



MINUTES

For the Meeting of the **Board OF DIRECTORS**

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

Tuesday, 7 March 2017 at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London

Present: Mr Steve Crow - Chairman
Mr John Hansson - Vice-Chairman

Mrs Lynda Ashmore	Mr Sean Farrell
Mrs Rosemary Fisher	Mrs Doreen Goadby
Mr Thomas Goss	Mrs Shelagh Heavens
Mrs Catherine Kaye	Mrs Jen Lacey
Mrs Helen Marriott -Power	Ms Heather McRae
Mrs Pat Perkins	Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell
Mrs Lisa Talboys	

In attendance: Mr Mark Goadby - Office Manager

BD3637 MEETING INTRODUCTION

1. **Apologies for absence.**

1.1 Apologies were given on behalf of: Mrs Valerie Anderson & Dr Gillian Bennett

2. **Chairman's Opening remarks**

- 2.1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 11.20am, and welcomed those present. A few moments of silence were held in respect for Mr John Robinson (Board Member) who recently had passed away.
- 2.2 He asked that good manners be observed so that any occasional asides did not prevent others from hearing those speaking on the subject.
- 2.3 Mr Crow observed that priority business for the day would be to plan the GCCF's response in reaction to government announcements on legislation that could result in local authority registration and licensing for those who bred cats and sold kittens. He had allocated time for this within the agenda, and requested that more routine business was dealt with fairly swiftly.

BD3638 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. **The Minutes of the Board meeting of 7 January 2017**

- 1.1 These had been circulated in advance of the meeting, with no amendments received.
- 1.2 There was one query on the minute record. Mrs Heavens asked that Board members who had abstained on the vote at BD3633.2 (application for name recognition for BLH) should identify themselves as she thought there had been only a single abstention. However, there were three who confirmed they had done so, which meant no change was required.
- 1.3 The minutes were approved with two abstentions.

2. **Matters arising from the January minutes**

- 2.1 The Chairman reviewed the actions of the meeting.
- 2.2 BD3624.2.3 As yet there was no proposal from IC on the procedure for dealing with late judge reports. Legal advice had been sought, but had been thought too complex to operate. IC would discuss the matter again at its next meeting.

INFO

- 2.3 BD3626.2.4 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported she had not yet had time to consider the best way to keep a record of show results. She hoped to do this before the next meeting.

Action: to devise a method to keep a record of the number of exhibits shown

SRO

- 2.4 It was believed all other actions were completed or had been carried forward to the appropriate agenda for further meeting consideration.

Action: the minutes to go for publication on the GCCF website

JL

3. **The minutes of the Council meeting of 15 February 2017**

- 3.1 There were no queries.
- 3.2 It was agreed without dissent that these should be published on the GCCF website.

Action: to be sent for publication

JL

BD3639 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

INFO

- 1.1 Club, show and previously declared commercial interests were as on record. No new information was given.

Note of information

- 1.2 Mrs Perkins gave notice that she had had problems maintaining an internet connection, though the issue was shortly to be resolved. This had meant that at times she had been unable to participate in electronic Board discussion and decisions.

INFO

BD3640 FINANCE**1. Management accounts on 2017 business to date**

- 1.1 The OM presented the income figures for the year to date. He did not yet have the expenses for the same period as time with the bookkeeper had been spent finalising the Supreme Accounts for these to be sent for examination.
- 1.2 He noted there was some estimation, but January had proved to be a satisfactory month with income at the same level as in 2016, but there had been a notable drop in February, due to a 20% fall in the number of prefix registrations.
- 1.3 It was likely that there would be a deficit in February, whereas this had not occurred in 2016, but he hoped it would not be as much as in 2015.
- 1.4 In all areas other than prefix registrations there had been a pleasing start to the year. **INFO**

2. Volume figures and transaction graphs for core business to date

- 2.1 Some analysis had been made to see whether there was any reason for the prefix registration falls, and it had been identified that BSH and RAG registrations had shown a significant fall which largely accounted for the total. Reasons were known that could possibly explain it (recognition of BLH and a wait by RAG breeders for free status change) but without certainty.
- 2.2 The fall in prefix registrations was reflected in other graph outcomes but there was significant growth in other areas, even those that had been at record levels in 2016 (non-prefix registrations and imports). It was noted that the number of cats coming from overseas wasn't actually identifiable, but it was thought it was a significant proportion.
- 2.3 The number of prefixes applied for had shown a particularly healthy start and it was thought that these were new people, and so was promising for the future. **INFO**

3. Report on the progress of the 2016 accounts

- 3.1 The accounts were now with Monahans and no problems had been reported. They were happy with the explanation for capitalisation re IT development.
- 3.2 In round figures GCCF had had a turnover of £440,000. After expenses, and with £40,000 capitalised, there was an operating surplus of £85,000, but depreciation, the print room redundancy and Supreme deficit meant this would not be the final outcome.
- 3.3 The OM remarked that because there was always finalisation after initial figures had been calculated he was reluctant to present figures in Council in February that could give false expectations, and the Board had determined previously that the annual accounts would be presented at June Council. It was unfortunate that because of system change there were no figures available in October, but there would be in future. Possibly a brief outline with volume graph trends could be presented in February.
- 3.4 It was expected that the accounts would be with the Finance Committee in March and presented to the Board at its April meeting. If there were problems they would be delayed until May. **INFO**

4. Contribution to the GCCF's World Cat Congress delegate's expenses

- 4.1 Delegates to the World Cat Congress were given \$400 (Aus) (under £300) towards their expenses by the WCC if travelling outside their home continent. They would have hotel costs paid for two nights and there was the possibility of judges' fees, but this was not likely for GCCF judges. This left an individual with significant expense.
- 4.2 There was unanimous agreement that a contribution towards costs should be paid, but no conclusion on any amount. It was thought this should be decided annually depending on the distance and particular circumstances of each occasion.

**Action: to be on the March FC agenda for more in depth discussion
Mrs Shingleton (volunteer GCCF delegate for 2017) to be informed**

**JL
OM**

- 4.3 It was noted that as other organisations did not usually use GCCF judges there was no reason for GCCF to feel obliged to use judges from the other registries when it was hosting the WCC. **INFO**

5. Minor amendment to the expenses policy

- 5.1 This related to first class travel. If additional costs were incurred when used they would not be reimbursed.
- 5.2 There were no questions and it was agreed unanimously that the policy should be published on the GCCF website.

Action: publication to be arranged

JL

BD3641 BUSINESS MATTERS**1. The GCCF partnerships - to receive any updates from Agria and/or Royal Canin**

- 1.1 The OM explained concerns Agria had, particularly in the use of 5 week free cover for kittens being supplied by breeders to new owners. This had fallen considerably during system change and not recovered much. It was acknowledged that when people got out of the habit of using a service it was difficult to attract them back.
- 1.2 However, now Agria had an automatic pick-up of cat data breeders would not experience difficulties setting up the cover, and Agria had contact with new owners when transfers were made.
- 1.3 To be discussed at FC:

- more reminders around the registration process
- survey to ascertain why 5 week frees were not used
- incentives (such as removal of next litter registration fee)

Action: to be an item on the FC March agenda

JL

- 1.4 Concern was expressed at the significant financial loss to GCCF if 5 week frees were not used again.
- 1.5 The OM gave an update on discussions with RC. There had been staff changes and business reviews were in process. There were no plans to expand support for shows, and a reduction in the number of shows covered was possible.

- 1.6. RC had calculated GCCF received £70,000 (£30,000 of that at the Supreme), but had not indicated returns on this investment, although it seemed evident they wanted more for their money. **INFO**
2. **IT development and online report**
- 2.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported that the progress was as expected on the planned developments.
- 2.2 The GCCFI prototype was almost completed with the test site available at the end of March.
- 2.3 Work had begun in getting judge lists onto the system, but this was complicated by the number of judges who were no longer active, several of whom had not judged for over five years and so would need a refresher period if they wanted to judge again.
- Action: contact to be made where possible to ascertain if a return was planned** **SRO**
- 2.4 It was intended that the lists would show specialisms, where these still existed, and also eligibility for title classes with these presented to make the information easily accessible to show managers.
- Action: project to be continued** **SRO**
- 2.5 Breeders could now see the breeding history of all their cats once again. It was agreed that the full details of progeny from queens owned by them should be available, but that sex and colour only should be visible for offspring from a stud when the queen belonged to another breeder. **INFO**
- 2.6 It was agreed that the colour of a Norwegian Forest Cat should be changed back to what it was on its import paperwork. This did not necessarily agree with an image sent, but it would enable the registration of offspring as they would be genetically possible.
- Action: registration details to be amended** **SRO**
3. **Officer & Director statements for June**
- 3.1 It was agreed that as well as the statement required from candidates for Board places there would be a list of the Business Plan Projects so that names could be put against them.
- 3.2 It was agreed that a new project needed to be added, as a team would be required to plan on how to deal with the impact on GCCF breeders of probable future legislation to regulate cat breeding. This was agreed.
- Action: project lists to be available in May with the electoral paperwork** **SRO/OM**
4. **Planning for the introduction of licensing**
- 4.1 The Chairman gave detail on what he knew to date of the proposed legislation. A 1951 act that exempted pedigree breeders from the need to obtain licenses to sell from their homes would be rescinded. What would be introduced in its place was unclear, but it was most likely that local authorities would have the responsibility to at least register, and possibly licence, those who sold animals. It was expected to be policed by a check on advertising, and local authorities would be expected to recoup their costs for running a licensing scheme from the licence applicants.
- 4.2 No legislation had been published as yet, but DEFRA, local authorities and representatives of charities, pet vendors, vets and the KC formed a panel to scrutinise operational detail, evaluate practical difficulties and draft a risk assessment. GCCF had expressed a willingness to participate, but had not been invited. However, it maintained its place on the Canine & Feline Sector Group which would be used by DEFRA for consultation. The Chairman would continue as representative.
- 4.3 He had already contacted the Kennel Club to learn more of what was planned. Its interests would be similar to those of GCCF as they would want to mitigate the impact on good breeders who already followed best practice. There had been a proposal that the number of litters for dogs to establish there was a breeding business was to be reduced from five to three. It seemed unlikely that anything lower would be set for cats, and the minister had already expressed some doubt about how practical it would be to cover cat breeding. The sale of kittens seemed to be of more interest, to prevent very young and unhealthy animals being sold.
- 4.4 The other reason for working with the KC was that it already had accreditation via UKAS to cover a service provided by a local authority - provide the monitoring and inspection for breeders in the Assured Breeder Scheme. Its breeders then had the support of those who understood dog breeding, rather than the less sympathetic and knowledgeable EHO inspection.
- 4.5 There could only be speculation about what would be required for cats, but it was proposed and agreed unanimously that the possibility of accreditation should be explored, to discover what practices would need to be covered, the processes that would need to be in place and what the costs would be. Its aim would be to minimise the impact of the legislation on breeders, though it was impossible to know whether any action would apply only to members of the Breeder Scheme or all who registered with GCCF.
- Actions: liaison with KC (after Crufts)**
continued participation with C&FSG
regularly update the GCCF website with new information **SC**
- 4.6 It was agreed that in the first instance this project would be lead by the Marketing Group as it currently had responsibility for the Breeder Scheme. **INFO**
- 4.7 It was raised as a welfare concern that there could be cats dumped as those that owned them panicked over local authority inspection.
- Action: the point to be raised at the C&FSG** **SC**

BD3642 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL

1. **Prefix applications**
- 1.1 26 prefixes were considered and all but two were accepted unanimously.
- 1.2 The alternative to one rejected also began with the equivalent of a GEMS code and so was deemed unsuitable.
- Action: the applicants to be informed** **OFFICE**
- 1.3 The OM observed it was the first prefix list produced by the new system. There would be an improvement in presentation in future and less paper would be required for printing.

BD3643 STAFF & OFFICE

1. Staff report - current staffing and recruitment

- 1.1 The OM reported on the member of staff who had expressed a desire to retire. There was no redundancy, instead a settlement contract had been drafted by a lawyer recommended by Critchleys. It had been given to her for her legal representative to check and was due back at the end of the week.
- 1.2 Forty had applied for the administrative positions advertised, twelve were invited to the interview and five attended. Three were invited for a work trial and the two who came to this were both offered positions. The OM was very satisfied with their qualifications and general attitude. One had already accepted employment and the other was considering after asking for certain clarifications.
- Post meeting note: both would become GCCF employees on 27 March. INFO

2. Staff bonuses - policy for 2017

- 2.1 The amount allocated to the bonus pot had been agreed and remained unchanged.
- 2.2 It was considered unrealistic to set performance targets at this point in the year. Instead the OM would provide a written assessment on each member of staff and the GCCF Officers would be responsible for his.
- 2.3 It was agreed that these assessments would be completed by the 29 November FC meeting and FC would make recommendations to the Board based on them.

Action: **End of year assessments**

OM/Ch & VC

3. Gifts for volunteers

- 3.1 Three people were named in particular for the work they did as volunteers. It was recognised also that those who reported regularly from shows also deserved recognition for their efforts.
- 3.2 It was agreed that the detail of who should be given what would be better decided by a small group, and so the matter was passed back for FC to settle.

Action: **this to be on the agenda for the FC meeting of 22 March**

JL

BD3644 THE SUPREME SHOW

1. Supreme Show & supporting event of 2016 - final figures

- 1.1 The figure announced in February Council of a deficit of £15,484.27 remained unchanged. The OM reported that the accounts were with the general accounts for scrutiny at Monahans, and no issues had been raised. There had been a considerable amount of work for the bookkeeper.
- 1.2 The Chairman was drafting a budget for 2017 based on the 2016 figures and observed how many different costs had to be covered for the venue hire. INFO

2. Report on preparation for the Supreme Show Event in 2017

- 2.1 The Vice-Chairman reported that the contract was almost finalised, including the deal on the car park. Hall 20 would have space for 400 exhibitor vehicles and any additional to this would have to park in the designated outdoor car park.
- 2.2 Free parking tickets would be issued. 925 had been obtained for exhibitors, 75 for vets, 150 for stall holders and 20 for organisers.
- 2.3 Tickets would go on sale at Crufts (to begin two days later) from two stalls. They would also be available from the Ticket Factory website. Early Bird discounts would be available until 31st August. It was thought it would be worth contacting the Bricklive Show to see if there could be a reciprocal arrangement for some free tickets.

Action: **idea to be passed to SW and/or GAK to have a discussion with the organisers**

SC

- 2.4 Reservations had been made at the Holiday Inn, Coventry, which gave a better deal than on-site hotels. It was expected many judges would have their own transport, but there was the possibility of help from the same person who had provided similar assistance previously.

- 2.5 Judge invitations had not yet been sent out and were a priority.

LA/SC/JH

- 2.6 The next meeting was scheduled for 5 April.

Action: **meeting minutes to be sent to the website for publication.**

JL

BD3645 OTHER SHOW MATTERS

1. 2016/2017 Show changes - for report

- 1.1 Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire - 18 February 2017: Notified by SM that the show was now cancelled.
- 1.2 Midshires Siamese CA - 6 May 2017: Jenny Sheldon to be Assistant SM in place of Helen Elliott

2. None

3. 2017/2018 Show changes - for report

- 3.1 Abyssinian CC - 10 June 2017. Venue changed to Tiddington Community Centre, Main Street, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon CV37 7AN
- 3.2 Scotia Cat Fanciers - 15 July 2017. Assistant SM to be Sally Woolrich as well Lesley Coyne.
- 3.3 Scottish Rex CC - 5 August 2017: Venue changed to Rutherington United Reformed Church, 69 Johnstone Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow, South Lanarkshire G73 2QA
- 3.4 Caesarea CC - 14 October 2017: Venue changed to St Saviours Parish Hall, St Saviour's Hill, St Saviours, Jersey, JE2 7LJ.

4.

- 4.1 White Persian CC - 4 November 2017: Date change requested for 7 October 2017 to share Bracknell Leisure Centre venue with Long Hair and Semi LH CC. SM Carol Pike.

4.2 North of Britain LH & Semi LH CC - 11 November 2017: date change requested for 13 January 2018, as no longer sharing with Yorkshire CC & British SH CC. Mrs Linda Dutton would replace Mrs Lynda Ashmore as SM.
4.3 Cambridgeshire CC & Ocicat CC -28 April 2018. Date change requested for 24 February 2018 as the Wood Green venue only available on this date.
The White Persian Show was approved. Venue information was required for the North of Britain LH & SLH, and a check to be made on the BOB Cats intention to share with the Cambridge. There was the possibility of 4 all-breed shows on the same Saturday in the same geographical area.

5.

5.1 GCCF Championship Household Pet Show - Dates given as 4/11/2017 & 5/11/2017 at the NEC Birmingham, and 5/5/2018 & 6/5/2018 at the Excel London.

6.

6.1 South Western Counties CC - 23 September 2017: Show Manager
6.2 Birman CC - 25 November 2017: Show Manager
6.3 Northern Birman CC - 7 April 2018: Venue

7.

7.1 Russian & Abyssinian CC of Scotland; Scottish CC.

8.

8.1 A letter had been received from the owner of the 2016 Supreme Kitten who was also Supreme Exhibit, requesting an additional title for retention.
8.2 It was agreed the current titles awarded gave sufficient recognition.

9.

9.1 It was agreed to give dispensation without precedent due to the unique circumstances, (death of SM) and allow the certificates awarded to stand.
9.2 All SMs would be reminded of the rules relating to the engagement of overseas judges and the necessity to submit the forms relating to their qualifications in advance of the show.

10.

Titles may be claimed for Household Pets (Pedigree Pets & Non-Pedigree Pets) when the appropriate number of certificates has been gained, if the cat is registered with GCCF. A Non-Pedigree will require pet registration, a Pedigree Pet may use its pedigree registration number or pet registration, if not previously registered.

10.1 This had been requested at Council and was unanimously agreed.

11.

11.1 Work on the judge lists was ongoing (BD3641.2.3). Presentation would include a Specialist List and judges that were eligible to judge Ocicats and not Aztecs would be displayed.

11.2 The information on the minimum requirements for eligibility to judge title classes was now complete and would be displayed on the website. Judges names would be included in each section when possible.

12.

12.1 The OM observed that a proposal was expected from at least one club for June Council.

13.

13.1 There had been a late request from the Maine Coon BAC to include the term 'bi-colour' in all class titles as there had been some confusion amongst exhibitors.

13.2 This was agreed with the wording circulated to the Board prior to being passed on to SMs.

BD3646 REPORT FROM THE GENETICS COMMITTEE

1. Information from the meeting

1.1 This had been summarised and circulated to the Board. There were no questions.

1.2 The Chairman drew attention to the following points:

- very few breeding policies remained to be published
- show codes could now be operated so that variants in classes were not identifiable
- it was possible for HHPs used as outcrosses to be registered and have health test results recorded
- there was now a policy for caramel when the phenotype conflicted with the known genotype and the appearance of the parents. Also, advice to be used when exhibits were wrong coloured.
- a problem had been reported with one instance of BAER testing. The GCCF VO was investigating.
- ICC and GCCF would liaise on online training modules (with certificates for successful completion) for breeders. They could be useful for novice BS members and/or new prefix owners.

INFO

2. **Variant policy update and breed progression summary**

- 2.1 There was some discussion on Variant Policy versions. It was observed that various ones had existed since 2011, and these had been updated by GC periodically, but not necessarily using a single template to give a standard. They were intended as advisory to BACs, but it was accepted by GC (minute record from 2011) that breeder groups could also take this role.
- 2.2 It was noted neither the rules nor variant policy gave exclusive rights to BACs re progressing variants, but nor was it defined clearly that breeder groups were able to do so. It had become a matter of interpretation. The policy update was intended to clarify the situation beyond doubt.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the 2017 policy update and breed recognition summary should be put onto the website in case of query.

Action: website publication

JL/RF

BD3647 REGISTRATION, TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS

1. **New rule at Section 1 as 1h**

When DNA tests and/or health checks are mandatory for active status on the GCCF register (as at 1e and 1g) the breeder, or the person who first registered the cat, will not be charged a fee for a change from non-active status.

Note: those who buy cats from breeders with the condition that change of status will be applied for when a satisfactory test result is obtained should have a signed statement of this commitment at the time of sale.

- 1.1 This had been discussed and supported at Council and was unanimously agreed.

2. **The proposed British Longhair registration policy**

- 2.1 Policy revision had been made by the Genetics Committee and referred back to the breeder group who had agreed the finalised document.
- 2.2 There were no queries raised on register allocation, the use of over stamping, or the health testing schemes included.
- 2.3 It was pointed out that the BSGC (Chairman's letter) wanted to retain BSH v only for LH cats born from BSH x BSH, but other Board members observed that there was no genetic reason for this, and that the option remained for BSH breeders either not to have longhaired kittens, or to register them as BSH v (until 1 January 2018). The BLH policy defined a BLH, and it was the kitten rather than the parents that was being registered.
- 2.4 There was concern that GC had agreed that BSH variants registered prior to the recognition of the BLH could be shown as BLH if the owner so wished. There was considerable debate on this as it was argued that this was in line with what happened when reference registered variants obtained breed status and was allowed for within the rules, but opposed by Board members who held that this was dependent on the BAC responsible for the variants at the time of their registration requesting this dispensation so that the variants could be allocated a show code.
- 2.5 It was suggested that the club representing BLH should be invited to the next meeting of the BSGC in July where this could be discussed, but noted that the Northern British LH and SH Cat club was expecting to send representatives as they were also a BSH breed club. Therefore this was agreed.

Action: the club and BSGC to be informed

JL

3. **The revised Korat & Thai registration policy**

- 3.1 This was a minor revision to ensure there was exactly the same wording for Thais as for Korats to describe acceptability for full registration.
- 3.2 There was also a note in respect of the progeny of the four registered Thai Lilac Points to ensure that although new certificates would not be issued, they would no longer be considered as reference registered for breeding and show purposes, as TLP was now a recognised colour and pattern.

Action: to be posted on the website and go to June Council for information.

JL

4. **SOP template**

- 4.1 The template produced by Mrs Fisher had been introduced at Council and published on the website. There had been no queries.
- 4.2 It could be used for all breeds by adapting the existing SOP documents in preparation to be sent to the BAC.

Action: preparation of individual BAC templates to be produced in the Office

OM

5. **Policy for dealing with historic registration errors made in the Office**

- 5.1 It was agreed that the register should be as accurate as possible as a matter of principle.
- 5.2 In cases where a great deal of correction was required it would be important to do as much as possible if new registrations could be affected by the information (silver in the pedigree, for example), but more minimal action could be taken if there was no impact on future registrations.
- 5.3 Therefore instances that required decisions would have to come to the Board on a case by case basis, but it was expected they would be infrequent.

INFO

6. **Possibility of rules to regulate stud use**

- 6.1 A case where a stud cat who had moved home several times was discussed, but there was insufficient evidence to deduce the actual cause of death and whether over use, and/or frequent home change, were definitely contributing factors.
- 6.2 The VAC had been advised, and updating the GCCF leaflet on stud ownership would be on the agenda of its April meeting.

Action: report on this following VAC discussion

JL

BD3648 CLUB AND BAC MATTERS

1. **2017 club returns**
 - 1.1 Mrs Goadby reported that some returns had been made, but it was a small percentage at present.
 - 1.2 It was observed that some clubs sent in their updated constitutions, particularly if there had been rule revision, as was required by the Byelaws, and queried whether there was a process for checking and filing these for future reference.
 - 1.3 It was agreed that they would be sent to Dr Bennett to make the check, and she could circulate the Board if there were any concerns.
Action: GB to be asked if she was willing to do this when she returned from holiday **JL**
2. **An application for Provisional Membership from the Chartreux Cat Club UK**
 - 2.1 Mr Goadby confirmed that the application had been received and the required fee paid.
 - 2.2 Provisional membership was agreed and the club would be informed.
Action: letter to the club and given as information on the June Council agenda **JL**
3. **Change of Status request from the Longhair and Semi-Longhair CC**
 - 3.1 The Board agreed that it had no objection in principle to a status change and observed that there were precedents, as clubs had in the past changed the range of cats they catered for (eg the Kensington CC).
 - 3.2 Therefore they needed to supply a name and new constitution for consideration.
 - 3.3 Once the change had been approved the club would be able to apply for a show licence as an all-breed club in its next application, and not have to go through any period of provisional status as a new club.
Action: the club to be contacted for the required details. **OM**
4. **Teleconference meeting for BACs and Council**
 - 4.1 This was deferred as information on how voting could be carried out effectively was not yet ready for presentation.
Action: to be returned to the April agenda **JL**

BD3649 EVENTS

1. **Cat Of The Year Competition**
 - 1.1 The Vice-Chairman reported that the next results would be ready at the end of March.
Action: publication when available **JH/RF**
2. **The London & National Pet Shows**
 - 2.1 The schedule for the GCCF Champion Household Pet Show at the London Pet Show was on the website.
 - 2.2 Items requested by the team to wear for corporate identity were on order. **INFO**

BD3650 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. There was concern that an Appeal to be held was being much discussed generally, but the Board seemed to have no control over this or input into the procedure. It was observed that this was as advised by the GCCF's solicitor to ensure the process was independent, fair and legally watertight. **INFO**
2. It was suggested that show information should remain on the site for 28 days as occasionally information in schedules was needed for reference. It was considered this could be possible for a limited period (28 days maximum) and would be discussed with Mrs Owen. **OM**
3. Mrs Goady, as Secretary of the BSGC, suggested that any outstanding matter not determined by the Board concerning British could be discussed amicably at the BSGC meeting, as it was expected all clubs would be present. **INFO**

The meeting finished 4.50pm with deferrals where noted.

NEXT MEETING: **THURSDAY**, 13 APRIL 2017, at 11.00 for 11.15am, at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London

End of Agenda