Chairman's opening remarks**  
2.1 The meeting was opened at 11.30am and the Chairman thanked those present for attending.  
2.2 There were no general observations.

#### **BD3809 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. **The Minutes of the Board meeting of 18 July 2018**  
1.1 These had been circulated in advance of the September meeting, but were not included with the meeting paperwork and were therefore not yet confirmed.  
1.2 They were approved as presented with no queries. **2 abstentions**  
**Action: publication on the GCCF website** **JL/RF**
2. **Minutes of the Board meeting of 6 September**  
2.1 These had been circulated after the meeting and minor amendments had been made.  
2.2 It was noted that the Office Manager had attended the meeting and there should be a record of this.  
2.3 The minutes were then approved on the proposal of SC. **3 abstentions**  
**Action: publication on the GCCF website** **JL/RF**
3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes**  
3.1 BD3796.1.4 meeting to review the Breeder Scheme.  
At the GC meeting it had been agreed that most of the next meeting (12 March 2019) should be to review the BS and an invitation should be given to other Board members, Julia Oughtibridge (as scheme originator) and any other person with specialist knowledge. Written contributions would be sought in advance. The focus would be on scheme revision to enhance it for members, and a reassessment of the application procedure. The venue would be determined by the number wishing to attend.  
**Action: event publicity and request for contribution early in 2019** **JL/RF**
4. **Voting procedures at Council's AGM**  
4.1 From the detail supplied to them on the electoral process at the company's AGM, the Electoral Reform Society had suggested three people would need to attend at a cost of £95-£150 per hour each. It was thought that the time taken would be a maximum of two hours and as the ERS was London based there would be no high travel costs to pay.  
4.2 There was some discussion on allowing the ERS to conduct the election completely by paper ballot, as at little extra cost all delegates could participate, but it was thought this would set a precedent and there was the difficulty that some of those who were standing for some committees could not be confirmed until the results of earlier voting were known.  
4.3 It was agreed that a calculation should be made to compare the cost of using the ERS with staff expenses for the day. The information could then be put to Council for comment.  
**Action: calculation to be presented to FC** **RF**
5. **The draft minutes of the 2018 June Council meeting**  
5.1 No queries or amendments had been received.  
5.2 The draft minutes were approved for publication. **7 abstentions**  
**Action: publication on the GCCF website** **JL/RF**  
**(NB abstentions were made by those members who were unable to be present at the meeting).**

#### **BD3810 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **Update on receipt of information at the GCCF Office**  
1.1 The OM had confirmed that declarations had been received from all Board members  
1.2 There were two queries for the Chairman to take up with those concerned.

1.3 In response to a question raised it was agreed that the Chairman should confirm the necessity of the declaration with the Institute of Directors.

**Action: contact with the IoD**

**JH**

2. **Unregistered interests declared for the business of this meeting.**

2.1 None were declared.

2.2 After a member stated a belief that a specific declaration should be made for an agenda item, it was confirmed that if a record existed this was unnecessary. The meeting declaration was in respect of unregistered interests.

**BD3811 FINANCE**

**Draft minutes of the September Finance meeting**

1.1 There were no questions raised to be put to the Finance Committee.

1.2 It was noted that the bookkeeper would be attending the next FC meeting to respond to queries and give a lot more information on GCCF's current financial position.

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2. **Financial Update on 2018 business - p&l details July-September**

2.1 The p&l pages for the previous three months had been circulated. These had been compared with the 2018 budget predictions and seemed satisfactory, but there were unknowns in both income and expenditure so they were an indication rather than entirely reliable.

2.2 Board members wanted further information on:

- The gas and electricity payments - was there a new contract with repayment received?
- The variance in employee NI rates.
- Printing income, and the process of issuing invoices for printing jobs.
- What was covered in the monthly 'audit'.

2.3 It was observed that the presentation of the accounts could be improved and this would be discussed with Mrs Penwell. It would also be suggested that in future there should be a mid year financial review.

2.4 It was noted that there had been some preliminary budget discussion, but that preparation of a budget would be difficult at present as there were unknowns for both income and expenditure.

2.5 There had been discussion on having a full audit at the end of 2018 as the previous OM and bookkeeper were no longer working with GCCF. It was anticipated this would cost about £10,000.

**Action: Discussion of all points at FC**

**JL**

*(Mrs Dean arrived during this discussion)*

3. **Bank account access and protocols report**

3.1 SH outlined the difficulties in closing the Santander account. Signatories could not be removed at the request of another person, it had to be done by those concerned, in spite of them no longer being employed by GCCF. Santander would not deviate from its fixed processes.

3.2 The password for a conversation by phone was not available, and there was uncertainty on where the cheque book was to be found. It was agreed that Mrs Gorvin should be asked for her assistance. As she and Mrs Marriott-Power were cheque signatories it was hoped that the money could be transferred to Lloyds simply by cheque payment, rather than account closure.

3.3 It was agreed that FC should discuss the need for a reserve current account once the cash flow situation was known. It was thought preferable to channel more into the savings accounts so that interest could be earned.

3.4 There also needed to be an update from the Office to FC on the possibility of a new card facility provider. It was thought probable that GCCF could obtain a better deal and reduce costs.

**Action: these matters to be on the agenda for the November FC meeting.**

**JL**

4. **Investment account update**

4.1 Mrs Fisher confirmed that the Aldermore now had a balance of just over £74,000 and was yielding a return of over £90 interest per month with the rate at 1.49%. This was now being paid back into the account rather than transferred to the current account.

4.2 She also had full access to the Cambridge and Counties. The previous OM had been removed as a signatory, and she was now confirmed as such.

4.3 The saving for the WCC show was paid into this account, currently at £250 per month. This would rise to £500 per month from January 2019.

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5. **Pricing for STAR going forward**

5.1 The recommendations of FC were agreed. **7 in favour, 1 against 3 abstentions.**

These were:

- Set up: £50 for a breed club and £100 for an all breed club (first year only)
- £20 per hour for any major adjustments made in subsequent years
- 30p per cat if Office assistance was required to enter details following a show
- 20p per cat if this was completed by the show team
- All GCCF expenses (printing, card use etc) to be charged back to the club.

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5.2 It was suggested that future IT development should make it possible for show teams who were not using STAR to input their own data following a show. At present there was no single show entry access.

5.3 It was observed that some Board directors had greater access to the computer system than others, and one had been told she could do something and later informed this was not possible.

**Action: points to be raised with Office and the subject to be on the January agenda**

**JL**

6. **Price list revisions suggested by the Office - recommendations from FC**

6.1 FC had recommended making no significant changes at present except for an increase to the hard backed version of the SOP.

6.2 The Board agreed a standard pricing of £15 for changes from active to non-active status and vice versa.

6.3 Some of the other price changes suggested by the Office were small, but the volume was not known. There needed to be an assessment to ascertain whether variation would have significant impact on GCCF's income.

**Action: assessment and results to be reported to FC**

**RF**

**BD3812 STAFF & OFFICE**

**1. Draft minutes of the September HR meeting**

- 1.1 There was a query on the amount paid to an employee as a result of a settlement payment. It was acknowledged this was the same as would have been determined by a redundancy, and pay in lieu of notice and holiday pay had been taken into consideration.
- 1.2 The Chairman confirmed that the advice of the independent HR consultant who had been present at the meeting had been followed in all respects. Until there had been direct discussion this had been unclear.
- 1.3 The Chairman reported that Mrs Gorvin had returned to work as she wished, but had found it both mentally and physically stressful and so had given notice. All Board members found this sad news and asked for messages of sympathy to be sent.
- 1.4 It was agreed that full notice need not be worked so the retirement could be at Christmas. Following discussion it was agreed a gratuity should be paid, and a card and toiletries hamper purchased to be given at the staff Christmas lunch.

**Actions: Purchase & circulation of the card**

**TG**

**Liaison with Office staff on the hamper and lunch**

**JH**

**2. Salary review for junior staff members**

- 2.1 It was agreed that all staff should have a salary rise, regardless of any recent increases due to promotions. It was hoped it could be slightly above inflation, but this would depend on the end of year outcome for the company.
- 2.2 When this was known a total salary figure would be calculated for the budget. It would not be until early 2019, but the increase would be backdated to January.
- 2.3 It was thought that regular increases overall were preferable to bonuses. The Chairman had already indicated there would not be bonuses for all at Christmas.
- 2.4 It was agreed that one staff member who had made an exceptional additional contribution should be receive a bonus of £200.

**3 abstentions**

**Action: report back to the OM**

**JH**

**3. General update on staff & Office (OM report)**

- 3.1 A detailed report had been circulated to the Board by the OM to inform members of the staffing situation. The temporary staff member would be leaving at the end of December and a full time post was advertised.
- 3.2 It was unknown whether a FT member currently working PT would take up FT work again. The hours for LG's replacement would depend on this.
- 3.3 It was noted that Board members should be informed of staff changes ahead of their general publication.
- 3.4 The IC/DC Secretary was taking a period of unpaid leave during January & February. This had been an arrangement made and agreed with the previous OM.

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**4. Office security & safety update**

- 4.1 The Vice-Chairman reported he had not yet had the meeting with the OM and the security company. He anticipated this would take place before Christmas.

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**BD3813 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL**

**1. Prefix rule amendment proposed**

1. The Maine Coon BAC had proposed that only specialist breed clubs catering for one specific breed should support prefix applications.
2. Opinion was expressed that there was no reason to exclude breed clubs that catered for several breeds, and also that an area clubs could sometimes know a breeder and their circumstances better than a breed club.
3. It was agreed that a rationale should be supplied for the rule change, and also that it should come from one or both of the clubs rather than the BAC, as it was not BAC business.

**Action: comment to be passed back to the Maine Coon BAC**

**JL**

**2. Prefixes applied for**

2. 30 prefixes in total had been circulated in advance on two occasions. There had been no objections to any and they had been published on the GCCF website.

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**BD3814 BUSINESS MATTERS**

**1. Council comment on strategy, professionalism & training**

- 1.1 The comment was thought not particularly helpful and it was considered unnecessary and intrusive for it to be circulated directly to Board members via personal email addresses, with additional remarks directed to individual members.
- 1.2 It was noted that delegates and others who felt strongly on certain subjects, had a cause for concern or a grievance would approach the Board directly, but this should not be permitted. Letters and emails should go to the Office, for Board circulation when appropriate, or to be passed on to the correct officer or committee. The Board would not enter into discussion or make direct replies.

**Action: a notice to be put onto the website  
delegates to be informed**

**RF  
OM**

2. **The GCCF partnerships**
  - 2.1 Recent contact with Agria had been positive. A further meeting were being arranged. An offer had been made to assist with a link to a microchip company if the present negotiation should not prove satisfactory.
  - 2.2 There had been no recent meeting with Royal Canin. The sponsorship for the Supreme had not been received.
  - 2.3 Petsquare now seemed to be inactive. INF
  
3. **Microchip Company partnership - update**
  - 3.1 SC had passed on the decision to discuss a partnership further and the associated comment.
  - 3.2 There had been initial acknowledgement, but no further feedback and no response for information to pass to the Board at this meeting.
  - 3.3 SC concluded there was no point in further contact, and it was preferable to explore the offer of help from Agria. The Board agreed. INF
  
4. **The contract with GCCFI**
  - 4.1 There had been no news on whether the level of indemnity required by GCCFI had been settled with their insurance company.
  - 4.2 Registrations were being made by GCCF on behalf of GCCFI, but there was no knowledge of whether this was generating income for GCCF.
  - 4.3 There was a query on whether separate coding and the bank account for euros was in use for these particular transactions.

**Action: Liaison with the Office & GCCFI** JH
  
5. **Report from the Canine & Feline Sector Group & associated organisations**
  - 5.1 SC reported that there there was little to add from the report given in Council. The pet vending schedule introduced into the Animal Welfare Act was now operational. He had intervened on behalf of a few breeders to explain the criteria for licensing to local authorities where there seemed to be mis-interpretation and had been successful on each occasion. There had been no recent reports.
  - 5.2 Legislation was planned for the ban of third party sales that would mean kittens would no longer be in pet shops. Also, licensing for rescue and rehoming centres, no matter how small, and protection of the foetus to prevent the breeding of unhealthy animals. Both would have an impact on clubs and breeders, but were still subject to discussion.
  - 5.3 A launch date was awaited for the kitten check list.
  - 5.4 There had been meetings of the all-parliamentary group on cats, but the focus was currently on human loneliness and facilitating with landlords the ownership of neutered cats. INFO

**BD3815 IT INFORMATION**

1. **IT report**
  - 1.1 An IT report had been circulated that noted recent new features, as stated in Council, and what was being developed.
  - 1.2 There was also a reply to the Vice-Chairman's request for information on access to the system.
  - 1.3. There were no specific queries, but it was observed that as yet there was no Business Plan for 2019, to consider IT within the context of planned projects. INF
  
2. **Support & development in 2019**
  - 2.1 The recommendation from FC was that there should be no major new developments, but a year of consolidation and monitoring that processes were operating smoothly.
  - 2.2 Board requests were made for:
    - Planning to assist with the delivery of the judge training scheme via online interaction.
    - The direct input of testing results - from Langford and other accredited organisations
    - The direct input of data from non-STAR shows
  - 2.3 It was agreed that reducing the programmer's hours in 2019 was a priority. It had not yet been confirmed whether he would combine GCCF and other work or wish to take a FT position elsewhere. It was thought that a new member of staff should have have the required skills for IT support, and/or there was the possibility of additional volunteer help if requested via the website.

**Action: liaison with the IT team** SC

**BD3816 CLUB & BAC MATTERS**

1. **An update on club & BAC returns**
  - 1.1 JL reported that as far as she was aware there were few additional completed club returns. Some had paid delegates' fees to ensure representation in Council, but had not followed up with their accounts, membership record and affiliation fee.
  - 1.2 Two BACs (Snowshoe and Siamese Cat JAC) had not completed as there were difficulties due to a change in treasurer and supply of records.

**Action: liaison with the Office to give a more detailed report on the clubs** JL
  
2. **Name change for the Capital LH, Eastern LH & SLH & Shorthair CC of Scotland to include 'All Breed'**
  - 2.1 The principle of name change for the purpose of running an all-breed show had been discussed in Council with no conclusive outcome.
  - 2.2 In Board discussion it was noted that the precedent had been set and that there were now few of these specialist clubs who had not asked to change. It was something that was self-limiting.
  - 2.3 It was confirmed that the Eastern Counties LH&SLH had now made their club returns.

2.4 It was agreed by a majority that the clubs should be allowed to make the change. **3 against.**

**Action: the three clubs to be informed of the decision**

JL

3. **Revision of club constitution by the Old-Style Siamese CC**

3.1 It was agreed that the rule changes made were acceptable.

3.2 However, it was observed that the rules did not include any method to allow appeals against committee decisions and it was agreed that this should be pointed out to the club.

**Action: the club to be informed of the Board comment**

JL

4. **Abyssinian, Korat & Russian BACs Seminar - postponement of seminar dispensation**

4.1 The seminar had been postponed because the organiser had not been able to continue and a replacement had not been found from any of the BACs concerned.

4.2 The notification was accepted.

**Action: the BACs to be informed.**

JL

5. **Application for provisional membership of GCCF by the 2110 club**

5.1 It was noted that the club had not yet been in existence for a year and could not provide evidence of 50 members. Therefore it did not comply with the Bye Law conditions for provisional membership.

5.2 Concern was expressed at the lack of a membership fee. The club would need to pay affiliation fees, provide accounts and substantiate membership to comply with terms of membership. Therefore it would be informed of the necessity to revise its constitution in this respect.

**Action: the club to be informed of the Board's decision**

JL

**BD3817 SHOW LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE JUNE 2019-MAY 2020 SEASON**

1. **Show licence applications - continued from September**

1.1 The printing on the show licence list was small and the shows after December were missing. It was agreed that the list should be circulated as a pdf for comment in a larger print format.

**Action: request to the Office**

JL

1.2 It was noted that the only additional show (June-Dec) was the West of England & South Wales CC on 24 August 2019 at Thornbury. This was approved.

1.3. The Birman CC had amended its date from 24/11/19 to 23/11/19 (the Saturday).

1.4. There was an objection to the date of the Colourpointed, Rex-Coated & AOV show and its inclusion of bicour tabbies (in the previous year bi-colour selfs had been permitted). It was agreed that this should be discussed further.

2. **Request from the Oriental CA and Siamese CA**

2.1 The Oriental CA and Siamese CA had queried whether Herts & Middx and Kensington CC shows had been granted a licence for a show date that was on the same date they had requested in the same location.

2.2 It was agreed that it should be confirmed that this was the Board's decision. It was to be suggested to the small breed clubs that they should consider either going back to back with the all-breed shows or opt for an alternative date or venue.

**Action: the clubs to be informed of the Board's decision**

JL

3. **The show licence application form**

3.1 It was agreed that it was sensible to accept the show manager as a signatory on a licence application.

3.2 There was no rule change to be made, only the amendment of the licence application form.

**Action: the form to be obtained and the agreed revision made**

LRT

**BD3818 OTHER SHOW MATTERS**

1. **2018-19 show changes for report & approval**

1.1 These had been completed by electronic circulation. If no objection were received then the OM updated the system with the new details and confirmed it with the club. The details of the Scottish CC Show on 5 January at Motherwell had been the only one since the September meeting.

1.2 At the meeting notice was given of a change of venue for the Suffolk & Norfolk Show on 18 May 2019 to the Burgess Hall, One Leisure, St Ives, Cambs with an SM change to Sue Barrett & Sean Farrell.

**Agreed.**

2. **2018-2019 show licence late applications**

2.1 The West of Scotland had submitted an application on the day before the meeting, but it had been confirmed that the club had not complied its 2017 club returns. It was agreed that the application could not be considered until the return was made.

**Action: the club to be informed of the Board's decision**

JL

2.2 It was reported that the RACCS show was listed on the GCCF website calendar of events and Scottish exhibitors would be expecting it to take place. It was confirmed that RACCS remained suspended.

**Action: Mrs Owen to be requested to remove the show from the calendar list**

JL

3. **Show guidance on exhibit presentation**

3.1 The list as presented in September hadn't yet been revised.

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3.2 There had been some discussion on the use of sprays in the show hall following a complaint about Feliway sprayed directly into a pen. It was agreed that veterinary advice should be sought before there any discussion on the need for a rule change.

**Action: The Veterinary Officer to be contacted**

**JL**

**4. Recommendations for action after a bite**

4.1 Dr Collin presented the updated guidelines that incorporate the latest information from NICE (February 2018). He stressed that it was essential that anyone bitten should not continue to judge or steward, as it was necessary to begin a course of antibiotics as soon as possible and not postpone it until later.

4.2 It was agreed that after some minor alterations, including the use of block capitals (7), it should be posted on the website, be included in SM pack and be circulated to all judges and stewards.

**Action: publication & circulation**

**PC/RF/Office**

**5. Liaison with the Veterinary Officer on the show vaccination rules**

5.1 There had been discussion with the VAC following the query raised in Council, and Dr Moreland had drafted some rule changes.

5.2 The intention was to restore the definition of a current vaccination, and that the vaccination schedule prior to this should be as determined by the cat's own vet and owner.

**Action: consultation on the wording and the rule change to be presented on the January agenda**

**JL**

**BD3819**

**REPORTS FROM JUDGE TRAINING & BAC REVIEW GROUPS**

**1. Proposal for an accelerated process for existing judges**

1.1 PC had circulated the proposal to provide an accelerated scheme for qualified judges, those awarding Imperial and/or Grand classes within the section.

1.2 There were two functions:

- To increase the number of judges on breed lists
- To address the shortage of judges qualified to award Imperial certificates.

1.3 It was proposed that all judges able to award either a Grand or Imperial certificate would be eligible to apply for any list on which they were not a breed judge to become a Provisional Full Judge and receive breed training from the relevant BAC.

1.4 The process for this was described in detail. It had the potential to add 99 judges to breed lists.

1.5 The main points raised in discussion were:

- a) Why tutorials were required, but not assessments, with the response that the intention was to provide a teaching/learning opportunity rather than a test. The judges concerned were already awarding certificates and therefore influencing the breed.
- b) Why the provisional period could be extended indefinitely, but at limit of at least a year was necessary. It was considered some judges would be capable of complete the requirements more quickly.
- c) There was some concern that BACs would be subjective in their assessment of the progress of a FJ (P) and require far more of some than of others, depending on the friendships or personalities of those making the application.
- d) It was thought there should be a limit set on the number of cats reported on from any one show, as in some breeds this would be onerous if there were several in various miscellaneous classes. A maximum of 5 was suggested.

1.6 In the second part of the scheme it was proposed that eligibility for Grand and Imperial Classes should be restored to judges who lost it with respect to some breeds with the section restructure.

1.7 It was also proposed to change the qualifications for the Imperial from all to a majority of Grand classes. These changes would deliver 17 additional judges qualified to judge at Imperial level.

There were no queries or comments in respect of these two proposals.

**Action: circulation of the proposals to BACs & judges before January Board meeting**

**PC**

**2. Proposals to update the Stewarding Scheme**

2.1 Kate Kaye explained that the stewarding scheme had been streamlined, with the emphasis upon it being a period when the stewards should be learning, gaining from the experience and knowledge of the judges they were working for.

2.2 The period as an Accredited GCCF Steward had been divided into two parts. In the first the steward would be gaining knowledge of all sections, and in the second the training would be focussed upon the section of the specific breed or Grand group they wish to judge. Completion of this part would lead to their appointment as a pupil judge to the breed or Grand Group list.

2.3 There were three main concerns:

- a) That in the second part specifically, where fifteen reports on exhibits were submitted, assessment seemed to be very subjective, and dependent upon the quality of the assessors.
- b) A very few people (the committee of the Judges' Guild) not defined in any detail, who were elected only by the membership of a club, would be responsible for training, assessing and reporting to a BAC all those considered suitable to make a Pupil Judge application.
- c) There was no right of appeal mentioned at any point.

**Action: to be returned to the January agenda for further discussion**

**JL**

3. **Further feedback from BACs to the BAC RG**

3.1 This item was deferred.

4. **Letter on judges and training from the Birman CC**

4.1 The Birman CC at sent a letter to the Board commenting on judges and judging.

4.2 It was considered that the awarding of points to a cat based on the SOP was unpractical and unsuitable as it would be time consuming and a cat was judged overall and not as a sum of its parts.

4.3 There was no support for the other points made, and it was felt that it would be very difficult to make new rules and provide an adequate rationale for changing those that existed.

4.4 The comments on stewards and the discussion of tutorials would be passed to the JTRG.

**Action: the club to be informed of the Board's opinion**

JL

5. **Query from the East Sussex CC re a review of the Pet Section**

5.1 KK agreed that she mentioned that the Show Structure Review Group would consider the Pet Section at some point.

5.2 However, she thought it preferable that suggestions for change came from, and should be discussed with, those most active in the section as organisers, judges and exhibitors.

**Action: the club to be informed of the Board's opinion**

JL

**BD3820 BREED APPLICATION**

1. **Recognition of the Oriental While as a new colour of an existing breed**

1.1 Concern was expressed that recognition of the Oriental White would be contrary to rule 1:38b) as there was not a sufficient difference between the blue-eyed Oriental White and Foreign White.

1.2 There was a recommendation from the Genetics Committee that recognition should be on the condition that only green-eyed and odd-eyed Oriental Whites should be shown, but that the blue-eyed could be used in breeding programmes. This was agreed.

1.3 It was considered that cats to be registered as Foreign White should be proven homozygous for cs by DNA testing of the cat or the records of its parents.

1.4 It was noted that the SOP referred to 'black' in the context of the head markings in kittens. This was inaccurate and 'coloured' should be substituted, as it would depend on the colour the white masked.

**Action: the BAC to be informed**

JL

**BD3821 REGISTRATION, TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS**

1. **Ocicat & Aztec Registration Policies**

1.1 Concern was expressed that a mandatory testing scheme had been included when there was no evidence of the diseases to be tested for in Ocicats and Aztecs and other testing was for a pattern gene (cs) that had no harmful effect. Pressure to test and record results could restrict some breeders in their breeding choices and/or deter breeders from continuing or becoming involved with the breeds. Fear of the diseases could therefore be a risk, as limitation of the gene pool could impact on genetic health.

1.2 It was agreed that this point should be emphasised to the BAC, and at the same time a voluntary testing scheme should be positively encouraged. The computer system could be used to record results.

1.3 Dr Helps had promised that if any cat proved homozygous or a carrier of any disease was detected then GCCF would be alerted of that fact (not of the actual cat or owner) and there could then be consideration of a mandatory testing scheme.

1.4 This applied to GCCF registered Ocicats and Aztecs. A scheme for testing imports could be implemented immediately as per the example of other BACs.

**Action: the BAC to be informed**

JL

2. **Proposed revisions to the Chartreux Registration Policy**

2.1 The Chartreux Breeder Group wished to restrict the origin of their domestic outcross. It was agreed that this principle was already established as other breeds made a specification. However, it was thought it should be defined as 'France' and not the 'French countryside', as requested, as this would be impossible to substantiate.

2.2 It was also agreed that the test for longhair should be included in the tests listed for screening.

**Action: the Breeder Group to be informed of the permitted changes and asked to submit the policy for the February Council agenda.**

3. **Amended Russian registration policy**

3.1 The Russian BAC wished to remove the necessity to use DNA testing to confirm suitability for breeding when the import was neutered. A veterinary certificate of neutering validated by a microchip number would be required instead.

3.2 This was agreed and the amended policy would be on the February Council agenda.

**Action: the BAC to be informed**

JL

4. **Amended Lilac Point Siamese SOP**

4.1 The SC JAC had proposed changes applicable to the Lilac Point Siamese only. It emphasised that the points colour should be cool in tone, and brown or a brownish overtone was a fault that should be penalised.

4.2 A This was agreed and the amended SOP would be on the February Council agenda.

**Action: the SC JAC to be informed**

JL

5. **Comments and suggestions on registration procedures from the Office**

5.1 The Genetics Committee recommends that the first recommendation (a certified pedigree to be accepted by email from another bona fide registry).

5.2 However, it was thought the other would be difficult to implement, could have repercussions, or conflict with BAC responsibilities.

5.3 The need to require a certificate of entirety for a male being exported was discussed briefly, but it was thought not to do so could not be justified ethically.

**Action: a report to be made back to the Office, with consideration of an opportunity for discussion on the purpose of some of the registration rules.**

JH

**BD3822           EVENTS**

1. **Report from the 2018 Supreme Show**

1.1 SC confirmed that most income and expenditure was known. The one significant outstanding amount was the sponsorship contribution from Royal Canin. He noted a gate receipt of £38,000 and an increase in the amount of personal and club sponsorship thanks to the work of Jen Pinches. The disappointment was the number of cats entered.

1.2 He estimated a £12-£13,000 deficit and confirmed that the income included the sponsorship from Agria as designated by GCCF.

1.3 There was some discussion on the next Supreme. The Chairman confirmed that he had received some quotations from the NEC, but hadn't yet examined them. Most Board members preferred that the event should remain in October/November, and at the NEC in a smaller space if that was possible. Each Board member present was asked to comment.

1.4 It was requested that the Board should be informed of the show structure of the next Supreme show.

SC noted that the next meeting, to assess the 2018 show, was to be held on 5 December. The notes would be circulated to the January Board meeting.

**Action: circulation of the meeting notes with the Board paperwork**

JL

2. **Report from the National Pet Show**

2.1 Mrs Heavens presented a report on behalf of the National Pet Show team. There had been various challenges in presenting the cat because of the display format aimed for by the event organisers.

2.2 There would be additional expense because of the conversion of the pens to 'potting sheds' but this had been known and MF Penning had taken them to store, with the possibility of future use.

2.3 The gate was unknown, but would be 25,000 plus based on advance ticket sales.

2.4 It seemed reasonably certain that the event would be held in 2019. Concern was expressed GCCF would not be invited, as TICA had put on a much larger display this year and paid for the space.

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3. **The WCC Show 2021**

3.1 A date and venue had still to be determined. Therefore discussion was deferred.

3.2 An increase in saving for the event had been agreed by FC. It would be £500 monthly from January 2019.

**Action: to be on the January agenda**

JL

**BD3823           ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**None taken**

The meeting finished at 5.20pm with items deferred as noted..1

NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY**, 9 January 2019, at 11.00 for 11.15am, at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London