



MINUTES

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

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

Tuesday, 6 September 2016 at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn London

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

Mrs Lynda Ashmore	Dr Gillian Bennett
Mrs Rosemary Fisher	Mrs Doreen Goadby
Mr Thomas Goss	Mrs Shelagh Heavens
Mrs Jen Lacey	Mrs Helen Marriott-Power
Ms Heather McRae	Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell
Mr John Robinson	Mrs Lisa Talboys

In attendance: Mr Mark Goadby - Office Manager

BD3591 MEETING INTRODUCTION

1. Apologies for absence.

1.1 Apologies were given on behalf of: Mrs Val Anderson, Mrs Catherine Kaye and Mrs Pat Perkins.
The Board had been notified that Mrs Marriott-Power and Dr Bennett would be unavoidably late.

2. Chairman's Opening remarks

- 2.1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 11.25am and welcomed those present.
- 2.2 As three members of the Board had declined to sign the Code of Conduct for Board members, agreed by the Board in March the Chairman gave details of a visit to IOD to take legal advice on this.
The conclusion of the discussion was that a signature on the Code was not relevant as the principles that it contained were all covered by the Companies Act, and that members of the Board were bound by this as registered Directors of the company on record at Companies House.
- 2.3 The solicitor had advised that it should be an accepted a general principle that debate between Directors should take place within Board discussions and, once agreement was reached by a majority, Directors should not seek to undermine it. All Directors should be putting the company first, and conflict between members of the Board was not in the company's best interests. Thus, any Director who found him/herself differing from a majority of colleagues on a number of occasions should consider resignation.
- 2.4 It was acknowledged that GCCF had an unusual structure, but the professional comment was that it would be helpful to have a further assessment of governance of the organisation. A large Board could be useful for overall strategy and planning, a smaller team for operations that reported to the Board should be considered.
- 2.5 The Chairman concluded by asking members of the Board present to be respectful to one another during the course of the meeting's discussions.

BD3592 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Minutes of the Board meeting of 13 July 2016

1.1 It was noted that the third draft of the minutes had been circulated electronically, but the second had been printed. Corrections to some typographical errors and substantive amendments had been made and these were pointed out.

1.2 The final draft was approved without further correction.

Action: to be published with the paperwork for October Council

JL

2. Matters arising from the July minutes

2.1 The Chairman reviewed the agreed actions and noted that most had either been completed, or were carried forward to this meeting.

2.2 BD3577.2.6 Information from Neopost had been circulated to the Board, and a majority of members had indicated they were satisfied the purchase should be made. The printer had been ordered.

2.3 BD3584.2.2 Mrs Culf, the new Supreme Show Manager, had attended a meeting with the show's sponsors. At present she did not have a contract, and it was considered that this should take the form of a letter of agreement of the role's specifications rather than be a contract of terms and conditions.

Action: this would be drafted by the Chairman with input from the Vice Chairman & OM.

SC

2.4 BD5586.1.2 It was noted that at present there was no announcement on the website of the implementation of the show rules agreed in June Council. It had been agreed by the July Board that this should be by 1st January, though they could be acted upon earlier if practical, - eg the marking of the Olympian Class to 5th place.

Action: a website announcement as soon as possible

RF

It was confirmed that additional cards and rosettes were not necessary for cats gaining Olympian 3rd, 4th & 5th. The placings were indicated for exhibitor information only in a large class.

BD3593 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1.1 Club and show interests were as on record. No new information was given.

INFO

1.2 As show licences were to be awarded it had been noted that this included mention by those involved in show management who made a charge to the club(s) for the services provided in addition to expenses.

BD3594 FINANCE

1. Management accounts for 2016 business

- 1.1 The OM had not been able to produce the usual spreadsheet of financial information and the volume graphs as they could not yet be extracted from the new system in the usual format. It was indicated that this would be possible very shortly, although the presentation would not necessarily be the same.
- 1.2 From his knowledge of GCCF business over several years Mr Goadby said it was his impression that transactions for core business had continued at the same level as previously for this period of the year. There had been a similar cash flow and no indication of unusual trading.
- 1.3 As soon as the information was available directors would be circulated. It was anticipated that it would be discussed by FC in advance of being presented to delegates at October Council.
- 1.4 The OM recommended further discussion on capitalising IT development costs for a future Board agenda.
- Action: circulation of the accounts to Board when possible** **OM**

BD3595 BUSINESS MATTERS

1. The GCCF partnerships - report

- 1.1 It was reported that feedback from Royal Canin indicated continued satisfaction with the incentive scheme. The company was disappointed by the current level of voucher redemption, and it was planned that after a month it would email those who were willing to be contacted to discover why vouchers were not used. It was thought there remained a difficulty getting these accepted in some places.
- 1.2 RC had been very supportive of the Supreme, providing assistance to enable promotion of the event. Both RC and Agria had contributed to discussion on the future of the show and wished to maintain their involvement and sponsorship.
- 1.3 Agria had been disappointed by time lost due the introduction of the new computer system and were anxious to continue with contacting those who made transfers who had not yet taken out insurance.
- 1.4 It was also keen to ascertain why many breeders did not provide kitten cover notes from any insurance company when the insurance they provided was free. It was hoped a survey would provide some information.
- Action: a survey to be sent out to breeders from the Office** **SRO/OM**
- 1.5 Very little notice had been provided of the 'flash offer' of cut price insurance for one day. Feedback would be given to suggest more notice and a greater time period were needed. It was only useful to those planning to take out insurance shortly and disappointed some who had bought policies recently at the full price.
- 1.6 The next meeting with Agria was due in early October **INFO**

2. Report on the installation of the new system and on-line services

- 2.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported that the installation had been made and was functioning, but a great deal of further support was needed. There were currently a high number of bugs to fix (110) which meant additional coding work was needed and would be required for several more weeks. Both Ian Macro and the independent contractor (Leon) were committed to resolving issues and prepared to give time outside normal working hours.
- 2.2 In addition the system still had to be programmed to deal with prefixes and the IC/DC processes. It was anticipated this would take until the end of October and another £30k would be required.
- 2.3 There was some discussion on the relationship with DTC who had not been actively involved in the development of the project since completing the work on the Cash Office section in April, but had committed to providing three months support after the launch (BD3536.3). It was reported that some preliminary legal advice had been sought as it was possible that contractual obligations had not been fulfilled. This was concluded by a vote in favour of not taking further action to pursue a claim. Majority decision (1 abstention).
- 2.4 DTC were involved reluctantly in some support work and doing a limited amount of bug fixing. However, the conclusion of the GCCF IT team was the project was more complex than they had originally estimated. A technical partner would be required for support and development and contact was being made with other companies to discuss this provision. Recommendations would be put to the Board.
- 2.5 It was queried whether the launch had been too soon, particularly as frustration with the problems had brought some customer dissatisfaction, but explained that it was difficult to know exactly what fixes would be required until it was in operation. Some problems resulted from the data migration from the iSeries and that was becoming increasingly less reliable with risk of a crash increasing.
- 2.6 The cost to clubs was touched upon. It was stressed that the extra funding had come from GCCF reserves. The club loans had paid for the initial funding of a new system, as was intended, and there was sufficient money available to repay these in six months time as promised.
- 2.7 The Supreme SM now had data available to begin making entries to the catalogue and it was expected that exhibitors would be able to enter online in about a week's time.
- Action: A report to be made to Council in October** **SRO**

3. Information on GCCFI registrations

- 3.1 The GCCFI registrar had retired.
- 3.2 The Office had agreed to do GCCFI registrations manually until the system could be programmed for them. This was expected to be in January 2017. **INFO**

4. Website report

- 4.1 Mrs Fisher reported that additional pages had been uploaded to the welfare area.
- 4.2 It was queried whether the judge appointment list for each week could remain on the website between Council meetings as it was useful for SMs to note the additional judges to lists.
- Action: this would be discussed with Mrs Owen.** **JL**

5. **Other business matters**

- 5.1 A confidential letter from HMRC was reported to the Board. It was possible it would be necessary to take legal advice.
- 5.2 It was noted that the 2016 Business Plan had not yet received a review and that the plan for 2017 should be discussed.

Action: a report to be prepared for the November meeting

SRO

BD3596 VETERINARY MATTERS

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the April VAC meeting**

- 1.1 The VAC wished the Board to consider certain issues for a decision on whether action could be taken.
- 1.2 VAC opinion was that judges should be wearing overalls or jackets that covered their clothes as much as possible. Board opinion was that this was a matter of low risk and would be difficult to enforce.
- 1.3 There was concern that judge leniency on withholding faults (for veterinary defects) could be contributory to welfare issues in certain breeds. It was agreed that these types of faults should not be ignored, but that particular instances needed to be reported to the BACs of the breeds concerned. The necessary contact details could be provided.
- 1.4 The VAC had asked if the use of Deslorelin should be reported on the certificate of entirety for the cat concerned which should be available if the cat was shown. The Board observed that as the certificates were retained by GCCF it was difficult for them to be updated. The rule advised exhibitors to bring proof of use of the drug to show if testicular abnormality was queried and it was thought this was sufficient at the present time.
- 1.5 There was at present no proposal to change the 13 day rule being discussed.

Action: feedback to be given to the VAC

JL

2. **Revised wording on vaccination requirements**

- 2.1 The changes did not alter the requirements, but clarified what these were for specific vaccines that offered more than one year's protection. An annual booster was still required for FCV and FHC (flu viruses), but exhibitors could opt for these as separate vaccines and have them in combination with FPV only once every three years.
- 2.2 The wording on the requirements for booster vaccinations had also been further clarified.
- 2.3 These changes were approved with a minor amendment to word order.

Action: the amended rule to go onto the October Council agenda

JL

3. **Proposed GCCF HCM policy**

- 3.1 This gave information and advice, particularly for BACs who wished to take action on a perceived problem within the breed. Those breeds that had a DNA test available made use of it, but action was more difficult for the majority that had no definitive test.
- 3.2 There was some discussion on whether it was acceptable to publish results, but pointed out that this would be as part of a BAC scheme and with the owner's permission. Breeders were happy to have negative cats on record as with the FAB (now ICC) schemes.

Action: the policy to be published with the October Council agenda for information

JL

4. **Code for veterinary inspection**

- 4.1 This had been updated to include the new rules to exclude cats which have the appearance of a breed unrecognised by GCCF, and those with unclipped claws.
- 4.2 There were no queries.

INFO

5. **Exhibit details supplied for vets at vetting-in**

- 5.1 The Veterinary Officer had reported there were instances when cats could not be identified from the information supplied on the envelope. The name, sex, breed and d.o.b. were required.
- 5.2 SMS present believed this was standard and should not be an issue. It was thought that any instances when the information was not there should be reported so that action could be taken. It was unnecessary to make any general statement as it would be infrequent.

Action: feedback to be given to the VO

JL

BD3597 PREFIXES FOR APPROVAL

1. **Prefix applications**

- 1.1 32 prefixes were considered and accepted unanimously.
- 1.2 As a general principle it was thought acceptable for breed names to be part of a longer name as there were already many precedents. Therefore two instances in the list were approved without amendment.

Action: all applicants to be informed

OFFICE

- 1.3 Further information requested from one applicant after the last meeting had not been supplied. Therefore the application was to be considered on hold until such time as a satisfactory answer was given.
- 1.4 A letter from New Zealand objecting to a prefix granted in July because it was in use in the NZ registry was considered, but it was confirmed that without data exchange between registries it was impossible to make a satisfactory check. Website checking was time consuming and would not include all. It was agreed the issue should be raised at a future WCC meeting. It was possible that reciprocal agreements could be made. It was suggested applicants could be told to check if the prefix they liked was being used in another registry.

Action: discussion to be suggested for the next World Cat Congress

SC

- 1.5 A letter was put to the Board suggesting a list of prepositions that could be added to the definite and indefinite articles as acceptable repeats in names. It was considered that the use of hyphens was sufficient to avoid an ever increasing list of acceptable words. It was also observed that suggestions of this type needed to show the support of one or more clubs rather than be from individuals.

Action: this response to be sent

JL

1. **Update on the communications officer appointment & general staff report**
 - 1.1 The OM proposed a salary increase for the member of staff interested in expanding her administrative role to include communication, marketing and events. She was already developing skills successfully in liaising with customers and had shown commitment to the company during the development and launch of Project Phoenix. The proposed figure was agreed, and that it should be backdated to the beginning of September. Ahead of implementation the Board required a full job description which combined the existing role and the additional responsibilities with an indication of how these were expected to expand.
Action: circulation of the JD to the Board when it was prepared OM
 - 1.2 A member of staff who had been asking about retirement for some time would be leaving at the end of the year. It had been agreed that any of her duties not covered by the computer system would be allocated to another member of staff who had been made aware of the change.
 - 1.3 Any other staff modifications were dependent the computer system being more operational and there would be ongoing assessment. INFO
2. **The appointment of an additional administrator**
 - 2.1 The OM intended to advertise the post initially only on the GCCF website. An assessment would be made of any responses and applicants interviewed if considered suitable.
 - 2.2 If there were none of a sufficient calibre then the post would be advertised more widely. INFO
3. **General Office information**
 - 3.1 The franking machine had been purchased and installed and was working well. It had functions well suited to Office practice and had speeded up processes even more than expected. INFO
4. **The appointments of a new GCCF President and Vice-President**
 - 4.1 It was agreed that at the October Council meeting delegates would be asked to consult with their clubs so proposals for these roles could be sent into the Office during the months following.
 - 4.2 It was agreed that there should be discussion on the definition of the honorary positions particularly to clarify participation in other GCCF activities.
Action: item to be on the agenda for the October Council meeting and next Board meeting JL

BD3599

THE SUPREME SHOW

1. **Preparation for the Supreme Show for 2016**
 - 1.1 It was understood that all preparations for the sci-fi part of the event were completed, and that this was being advertised.
 - 1.2 There had been some technical problems processing entries, but the SM was now able to begin cataloguing the entries received by post, and it was expected that exhibitors would be able to enter online during the next week.
 - 1.3 GCCF had paid for the hall and would not be reimbursed until there was sufficient entry money received.
 - 1.4 Advertising was planned for the October edition of Your Cat and there would be a free feature article on the show's 40 years. INFO
2. **The 2017 Supreme Show**
 - 2.1 There was discussion on the venue for the event. The only date available at the NEC was 28 October and this was only one week ahead of the National Pet Show. There was discussion on whether Telford would be a suitable alternative, but agreed that the NEC should be taken if possible. A phone call was made and halls reserved.
 - 2.2 It was confirmed that Agria and Royal Canin, as the Supreme's sponsors, preferred the more prestigious venue. A preliminary meeting had taken place attended by the Mrs Culf as the new SM.
 - 2.3 Mrs Culf had requested a return to the protocol of not having other GCCF shows within 13 days of the Supreme. It was considered that this could be done from 2018, and clubs with 2017 dates that were closer would be requested to consider a date change before confirmation of their licence. INFO

BD3600

OTHER SHOW MATTERS

1. **2016/2017 Show changes - for report**
 - 1.1 Scotia Cat Fanciers - 8 October 2016. Show cancelled as unable to get judges.
 - 1.2 Cheshire Area CC - 19 November 2016. Mrs C J Robinson appointed as ASM.
 - 1.3 South Western Counties CC - 1 April 2017. Show postponed until 23 September 2017 (next show season)
 - 1.4 Northern Birman CC- 8 April 2017. Mr Jim Warrender appointed as ASM and the venue changed to The Venue 650 Manchester Road, Stockbridge, Sheffield, S36 1AJ
2. **2016/2017 Show Changes & Late Show Licence Applications for approval**
 - 2.1 Scotia Cat Fanciers - 8 October 2016. Mrs Heather McCrae submitted as SM, and circulated to the Board and approved. Therefore a licence was issued, but show cancellation due to lack of judges.
 - 2.2 Ocicat Club - 22 April 2017 (sharing with Beds & Cambs). Mrs Sally Tokens submitted as SM in place of Mr Ian Macro and venue is now Wood Green Animal Shelter, London Road, Godmanchester, PE29 2NH.
Action: the clubs concerned to be contacted OFFICE
3. **2016/17 Show licence applications not yet received**
 - 3.1 Russian & Abyssinian CC of Scotland. It was understood a response from Preston & Blackpool CC was awaited on a back-to-back request. INFO

4. **2017/18 Show licence application changes or additions**
4.1 None. INFO
5. **Show licence applications**
5.1 The show licence applications list was taken page by page. Most applications were approved as requested.
5.2 It was considered too many clubs had requested licences for 7.10.2017 and there could be a problem with insufficient judges. This would be pointed out to the 2 all-breed clubs (Scotia & Caesarea) with the information that the next weekend was clear, though there was doubt this would be suitable for Scotia.
5.3 It would be queried whether the Rex CC wanted 7/10 as this meant a venue clash with 2 other small clubs. In 2016 the Rex CC had the second Saturday (8/10/16).
5.4 The clubs with shows a week before or after the Supreme would be contacted to ask if they could change their date. (see BD3599.2.3)
5.5 It was noted that some breed clubs that were colour specific (eg White Persian) requested other breeds when they meant other colours. Corrections would be made where this had occurred.
Action: the clubs to be contacted OFFICE
6. **Proposed additions to the rules for the exhibition with critique classes**
6.1 The LaPerm Cat Club had been informed of the minor changes suggested by the Board in July and agreed them.
6.2 The Board approved the proposal without further change.
Action: the rule to go onto the October Council agenda JL
7. **Query re the need for a reserve in a breed class**
7.1 A letter had been received from Keith Scruton, noting a disqualification in two Breed Classes, but that the lack of an indication of a reserve for each certificate meant that cats in second place could not gain one. He believed a change should be made to allow this, in the same way as for higher title certificate classes, as the entrance fee exhibitors paid was the same for all.
7.2 It was considered this was a fair point, but rather than additional cards and rosettes at breed class level judges should note for an Office record whether a cat placed 2nd could be promoted in the unusual circumstance of disqualification. This would be given further thought and discussed at the next Board meeting.
Action: to be on the next Board agenda and KS to be informed of this JL
8. **Judges judging the exhibits of relatives and close friends not at the same address**
8.1 The Vice-Chairman informed the Board that he had received queries about this, but considered it impractical to monitor even if it was thought to be desirable.
8.2 The Board agreed, and considered that exhibitors could choose which judges they entered under and avoid any who they believed were of doubtful integrity. INFO
9. **To rename the 'AOC Maine Coon' class to 'AC Smoke, Solid or Shaded Maine Coon'**
9.1 This had been requested by the Maine Coon BAC but it was thought that it could possibly be restrictive. If a pattern/colour occurred in future imported MCs, that was not yet recognised in GCCF, the BAC would have to apply for its recognition (if wanted) rather than allow it to be shown in the existing AOC class.
9.2 However, if this was understood and what was required, the term 'solid' should not be used. 'Self' was the GCCF terminology for this (lack of) coat pattern.
Action: These points to be put to the MC BAC JL

BD3601 SHOW STRUCTURE REVIEW GROUP

1. **A report following the meeting of the SSRG**
1.1 Mrs Kaye was away, but had sent a written report of views put forward at the meeting. The Board agreed with the main points: that change was necessary and an acceptable way forward had to be found and this was intrinsically linked with the procedure for training judges, although it would be impractical to rewrite the Rules of Procedure until a structure was in place.
1.2 There was some sympathy for the idea that change should be introduced by section rather than in its entirety.
1.3 The Chairman suggested taking the matter to Council as a discussion item and gaining delegate input on acceptable change and their suggestions for reform that would improve judge training. This was agreed.
Action: a discussion item to be on the agenda for the October Council meeting. JL
2. **Judge eligibility - a revised document**
2.1 The Vice-Chairman had noted that the information on the website had become outdated as more breeds had been added to the multi-breed sections and had prepared proposals.
2.2 It was agreed that the principles should be:
 - that where there were currently two Grands covered by an Imperial the judge should be on both lists
 - to be eligible to judge a Grand in a multi-breed section a judge should be on at least 50% of the lists
 - no judge should be disadvantaged (removed from qualification) because of the addition of new breeds and/or the splitting/merging of sections.
2.3 Corrections were made to the paper presented so that it could be published on the website.
It was noted that it would need to be kept updated.
It was also thought to be useful to establish columns on judge list spreadsheets to denote eligibility.
Action: the amended paper to be sent for website publication JH

BD3602 BREED APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION/TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS

1. **Revisions to the Ocicat Registration Policy**
1.1 There were several points to be raised with the Ocicat & Aztec BAC:

- clarification was needed on the rationale note re variant codes as it was the BAC's responsibility to classify their variants and GEMS codes existed for colours and patterns
 - there was insufficient information on why genetic testing for PRA rdy was no longer needed
 - it was not GCCF terminology to use 'ivory' in conjunction with BCR and TCR
 - dispensation should be available to allow 2nd generation BCR carriers to be used for breeding
 - clarification was required on the rationale for the removal of the over stamping for classic carriers
- 1.2 It was agreed that if satisfactory answers and/or amendments were received in time for the October Council supplementary agenda the policy could be included.

Action: a letter to be sent to the Ocicat & Aztec BAC and the response circulated to the Board **JL**

2. Revisions to the Aztec Registration Policy

- 2.1 There were no additional points raised, and it would also be on the October Council supplementary agenda if the Board approved the BAC response. **INFO**

3. Rule change to allow the Board to propose amendments to registration policies

- 3.1 It was observed that this would be in exceptional circumstances, only if independent expert advice had recommended a course of action, and the relevant BAC had been fully informed of this, but not acted.
- 3.2 It was agreed that this should be put to Council, as Council would remain responsible for the decision on whether or not the advice proposed would be followed, and able to consider arguments for and against in advance of vote being taken.

Action: the rule to go onto the October Council agenda **JL**

4. New addition of the SOP with a standardised template for BACs

- 4.1 The sections for the 'Scale of Points' and 'General Type Standard' were agreed.
- 4.2 It was considered that for breeds that covered a range of colours and patterns the accepted colours, patterns and the affect of silver on these should be given in a list of what was recognised, with each colour being described only once.
- 4.3 Eye colour needed to be described once, but with any exceptions stated.
- 4.4 It was decided that a revised version should come to the November Board meeting. Once the template was agreed it could be populated for each breed and sent out to the BACs for approval by a specified date.

Action: revised template to be prepared for the November meeting **RF**

5. Registration & transfer request proposed to the Board from IC

- 5.1 The evidence presented on behalf of the IC and the owner was discussed and Board approval was agreed for the registration and transfer, as requested.
- 5.2 As the cats would be on the active register the owner would be informed that no progeny from a mating between them would be registered, as they were closely related.

Action: the registration to be made and the owner and IC informed **OM**

6. An amendment to the Maine Coon standard of points

- 6.1 The MC BAC requested a deletion from the coat description:
'Waterproof, and ~~virtually self maintaining~~, consisting of ...' as the term was thought misleading and having it in the SOP led owners to think they did not have to groom Maine Coons.
- 6.2 The Board agreed.

Action: the amendment to go onto the October Council agenda **JL**

BD3603 CLUB AND BAC MATTERS

1. Report on club returns

- 1.1 Mrs Goadby reported most clubs had completed their returns, including those where it was known the treasurer had been seriously ill.
- 1.2 Three remained and progress was being made with two of these. Nothing further had been heard from the Smoke Cat Society.
- 1.3 The Chairman thanked Mrs Goadby for her hard work gathering in and processing the information from clubs. **INFO**

2. Reduction in club numbers for delegate representation

- 2.1 Wording for a Byelaw change was considered, but deemed impractical. If there was a reduction in club numbers and dispensation limited, it would be difficult to track and could disadvantage some small breed clubs. If there was no limit to dispensation then there was no need for a change as that was the present situation.

Action: the Board's decision to be reported to October Council **SC**

3. Generic club rules

- 3.1 Dr Bennett presented the final drafts of the generic rules to the Board. There were two versions: one for breed clubs and one for all-breed or specialist clubs. The second did not contain reference to responsibility for participation in a BAC.
- 3.2 It was thought there should be a note of committee responsibility for debt should a club wind-up when insolvent.
- 3.3 Further comments would be taken at the November Board meeting, but no further amendments were suggested. It was intended that once completed the generic rules would be sent to clubs at the end of the year so that committees who wished to use them could put them to AGMs.

Action: to return to the next agenda for finalisation **JL**

4. Breeder scheme wording amendment

- 4.1 Two amendments were proposed. The first was to ensure membership of a breed club was sustained throughout the breeder's involvement with the scheme, and not solely for the purpose of joining. The second to ensure members were aware of the arbitration specified in the Bylaws.

4.2 Both were approved after a small amendment to the wording.

Action: to be reported to Council for information

JL

5. **Judge Appointment Scheme wording**

5.1 Two amendments were proposed. The first was to ensure against the loss as representatives of very experienced breeders who were no longer actively breeding or showing regularly. The second to ensure a candidate was aware of the arbitration specified in the Bylaws if excluded from being a breed club member.

5.2 Both were approved by the Board without amendment.

5.3 It was observed that a further change to the JAS could be required to incorporate the rule change as agreed at BD3602.3 if this was approved by Council. This would be checked.

Action: the revisions to go onto the October Council agenda

JL

6. **Information on IC decisions**

6.1 The Board had asked IC to consider giving general reasons for its decisions to explain to a complainant why a case was not to be progressed.

6.2 IC had sought advice from the GCCF's solicitor who had responded that it is was inadvisable to give reasons as to enter into correspondence with the complainant could generate further difficulties.

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BD3604 EVENTS

1. **Gala Dinner and Cat Of The Year Competition.**

1.1 There was no further information given on this.

INFO

2. **Request for a 'Prefix of the Year' competition**

Deferred to the November meeting

JL

3. **The National Pet Shows.**

3.1 It was noted that correspondence from Di Taylor had not reached the Board. It was understood that an offer had been made to manage both Pet Shows by the existing team, but this could not be discussed because the details were not known.

3.2 The Shows' management had been taken over by the Supervet media company, and were expected to be even larger events.

Action: Information to be circulated and the issues of finance and management for the GCCF contribution to be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting

JL

4. **GCCF People Awards**

Deferred to the November meeting

JL

BD3605 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No time was available for further items.

The meeting finished shortly after 5pm with the deferrals where noted.

NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** 16 November 2016, at 11.00 for 11.15am, the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London.