



ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

Meeting of Full Council

Wednesday 19 JUNE 2019 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM																		
<p>At 12.15pm the Chairman welcomed delegates and thanked them for attending GCCF's Electoral meeting. He introduced Denise Williams, the new Office Manager, who was attending her second Council meeting. It was noted that train delays had caused problems for some.</p> <p>Lorraine Allen, Bruce Bennett, Pat Creaton, Jennifer Fleming, Enid Holmes, Janet Powell, Ali Ross, and Catrina Simpson were remembered in a moment of silence.</p>																		
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE																		
<p>Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.</p>																		
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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS																		
<p>1.1 John Hansson, Chairman, remarked that he was not going to give a lengthy report, but did want to inform Council that there had been Board discussions on club representation and delegate entitlement, particularly when returns were delayed or non-existent.</p> <p>1.2 There was no comment on this information, but a point was raised on the historic entitlement of those clubs who formed GCCF in 1910.</p> <p>1.3 The Byelaws required member clubs to make returns and pay subscription by 1 May each year and removed delegate entitlement for non-compliance, but did the commitment to representation 'in perpetuity' override this for the original clubs still in existence?</p> <p>1.4 There was discussion with most comment supporting the proposition that it should, but that these clubs should have alternative sanctions imposed if contravening Byelaw 5 (3).</p> <p>1.5 This was confirmed by a show of hands. Majority approval, 5 against, 5 abstentions.</p>																		
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CLUB MATTERS																		
<p>1. Club returns report</p> <p>1.1 At the given opportunity Shelagh Heavens introduced herself to delegates as the person who had examined the club returns on behalf of the Board, and asked whether anyone had any question for her.</p> <p>1.2 None were directed to Mrs Heavens at that point, but earlier it was queried whether returns were necessary. The response was that they were part of the contract that existed between the clubs and GCCF as defined in the Byelaws. If changes were required they could be brought as proposals to Council in the usual way with the rationale stated..</p> <p>1.3 Two clubs who had paid delegate fees requested dispensation in accordance with the note to Byelaw 5 (3). This was agreed for the Abyssinian CA and Wyvern CC.</p>																		
<p>2. Dispensation for continued representation without the specified membership was granted to 12 clubs:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Breed Clubs</td><td>All Breed/Specialist</td></tr><tr><td>Blue Pointed Siamese CC</td><td>Erin CC</td></tr><tr><td>Bombay & Asian Breed Club</td><td>HumberSide CC</td></tr><tr><td>Colourpointed British SH</td><td>Kensington CC</td></tr><tr><td>Egyptian Mau Club</td><td>London CC</td></tr><tr><td>Havana & Oriental Lilac CC</td><td>Northern Counties CC</td></tr><tr><td>Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Singapura CC</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Continued dispensation for all clubs listed (1.3 & 2) was approved unanimously.</p>			Breed Clubs	All Breed/Specialist	Blue Pointed Siamese CC	Erin CC	Bombay & Asian Breed Club	HumberSide CC	Colourpointed British SH	Kensington CC	Egyptian Mau Club	London CC	Havana & Oriental Lilac CC	Northern Counties CC	Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group		Singapura CC	
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<p>3. GCCF Membership for three clubs:</p> <p>3.1 The Sokoke Breed Club had completed 3 years of provisional membership and was applying for full membership of GCCF as a breed club.</p> <p>3.2 The Bengal Cat Association as above</p> <p>3.3 The Devon Rex Owners Club as above.</p> <p>3.4 Objections were made to membership for the Bengal CA on the grounds that many of its members lived abroad, it had given discounted life membership, and its website contained wording and links aimed at getting the BCA to be found on searches for the Bengal Cat Club. The suggestion was made the website should be checked in advance of a vote for approval for membership being taken. It was confirmed as a proposal.</p> <p>3.5 A vote for membership of the Sokoke Breed Club and Devon Rex Owners Club was taken. Majority approval, 0 against, 9 abstentions.</p>																		

3.6 A vote for the deferment of the Bengal Cat Association was taken.

Majority approval, 6 against, 10 abstentions.

3.7 The clubs approved were now entitled to Council representation, could apply for a show licence and join or form (Sokoke) a BAC. The delegate for the Sokoke BC took her place.

Action: the clubs to be contacted and given the relevant information

JL

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THE 2018 ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

1. Presentation of the Company Accounts of 2018 (draft) - statement

- 1.1 The Chairman introduced Laura Green of Monahans to present the GCCF's 2018 accounts to delegates at the end of the ninth year year of the company's trading. She stated her intention to go through the accounts first and then take questions. Anything that she couldn't answer she would take back to her office to send a reply later.
- 1.2 The turnover for the year was up by £16,308. The majority of income categories increased with the exception of registrations which were down by £24,000. As this was a GCCF core service there had to be some concern for the future.
- 1.3 The operational expenditure to generate turnover was down by £10,723. Wages were one area of increase with salaries increasing to reflect market rates, but disciplinary costs had fallen by £20,000 which had helped considerably.
- 1.4 Printing and postage costs were another area of increase, but some of these were incurred on behalf of others and passed on. The Board had taken a decision to reduce advertising (£8,5000 as it was felt it was not providing value for money.
- 1.5 There were increased staff training costs, a reflection of the staff turnover, and computer software expenditure was up by £6,000 reflecting the ongoing system development.
- 1.6 Accountancy costs were up in preparation for the full audit, rather than the account examination, that the Board had requested for 2018, and bank charges (in connection with card transactions) had also risen, and it was known the Board was investigating an alternative service provider.
- 1.7 Ms Green gave some comment on the expense of the Supreme Show, as she acknowledged it was an area of interest, although a separate statement was not necessary for the statutory accounts. There had been a significant drop in income because of a lower entry only partly mitigated by savings made on costs.
- 1.8 The balance sheet reflected a snapshot of the company's assets at the year end. The reduction in the tangible assets was mainly due to the year on year depreciation of the freehold property (for a period of 50 years). There had been increases, mainly due to the computer system development, and depreciation for other assets was for a period of three to five years. This was down by £8000 this year as the first phase of computer system development had now been fully amortised.
- 1.9 As a conclusion there was a report on the outcome of the audit. It was observed that the audit had been requested because of the new members of staff, in particular a new Office Manager and Bookkeeper. It would give them a clean baseline for financial procedures going forward. Laura thanked both Denise and leanne for the help they had given and their willingness to learn and put new procedures in place based on the recommendations provided.
- 1.10 There were just two areas of concern, neither of which was unexpected given the circumstances. The stock at the beginning of the year could not be verified against records from the previous year. Also, it was difficult to validate the amount claimed as computer development (and thus an asset) from maintenance and support (expenses) over the previous five to six years. That was because it was often the same people carrying out both, and without the knowledge of staff present at the time it could not be easily categorised. However, all the work had been completed, and payment made and accounted for, so it was only a matter of where the record was made for accounting purposes.

2. Questions on the accounts

- 2.1 Although there other points raised most of the questions and comments came into three categories:
 - STAR accounts
 - The 'miscellaneous' lines in both the general and Supreme accounts covered substantial sums
 - More information and corrections were required on the Supreme accounts
- 2.2 A number of delegates were concerned that the transactions for STAR were not visible. It was explained that there was no money accruing from the STAR operation to show gain or loss GCCF. However, records existed for each club show and clubs were charged for services provided (such as printing or bank charges).
- 2.3 There was considerable discussion on the merits of a separate bank account for STAR services. It was commented that there would be the benefit that any club money held if GCCF went into liquidation would be safe, against the fact that an entirely separate bank account would mean a number of additional costs. A risk assessment had to be made.
- 2.4 It was pointed out that very little money was held at any one time and it was for a relatively short period. The amount was approximately £270 at the end of 2018. It was tracked by separate accounting codes to allow correct invoicing for services, and it would be possible to show an amount in any future year end total. There was agreement that this should be done.
- 2.5 A breakdown of the miscellaneous income (total £11,820) listed in the general accounts under 'other income' was requested, and Laura agreed to supply the detail of this.
- 2.6 It was noted that 'travel' and 'miscellaneous' had become combined in the Supreme expenses and requested that they should be separated. It was observed that this could depend on what records existed. Other queries on the Supreme account were:-
 - The source of income from club row - thought possibly to be from additional penning requirements
 - Why there was no income from catalogue advertising - possibly no separate records were kept
 - If the judges from abroad had cost more - thought not to be the case.
 - Why prefix sales amounts had been included - to be amended.
 - If there could be a sponsorship breakdown in future.

- 2.7 It was agreed that Supreme accounts would be amended and returned to Council in October. They did not form part of the statutory accounts. The detail for 'miscellaneous' lines would be circulated as quickly as possible.
- 2.8 There was a query on VAT as information from the minutes had caused some disquiet. Assurance was given that there had been a thorough checking of liabilities by the VAT expert at Monahans. Additional processes had been put in place where identified as necessary, but no significant problem had been identified.
- 2.9 It was agreed that posting and printing costs had escalated, but these were often subject to recharge.
- 2.10 After the end of April the IC/DC Secretary's wage had no longer been charged to IC/DC which was one reason its costs had fallen. It was noted that it did not make a difference to the bottom line of the accounts, but a decision on its allocation needed to be made for the future.
- 2.11 The reason for clubs making returns was queried. It was pointed out that it was a Byelaw requirement, but any club that wished to could make a proposal for change and provide a rationale.
- 2.12 It was suggested that following the audit there should be independent help with refining and implementing good financial processes. The Chairman responded that this could be referred to the Finance Committee.

3. **Approval of the 2018 accounts**

3.1 It was proposed that statutory the accounts be accepted be accepted.

Majority approval 1 against 8 abstentions

4. **The appointment for the examination of the GCCF 2019 accounts.**

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

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Majority approval 1 against 0 abstentions

C2255 BYELAW CHANGES

CHAIR

1. **Amendment to Byelaw 11(5) - to make Board members ineligible to serve on IC and reduce the quorum**

1.1 Kym Jarvis (IC Chairman) explained the purpose was to bring IC into line with the other disciplinary committees and thus reduce further the potential for any conflict of interest.

1.2 The quorum reduction to three instead of four was so that it was 50%, and the same as DC and AC.

1.3 There were no questions and a vote was taken.

Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention

1.4 Gillian Bennett opted to remain on IC and retired from Board membership leaving six vacancies for the Board.

The first 5 were for a three year period and the sixth for a one year period.

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C2256 THE ELECTION OF GCCF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Board of Directors

Tommy Goss (57)
Lynda Ashmore (51)
Lisa Robinson-Talboys (51)
Elaine Robinson (50)
Gavin Eyres (50)
Jen Lacey (45)

Board reserves:

Heather McRae (43)
Ketill Game

2. Finance Committee

Maria Chapman-Beer (72)
Shelagh Heavens (59)
Steve Crow (58)
Tommy Goss (49)
Rosemary Fisher (47)

Finance reserves:

Ketill Game (41)
Nicky Ryan

Nominations were taken from the floor for second reserves as there were an insufficient number of nominees in advance. Also standing for the Board as reserves were: Jen Pinches and Nicky Ryan. Ms Ryan was the sole nominee for the second FC reserve.

3. Disciplinary Committee

Barbara Prowse (55)
Maria Bryant (53)

Reserves:

Helen Crea (38)
Sue Dalton-Hobbs (32)

4. Investigations Committee

Stephen Abrahams
John Harrison

Zaneel Abidin (24)
Lady Audrey Saye (23)

Applications for reserves for IC & DC were requested after the closing date for applications to the committees as there were an insufficient number of applicants in advance. Therefore the election for each committee was in two parts. Also standing as reserves were: Owen Maudlin, Susie Pratt, Elizabeth Rae and Alison Reynolds.

Appointments to the Board (first 5), Investigations and Disciplinary Committees were for a three year period. Appointments for the Board (sixth), Finance Committee and all reserves were for one year.

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

**Office
RF**

This concludes the business of the company AGM.

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

- C2257 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 1. The Minutes of the Council meeting of 27 February** CHAIR
1.1 The draft minutes had been circulated.
1.2 There were no queries and they were approved with seven abstentions. INFO
 - 2. Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item**
None.
- C2258 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY** CHAIR INFO
- Board of Directors: 09 January 2019
 - Finance Committee 28 November 2018, 06 February 2019, 27 March 2019
point items connected with IT in the
January Board minutes, BD3831.1.3 and BDBD38.2.5.
 - The conclusion was a suggestion that there should be consideration of an independent expert review of GCCF's IT resources as the company was significantly IT dependent.
 - By a show of hands a majority were in favour of this matter being considered by the Board.
- C2259 FINANCE**
- 1. Presentation of the Financial Report on current business operations** JH
1.1 Time had been spent on the 2018 accounts and this item was not taken separately.
- C2260 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS**
- 1. Revised registration policy for the Cornish Rex** JRBAC
1.1 The Cornish Rex registration policy had incorporated the GCCF rules (Section 1:12cii & 17a) to allow quicker progression to the supplementary register for foundation import and outcross lines.
1.2 There was also a small change to the breeds allowed in imports - removal of the American SH.
1.3 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
 - 2. Revised registration policy for the Devon Rex** JRBAC
2.1 The changes proposed were identical to those for the Cornish Rex
2.2 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
 - 3. Revised registration policy for the Siberian** SIBBAC
3.1 The policy had amendments on the requirements for imports, particularly the with foundation cats in their certified pedigrees, plus the addition of notes to assist breeders.
3.2 There was also a note to incorporate the GCCF rules (Section 1:12cii & 17a) to allow quicker progression to the supplementary register for foundation import lines.
Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention
 - 4. Revised Standard of Points for the Siberian** SIBBAC
4.1 This included a note giving greater colour and pattern detail.
4.2 The revisions were approved without comment or query.
Majority approval 0 against 2 abstentions
Action: the relevant BACs & Breeder Groups to be informed of the decisions JL
- C2261 REGISTRATION & SHOW RULE CHANGES**
- 1. A note to the rule on the registration of white cats** DC/VAC
1.1 This added a note to the Rule (Section 1:1g) on the registration of white cats to ensure new owners were aware by the time a white cat/kitten left for a new home of the link between white cats and deafness.
1.2 Council was informed that the Board had amended the proposed wording to add 'in writing' for the avoidance of doubt, and it was confirmed that providing the new owner with the the results of BAER testing for the cat or kitten would satisfy the criterion.
1.3 An objection was made that this was further interference in the affairs of a minority breed, butt also strong support for it from a breeder of white cats who argued that it was in the cat's best interests for the new owner to have this knowledge.
1.4 The GCCF's Veterinary Officer also stressed that it was a welfare issue, and it was also remarked that this was the type of issue that could be covered by government legislation in the future.
1.5 A vote was taken and the note was approved. **Majority approval 1 against 6 abstentions**
 - 2. Two additions to the import rules to allow the acceptance of electronic pedigrees from other registries**
2.1 This had been discussed in principle at February Council (C224.5) and could speed up the import process considerably as well as prevent the frustration of documents going missing in the post (1:7f & gi)).
2.2 The electronic copies would need to be sent from the other bona fide registry not the breeder.
2.3 A vote was taken and the two rule additions approved. **Majority approval 1 against 0 abstention**
 - 3. Additional wording to the requirement that kittens should be vaccinated before leaving home**
3.1 The added wording to 1.10bii) defined exactly what was meant by 'fully vaccinated'.

3.2 A vote was taken and the addition approved. **Unanimous approval**

4. **A note to be added to the rule on show manger qualification for the avoidance of doubt**

4.1 The purpose was to confirm that experience was required at an all breed show (on at least three occasions) if an assistant show manager wished to qualify for all breed show management (2:2a (1)).

4.2 A vote was taken and the addition approved. **Unanimous approval**

5. **A change to the age of mandatory neutering for HHPs.**

5.1 The East Sussex CC had proposed a change at 4:2d, taking the age from six to nine months to allow female kittens a longer period for the show bench.

5.2 There was comment from the VO that the VAC had concluded this could bring welfare issues from unwanted pregnancies occurring. Some HHPs had unrestricted outdoor access.

5.3 It was observed by others that neutering at any time would mean a break from the show bench, but it could now be done at an early age and more vets were happy not to wait until six months. .

5.4 It was concluded that if HHP judges were instructed not to take into account coat quality because of hair regrowth following a spay it would be all that was necessary.

5.5 A vote was taken and the proposal not carried. **Majority against 0 in favour 2 abstentions**

6. **Vaccinations required for showing - the existing rule to include notes for the avoidance of misunderstanding**

6.1 The Veterinary Advisory Committee had prepared a series of note to be inserted into the rules to explain and elaborate on the intention of each section.

6.2 Dr Moreland (GCCF VO) had attended the meeting to confirm that the purpose was not to change the current rules, but to define each one, particularly to avoid unfair exclusion from a show. She was aware that this was happening on occasions and wanted to prevent it.

6.3 There were no questions on vaccine protocols, but some discussion on vaccination cards. The recommendation was they should carry the registered name if the cat was shown as a pedigree, and pet name for the HHP section, with both if necessary. There had to be a link between the card and exhibit.

6.4 Dr Moreland stated she hoped to make additional notes available on the GCCF website for exhibitors and was also preparing a set for Duty Vets.

6.5 A vote was taken and the additions approved. **Unanimous approval**

C2262

JUDGES

1. **JUDGES APPOINTMENTS**

(all approved unanimously)

BACs

British SH GC

Full Judge Judge
Pupil Judge

Mr M Pearman
Mr R Davies
Mrs S Moore
Mrs S Tokens

Burmese BAC

Pupil Judge

Mrs J Allen
Mr P Cornish
Ms S Beirne

Extension for one year (June 2020)

NOTIFICATION OF JUDGES APPROVED VIA THE WEBSITE SINCE FEBRUARY COUNCIL

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Asian BAC BAC

Full Judge
Pupil Judge

Dr Peter Collin
Mr George Godfrey

Balinese

Full Judge

Ms J Allen
Mrs M Chapman-Beer

Bengal BAC

Full Judge

Ms E Stark

Egyptian Mau BAC

Full Judge

Mrs S Tokens

Exotic BAC

Pupil Judge

Mr Neil Carter

Joint Rex BAC

Pupil Judge (Selkirk Rex)

Mrs Lizz Adair
Mrs Sally Rainbow-Ockwell
Miss J Tonkinson

Extension from October 2109-20 for Cornish Rex

Korat & Thai BAC

Full Judge
Pupil Judge

Mrs Sally Tokens
Ms Kaye Wilson

Maine Coon BAC

Full Judge

Mrs Valerie Anderson

Oriental Joint BAC

Full Judge - now all lists
Full Judge

Mr N Carter
Mrs L Martin

Persian LH BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Sue Dalton-Hobbs Mrs Caroline Wren
Siamese Cat JAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Ms J Allan Mrs B Prowse Ms C Whitby
Siberian BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Shar Crichton Mrs Carole Gainsbury

3. **Judge reinstatement** - this item had been deferred by the Board in advance of the meeting.

4. **JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/RETIREMENTS & EMERITUS LIST TRANSFER**
Carol Ward and Diana Harper - **Emeritus** Sue Amor and Heather Roper - **Withdrawn from judging**

C2263 OTHER SHOW MATTERS

1. **Report on the 2019 Supreme Show** **JH**
 - 1.1 The Chairman reported preparations were ongoing. All the judges had been booked and hotel and Gala Dinner reservations were now being taken. The hotel was the 'Quality Hotel', Coventry. It had more space available than the one used in 2018.
 - 1.2 The classes this year would be identical to the in 2017.
 - 1.3 The halls used were the same as in previous years, but only the space required would be hired and paid for. The remainder would be empty, but could be walked through.
 - 1.4 Thought had been given to the ring planning to prevent long walks around the edge of a large single ring.
 - 1.5 Judge weighting and the number of stewards were discussed briefly, and noted to avoid problems if possible. **INFO**
2. **Updates from the Judge Training and BAC Review Groups** **PC**
 - 2.1 Peter Collin reported that stage one of the proposals agreed in Council in February had been fully implemented.
 - 2.2 The eligibility for the Imperial in Sections 2 & 4 was now at 2 Grand Classes rather than 3. In section 5 those eligible to judge the breeds transferred at imperial in the Foreign Section were eligible for the Section 5 Imperial.
 - 2.3 He noted that one additional judge had been added for this as Steve Parkin had the achieved Foreign Section Imperial status of the day of the restructure and had not previously been included.
 - 2.4 All judges had been given the opportunity to check their status so that qualifications and lists held as GCCF could be updated.
 - 2.5 Preparations were now underway for the next stage which was the 'fast-track'. New tutorial forms had been completed and information was ready to go to BACs.
 - 2.6 It was expected that the lists would be finalised shortly and they would then be sent to judges who would have the option of which they wanted to join as Provisional Full Judges (FJP). **INFO**

C2264 BUSINESS MATTERS

1. **IT report** **SC**
 - 1.1 Steve Crow stated that the intention for the year was the consolidation of existing services, by bug fixing and continued testing. There would be only small enhancements.
 - 1.2 He noted that Caroline Turner-Russell had been extremely helpful in organising a team of testers, both in the Office and amongst ordinary users of the services. Two system upgrades had been completed and a third was due in July.
 - 1.3 Ian Macro was now working two days a week for GCCF as a consultant, and the full time programmer was no longer employed, as that was in line with present requirements.
 - 1.4 The development of STAR was ongoing with a four point action plan for its completion. This included system updates, and the production of manuals and agreements. **INF)**
2. **Licensing and HMRC Concerns** **SC**
 - 2.1 Steve Crow reported that he had intervened with local authorities at breeder request on two occasions to confirm that the Pet Vending Guidance made allowance for hobby breeding. He had now prepared information for the Office to assist breeders.
 - 2.2 The present work of the Feline and Canine Sector Group was concentrated upon the implications for animal travel and import if the UK left the EU, particularly without a transition period.
 - 2.3 There could be revision of the rabies policy because of heightened concerns and he stressed that breeders always need to check if planning to travel or import to be sure they were up to date with recent changes.
 - 2.4 Third party sales legislation had not yet been implemented, but it was hoped that the delayed Kitten Check List would be launched in July. However, the DEFRA Cat Breeding Code was still a work in progress.
 - 2.5 He concluded with a reminder of the alert linking raw feeding with TB in indoor cats and advised printing out the website information to take to a vet if any owner had concerns. **INF**
3. **Partnership information** **CHAIR**
 - 3.1 The Chairman announced that the next meeting with Royal Canin was planned for 9 July. There were comments from the floor comparing the poor support given to shows in this country compared to those abroad where there was competition for a share of the growing pet food market.
 - 3.2 Council was reminded of the large amount of money that GCCF had received from Agria. The Chairman said it had to be clear that it was not a gift, but had to be earned by the continued use of kitten policies to promote Agria's opportunity for continued policy sales.

- 3.3 There were comments made on the particular dislikes of some policy features. The response was that these could be brought to the attention of Agria, and there had been small changes to requests made occasionally, but GCCF was not in a strong position to influence insurance policy terms. **INFO**

C2265 INVESTIGATIONS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. **Report on the work of the Investigations Committee** **KJ**
- 1.1 Kym Jarvis (IC Chairman) had produced statistics showing the IC case load had decreased significantly this year (13%).
- 1.2 However, she was concerned that the sale of sick cats/kittens was the one area that had risen (9%), as this was an indication of increased suffering and stress and heartbreak for the new owners.
- 1.3 Instances of FIP were mentioned regularly and this disease continued to be a matter of serious concern. **INFO**

C2266 CAT WELFARE TRUST **RF**

1. **Annual report**
- 1.1 Rosemary Fisher (Secretary) was unable to be present, but had sent a report.
- 1.2 Project 4 was almost concluded, but the final summary had not yet been received. As soon as it was it would be on the website.
- 1.3 Two breed projects were being supported. There was work ongoing on HCM in British SH cats with the eventual aim of developing a DNA test, and AHT and Nottingham Trent University were working towards mapping genes in white deaf and hearing cats.
- 1.4 The report concluded with a reminder that all donations went to research. Nothing was spent on administration.
- 1.5 There was a query on whether it was clear that the donations to university research were charitable as this prevented money being diverted from the target project. It was presumed this would be so as the CWT was a registered charity. **INFO**

C2267 WORLD CAT CONGRESS & THE WCC 2021 EVENT **JH**

- 1.1 The Chairman reminded Council that it was GCCF's responsibility to arrange this event. It was queried whether other feline organisations within the UK could be asked for support, with the reply that WCC was based on each registry as a member rather than the country. Others in the UK would contribute when their own registry was the host for the event.
- 1.2 John went on to report that John Smithson a cat history enthusiast in New Zealand would be able to make a really worthwhile display on 150 years of cat shows and breeds. However, GCCF would have to pay his costs for getting here. It would depend on whether GCCF wished to spend to get quality for a worthwhile promotion.
- 1.3 There was a query on what could be afforded and it was noted that monthly savings were being made. **INFO**

C2268 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION

1. It was queried whether there could be live streaming of Board meetings. The Chairman said it was possible if the Kennel Cub had the facility, and it wasn't too costly. He reminded delegates that if they wished to listen to a tape of Council proceedings this could be done at the Bridgwater Office.
2. Steve Crow said he had received no questions on the Business Plan which had been on the website since February. He had intended to make its signing off an agenda item, but was presuming that it was acceptable. There was no dissent.
3. It was asked if there were penalties for delegate non-attendance. It was thought this would be a matter for a club to take up with its own delegate.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm with the business complete.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 16 October 2019 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1.00pm.