



MINUTES

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



Thursday, 24 August 2017 at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London

Present: Mr John Hansson - Chairman
Mr Sean Farrell - Vice-Chairman
Mrs Lynda Ashmore Dr Bruce Bennett
Dr Gillian Bennett Mr Steve Crow
Mrs Rosemary Fisher Mr Thomas Goss
Mrs Jen Lacey Mrs Helen Marriott-Power
Mrs Elaine Robinson Mrs Lisa Robinson-Talboys

In attendance: Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell - GCCF IT

BD3698 MEETING INTRODUCTION

1. **Apologies for absence.**

1.1 Apologies were given on behalf of: Mrs Valerie Anderson, Dr Peter Collin, Mrs Hilary Dean, Mrs Doreen Goadby, Mr Mark Goadby and Mrs Shelagh Heavens.

1.2 It was noted that some would have been present had the date of the meeting not been rearranged.

1.3 The Office Manager and Mrs Goadby had set out to come, but could not complete the journey because of a rail incident.

2. **Chairman's Opening remarks**

2.1 The Chairman, John Hansson, opened the meeting at 11.30am, thanked those present for attending, and gave an apology for the change of date.

2.2 He welcomed Dr Bruce Bennett to his first Board meeting.

BD3699 MINUTES OF THE JULY BOARD MEETING

1. **The Minutes of the Board meeting of 12 July 2017**

1.1 These had been circulated in advance of the meeting and some corrections and amendments had been made.

1.2 It was noted the page numbering needed correction.

1.3 The minutes were then approved with two abstentions, as proposed by SC.

Action: page correction and then publication on the GCCF website

JL/RF

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

BD3691.2.13 The Colourpoint, Rex and AOV Club had been informed of the additional colours permitted for their show for this year, and asked about any current responsibility for bi-colours. There had been no response to the query therefore the matter had not been returned to the agenda.

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BD3700 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Completion of the Register of Interests**

1.1 The OM had circulated the forms for completion to all Board members.

1.2 Mrs Robinson had completed her statement in connection with 'Kopikatts'. Others intended to hand in the forms to the OM or send them as a pdf.

1.3 Mr Crow would be declaring his trusteeship of the Burmese Cat Club's charity.

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

2.1 None.

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BD3701 IT INFORMATION

1. **Update on the progress of high priority items**

1.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reiterated her willingness to be involved in planning IT strategy and developing future use of the system, but because of the major importance of IT to all of GCCF's business she believed it was also essential for there to be Board expertise to provide leadership and responsibility.

1.2 41 of 77 tasks initially identified as high priority items had been completed. As acknowledged, more had arisen during the month and 27 of these were resolved. 49 high priorities remained, with 50% of these underway.

2. **IT support & development for the remainder of 2017**

2.1 Improvements were ongoing. The latest release had been the previous evening, and although many related to processes within the Office, further suggestions for improvements were welcome.

2.2 Dr B Bennett's suggestion of exhibit details for judges to use would shortly be available. The data from shows was now being entered onto the system and would be there approximately a week after the show. If a judge waited for this then s/he would receive by email the certificate class definition, and the owner and exhibit detail. There would be only the critique to add.

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2.3 Entry for the Supreme was available online and minor glitches had been dealt with quickly so that it was working smoothly.

2.4 The one problem that had occurred was that there was automatic allocation to a class based on GEMS code which meant cats with a 31 notation were allocated to the AOC Pedigree Pet colour class, rather than the self where they were placed by phenotype at club shows. After discussion it was agreed by a majority that all Pedigree Pets coded 31, (but without a tabby notation) should be relocated to the relevant class without consideration of the 31 code at close of entry.

Action: a notice to be on the Supreme website to give this information to exhibitors RF
the HHP section class structure to be a future discussion in Council JL

2.5 It was noted that the programmer's contract had been extended until the mid-October. An HR meeting was scheduled for 31 August and the personnel required to meet future IT needs was an agenda item. The cost of continuing to employ Leon until an appointment was made and trained (by Leon) would be needed for consideration.

Action: circulation to the Board after the HR meeting to give information and seek approval for the decisions made. SF

3. IT support & development for 2018

3.1 As the work for the Supreme was completed Ian M was now working on an online entry package for other GCCF shows. There were clubs waiting to pilot this, and it was possible it would be ready for trial by November 2017. Then there would be fixes and improvements before it could be offered more widely. It was agreed that shows that trialled the process would be offered the service without charge.

3.2 It was requested that as show return details were now being added into the system, there should be only one show structure at a time. The paper from the Show Review Group suggested there could be an overlap between the old and new, but this would be impractical to implement in the Office. It was agreed that exhibitors would also not like the difference in competition offered if there were different structures during the same period, so agreed that this proposal would not be put into practice.

3.3 It was planned that clubs and BACs would be able to input their returns online. It was probable that this facility would be offered to some in 2018. All should be able to update officer and committee details.

3.4 After the completion of work to aid judges and clubs a platform would exist for new projects. There was discussion on a drive to market GCCF's registry services to registries in other countries. SC had built up contacts whose organisations could possibly want the genetic registration service, but not the GCCF's overall structure. It was also possible that other animal organisations within this country that ran shows and recorded pedigrees could want the use of an online system. There was a marketing opportunity.

Action: to be added to the Business Plan SF
to be considered at the next meeting of the Marketing Group RF

4. Recording the receipt of show reports and automatic reminders for judges

4.1 The judges named in the schedule for the certificate classes would be entered and an update would be made to the list after receipt of the catalogue following the show.

4.2 Mrs Owen had agreed to record the date receipt of reports for the website, but would not be responsible for monitoring judges or passing on reasons for any delay. It was the judge's responsibility to send the report, and/or send an apology for lateness to the Office.

4.3 A report on the show reports received would be available four weeks after the show and the information passed to Mrs Butler.

4.4 A planned enhancement to this would be for automatic reminders to go judges who had not submitted reports three weeks following the show.

4.5 It was noted that the judges who did not use email would have to be informed of the service so that they could provide an email address if they wished, or opt out of this provision.

Action: Judges to be informed when the system is put into operation. SRO

5. Extension of online services re information displayed for stud

5.1 Information to stud owners about the kittens their male had sired with a named queen had been removed during the implementation of the new system, but had since been restored. The date of birth of the progeny could be seen, together with the number in the litter and their sexes and GEMs code which gave information on the colours/patterns/hair length the stud produced.

5.2 There was some discussion on whether there was need for the stud owner to see whether or not any kittens had been registered active, but it was thought this was difficult to justify. The queen's owner was the legal owner of the kittens and had the right to decide on those suitable for breeding. If contracts between the two owners existed it was a private matter in which GCCF could not be involved.

5.3 It was possible that the release of information that could be termed 'business sensitive' if it were subject to contract could be contrary to the General Data Protection Act. It was not a risk the Board wanted to take.

Action: information to be passed back to the Office SRO

BD3702 BUSINESS MATTERS

1. New partnership for an APP - Petsquare meeting reports and conclusions

1.1 SRO reported a meeting at the Office with the directors of PS and the OM, Heather M (marketing) and herself (IT) representing GCCF. This had proved far more satisfactory than the Skype meeting with the Board the previous month though that had given an indication of GCCF's interests and concerns.

1.2 It was identified that the key benefit to GCCF would be HHP specific. PS would be able to reach many owners in multiple ways and GCCF would be able to offer registration, showing and club membership, as well as opening a route to the information on the pedigree breeds.

1.3 It was a positive that PS was working on a connection to vets as health care information and discounts would be a strong reason for new owners to download the APP and explore offers.

1.4 PS was keen to have GCCF as a partner and was not in talks with any other cat registry. It was wanting information in return for a platform not financial input.

- 1.5 There was a query on the use of 'Petsquare' as there was US company with the same name. SRO confirmed there was no connection. However, as PetStart was the title of an initial offer for people who subscribed to the app SRO would suggest that Petsquare should rebrand with this name, and not risk the US company making any claim of copyright on the title.
- 1.6 SRO proposed continued exploration of a business partnership with PS to the Board with an action plan outlined. This would conclude with the presentation of a head of agreement presentation to the Board in November, and approaching Lesley Swzed and Georgina Anderson-Keeble to construct an offer to attract new HHP owners. HM would work on a breed information presentation and PS would take a stand at the Supreme. This continued development of a relationship between PS and GCCF was agreed.

Action: Drafts of heads of agreement for November and an invitation to PS to attend the meeting. MG.

2. General Data Protection Regulation

- 2.1 SRO indicated the possibility of acquiring a GDPR health check survey, which could prove a starting point to provide some insight into the requirements, the implications for GCCF and the potential problem areas. It was agreed this seemed sensible.
- 2.2 GDPR was to be discussed at the HR meeting the following week with particular reference to assigning responsibility for the assessment of risk in GCCF's business processes.

Action: HR decision to be circulated to the Board

JL
(SRO left the meeting).

3 The 2018 Business Plan

- 3.1 SF gave an apology that due to an injury he had not yet produced a written update of the Business Plan. He had been able to update some of the existing goals, refresh the timeline of outcomes and add in new information.
- 3.2 The completion of the Show Structure Review and estimation for a period of work for a new judge training programme and BAC structure were included with an adjustment of goals.
- 3.3 Development of the business relationship with PetSquare needed adding with risk assessment.
- 3.4 As a decision had not yet been made about UKAS (because of the lack of firm information) this had not been added, but the risks attached to licensing, even if it was to be light touch, would need to be shown

Action: Wording to be provided after the next sector group meeting on 15 September SC

- 3.5 it was aimed that the Business Plan would be completed by the next FC meeting on 20 September when projects would be costed for inclusion in the forecast budget.

Action: completion and circulation of the plan SF

4. The GCCF partnerships - to receive any updates from Agria and/or Royal Canin

- 4.1 There had only been a brief exchange of information during the previous six weeks, mostly to discuss plans for support of the Supreme.
- 4.2 It had been agreed by the Supreme Committee to invite Agria's Simon and Lorraine to the Gala Dinner.
- 4.3 As the relationship with PS was to be developed both partners would need to be informed.

Action: meetings in the autumn.

MG/JH

5. Planning for the introduction of licensing

- 5.1 The Canine and Feline Sector Group had not met over the summer so there was no new information. SC had received the agenda for the meeting on 15 September and the majority of the time was allocated to the planned update of the Animal Welfare Act, but he had been unable to obtain detail.
- 5.2 There would be a new Chairman and it was possible there had been no authority for any release of information.
- 5.3 There was no news of any revision in the plans to include cats in the pet vending schedule which was separate from the dedicated schedules for horses and dogs.
- 5.4 It was agreed that it was difficult to plan for action until it was known what the proposals would be and the proportion of breeders who would be affected.
- 5.5 It was noted that more people were joining the Breeder Scheme, and, while this was positive, there was some concern that they would feel let down if GCCF was unable to prevent an impact from licensing.

Action: a report to be circulated after attendance at the next meeting on 15 September

SC

BD3703 FINANCE

1. Management accounts on 2017 business to date

- 1.1 The OM had provided the accounts detail for June, but was unable to be present to make his usual detailed analysis and answer questions.
- 1.2 Income for the month was 5% better than in 2016, and the total income for the year to date at the end of the was 107%, as in May.
- 1.3 It was noted that with the exception of registrations (98%) most income from core business had exceeded the forecast. Income from prefix applications was almost double that expected.
- 1.4 Income from Agria was also exceeding expectations at this point. (123%)
- 1.5 The total expenditure for the year was £184,826.59, which was an increase on the previous year but 96% of the forecast.
- 1.6 There was a nett surplus for June and for the year to date on the operational accounts. This was mostly taken when depreciation was included, but an overall surplus of just over £3000 remained.

INF

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

- 2.1 Prefix registrations were now just exceeding those for 2016.
- 2.2 Growth continued in all other areas. Record highs continued to be shown for import registrations and prefix applications.
- 2.3 Cumulative transfer totals had shown marked growth over those of 2016 (at record level) during the past three months.
- 2.4 The overall picture was positive and the Board noted appreciation for MG's presentation and the work done to improve financial outcomes.

INF

3. **Membership (capitation) fees - clarification**
 - 3.1 The clarification was to confirm that the Board had agreed £20 as the fixed minimum capitation fee to be paid by a member club when its membership was 50 or lower.
 - 3.2 The only reason for referral back to FC was to report the outcome as the proposal had originated with FC, and to provide an opportunity to discuss presentation to Council. The £20 was fixed.

Action: to be placed on the agenda of the September meeting JL
4. **Investment accounts report**
 - 4.1 Mrs Fisher reported that the money had not yet been added to the Cambridge & Counties account to save for the WCC event as had been agreed at £250 per month.
 - 4.2 It was decided that the OM should be instructed to place in the full amount when the first payment was made and then continue with the £250 monthly as it was important to save regularly.
5. **Rewards at the end of the year for GCCF volunteers**
 - 5.1 Two names were mentioned specifically as both people had contributed a tremendous amount of their time and expertise to GCCF without recompense.
 - 5.2 Those who reported regularly from shows were suggested for special thanks.
 - 5.3 It was noted that it would be difficult to be sure that all who helped at show or club level were covered as some contributed a lot, but went about it very quietly. It would be unfair to select only a few of many.
 - 5.4 It was agreed that the HR meeting would determine who to reward, and FC would determine how much should be spent on this portion of the bonus pot.

Action: Referral to the HR and FC agendas JL

BD3704 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL

1. **Prefix applications**
 - 1.1 30 prefixes were before the Board with only one discussed because of its length. However, it was thought that with 30 characters available it would be workable.
 - 1.2 All first choices were approved

Action: the applicants to be informed OFFICE

BD3705 EVENTS

1. **Report on preparation for the Supreme Show Event in 2017**
 - 1.1 A meeting had been held the previous day to discuss the detail of all aspects of the event. Most was planned, particularly the show processes, but there was still plenty of work to be done, particularly to be sure that all jobs were covered as some volunteers had withdrawn.
 - 1.2 There would be new rosettes (that would not be brown) and new certificates.
 - 1.3 It had been noted that the countersignature process was complicated, and could have a disappointing outcome for exhibitors. The Chairman proposed that at the Supreme it was unnecessary and any second signature could be provided by the Office. This was agreed.

Action: This to be announced on the Supreme website RF

 - 1.4 The hotel had been completely booked by GCCF and it was thought all of the rooms were now allocated, but a check on this was in progress. There was another hotel fairly close if more people wished to book and did not wish to travel far for the Gala Dinner.
 - 1.5 It was noted that variants with show codes should have them and not be recognisable as variants in the judges' paperwork.

Action: a check to be made on the use of show codes JL

 - 1.6 There was an offer made for filming with a price tag, but it was understood that there was a volunteer who would do this for the pleasure of it. He would be required for the Friday set up and Saturday. It was hoped to have some live streaming of the action.

Action: Dmitri to be contacted TG

 - 1.7 There had been a request for stall information in the schedule. It was thought a booking form could be included next time.

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2. **Dispensation for titled HHPs to be on exhibition at the Supreme**
 - 2.1 LS was intending to have HHPs for the grooming display and some were not registered when this was a rule requirement for exhibition.
 - 2.2 It was agreed dispensation should be permitted for the Supreme.

Action: report back to LS JH
3. **The Gala Dinner**
 - 3.1 All of places were reserved for the room proposed, but it was possible more would want to book for the dinner. It was agreed that there should be negotiation for a larger room. It was thought that the cost for the dinner only would be £40 per ticket.
 - 3.2 It had not yet been determined whether there would be a choice offered or a fixed menu.
 - 3.3 It was agreed that there should be a booking deadline of one month in advance.

Action: negotiation with the hotel JH
4. **The National Pet Shows**
 - 4.1 Mrs Heavens had sent a brief written report as she was unable to be present.
 - 4.2 The schedule for the show at the NEC would be going online shortly, and at this point the GCCF Office would be asked to send out emails to clubs and individuals previously involved.
 - 4.3 The list of those in the NPS team had not included all names. Mrs Taylor and others had been missed and it was requested this was rectified.

Action: list to be amended RF

1. **2017/2018 Show changes - for report**
 - 1.1 Blue Persian CS - 11 November 2017. Change of venue to Hartlebury Parish Hall, Waresley Ct. Rd, Hartlebury, Worcs DY117TQ. Previously in Gloucester.
 - 1.2 Siamese CC - 11 November 2017 at Melbourn College, Herts. Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - 1.3 Trans-Pennine Oriental & Siamese CC - 2 December 2017. Peter Masters no longer to be ASM.
 - 1.4 London CC - 17 March 2018. Cancelled until 2018-19 show season. **INFO**

2. **2017/2018 Show Changes - for approval**
 - 2.1 Erin - 2 September 2017. Change of Joint SMs from Sam Cahoon & David Dowds to Pat Hartin.
 - 2.2 Colourpoint Society of GB - 23 September 2017. Show cancelled.

Action: the club to be informed **Office**

3. **2017-18 Late Show Licence Applications - for approval**
 - 3.1 Tabby Cat Club - 7 October 2017. A letter had been received from the Chairman asking for reconsideration of the Board's refusal to include smokes in 2018. The Board had permitted smokes in 2017 after endorsement by the Chairman of the Smoke CS (BD3631.4). After that date the club would have to apply to have them on an annual basis as they were not a breed permitted by right. This would be explained.
 - 3.2 Russian & Abyssinian CC of Scotland - request for 6 January 2018 at a venue to be confirmed. ASMs to be Lesley Coyne and Nybee Carter. Future shows wanted on 5 January 2019 & 11 January 2020;
Approval conditional on an SM being appointed prior to a schedule being published.
 - 3.3 Egyptian Mau Society - request for 20 January 2018 to share with SHCS and nine other small shows at the Sky Blue Sports Connexion Leisure club & Venue, Coventry. Lynda Ashmore to be SM. **Approved.**

Action: the clubs to be informed **Office**

4. **2017/2018 Show Licence Details Still Awaited** None
5. **2017/2018 Show Licence Applications not yet received** None **INFO**

6. **Maine Coon BAC class name and coat description terms - response to suggestions sent**
 - 6.1 There was a further request from the Maine Coon BAC for the class name to be AC Smoke, Solid or Shaded.
 - 6.2 The Board concluded that as the simplification of the class title to 'AOC' had been announced, and the other classes were colour specific, this should be tried before further amendment. It was noted there was useful information on the SM section of the website that the BAC could pass on to breeders.

Action: The BAC to be informed **JL**

7. **Show rule revisions**
 - 7.1 There were five show rule revision, four brought forward from the previous Board meeting and one from Supreme Committee discussion.
 - 7.2 There was discussion on informing all judges that they had been added to the list of a new breed. It was agreed the process should be that it would be announced on the website, with all judges in the section named. Thereafter judges could opt for withdrawal from the list at any time and this would be notified on the website and to Council in the usual way.

Action: wording to go forward to Council **JL**

8. **Application for a class split at all shows for AC Colourpointed & Mitted Ragdolls**
 - 8.1 It was noted that the rationale for this request was flawed as many breeds had more than one pattern and/or colour in the same class.
 - 8.2 It was also observed that the numbers supplied did not merit a split into three classes. There were several zeroes.
 - 8.3 It was agreed that the suggestion be made to the Ragdoll BAC that Colourpointed Ragdolls should have their own class as they were shown in the greatest numbers, and the Mitted and Bicolour should be combined in a single class.

Action: Ragdoll BAC to be informed and a response awaited **Office**

9. **YES mentor form**
 - 9.1 The paperwork presented had the approval of the GCCF solicitor. It was updated to be compliant with current legal requirements.
 - 9.2 It was agreed that parents should be asked for their mobile phone numbers and requested to stay or be very close to the show hall while their child was with the judge. It was also a parental responsibility to make it known if the child had any special needs.
 - 9.3 Judges and show managers had to be aware never to be anywhere other than in a public space with a child.
 - 9.4 Mrs Ashmore reported the YES team were slowly updating the scheme to be more user friendly.
 - 9.5 Approval for the forms was agreed with 1 abstention.

Action: implementation of revisions **LA & YES team.**

10. **Show licences**
 - 10.1 It was agreed there was time to take the first three months of these, which were the most urgent, and the rest would be considered in November.
 - 10.2 All were agreed to 31.8.18 with the exception of the London CC which had a date change.

10.3 As this was on the traditional date of another back to back show requiring judges it was agreed that the London should be asked to consider 21.7.18 (preferably) or 14.7.18. The club was also to be advised not to book judges until a show date had been confirmed.

Action: London CC to be informed

Show licences to be on the agenda of the next meeting with time for discussion

**Office
JL**

BD3707 SHOW STRUCTURE/BAC & JUDGE TRAINING REVIEW

1. Completion of show structure review

1.1 It was agreed there should be time for comment and questions following on from the paper recently published by Mrs Kaye on the website. Implementation would be on 1 June 2018 as indicated at the last Council meeting.

1.2 Implementation would be confirmed at the February Council meeting.

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2. BAC review plan

2.1 There had been preliminary discussion as had been outlined in the paper. BACs would shortly be contacted to confirm judge eligibility.

2.2 A meeting on judge training was planned and JH would attend as BAC RG liaison. This would assist in defining the remit for the BAC RG and there could be discussion on the next stage.

INFO

3. Judge training revision plans

3.1 PC was on holiday, but was planning a meeting of the group in September. Information would then be circulated.

3.2 It was expected that the BAC and Judge Training Groups would not complete their work at the same time as the show structure change, but this would provide an opportunity for judges to become used to working with the breeds in the new grand groups and sections.

INFO

BD3708 REGISTRATION, TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS

1. Application for preliminary recognition of the British SH Harlequin & BSH Golden Colourpointed

1.1 It was noted that SOP for the Harlequin repeated itself, but it was thought unnecessary to return it for amendment. The sense was clear and the style could be adjusted at the next SOP review.

Preliminary status of the BSH Harlequin was approved. It would join the BSH Van patterned in the Harlequin and Van Patterned assessment class.

Action to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

JL

1.2 It was considered that there were too few BSH Golden Colourpointed cats for the colour to merit a class of its own when a colourpointed class already existed. It would be recommended that the Golden Colourpointed should be placed in the AC Colourpointed class rather than add yet another new class that was often cancelled.

Action: the BSGC to be informed

JL

2. Application for breed name recognition for the Lykoi

2.1 The breed information had been circulated to the Genetics Committee and VAC. There had been research to prove the genes responsible for the partial hairlessness and roaning were not those of other Rex and Sphynx breeds, nor were they associated with specific defects.

2.2 The breeders were using DSH as outcrosses and screening for possible health problems.

2.3 Breed recognition was approved. It would be suggested that the other permitted breeding colours be shown and not black only, though the roaning showed more distinctly on dark colours.

Action: breeder group to be informed, and on the October Council agenda for information

JL

3. Revisions to the BSH registration policy

3.1 There were 4 changes to the BSH registration policy. Removal of the use of the EXP register, and clarification of the use of XSH were administrative.

3.2 Reference to the harlequin pattern was to support its recognition, and the addition of dominant white to note 10 was to correct an omission to a previous revision that caused a conflict of intention re the expected ancestry of BSH White cats.

3.3 There were no queries and it was agreed the revised policy should go to October Council.

Action: to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

JL

4. Dispensation request in respect of the BSH White

4.1 The BSGC had requested that the change to note 10 re British SH whites should be applied retrospectively. This would restore the breed definition and full registration to at least 27 BSH Whites and their offspring.

4.2 They had been registered via the iSeries (and registrar) interpretation of the policy, which had not picked up on the anomaly that existed as the new system had. The BSGC contention was that had it been made aware of the need the necessary policy revision would have taken place much earlier and the cats would not have been affected, as it was never the intention that they should be XSH.

4.3 It was agreed that the dispensation should be allowed.

Action: the information to be passed to the registrar for remedial action

JL

5. Retention of the status quo re the BSH v and in respect of BSH import background

5.1 The Chairman of the BSGC had written to request on behalf of the representatives that the status quo should be retained in respect of BSH v, with breeders having the option of registering BLH or BSH v if the LH was produced from two BSH parents. It was agreed that as this could not impact on the BLH it would be permitted during the period BLH had preliminary recognition.

- 5.2 It was also agreed that during this time BSH kittens which had a LH sibling should have their registration overstamped as 'may carry longhair', as long as removal following proof by DNA testing was allowed.
- 5.3 The status quo did not allow progeny from BSH x BLH or BLH v to be registered as BSH, but it could be registered as BLH v so this did not affect BLH breeders using BSH as a breeding outcross.
- 5.4 It had been agreed previous to the meeting that BLH in BSH import pedigrees (that were the progeny of BSH parents) could be registered as BSH v, again to maintain the status quo. This applied when the long-haired cat in the background was born prior to 11 January 2017.
- 5.5 The Board believed it sensible to give BSH breeders time consider what action the BSGC should take to avoid indiscriminate lh x lh carrier matings to the detriment of the BSH coat, which was the stated intention. It was considered that the existence of BLH as a separate breed was irrelevant to this.
- 5.6 It was expected that there should be:
- monitoring to present a record of the outcome of carrier mating to determine frequency and the choices breeders were making in respect of BSH v or BLH registration.
 - a record where possible of whether cats noted by judges to have good coats were sh homo/heterozygous.
 - policy for having all active BSH registered males tested clear for lh. This last would need a slow introduction (possibly a five year period), but would ensure ultimately no BSH v could be produced.

Action: this information to be sent to Mrs Codd.

JL

6. Dispensation request re an OSH d in the background of SUF

6.1 This had occurred in circumstances similar to BSH whites, though it was a single cat (OSH d) that would render the offspring of nearly all of the current SUF b (including all Merit winners) as XSH.

6.3 It was agreed that the dispensation should be allowed.

Action: the information to be passed to the registrar for remedial action and the breeder group informed

JL

7. Dispensation request from the Tonkinese BAC, and registration revision

7.1 This was not unlike the BSH w and SUF b cases. The inappropriate registration of a Siamese on the supplementary register had not been picked up, and the cat subsequently registered as Tonkinese now had descendants.

7.2 The Board agreed with the BAC conclusion that there could be no adverse genetic impact as the OSH was white. (SIA w). Therefore dispensation was approved.

Action: the information to be passed to the registrar for remedial action

JL

Note : It was expected that the system would occasionally throw up similar problems. These were not the fault of the registrar who had taken care to explain the problems to the BAC and owners carefully and accurately.

Action: the Board to request to be informed before the owner and BAC in order to advise on a case by case basis should further issues arise.

JL

7.3 The amendments to the Tonkinese policy were approved.

7.4 It was noted that there were some concerns from the Office re implementation and the clauses would be checked for minor adjustments to be recommended to BAC prior to submission to Council if necessary.

Action: to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

JL

8. Revisions to the Sphynx registration policy

8.1 The policy had been discussed by the Genetics Committee and the BAC had accepted the recommendations made.

8.2 There were no queries and the revised policy was approved.

Action: to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

JL

9. Revisions to the Sphynx Standard of Points

9.1 There were no queries re the substantive amendments to the SOP, but some instances where it was thought minor corrections could be made for sense or style.

9.2 The revised SOP was approved subject to the corrections.

Action: to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

JL

10. Revisions to the Toyger SOP

10.1 The additions concerning weight stipulation were understood as it was known there was concern about the intention of some to deliberately select for larger cats, and this could result in health issues.

10.2 However, it was queried why an exact weight should be given for males (6.8kg) as judges could not weigh exhibits. Otherwise the amendments were agreed.

Action: query to be put to the Toyger Breed Group and the response circulated

JL

11. Impossible registrations

11.1 It was agreed that if from the information supplied the registration should be rejected as genetically impossible, registration could be on phenotype if there was sufficient acceptable information of breed definition.

11.2 However, in these cases it would be non-active registration only, unless DNA proof of parentage was sent. In these cases a report to the Board had to be made so it could be determined whether a correction to the registered information of the parents and/grandparents was required.

Action: the information to be passed to the registrar

JL

12. Policy change to allow the registration of tortie males

12.1 It was agreed that there was no reason why tortie males should not be registered. Records of their existence dated from the 19th century, and reasons for their occurrence were understood.

12.2 Registration would be non-active, because the genetic heritage was not predictable.

12.3 Where the breed class was colour dependent the dilutes would be shown with cream male neuters and, the dark with the reds. They would not be in the equivalent class with tortie females

Action: the information to be passed to the registrar, and announced to Council

JL

13. **Titles as names rule revision**
 13.1 Wording to deal with a problem identified at the July Board meeting was agreed.
Action: to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting. JL
14. **Rules relating to studs**
 14.1 It was noted that the request for rule amendment had been submitted from individuals, and agreed that they should be informed that the Board accepted this type of proposal only from clubs.
 14.2 There was a brief discussion on the subject of contracts between stud and queen owners, with the consensus that it was unwise for GCCF to be in a position to be involved in legal action that could arise in a dispute.
Action: the breeders concerned to be informed of the outcome MG

BD3709 CLUB & BAC MATTERS

1. **2017 club and BAC returns report**
 1.1 Mrs Goadby was unable to be present but had circulated a record of BAC finances.
 1.2 It was noted that some BACs had a deficit in 2016, but most would not need to claim as substantial reserves were held. INFO
2. **Dispensation request for committee member and BAC representative involvement with CFA UK**
 2.1 The Progressive Singapura CC had a committee member and BAC representative who had become President of CFA UK. Dispensation for her continuation as a committee member was requested.
 2.2 This was not agreed because of the senior position she held in the organisation. She could help the CFA group, but not hold positions of responsibility with GCCF and CFA UK.
 2.3 This was consistent with the position taken when the President of the FIFe organisation in the UK wished to be a club committee and BAC member.
Action: the PSCC to be informed JL
3. **Response from the Midshires Siamese CA to a name change rejection**
 3.1 The club appealed against the decision that it should not also represent Orientals on the grounds that a precedent had been set with the Northern Siamese and Oriental Cat Club
 3.2 It was agreed that the decision had been made based on current circumstances, and the fact that Oriental breeders were well represented on the BAC and had a choice of several breed clubs.
Action: the club to be informed JL

BD3710 DISCIPLINARY

1. **Appointment of DC reserves and AC members and reserves**
 1.1 It was acknowledged that the Byelaws required 4 reserves for both DC and AC, as there had been no revision when the number of committee members and quorum had been reduced.
 1.2 It was agreed that a byelaw amendment to reduce the number to two should be circulated and submitted to October Council prior to AC elections once approved.
Action: an amended byelaw (11:9) to be circulated JL
2. **Vaccinations before homing rule - to avoid routine exclusion contracts**
 2.1 The proposal to delete agreed exemptions from the rule 1:10bii was discussed, but it was thought there should be allowance for special circumstances that did not allow routine opt outs.
 2.2 It was agreed a note to the rule would be appropriate to allow specific information on specific circumstances to be passed to the office
Action: note to be drafted and returned to the November agenda GB
3. **Revised Code of Conduct for GCCF Judges**
 3.1 It was agreed that prior to discussion the amendments should be clear with a 'before' and 'after' to be submitted, if necessary, to show word order alterations.
 3.2 It was unnecessary to change the time allowed for judge reports from four weeks to a calendar month, and noted that it was, in any case, a Board prerogative to set the period.
 3.3 The process of allowing reasons to be given for late reports was considered to be far too vague, and it was understood that Mrs Owen had not been consulted on her role. The method of using the system to monitor and remind was considered preferable (BD3701.4)
Action: The Guild of Judges to be informed JL

BD3711 STAFF & OFFICE

This item was deferred to the HR meeting as the OM was unable to be present. INFO

BD3697 ANY OTHER BUSINESS None

The meeting finished at 5.10pm with business completed as noted

NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY**, 15 November 2017, at 11.00 for 11.15am, at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London