



MINUTES

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

Thursday, 6 September 2018 at the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London



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

In attendance: Heather McIntyre (Office Manager)

BD3791 MEETING INTRODUCTION

1. **Apologies for absence.**

1.1 Apologies for absence were given on behalf of: Mrs Val Anderson, Mrs Catherine Kaye and Mrs Elaine Robinson

Mrs Robinson-Talboys thanked the Board on behalf of her mother for vouchers received, though there had been no name on them. The OM explained there had been an online order glitch.

2. **Chairman's opening remarks**

2.1 The meeting was opened at 11.25 and the Chairman thanked those present for attending. It was noted that all had received the KC's code for visitor dress, but assumed it wasn't aimed specifically at GCCF.

2.2 John Hansson commented on correspondence he had received from Mrs Gorvin who was looking forward to returning to work in early October.

2.3 He also noted that without input directly from the the IT project manager at the meeting decisions that required IT input could need to be referred back to the Board before implementation.

BD3792 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 meeting and some amendments had been made.

1.2 However, they had not been included with the meeting paperwork and approval was deferred until the November meeting.

Action: ensure publication with the November paperwork

JL

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

BD3784.2 It was observed that the West of Scotland CC did not yet have a show licence for this season's show and would need chasing.

JL

It was suggested that Show Managers should be allowed to sign show licences and agreed that this should be on the agenda of the November Board meeting.

JL

3. **AGM Voting procedures**

3.1 The Chairman observed that as the Vice-Chairman had voted at the 2018 Electoral Meeting the number of votes counted for the tied vote tallied with the number expected to be present after one delegate had left. It was most unlikely there was malpractice although paper rather than spare voting slips had been used.

3.2 After discussion it was agreed that unless one or more people from outside GCCF oversaw the counting of votes a few would believe that it was not completely impartial.

3.3 Mrs Fisher had obtained information from the Electoral Reform Society on conducting voting procedures. If the ERS did everything from receiving nominations to announcing results the cost would be £1750. One advantage would that it would give delegates who could not attend a vote.

3.4 Alternatively, the vote could be taken following standard best practice (numbered papers) and counted on day using ERS personnel. (£400 for one person - counting on the day.)

3.5 It was agreed that the ERS should be contacted, GCCF's voting procedures and the approximate number of voters given and an estimate requested for a count on the day.

Action: further ERS contact

RF

3.6 It was agreed that numbered papers would be used if there was a vote taken at the October Council meeting for members of the Appeals Committee.

Action: call for nominations for AC

JL/RS

3.7 It was observed that forms were no longer sent to clubs for Officer, Committee and delegate information, and agreed that this should be resumed electronically. Requests needed to be sent out early in the new year and reminders could be given to prepare accounts for the returns at the same time.

Action: form preparation

JL/OM

BD3793 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Update on receipt of details for Companies House and the GCCF Office**

1.1 The OM reported that Companies House had been contacted and she now had the authorisation required to update the GCCF information.

1.2 It was confirmed that the list of Directors shown was up to date.

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

2.1 PC declared an interest in BD3797.2, a complaint from the Chester and North Wales CC.

2.2 Most Board members had supplied an updated list of interest. Mrs Robinson-Talboys asked if the one she had completed the previous year was still on file as there were no changes.

2.3 She also made the same request on behalf of Mrs Robinson.

Action: the OM to check

HM

BD3794

FINANCE

The 2017 accounts - confirmation of finalisation

1.1 The 2017 accounts were complete following the adjustment made for voucher refunds. Three copies were signed and would be sent to Monahans to be passed on to Companies House.

1.2 There had been further discussion on voucher repayments following a recommendation from the Office that they should not be discontinued completely as it was a useful scheme that worked well in practice, and could be shown correctly in the accounts in future.

1.3 The OM explained that customers were given information on the scheme and offered a voucher and/or a refund (usually taken for larger amounts). It operated efficiently and the personal contact via email kept customers fully informed.

1.4 It was agreed that the only change needed was that there should be information on the refund policy on the website.

Action: information for the website to be produced

RF/OM

2. **Financial Update on 2018 business**

2.1 Income and expenditure information for June had been received on the day prior to the meeting and circulated. June 2017 figures and the 2018 budget details were included for comparison.

2.2 It was noted that the income for June was slightly lower than in June 2017, but the income for the first six months was better than the same period in 2017 (although some Supreme repayment was included).

2.3 The Agria payments had stabilised and there was very little difference in the 2017 & 2018 payments.

2.4 Registrations were up, but there was no division into prefix, non-prefix and imports.

2.5 Expenditure in June 2018 had increased by £3000 when compared to June 2017, and overall it remained about £30,000 more in 2018 to 2017. About half of this was because of the payment to the NEC which wasn't shown in the 2017 accounts. The rest could be accounted for by the IT consultancy which was considerably up on the budgetary allocation.

2.7 There was now a small surplus for the year, but by the same period in 2017 the surplus was £25,000

2.8 It was agreed that help should be brought in to produce the transaction graphs if necessary, and they were required for the November FC meeting at the latest.

2.9 The new bookkeeper would attend the September FC meeting and this would be a good opportunity to agree the account headings, and specify what each line should include.

2.10 Some depreciation was included, and it needed to be checked whether an additional amount needed to be calculated.

Action: Preparation for FC

JL

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

3.1 The mandate for the Lloyds bank account had been updated. The OM could now access the account online, the agreed new signatories were added and the previous OM removed.

3.2 SH had made contact with Santander and ascertained that only Mrs Marriott-Power could make changes (the staff with access were not at work) and the process for mandate update was complex.

3.3 It was agreed unanimously that it would be simplest to close the accounts and add the money into the Lloyds account. The money in the deposit would need to be transferred into the current account and the bank transfer to Lloyds then be made.

3.4 Once this was complete FC could discuss if a reserve current account was necessary.

Action: account closure and transfer

HMP/SH

4. **Investment account update**

4.1 Mrs Fisher confirmed that the Aldermore held £73,947.58 and was yielding a return of £93.58 interest per month with the rate at 1.49%. This was transferred into the Lloyds current account. The account was accessible.

4.2 She was waiting for Cambridge and Counties to confirm her as a signatory.

4.3 The saving for the WCC show was paid into this account.

Action: to pass any updates to FC

RF

5. **Price list revisions suggested by the Office**

5.1 The Office had made a list of price revisions and prepared a rationale for them.

5.2 It was agreed that these should be passed to FC for its next meeting so that there could be in depth discussion and recommendations passed to the Board.

Action: to be on the September FC agenda

JL

5.3 It was agreed unanimously that Michelle Chappell (bookkeeper) should be given a £50 voucher as a thank you for the work done for GCCF over several years.

OM

6. **A GCCF Benevolent Fund**

6.1 Following a major rescue by a small club that had put out an appeal to others a suggestion had been received that a GCCF Benevolent Fund should be established to provide money in major emergencies.

6.2 It was thought a central fund would be difficult to organise and administer. There could be controversy if claims competed for funds and difficult for administrators to make impartial judgements.

6.3 It was observed that there were well funded national charities and GCCF should not attempt a similar function, but rely on the local knowledge of area clubs and the breed clubs had breeder resources amongst their breeders.

6.4 GCCF could play a part as communicator and assist in liaison between clubs at times of crisis. It would be good to have an up to date list of club welfare co-ordinators, and this information could be requested via the annual returns form.

Action: thanks for the suggestion and the decision information to be sent

JL

BD3795

STAFF & OFFICE

1. Review contract and salary for the OM

(Ms McIntyre left the room)

1.1 There was discussion on the OM's progress to date based on direct observation when working at the Office, organisation and completion of work, and comment passed to Board members from customers. SC had provided a day of management coaching and reported on this. The conclusion was that progress was at the expected rate, there were areas for improvement (time prioritisation, customer communication diplomacy) but commitment and willingness to learn were outstanding.

1.2 It was noted that the previous OM had always been supported by the knowledge and experience of other staff members in a senior position. Due to the long term illness of some and recent appointment of others this was lacking on a daily basis, although provided by those who could mentor. The current situation in the Office (high level of sickness, and lack of other experienced staff) would be tough on an experienced manager.

1.3 The Chairman confirmed that the OM's probationary period was due to finish at the end of the month. As yet no official appraisal had been made. It was agreed this should take place before the issue of the contract confirming appointment and salary level was fixed.

1.4 There would be continuation of payment at the temporary enhancement, but once agreement was reached on the salary level for the permanent OM position it could be backdated to 1 October.

1.5 In addition to progress and capability the appraisal should identify any area where formal training could assist management skills and development.

Action: The appraisal to be carried out and a report made to the Board

JH

2. Review, contract and salary for the IC/DC Secretary

2.1 There was discussion on the IC/DC Secretary's progress to date with input from Dr G Bennett as Chairman of IC and other Board members who had had contact within this context.

2.2 GB noted particularly that there had been no induction or handover into the role as had been the case when other secretaries had been appointed. She was familiar with GCCF processes, but knowledge to make decisions could only come from experience and for that she was reliant on committee members.

2.3 As with the OM no formal appraisal had yet been made of her probationary period and it was agreed that this should be carried out before the issue of a contract confirming appointment to the position.

2.4 There would be continuation of payment at the temporary enhancement, but once agreement was reached on the salary level for the permanent position it could be backdated to 1 October.

Action: The appraisal to be carried out and a report made to the Board

JH/HM

(Ms McIntyre returned to the room)

3. Staff sickness

3.1 There was discussion on the reasons for the level of stress in the Office and observed that when one or more were absent from work because of illness or holiday this impacted adversely on those present.

3.2 The addition of new staff members would help in the longer term, but whilst they were learning they required support and training which meant others had to provide this in addition to completing their own tasks.

3.3 Temporary assistance in this situation would not help as an extra level of support would be necessary.

3.4 One staff member hoped to return to work in October and the management of this and assistance to be provided were discussed briefly.

3.5 There was also discussion on treating others fairly and the need to avoid any risk of tribunal action for discrimination.

3.6 It was agreed that a meeting arranged by the OM with Critchleys and another absentee should go ahead and a report should follow.

Action: report to be circulated for Board comment

OM

3.7 It was agreed that policy re long service needed to be formally agreed and included within the staff handbook.

Action: to be on a future agenda

JL

4. Office security & safety update

4.1 The Vice-Chairman reported he had contacted several companies concerning the alarm system, out of hours activation and the monitoring of this, and CCTV. Eventually he had found one company in the area that potentially covered all aspects of what was required (Logiscan).

4.2 The next step was for the Vice-Chair to agree a date with the OM for a company representative to visit the Office, with a view to making an appraisal of what would be required and give options and costs. This was agreed.

Action: meeting with Logiscan

OM

5. General update on staff and office - a report from the OM

5.1 The OM reported on the progress of the new staff and the difficulties presented by their training in addition to the daily work of the Office. She was continuing to have to cope with general administrative work in addition to managerial responsibilities. Other staff also had to provide support as well as do their own tasks and it caused stress when there was failure to carry out both successfully.

6.2 She thanked Board members who assisted with routine tasks when possible and thought this would continue to be necessary for some time.

- 6.3 The OM was thanked for coping with the staff problems and and promised continued support.
 6.4 It was agreed that if the telephones had to continue to be used for call back only then customers should be given an update on the situation and advised to give an indication of when they were able to receive a call back. It wasted staff time and caused customer frustration when no contact could be made.

Action: update on and revision of call back procedures

OM

BD3796 BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Business Plan leads

- 1.1 SH confirmed continued bank liaison and would also take responsibility for working with clubs on their financial returns for 2019.
 1.2 PC was the lead for judge development and training revision.
 1.3 LA wished to retain responsibility for YES.
 1.4 JL wanted to see a review of the Breeder Scheme and offered to organise a meeting/discussion with others interested. This was agreed.
 1.5 GB was confirmed as Board liaison on complaint management via IC and the disciplinary process.

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2. The GCCF partnerships

- 2.1 It was noted that there had been no recent news or feedback from Petsquare.
 2.2 There had been conference calls with Agria and a meeting was due to be arranged to discuss the partnership (JH, the OM and Agria). Their GCCF liaison (Sarah) was keen to be more involved in shows and had arranged some sponsorship.
 2.3 RC were rescinding their present support for transfers and replacing it with a £5 voucher that was of considerably less value and there were difficulties in redeeming it. It was observed that their level of show support had also declined considerably and that BOV winners were also experiencing redemption difficulty, particularly as the award became valueless if another offer was running on the day of the show as it could not be used in conjunction with it.
 2.4 It was agreed that the level of dissatisfaction should be passed on. It was known that most sponsorship was given where new markets were being encouraged, but they should be reminded to monitor and support customer loyalty in this country.

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3. Microchip Company partnership

- 3.1 SC had received answers to questions raised by the Board at the previous meeting and circulated it.
 3.2 GCCF would benefit when breeders purchased microchips via the GCCF portal. It was thought that this would be bought by those who did their own microchipping, as those who used vets or others would have to supply and request use, (and could be refused because of an existing contact.)
 3.3 The company would offer training and sell the equipment necessary. It wasn't known if the smaller chips would be usable with what was already owned.
 3.4 Although it was uncertain how much interest there would be in this as there was no cost to GCCF it was agreed to ahead. Some publicity with a website survey could assist in gauging the interest level.

Action: the decision to be passed to the company website survey

**SC
RF**

4. The contract with GCCFI

- 4.1 GCCFI had raised a query on the level of indemnity. This had to be resolved with their insurance company.
 4.2 It was expected that when this was settled the contract would be signed.

INF

5. Report from the Canine & Feline Sector Group

- 5.1 SC reported that there were two meeting scheduled for later in the month, the Cat Group 11 September and the next C&FSG on 28 September. He would then have feedback from the latest government proposals and give an update.
 5.2 A new group had been formed to discuss help and guidance for those who were or wanted to be involved in cat breeding and he had joined this. It would be a priority to define the intended outcomes.
 5.3 The Board should be aware that there will those who wanted greater regulation of cat breeding to follow more closely the rules for dog breeding, bringing more within the scope for licensing.

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BD3797 IT INFORMATION

1. IT report

- 1.1 An IT report had been circulated the previous day and was tabled at the meeting. Some Board members observed they had not had sufficient opportunity to read it to discuss its contents.
 1.2 Therefore plans and budgeting for IT requirements in 2019 were not considered.

Action: deferment to the FC agenda

JL

2. Costs to clubs for STAR

- 2.1 There was no discussion of charges going forward.
 2.2 A letter had been received from the treasurer of the Chester & North Wales CC complaining of the deduction of card charges incurred by GCCF passed on to the club as as they had not been mentioned in advance. It had been stated that the provision of STAR was free with the exception of stationery and printing costs, and that court action would be taken to recoup the charge from GCCF if the club was not reimbursed.
 2.3 It was agreed (5 abstentions) that a refund for card charges should be paid to clubs from the beginning of the scheme up to and including Chester & N Wales.

**Action: payments to be made to the clubs concerned.
 discussion on the charge for card use to be on the FC agenda**

**OM
JL**

3. **The SOP APP project & website**

- 3.1 The SOP APP had been completed and was not discussed further.
3.2 Comment or queries re the website were not taken at this meeting.

INF

BD3798 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL

- 1.1 The list of 38 prefixes had been circulated in advance. Some were liked more than others, but no reasons had been given to refuse any of them.

Action: the applicants to be informed

Office

BD3799 CLUB & BAC MATTERS

1. **An update on club & BAC returns**

- 1.1 The OM reported that as far as she knew no club returns had been sent since the Council meeting. Show licences for the 2019-20 season would not be considered if returns were not complete.
1.2 Four BACs had not sent in their 2017 accounts. Two were known to have problems with new treasurers. All would be reminded again
1.3 It was confirmed that as the Burmese and Russian BACs had run into a deficit in 2017 they would receive £60 each in support.

Action: contact with the relevant BACs

JL

2. **Name change for the Capital LH and Eastern LH & SLH to include 'All Breed'**

- 2.1 After some discussion on the precedent already set with allowing two clubs to include 'All-Breed' in their name and accept show entries as an all-breed club, it was agreed the principle of allowing all who asked for such a change to have it should be discussed in Council before more were permitted to do so.
2.2 It was believed the Eastern LH and SLH had not yet made their club returns. Their request would not be considered until the 2017 returns were complete.

Action: the two clubs to be informed of the decision

JL

3. **Request for a Byelaw Change re dispensation**

- 3.1 The Old-style Siamese Club had requested consideration of a change to BL5(3b) so that it was specified that only club officers could ask for Board dispensation for any member of their committee to hold a position within another organisation.
3.2 It was thought that if the club wanted to do this it could add a rule into its own constitution rather than it requiring a Byelaw amendment.

Action: the club to be informed of the decision

JL

4. **Maine Coon BAC Seminar postponement dispensation**

- 4.1 This request had been circulated and approved. The MC BAC would be thanked for the notification.

Action: the BAC to be contacted

JL

BD3800 SHOW LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE JUNE 2019-MAY 2020 SEASON

1. **A request from the Lakeland & District Show not to allow a back to back show (2 clubs) on the same date**

- 1.1 The Herts & Middx & Kensington had moved onto the same date as the Lakeland show in 2018 and the L&D had a lower entry rate from Yorkshire so it was presumed exhibitors had opted to drive south.
1.2 It was considered that this would have made some impact, but show entries were falling for all as there were fewer exhibitors.
1.3 It was agreed that there were other shows that were back to back and single, either on the same date or one week apart and as long as there were sufficient judges and geographical distance approval was given. Decisions were made on these criteria, but other options were welcome. It was agreed that the club should be asked to make suggestions for a Council discussion.

Action: the club to be informed of the decision

JL

2. **Show licence applications**

- 2.1 The Oriental CA and Siamese CA to be checked to see if they wish for the same date as the Herts & Middx & Kensington CC on 15 June as close proximity. 29 June a possible alternative.
2.2 East Sussex CC queried.
2.3 Balinese & Siamese CC queried
2.4 The Lilac Point Siamese CS and Tabby Point & Progressive Breeders CC had the same date and SM, but had stated different venues. This would be checked.
2.5 The Rex CA would be included with the the National CC and Sphynx CA on 14.12.19.
2.6 Birman CC was listed as 24.11.19. This to be checked if a Sunday was requested or a mistake.
2.7 Other shows from 1.6.19 until 31.12.19 were approved without query.

Action: licences and queries to be sent to the clubs concerned

Office

BD3801 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.

South Western British SH cancelled for 2018-19
Sphynx CA now on 23.2.19 and sharing a venue and SM with Coventry & Leicester
Cancellation of the Selkirk Rex show on 6.10.2018
Sphynx CC and Rex CS sharing a venue and SM with the National CC on 8.12.18
Exotic CC to be on 2.3.2019 at Twyford, Reading, RG10 9JA with S Tokens as SM and A McEntee as ASM.
The Southern Counties & Croydon Shows to be at Woking Leisure Centre and not the Rivermead Centre in Reading on 9.2.2018.

1.2 The SHCS had requested to take Balinese entries as it could have Siamese and was back to back with a Siamese Show that could take Balinese by right. This was agreed by a majority (1 against, 1 abstention).

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

2.1 The Capital LH Club now had its accounts up to date and wished to confirm a show sharing with the Eastern LH and SLH on 5.1.2019 at Wodson Park Leisure Centre, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0UQ. This approved, but without any extension for the club to take all breeds (BD3799.2)

3. **Show guidance on exhibit presentation**

3.1 There had been some re-working of the guidance notes received in May, but it was thought it could be improved further - reduction to one page and removal of ticks and crosses.

3.2 It also needed to be clear it was guidance only (should not must) and with no specific measurements.

Action: revision to be made

GB

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

4.1 PC reported that the update was almost complete.

Action: circulation when finalised

PC

5. **Rule change to ensure all paperwork for RAF cats is with the Office by the show date**

5.1 It was agreed that as this was to apply to imports only and that as other RAF cats should not be affected by it, it should be reworded to make this clear.

Action: a redraft of the rule amendment

JL/GB

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

6.1 It was agreed that this should be deferred until Mrs Kaye returned from holiday as it related to a statement she made in Council.

Action: the club to be informed of the postponement

JL

BD3802 REPORTS FROM JUDGE TRAINING & BAC REVIEW GROUPS

1. **Feedback from the Birman BAC**

1.1 It was noted that the Birman BAC did not wish for there to be any change. This would be considered along with other comment from BACs at the next meeting of the BAC Review Group.

INF

2. **Update from the Judge Training Review Group**

2.1 PC reported that meeting was planned. It was expected to finalise the acceleration scheme to fast track judges across multi-breed sections and an update of the stewarding scheme was almost ready.

INF

2.2 It was agreed these should be presented at the November Board meeting and go to Council in February,

BD3803 BREED APPLICATION

1. **Promotion of the British SH Van & Harlequin patterned cats to Championship Status**

1.1 It was agreed that there was sufficient information for the promotion to be approved (1 against).

1.2 It would be on the October Council agenda.

Action: the BAC to be informed

JL

BD3804 REGISTRATION, TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS

1. **Exotic Registration policy registration policy - revisions re PKD testing**

1.1 The BAC had amended the registration policy in respect of the PKD testing scheme to ensure that only cats who tested negative for PKD (or who were deemed clear because of tested parentage or recorded lineage) could be registered with active status. Any non-tested cats or those who tested positive could be registered as non-active only. This removed the option of the Genetic Register.

1.2 The rationale was that a sufficient period had been allowed for breeders who wished to keep lines from positive cats, and removed a loop-hole that let non-tested cats to be bred from, in exactly the same way as the Persian LH registration policy.

1.3 The Board approved the amendments as proposed and this would be on the October Council agenda..

Action: the BAC to be informed of the of the Board's decision

JL

2. **Ocicat & Aztec Registration Policies**

2.1 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 deter some breeders from continuing.

2.2 As the Ocicats and Aztecs were a minority breed with a small number of breeders working with each it was thought this could adversely affect a small gene pool. This had been discussed with Dr Helps at Langford who had agreed there was a risk.

2.3 SC requested deferment of this item until the November Board meeting so that it could be given further consideration. This was agreed.

Action: the BAC to be informed of the of the Board's decision

JL

3. **Suffolk registration policy**

3.1 The Suffolk BAC wished to include register progression via exhibition with critique classes, as allowed for by GCCF rules Section 1:12cii and 1:17. Appropriate wording had now been included in the policy's reference register notes.

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

Action: the BAC to be informed

JL

4. **Revised Manx registration Policy**

4.1 The revised registration policy contained reference to Longhaired Manx. If the BSGC wished to recognise these then an application needed to be made via rule Section 1:22 in the same way as for additional colours and patterns of existing breeds.

4.2 A rationale could be given that prepared for the eventuality of these occurring given that LH Manx were already recognised by other registries, and the LH gene would be in the domestic population of the Isle of Man (so via import and/or outcross).

4.3 The SH and LH Manx could then be treated in the same way in the registration policy and a provisional SOP could be prepared.

4.4 As the BSGC wished to include register progression via exhibition with critique classes, as allowed for by GCCF rules Section 1:12cii and 1:17, for progeny of unregistered Manx imported from the Isle of Man, and not for outcrosses to other breeds, this needed to be stated in the registration policy more clearly, rather than as a general indication that the rule could be used in some circumstances.

Action: the BSGC to be informed that some revision was needed

JL

5. **British SH SOP amendment re red tabbies**

5.1 Allowance for white had been made in red tabbies by two minor amendments.

5.2 These were approved and the the SOP would be on the October Council agenda.

Action: the BAC to be informed.

JL

6. **Ocicat & Aztec SOP revisions**

6.1 The SOPs for Ocicats and Aztecs had been amended in a similar way, particularly in respect of colour and pattern.

6.2 There was a query on whether it was 'ground colour' rather than pattern that was referred to as being possibly being diluted 'by the Inhibitor (Silver)' gene giving a cooler or darker colour'.

6.3 It was agreed that this should be passed back to the BAC for comment, but the other amendments should approved. The SOPs would be on the October Council agenda if the BAC made a satisfactory response.

Action: This information to be passed to the Office

JL

7. **Request for registration for an imported LaPerm from a non-recognised registry**

7.1 The LaPerm BAC had written in support of this registration, knowing something of the breeder and the registering club. It was confirmed that very small registries were common in this area of Europe.

7.2 Pedigrees had been submitted that showed the cat in question had cats on lines in its background that were GCCF registered or registered with another recognised registry.

7.3 It was agreed that this import could be registered.

Action: The registration to be made and the BAC to be informed.

HM/JL

8. **Response from the Birman BAC**

8.1 The BAC was unhappy that the Board had not allowed the number of generations to be extended to prevent the introduction and spread of silver.

8.2 It would be explained that the Board was not against the intention of the amendment, but considered there were alternatives means that would not also discourage outcrossing.

Action: this comment to be sent to the BAC

JL

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

9.1 It was agreed that these should be discussed by the Genetics Committee and feedback and recommendations given at the next Board meeting. This would enable in depth consideration.

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BD3805 IC/DC

1. **A fixed penalty re failure to transfer a cat to the active register when a commitment to do so has been given to the new owner on completion of health and/or DNA testing (1:1h)**

1.1 Dr Bennett explained the intention of the two additional penalties was to deal quickly with people who failed to act fairly with the others. Quick action often prompted a resolution and was a lot less expensive than having to take a breeder to DC.

1.2 The additional penalty was approved without amendment.

2. **A fixed penalty re failure to notify the GCCF Office of the loan of a stud cat (1:3dii)**

2.1 The additional penalty was approved without amendment

Action: Both to be added to the Fixed Penalty booklet.

IC/DC Sec

BD3806 EVENTS

1. **Report from the 3 September 2018 SupremeShow meeting**
 - 1.1 LA reported the receipt of a £3000 anonymous donation. It was agreed that thanks to the donor should be added to any announcement
 - 1.2 A meeting had taken place on 3 September to finalise organisational and admin arrangements for the show, hospitality and Gala Dinner. **INFO**
 - 1.3 It was requested that a portion of the Agria money should be allocated to the show in lieu of direct sponsorship from Agria. It was agreed that this should be about 10% of the total earned and be shown clearly in the accounts. It would be used primarily to cover the rosette bill. **SC**

Action: transparency in the financial records

2. **The National Pet Show**
 - 2.1 Mrs Heavens reported that she had been informed that the MF penning bill and one set of expenses had still not been paid from the 2017 show.
 - 2.2 Records would be checked for an audit trail re the penning bill. **OM**

Action: Investigation to be made prior to payment

3. **The WCC Show 2021**
 - 3.1 A date and venue had still to be determined.
 - 3.2 An increase in saving would be discussed further at the next FC meeting. **JL**

Action: to be on the FC September agenda

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The Chairman informed the Board that a club had had a considerable amount of money stolen allegedly by an officer. It was believed police had been informed.

The Vice-Chairman reported the YES scheme needed a secure website (https) to enhance and protect the children's information. This was previously accomplished, but with a £160 charge, and the facility had been removed. As a new sponsor had been found for the payment he suggested it be restored and there were no objections to this.

The meeting finished at 5.10pm with items deferred as noted.

NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY**, 14 November 2018, at 11.00 for 11.15am, at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London