



ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY
Meeting of Full Council



Wednesday 14 JUNE 2017 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

		PRESENTED BY	ACTION BY
C2152	WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM	CHAIR	INFO
	<p>At midday promptly the Chairman welcomed approximately 118 delegates and thanked them for attending GCCF's Electoral meeting.</p> <p>Note: Some delegates arrived late and signed in, but there was a discrepancy reported at one instance between the number of signatures and voting slips.</p> <p>Delegates/substitute delegates who had not attended a Council meeting previously were invited to introduce themselves. Ten did so.</p> <p>A reminder was given that delegates should respect each other, and any comments not addressed to all should be made as quietly as possible.</p> <p>Sylvia Garrett, Pat Howard, Jean Hepburn, Paola Payne, and John Power were remembered in a moment of silence.</p>		
C2153	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	CHAIR	INFO
	<p>The Chairman gave apologies on behalf of the Vice-Presidents, Gordon Butler, Eric Wickham-Ruffle and Brenda Wolstenholme. All would have liked to attend and sent good wishes, but were no longer well enough to travel. Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.</p>		
C2154	CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	CHAIR	INFO
	<p>1.1 The Chairman, Steve Crow, observed that as it was the end of his term of office as Chairman he was going to consider briefly his aims for the three year period and the progress that had been made in the development of each of them. He had had six broad objectives.</p> <p>1.2 The priority had been financial stability. Thanks to the commercial partnerships and some growth in core business GCCF's income was ahead of expenditure and there were funds in reserve. That had enabled the replacement of outdated equipment in addition to covering regular expenses.</p> <p>1.3 The new computer system had been delivered and had completely replaced the old, operating far more effectively, and allowing greater interaction with customers. It was now providing additional services and there would be continued development.</p> <p>1.4 The commercial partnerships had become well established and there was a good working relationship between each of them and GCCF. Regular meetings were held.</p> <p>1.5 There were also now good links with strategic partners: the Kennel Club, Canine & Feline Sector Group, International Cat Care, and Langford Genetics laboratory. There had always been the dual purpose of making these groups more aware of GCCF as a credible ethical organisation, and at the same time promoting the interests of breeders.</p> <p>1.6 Office practices had needed to change with the introduction of the new computer system. The focus had to switch to customer support and interaction, rather than being purely administrative and in the background. The Chairman thanked the Office Manager for his support in making the turn around, and welcomed the new members of staff, both of whom were present. There was now an excellent team.</p> <p>1.7 In his first year of office, following the wish of Council, he had established the Show Structure Review and BAC working groups. There had been very slow progress, but it was good to have proposals presented at the meeting that were an outcome of their work. The IC/DC committees had been reorganised and could accept members from beyond Council and a start had been made to consider the governance of the company</p> <p>1.8 Steve then thanked those whom he knew had put in many hours of work, Jen Lacey for administrative work, and Sally Rainbow-Rockwell for all the effort she had put in to giving GCCFa modern computer system which would sustain and grow the business into the future.</p> <p>1.9 There was appreciation too for the effort of the office staff, and all the many volunteers who's effort supported GCCF in all its aspects to keep it viable and enjoyable.</p> <p>1.10 The Chair concluded that he handed on to his successor with a sense of relief, but also one of satisfaction for the achievements that had been made.</p>		
C2155	CLUB MATTERS		
	<p>1. Repayment of club loans</p> <p>1.1 Letters had been sent out in April to clubs and BACs who had loaned money to GCCF for the new computer system. The options offered were immediate repayment, continuation of the loan or making it a donation to the Cat Welfare Trust or GCCF.</p> <p>1.2 About half had responded, and of those all but two had chosen to the money repaid. Those two had left it on loan to GCCF.</p> <p>1.3 Clubs who had not responded would be contacted again in September and asked to make their choice known.</p> <p>Action: Letters/emails to be sent to the club contacts. OM</p>		

2. **Club returns report**
 2.1 The Chairman reported many clubs had submitted the required information, some had made only partial returns and given reasons for this, a number had still to make contact.
 2.2 It had been agreed at the May Finance Committee meeting that ways to assist clubs who probably were in need of help had to be explored.
Action: to be on the September FC agenda JL
3. **Dispensation for continued representation without the specified membership was granted to 11 clubs:**

Breed Clubs	All Breed	
Egyptian Mau Club	Eastern Counties CC	
Havana & Oriental Lilac	Erin CC	
Oriental Longhair Breed Club	Southern Counties CC	
Selkirk Rex CC	Surrey & Sussex CC	
Singapura Cat Club		
South West British SH CC		
United Chinchilla Assoc		Majority approval. 2 abstentions INFO

 3.2 Prior to the vote there was a query from a delegate on the purpose of this, particularly when some clubs asked for dispensation on more than one occasion.
 3.3 The Chairman observed that this issue had been discussed before with the outcome that no change was required, but it could be reconsidered, to determine if possible what level of support was needed to define a club. A figure could be set for the lowest acceptable membership.
Action: to return to the October meeting for discussion JL
4. **GCCF Membership for the Egyptian Mau Society**
 4.1 The club had completed 3 years of provisional membership and was applying for full membership of GCCF as a specialist club.
 4.2 It was acknowledged that the club would be able to apply for a show licence and BAC membership.
Majority approval. 3 abstentions INFO
5. It was noted that Provisional GCCF Membership had been accepted for the British Longhair CS and Chartreux CC UK. INFO

C2156 THE 2016 ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

1. Presentation of the Company Accounts of 2016 (draft) - statement and questions

Laura Green of Monahans presented the GCCF's 2016 accounts to delegates at the end of the sixth year of the company's trading. She confirmed that they had been prepared, and were in the format, required by company law, which had changed recently, but made no significant difference to the GCCF accounts.

She went through the report page by page giving a brief explanation of the content of each and observed:

- 1.1 That 2016 had been another good year for the company. It was one in which expenditure had risen in a number of areas, but income had also shown an increase.
- 1.2 GCCF had a net asset position of £441,384. At the same time last year it was £440,138, a modest increase, but the reserves had been maintained, expenses met and the company could repay the loans it had received from clubs, which were shown as outstanding in these accounts.
- 1.3 The income from Agria had increased substantially in 2016 to £71,327, and the operating income had also risen to £175,833 from £169,987 in 2016.
- 1.4 The areas of expenditure that differed significantly from 2016 were the deficit from the Supreme Show, advertising, meeting expenses and a redundancy payment had been made.
- 1.5 It had also been a year showing considerable depreciation for the fixed assets purchased. Delegates had been provided with a sheet that detailed this, covering IT expenses particularly.
- 1.6 There was no taxation on the normal activities of the Cat Fancy as it is considered by HMRC as a members' club. Corporation tax of £515 had been paid on interest received, an increase because of returns from investments, and the timing of their receipt.
- 1.7 Laura thanked Mark Goadby for his assistance in preparing the accounts, and asked if delegates had questions.

Questions taken were:

- a) Most questions centred on the Supreme Account in respect of the lack of detail on the income and expenditure breakdown. It was accepted that it was difficult to obtain a breakdown of income when records were no longer available, and sales were unknown, but there was concern that known expenses with invoices that could be substantiated were not listed so that these were clear. In particular there was no record of the hotel bill, but the payee held an invoice for a specific amount which had been refunded, so there was no reason for it not to be itemised.
- b) The OM gave assurance that the income and expenditure could be reconciled with the deficit total. He agreed the lines of detail could be more specific, but there would be no variation in the final outcome. Also all VAT had been paid and reclaimed.
- c) The amount spent on advertising was queried. The Vice-Chairman responded that agreed amounts had been spent in promoting GCCF in the 40th year of the Supreme. There had been a sustained campaign at the time of the show to bring GCCF to the attention of the general public in the NEC area.
- d) The cost of meetings was discussed and there was a suggestion that some should be located outside London. It was observed that Council meetings accounted for about 50% of the room hire and the Byelaws required that at least two should be held in London. Some delegates were concerned that lack of transport facilities or an inability should not exclude attendance at Council or serving on committees.

There was an apology given as the room hire heading and travel cost heading were each against the line of figures showing the cost of the other. Conference call were under investigation and it was possible they could replace some actual meetings in the following year, reducing costs.

e) It was noted that when figures were rounded up or down there should be consistency.

1.8 It was suggested that the accounts could not be accepted until it was clear that there were no inaccuracies in Supreme account. However, it was verified by Ms Green that the pages required for submission to Companies House did not include these. Only pages 4 and 5 were needed.

1.9 It was agreed that a vote should be taken to approve the accounts and send the relevant information with the proviso that the Supreme accounts were returned in October with the required detail.

Majority approval 21 against 5 abstentions.

Action: the GCCF accounts to be sent to Companies House in compliance with legal requirements, preparation of greater detail for the Supreme accounts where possible OM OM

2 The appointment for the examination of the GCCF 2017 accounts.

2.1 It was agreed that Monahans should continue in this role.

Majority approval 1 against 2 abstentions

INFO

C2157 THE ELECTION OF A GCCF PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT

Note: Prior to the elections it was agreed that office staff present should be appointed as election scrutineers.

1. President

1.1 Shirley Bullock 39, Helen Marriott-Power 39, Brenda Woltstenholme 37

1.2 A second ballot was held: Shirley Bullock 76, Helen Marriott-Power 41

Action: Shirley Bullock to be informed that she is GCCF President

JH

2. Vice-President

2.1 Betty Shingleton 82, Helen Marriott Power 36

2.2 Mrs Shingleton was present and delighted to accept the Vice Presidency.

INFO

C2158 BYELAW CHANGE (11:1 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

1.1 The Board had proposed the following amendment to give greater stability in governance.

Board members shall be elected for a three year term, with one third of their number required to stand for re-election or retire each year. The **Board** shall meet six times a year or more often if required.

(3 notes follow to explain procedure if a delegate is unable to continue for the full term)

1.2 There were transitional arrangements proposed to move to a three year term for each member by 2020.

Those polling most would remain until 2020, the second group of five serve would serve a two year period and the five remaining stand the following year.

1.3 It was stated that this arrangement worked well for GCCF Officers, was now followed by the IC/DC committees and served most clubs well so that delegates were familiar with its operation.

1.4 A vote was taken and there was a two thirds majority obtained for approval.

Majority approval 13 against 6 abstentions

C2159 THE ELECTION OF THE GCCF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Chairman

1.1 John Hansson was the sole nominee for this role. He was therefore declared elected.

1.2 Mr Hansson took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked Steve Crow, describing him as the most hard working Chairman he had known.

2. ViceChairman:

2.1 Sean Farrell 69, Sally Rainbow-Ockwell 46

2.2 Mr Farrell was declared elected and joined Mr Hansson on the platform.

3. Board of Directors

Hilary Dean 73

Bruce Bennett 70

Gillian Bennett 69

Steve Crow 68

Helen Marriott- Power 68

Jen Lacey 66

Lisa Robinson-Talboys 65

Lynda Ashmore 64

Thomas Goss 65

Elaine Robinson60

Shelagh Heavens 60

Rosemary Fisher 57

Val Anderson 55

Doreen Goadby 54

Peter Collin 52

4. Finance Committee

Maria Chapman-Beer 87

Steve Crow 66

Shelagh Heavens 63

Thomas Goss 60

Doreen Goadby 59

Finance reserve: Helen Marriott-Power 53

Board reserves:

Catherine Kaye 51

Heather Mcrae 50

5 Investigations Committee

Kym Jarvis 94
Claire Lewis 90

Reserves:
Stephen McConnell

6. Disciplinary Committee

Ed Merchant 94
Pat Perkins 90

Sharara Crichton 75 Julia Craig-McFeely 56

Appointments to the Investigations and Disciplinary Committees were for a three year period.

(Note: Council received an apology for an unacceptable term used to describe unsuccessful candidates during the announcement of results.)

**Action: confirmation of post and information to be sent to individuals
website amendments as necessary**

**Office
RF**

During the course of the election process, while votes were being counted, two invited guest speakers addressed delegates.

Simon Wheeler - MD Agria (GCCF partnership company)

Simon particularly wanted to know about why the majority of breeders were not using '5 week cover notes' when kittens went to their homes as these were completely free and gave some peace of mind for the breeder as the kitten settled into its home. He had a single direct answer. One delegate said she preferred to use Petplan as a better proportion of any veterinary costs during this period were covered. Nobody who did not use cover notes at all made any comment or gave any explanation, though it was possible that the question did not apply to those present.

Most queries for Simon from delegates concerned lack of knowledge and/or courtesy from staff in specific instances, and he promised to follow these through where possible. There was also an information exchange on what insurance cover was available for older cats, in cases of breed rescue or when an insured cat was being transferred to a new home.

Simon also said he was in complete agreement that people did not need multiple doses of advertising. He promised that once the company's computer system update was complete it would focus on the policy-holder rather than the policy to reduce a surfeit of mail. He noted too that there were comments on persistent/aggressive direct advertising to breeders and new owners that was unwelcome.

Ian Ronksley - UK Accreditation Service (UKAS)

Ian gave what he described as a whistle-stop tour of his organisation. It operated to well established and much respected international regulations to provide competent, trusted assessment of standards intended to give both guaranteed quality and consistency.

GCCF could have an accredited Breeders Scheme on the same lines as that offered by the Kennel Club to dog breeders. It would have to determine the definition of good cat breeder and ensure this was measurable to an impartial and consistent standard. UKAS would be rigorous in assessing and interrogating the competence of the processes concerned in this and the manner in which the organisation carried them out.

When asked how long accreditation could take Ian explained it depended on the readiness and abilities of the organisation concerned. Some could be ready in under a year, others took considerably longer, perhaps up to 5 years. When talking about licensing a little later Steve Crow outlined the costs involved. It could take around £10,000-£15,000 to set up and £4,000 annually to maintain. It was not to be undertaken lightly, but there was some very positive support from a delegate with long term direct experience. It would take commitment and months of work, but should raise standards overall, thus gaining respect. It was confirmed that other organisations would not be able to claim accreditation following any scheme that was less rigorous.

This concludes the business of the company AGM.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

C2160 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **The Minutes of the Council meeting of 15 February** **CHAIR**
 - 1.1 **The draft minutes had been circulated.**
 - 1.2 They were approved following a correction on page 1 to the name of the Parliamentary Act at C21391.1 to Pet Animals Act.

Majority approval 0 against some abstentions

Action: correction to be made and the approved minutes to go onto the website **JL/RF**
2. **Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item**
 - 2.1 No questions were asked
3. **Proposal on agenda order** **WOESWS**
 - 3.1 The West of England & South Wales Cat Society proposed that items that required a vote should take precedence over presentations and discussions at Council meetings, so that delegates did not miss votes if they had to leave for trains before the end of the meeting.
 - 3.2 This was agreed. **Unanimous approval****Action: future agendas to be planned accordingly** **JL**

C2161 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY **CHAIR INFO**

1. Board of Directors: 11 January 2017, 7 March 2017, 13 April 2017
There was a query relating to the Supreme invitations to judges - see info at C2165.3
2. Finance Committee 30 November 2017, 8 February 2017 No questions

C2162 FINANCE

1. **Presentation of the Financial Report on current business operations** **MG**
2. **Presentation of the volume figures for core business to date** **MG**

There was insufficient time for a formal presentation of the figures and volume graphs. Delegates were asked if there were questions. None were raised. **INFO**
3. **Waiver of fees for change of status after a required health test** **CHAIR**
 - 3.1 New rule at Section 1:1 as 1h. The principle had been approved at the previous Council meeting. The following wording was proposed:
When DNA tests and/or health checks are mandatory for active status on the GCCF register (as at 1e and 1g) the breeder, or the person who first registered the cat, will not be charged a fee for a change from non-active status. Note: those who buy cats from breeders with the condition that change of status will be applied for when a satisfactory test result is obtained should have a signed statement of this commitment at the time of sale.
 - 3.2 An objection was made that this was not to be applied retrospectively.
 - 3.3 The rule change was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 2 abstentions****Action: office staff to be informed for an update to data and procedures** **MG**

C2163 BUSINESS MATTERS

1. **Breeder licensing** **SC**
 - 1.1 The next meeting of the Canine & Feline Sector Group was on 16 June, a few days after the Council meeting. Mr Crow would attend to represent GCCF and expected to learn then whether the recent General Election would make any difference to the terms of the act or the timetable for its implementation.
 - 1.2 The government minister at DEFRA had changed to Michael Gove, but the juniors responsible for the act and its progress, George Eustice and Lord Gardener, had retained their positions.
 - 1.3 At the previous meeting he had expressed his views forcibly that licensing and inspection were inappropriate for a domestic setting, as they described conditions appropriate to commercial premises. He was aware from the confidential paperwork he had received for the meeting that his comments had been passed to DEFRA, but could not be hopeful that they would result in change.
 - 1.4 The definition of commercial activity that he had received had seemed draconian. It seemed that it would apply even to a child who sold pets to friends if his own pet had babies.
 - 1.5 Steve was thanked for his efforts on behalf of breeders from the floor, and promised to share news as soon as he could. He would continue to represent GCCF at the C&FSG if agreed by the new Board.**Action: Report to the Board following the 16 June meeting** **SC**
2. **IT report** **SRO**
 - 2.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell outlined recent new developments:
 - GCCFI registration was now active via the online system in its own area.
 - Cash Office changes had been complete
 - The administrative procedure for HHP titles had been implemented
 - The judge list was now integral to the system with automatic updates
 - Updates had been made ready for 2017 Supreme entries
 - 2.2 Further developments planned were for online show administration, and for clubs and BACs to have access to make changes to officer information held on record, and to input their own returns.

2.3 There was a request for the judge list showing class eligibility to in a more public area of the website instead of one with restricted access. It had been moved to bring it within the online system for automatic updates as having separate lists had previously caused a number inaccuracies to become established. It was noted that this had been requested, and the format could be as required, but it would be for the Board to prioritise.

2.4 It was also queried when the promised 'Help Desk' would be available, and agreed that it would be useful and was on the 'to do' list.

Action: future developments to be on the Board agenda for July

JL

3. Partnership information

CHAIR

3.1 There was a positive working relationship with a good understanding developed between the partners over the past few years (see C2154.1.4, C2156.1.3 and AGM presentation from S. Wheeler)

3.2 The Office Manager had noted the success of the Royal Canin transfer incentive, and the company's continued sponsorship of the Supreme Show.

INFO

C2164

PROPOSALS FROM THE SHOW STRUCTURE REVIEW GROUP

CK

1.1 Kate Kaye presented the proposals on behalf of the Show Structure Review Group and Breed Advisory Committee Group. She gave a summary of the work that had taken place and the conclusion that one depended to a considerable degree upon the other, which had been supported by Council discussions in October.

1.2 It was pointed out that breeds were grouped differently in the past, based on numbers shown. When these had increased more in some areas new sections had been created with regrouping, and now that there had been a decline in popularity for some and increase for others, it was time to readjust again in the interests of fair play for exhibitors in the sections with the greatest numbers.

1.3 However, it was crucial at the same time to revise judge training so that new judges could be welcomed and made useful more quickly to show managers. Statistics and information were presented:

- GCCF has a judge list with 193 on it, but many haven't judged for more than five years, and others are emeritus or judge only occasionally in certain areas.
- There are only 43 judges who travel widely, judging frequently, which explained why some exhibitors are frustrated the same person regularly doing their breed or title class.
- The average age of GCCF judges is 67, new younger people are desperately needed. When a judge is lost he or she is usually qualified for many breed lists.
- When a new one is added they go onto a single list, and then branch out into one or two more. Because of that judge loss and gain is not balanced, and gain cannot keep pace with the loss.
- Other organisations train judges to two lists, or four. The GCCF intention is to have 14 lists instead of 39, with the aim of providing a greater opportunity to qualify and be useful a judge more quickly.

1.4 It was stated that no change was not an option, but stressed that the alternative choices provided were to be a decision on the best way forward rather than fixed terms. It was probable that not all the suggestions that were included would be retained, and other ideas could be incorporated.

1.5 A concern raised was that the knowledge of the single breed BACs would be lost. Kate responded by giving reassurance that the breed clubs would still be guardians of their breed's registration and breeding polices and their SOP. They would be responsible for providing comment on judge progress to the BAC.

1.6 There was a suggestion that if change were detrimental then it would be a contravention of the Byelaws, but queried how allowing breeds to have smaller grand and/or Imperial Groups could be determined as detrimental.

1.7 It was agreed that the section structure did not bring an equal balance in numbers, between the LH and the SLH, for example, but because judges had been trained by breeds to these sections it was difficult to have a more radical overall approach than was envisaged by Option 1.

1.8 As well as concerns raised there was also some strong support given by delegates in respect of the re-organisation, appreciating how much it was needed. This won applause.

1.9 The final question was when the changes would be implemented. The Chairman responded that June 2018 was the aim, but it could take longer because of the amount of work that had to be done.

1.10 A paper ballot was held to determine whether option 1 (based loosely on the FIFe structure) or option 2 (reorganisation of the current GCCF was preferred)

Option 1 4 votes, Option 2 87 votes abstentions/spoiled papers 24.

Action: a program to plan option 2 to be on the Board's July agenda

JL

C2165

OTHER SHOW MATTERS

1. Additional show word ruling at Section 2:14f for approval of wording

1.1 The principle of requiring cats in the Household Pet Section to be registered had been approved.

1.2 Wording was required in the rules at section 2.14f and section 4 11ci. It was proposed:

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

1.3 This was agreed.

Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention

Action: rulebook to be updated and rule implemented

OM

2. Overseas Judges - an amendment in the definition of the qualification for an invitation to a GCCF show

2.1 The intention of the amendment was to make it simpler for Show Managers to determine the eligibility of an overseas judge as it could be difficult to ascertain years of qualification for particular lists.

2.2 At Section 2:9b and 3.3b:
 Invitations are to be made only to senior judges - i.e judges who have been on the relevant lists as a full judge for at least three years: **who are fully qualified with their own organisation(s) for the GCCF judging they are engaged to do (see 3:3e for detail.)**

1.3 This was agreed. **Unanimous approval**
Action: rulebook to be updated and rule implemented **OM**

3. Report on the 2017 Supreme Show

3.1 In reply to a question (C2161.1) SSM, Mrs Ashmore, replied that there had been an initial intention to revise the class structure and time had elapsed while it was decided whether this should be done. However, as there was going to be reorganisation to structure anyway, it had seemed sensible to leave things as were for this year.

3.2 The invitations to judges would be out by the weekend.
Action: meeting of the Supreme Committee on 27 June **SC/JH**

C2166 BREED APPLICATIONS

1. An application for Championship Status for the Silver Bengal **BENBAC**

1.1 The BAC had made an application for a new class for an existing breed.

1.2 It was accompanied by a revised registration policy and SOP.

1.3 All were agreed

Unanimous approval

1.4 Breed classes may be offered at shows whose closing dates have not yet passed, and must be provided at shows from 14.10.17

C2167 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS

1. Revised registration policy for Asians **ASBAC**

1.1 A spelling correction was noted, page 2, its line Tai to Thai.

1.2 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 2 abstentions**

2. Revised registration policy for Tonkinese **ToBAC**

2.1 It was noted that detail stated on the agenda was incorrect. The foundation cats were to come from Thailand only, not SE Asia. Also they would be tested to determine cbc's coat pattern restriction.

2.2 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 2 abstentions**

3. Revised Asian Standard of Points

3.1 There was a short discussion on the coat qualities of ASH with agreement that the coats should be as expected for Burmese. Therefore, it was queried why the reference to coat quality in listed faults had been removed.

3.2 The response to bring this in line with the Burmese SOP.

3.3 The Chairman observed that if difficulties were caused by this amendment there could be further revision in future.

4.3 The revisions were approved. **Majority approval 13 against 10 abstentions**

4. Revised Standard of Points Persian LH

4.1 The revisions were approved without comment. **PERLHBAC**
Unanimous approval

5. Minor revision to the Korat & Thai registration policy **INFO**

5.1 A small wording change had been accepted following four weeks of website publication.

Action: the relevant BACs for 1-4 to be informed **JL**

C2168 JUDGES

1. **JUDGES APPOINTMENTS** (all approved unanimously) **BACs**

Bengal BAC Pupil Judge Mrs Janet Williams

Maine Coon BAC Pupil Judge Mrs Fiona Hermon

Sphynx BAC Full Judge Ms Maggie Birchall
 Mrs Rosemary Fisher
 Mrs Sandra Woodley
 Pupil Judge Mrs Sue Dalton-Hobbs
 Ms Sarndra Devereux

Action: Judges & BACs to be informed and lists updated **JL**

2. **NOTIFICATION OF JUDGES APPROVED VIA THE WEBSITE SINCE FEBRUARY COUNCIL**

Abyssinian BAC Pupil Judge Mrs Sarah Bower
 Mr Phil Cornish
 Mrs Sally Tokens

Balinese BAC Pupil Judge Mrs Jane Allen

		Mrs Maria Chapman-Beer	
Bengal BAC BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Sue Amor Mrs Linda Whitmore Mrs Sandra Woodley	
Exotic BAC	Pupil Judge	Mrs Caroline Turner-Russell	
Egyptian Mau BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Janet Williams	
Joint Rex BAC	Pupil Judge (Devon Rex)	Mrs Sue Dalton-Hobbs	
Maine Coon BAC	Pupil Judge	Mr Ross Davies	
Oriental Joint BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mr Ross Davies Mrs Barbara Prowse	
Persian LH BAC	Full Judge Full Judge (Persian LH Selfs) Pupil Judge	Ms Sarndra Devereux Mrs Sandra Moore Mrs Carol Pike Mrs Caroline Turner-Russell	
Norwegian BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Fiona Hermon Mrs Dorothy Stone	
RagaMuffin BAC	Full Judge	Ms Claire Lewis	
Russian BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Linsey Grant Mrs Sue Danks	
Siamese Cat JAC	Pupil Judge	Mrs Jane Allen	
Siberian BAC	Full Judge	Dr Bruce Bennett	
Singapura BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Peri Mansaray Mr Steve Parkin Mrs Sally Tokens	
Snowshoe BAC	Pupil Judge	Mr Stephen McConnell	
Suffolk Breed Group	Full Judge	Mrs Di Brown Mrs Sally Tokens	
Toyger Breed Group	Full Judge	Ms Claire Lewis Ms Elisabeth Stark Mrs Janet Williams	
Turkish BAC	Pupil Judge	Mrs Isobel Bangs	INFO

3. **Judge Appointment Scheme Change**

This item was not discussed.

Action: to return to the agenda of the next Council meeting

JL

C2169 INVESTIGATIONS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

C2170 CAT WELFARE TRUST

C2171 WORLD CAT CONGRESS - Betty Shingleton had represented GCCF.

There was no time for these reports to be presented. The Chairman requested website publication.

Action: website publication

an agenda item in October for questions and information on the 2021 WCC event to be hosted by GCCF

RF

JL

C2172 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION

None taken.

The meeting closed at 5:10pm with deferred items as indicated

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1.00pm.

ADDENDUM

Full Wording of the Byelaw Change Agreed at C2158

To give greater stability of governance

11 Standing Committees

(1) Board of Directors

Chairman & Vice Chairman, ex-officio, Treasurer and one or more representatives from the Council Office ex-officio with fifteen delegates elected by Council at its Electoral Meeting. **Board members shall be elected for a three year term, with one third of their number required to stand for re-election or retire each year.** The **Board** shall meet six times a year or more often if required.

Notes:

- 1. Any reserve who takes the place of a Board member no longer able to continue to serve for any reason will complete the full term of that member before needing to stand for election.**
- 2. If one or more Board members retire prior to an election, without the full term completed, the first five in any election will serve for three years, and any additional members required to complete the Board will serve the term of those they are replacing, with the higher number of votes polled determining the greater length of service if necessary.**
- 3. If any Board member should cease to be a delegate during the course of the elected period then their Board position will be vacant at the next Electoral Meeting. However, it is not necessary to represent the same club throughout the term of the directorship.**