



# ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

## Meeting of Full Council

Wednesday 20 JUNE 2018 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



		PRESENTED BY	ACTION BY
<b>C2205</b>	<b>WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	At 12.10pm the Chairman welcomed 100 delegates and thanked them for attending GCCF's Electoral meeting. Judy Picknell and Sheila Webb were remembered in a moment of silence.		
<b>C2206</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	The President Mrs Shirley Bullock had sent a note of apology with good wishes. Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.		
<b>C2207</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	1.1 John Hansson, Chairman, observed that there was a lot meeting business and elections to take place. He hoped to cover all items and give the opportunity for all delegates to comment if they wished. 1.2. He asked delegates to keep their remarks to the point, and not to repeat comments made by others.		
<b>C2208</b>	<b>CLUB MATTERS</b>		
	1. <b>Club returns report</b>		
	1.1 It was reported that GCCF had 162 active member clubs, 154 with full membership, and 8 with provisional, with one of the provisionals applying for full membership.		
	1.2 Most had completed their returns. 20 clubs (17 full and 3 provisional) had partial or no returns. Of these only two had made no contact to date.		
	1.3 Nine clubs who had paid delegate fees requested dispensation in accordance with the note to Byelaw 5 (3). Abyssinian CA, Cheshire Area, Colourpointed British SH Cat Club, Croydon CC, Nor'East of Scotland CC, Southern Counties CC, Siamese CC, the Tabby CC and West of Scotland CC.		
	2. <b>Dispensation for continued representation without the specified membership was granted to 14 clubs:</b>		
	<b>Breed Clubs</b>	<b>All Breed/Specialist</b>	
	Blue Pointed Siamese CC	Bucks, Oxon & Berks	Durham CC
	Egyptian Mau Club	Eastern Counties CS	Edinburgh CC
	LaPerm CC	London CC	Northern Counties CC
	Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group	Old-style Siamese CC	Wessex CC
	Singapura CC	Wyvern CC	
	2.1 There was comment prior to voting that some clubs had membership numbers that were well below those stated in the Byelaws, but noted that this had been discussed on previous occasions without indication that change was wanted.		
	2.2 A vote for all dispensations (1.3 & 2) was taken. The decision was <b>unanimous</b> that all delegates should be participate in the meeting and voting packs were given to those waiting.		
	3. <b>GCCF Membership for the Suffolk Breed Club</b>		
	3.1 The club had completed 3 years of provisional membership and was applying for full membership of GCCF as a breed club. <b>Majority approval. 3 abstentions</b>		
	3.2 The club is now able to apply for a show licence and become a BAC for the Suffolk breed. <b>INFO</b>		
<b>C2209</b>	<b>THE 2017 ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY</b>		
	1. <b>Presentation of the Company Accounts of 2017 (draft) - statement and questions</b>		
	1.1 Laura Green of Monahans was to present the GCCF's 2017 accounts to delegates at the end of the seventh year of the company's trading. However, some questions had been submitted in advance and the Chairman directed that these should be answered first. Additional comments and questions followed on from them.		
	1.2 It was noted after a time that although those receiving the answers from Ms Green seemed satisfied with the information they were receiving, and she was able to address all points raised, it was very difficult for other delegates to keep track of what was being discussed.		
	1.3 The minute summary indicates the subjects raised, and to whom questions were addressed, rather than being a record of each individual question.		

2. **Ms Green's responses:**
- 2.1 It was confirmed that the Chairman's name had been corrected
  - 2.2 There was discussion on the accounting period
  - 2.3 It was noted that property depreciation from the initial purchase price was a standard accounting practice
  - 2.4 Figures for the same item differed between pages of the accounts because of rounding up or down. They would be standardised.
  - 2.5 There could be additional breakdown, but generally speaking the more lines of categorisation there were the greater variability there was. However, a new Office Manager presented an ideal opportunity for some reorganisation of the accounts and it was planned this should happen.
  - 2.6 Some costs were listed as expenditure in a single year, in other cases items became fixed tangible assets that were depreciated. It depended on whether the purchase had long term value/use.
  - 2.7 The money still held from club loans had a line in 'Creditor' listings.
  - 2.8 It was found that the the GCCF had owed a small amount (£20 approx) to HMRC since 2012. However, this had been written off without penalty.
  - 2.9 The examiner's statement was standard wording that could not be changed.
3. **Responses from the Chairman or a Finance Committee member**
- 3.1 The money spent on computer software and programming during the year covered purchase of a new server and programming consultancy fees. It had been planned spending as indicated in the 2017 budget.
  - 3.2 Money spent on advertising in 2017 had not been allocated into separate categories (GCCF/Supreme) when this was queried in October 2017. It was confirmed this would be done in 2018.
  - 3.3 It was acknowledged that if GCCF had not earned money from the commission paid by Agria it would be trading at a loss, but decisions had been made based on the knowledge that the income existed. Fees for services had not been increased and a great deal had been invested in the installation and programming of a computer system to provide further services for operation in the 21st century.
  - 3.4 The three people were named who had received £1000 each as honoraria for the work they had carried out as volunteers over a period of years for GCCF.
4. **General Observations**
- 4.1 The accountants were not responsible for mistakes in the accounts. It would be the company that was liable if there were errors. Ms Green responded that GCCF had some guarantee as she had examined the accounts and produced a report. An examination was not as thorough as an audit (more expensive), but provided an independent assessment that would have recommended further action if there had been cause for concern.
  - 4.2 The Directors rather than the Finance Committee should take more responsibility as there was a significant lack of financial control. There was no direct response to the observation, but it was acknowledged that there were difficulties that occurred when the Office Manager left the company, and prior to that. It was hoped that when a 'financial controller' was appointed (the post was currently advertised) improvements could be made.
  - 4.3 A 'client account' should be established so that money received as show entry fees for clubs could be held separately from other GCCF funds. It was agreed that this should happen
- Action: discussion with the bookkeeper** **JH**
- 4.4 It had been estimated that approximately £3000 worth of credit vouchers were held on the computer system and did not appear in the accounts. Ms Green did not consider this a significant amount, but there was concern for risk that there could be dual entry for income.
5. **Presentation of the accounts**
- 5.1 It had been a good year for GCCF generally that showed an increase in income and expenditure held. A good proportion of the club loans had been repaid.
  - 5.2 Assurance was given that not only were the figures checked for accuracy, but they had supporting paper work that gave substantiation. That was why Ms Green was able to give an examiner's statement.
  - 5.3 There were some significant variations (seen particularly in the notes to the accounts), but these were not outside what could be expected. Much depended on when payment was received or made around the end of a year. Over time it balanced out.
  - 5.4 At the year end there was an additional £22,500 in the reserves.
  - 5.5 It was proposed that the accounts be accepted with the proviso that the amount in credit vouchers was included within them. **Majority approval 1 against 1 abstentions**
  - 5.6 Ms Green was thanked by delegates for her patience and the clarity of her explanations.
6. **The appointment for the examination of the GCCF 2018 accounts.**
- 6.1 It was agreed that Monahans should continue in this role. **INFO**
- Majority approval 0 against 2 abstention**

C2210

**BYELAW CHANGES**

**CHAIR**

**1. To clarify show management as a role involving a possible conflict for those holding GCCF positions of responsibility.**

- 1.1 The Board had proposed that show management should be included as a role to be notified to the Board if an officer or member of a club committee and/or a delegate should be involved on behalf of another organisation (5 3(b) and 6).
- 1.2 Also that those who were member of the the GCCF Board should not be involved with the shows of another organisation at all because of the potential for conflict of interest (8.2 (b)).
- 1.3 The wording had been clarified to reflect the current position on judging engagements (8.2(b)).
- 1.4 Most delegate comment indicated that the addition of show management would not be welcomed as there was not serious conflict of interest and co-operation between the organisations was preferable.

1.5 This applied to the first proposals. However, there was a suggestion that the Byelaw that covered conflict of interest for Board Members was now outdated and should be looked at again in depth.

1.6 The proposals were withdrawn for further consideration. No vote was taken.

**INFO**

**2. To encourage new delegates into Council**

**PSCC**

2.1 On behalf of the club the delegate outlined the proposition a change to Byelaw 6 that would mean no one could serve as a delegate for one club, or a combination of clubs for more than nine consecutive years.

He believed new members to Council would be more likely to introduce new ideas and actions.

2.2 Those who spoke against were concerned about the loss of knowledge and experience, and the difficulties in finding many new people who had the time, resources and interest to attend mid-week meetings.

2.3 It was also believed that it could be unconstitutional to impose restrictions for clubs on whom they could select as delegates.

2.4 A vote was taken by show of hands.

**Majority against 1 in favour 0 abstentions**

**C2211**

**THE ELECTION OF GCCF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**1. Board of Directors**

Peter Collin (59)  
Shelagh Heavens (53)  
Rosemary Fisher (52)  
Valerie Anderson (45)  
Catherine Kaye (40)

Board reserves:  
Sarndra Devereux (40)  
Lyndsey Robinson (35)

**2. Finance Committee**

Maria Chapman-Beer (80)  
Shelagh Heavens (68)  
Steve Crow (65)  
Tommy Goss (56)  
Rosemary Fisher (54)

Finance reserve: Kit Game (52)

Also standing for the Board were: Vanessa Marriott (33) and Sandra Woodley (26)

Note: A tiebreaker ballot was also 50/50 between Ms Devereux and Mrs Kaye. There was private discussion between the two candidates and the Chairman. It was agreed that Mrs Kaye should take the position on the Board, but Ms Deverux would attend any meeting that Mrs Kaye could not.

**3. Investigations Committee**

Gillian Bennett (69)  
Carole Webb (43)

Reserves:  
Esther Atkins (29)

**4. Disciplinary Committee**

Stephen McConnell (57)  
Julia Craig-McFeely (53)

Judy Emmens (40) Steven Amrahams (37)

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

In advance of the elections being held the Chairman appointed the Office Staff present as scrutineers. It was suggested by one delegate that they would not be competent and/or could not be trusted and should be supervised by a visitor. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both repudiated this forcefully. The staff were described as GCCF's best asset. The Chairman's right to appoint scrutineers is defined in Byelaw 10 (3)

**This concludes the business of the company AGM.**

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

- C2212 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 There were no queries and they were approved unanimously. **INFO**
  2. **Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item**
    - 2.1 **C2195: 4.5 GDPR** A delegate stated that clubs would not be able to pass on information of those such as vets who had no contract with GCCF if the person concerned did not wish it.
    - 2.2 However consultation with the GCCF solicitor did not support this contention. Clubs held their show licences from the GCCF and GCCF could receive information from them if it concerned a legitimate business interest, as supported by the rules and byelaws.
    - 2.3 This was supported by another delegate giving examples of the very wide remit commercial companies had to share information. However, it needed to be clearly stated.
    - 2.4 There was an offer to assist with drafting privacy policies.

**Action: preparation and distribution to clubs after Board approval** **OFFICE**

  - 2.5 **C2203: microchipping** It was queried why this wasn't on the agenda for this meeting as indicated. Steve Crow replied there was now the possibility of GCCF developing a commercial partnership with a microchipping company, and it was preferable that Council had information on this in advance of any further discussion. **INFO**
- C2213 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY** **CHAIR** **INFO**
1. Board of Directors: 10 January 2018, 6 March 2018
  2. Finance Committee 29 November 2017, 7 February 2018
- There were no questions. **INFO**
- C2214 FINANCE**
1. **Presentation of the Financial Report on current business operations** **JH**
    - 1.1 GCCF's income and expenditure were currently being operated by its bookkeeper who had provided the Board with some information, but did not present management accounts in the same format as the previous Office Manager had done. At the present time the Acting Office Manager had no access.
    - 1.2 The Chairman acknowledged there was a lot that needed to be done in this particular area. It was disappointing that as yet GCCF had been unable to appoint a financial controller despite advertising the post.
    - 1.3 Two new staff members were starting work at the beginning of July and once they were trained more office time could be given to reviewing all financial processes. **INFO**
  2. **Presentation of the volume figures for core business to date** **JH**
    - 2.1 There was none available at present. **INFO**
- C2215 BREED APPLICATION**
1. **Application for Championship Status for the Suffolk with a revised registration policy & SOP**
    - 1.1 The breed had fulfilled the necessary criteria for promotion, and also updated its registration policy and Standard of Points, as required by the Board.
    - 1.2 A vote was taken. **Majority approval 0 against 3 abstentions**
    - 1.3 The breed club secretary thanked delegates for the approval, and expressed gratitude those on the Board who had been helpful in explaining and assisting with the procedures for breed promotion.
- C2216 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER & SOP MATTERS**
1. **Clarification of the Exotic Registration Policy** **EXBAC**
    - 1.1 The BAC had made the two clarifications Council had requested in February. The DNA testing required was confirmed as mandatory and 'imports' referred to cats from other organisations being registered with GCCF, not only those who came from overseas.
    - 1.2 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
  2. **Revised registration policy for the LaPerm** **JRBAC**
    - 2.1 The LaPerm registration policy had incorporated the new GCCF rules (Section 1:12cii & 17a) to allow quicker progression to the supplementary register for foundation import and outcross lines.
    - 2.2 There was also a change in the progression allowed for LaPerms with non-permitted outcrosses in the pedigree background as this would widen the choice of imports.
    - 2.3 The policy was approved. **Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
  3. **Minor revision to the Korat & Thai registration policy** **K&TBAC**
    - 3.1 The policy had incorporated the new GCCF rules to allow quicker progression to the supplementary register for foundation import and outcross lines.
    - 3.2 It had been published on the GCCF website for four weeks without objection and was therefore accepted. **INFO**

4. **Revised Standard of Points for the Australian Mist** **A-MBAC**  
 4.1 The Standard of Points had been extensively revised.  
 4.2 The revisions were approved without comment or query.  
**Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
5. **Revised Standard of Points for the Chartreux** **CHARBG**  
 5.1 The Standard of Points had several revisions to reflect comments made by judges carrying out assessments.  
 5.2 The revisions were approved without comment or query.  
**Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**
6. **Minor amendment to the British LH SOP** **BHLBG**  
 6.1 The Standard of Points included a modifier (moderately) to the description of the 'short' nose length.  
 6.2 The amendment was approved without comment or query.  
**Majority approval 0 against 1 abstention**  
**Action: the relevant BACs & Breeder Groups to be informed of the decisions** **JL**

Note: It was confirmed that the BACs were responsible for sending a clean copy of the policy and/or SOP to the Office and the GCCF website. The confirmatory letter provided the contact details.

**C2217**

**JUDGES**

1. <b>JUDGES APPOINTMENTS</b>	(all approved unanimously)	<b>BACs</b>
<b>Australian Mist BAC</b>	Pupil Judge	Dr J Craig McFeely Miss E Matthews Mr S McConnell
<b>Burmese BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mr G Godfrey Ms E Stark
<b>Joint Rex BAC</b>	Full Judge (LaPerm) Pupil Judge (Devon Rex) 1 year extension (Selkirk Rex)	Mr S Parkin Miss J Tonkinson Mr S McConnell
<b>Ragdoll BAC</b>	Pupil Judge	Ms M Lynch
<b>Sphynx BAC</b>	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mr I Macro Mr J Harrison

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

**INFO**

<b>Abyssinian BAC</b>	Pupil Judge	Mrs P Mansaray
<b>Asian BAC</b>	Full Judge	Miss E Matthews
<b>Bengal BAC</b>	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Janet Williams Mr S McConnell Mrs S Tokens
<b>British LH Breeder Group</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Elaine Culf
<b>British SH Group Committee</b>	Pupil Judge	Dr Bruce Bennett
<b>Chartreux Breeder Group</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Elaine Culf
<b>Egyptian Mau BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Naomi Johnson
<b>Exotic BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Sandra Moore
<b>Maine Coon BAC</b>	Pupil Judge	Mrs Di Brown Mrs Sue Dalton-Hobbs Mr John Harrison
<b>Ocicat &amp; Aztec BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mrs S Tokens
<b>Oriental Joint BAC</b>	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs P Bruno-Grieve Mrs S Dalton-Hobbs
<b>Persian LH BAC</b>	Full Judge (all lists)	Mrs Carolyn Davies
<b>Siamese Cat JAC</b>	Full Judge	Mr N Carter Mrs H Marriott-Power

<b>Siberian BAC</b>	Full Judge	Sue Dalton-Hobbs Gerald Martin Linda Martin
<b>Somali BAC</b>	Pupil Judge	Mr John Harrison Mr Jon Trotter
<b>Tonkinese BAC</b>	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Perri Mansaray Ms Elisabeth Stark Mrs Sally Tokens
<b>Toyger Breed Group</b>	Full Judge	Mrs Linda Whitmore

3. **JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/RETIREMENTS & EMERITUS LIST TRANSFER**

Mrs Janice Bench-Smith, Mrs Averil Dawson, Mrs Sheila Hamilton, Ms Gail Miller  
Mrs Marjorie Sharp, Mrs Joyce Worth **Emeritus (all lists)**  
**Retired (all lists)**

4. **Judge Appointment Scheme Change**

**JH**

- 4.1 An amendment was proposed to clarify the position of judges on the Emeritus List. They would be eligible to judge all breed and certificate classes they could when transferring to the list, but not take on any new ones.
- 4.2 They would also move to the Emeritus List for all breeds rather than individual lists.
- 4.3 A Judge may apply to be placed upon the Emeritus List for any or all of the Breed Lists of which they are a Full Judge. This shall be taken as an indication that, although not generally available to judge the Breed Lists, they may accept engagements for occasional shows, or that they are unable to accept engagements in the immediate future. **However, they will not be added to new breed lists and/or may not take on new certificate classes.** **Unanimous approval**

**C2218 OTHER SHOW MATTERS**

1. **Report on the 2018 Supreme Show**

**JH**

**C2200.3**

- 1.1 The Chairman reported that the NEC had offered halls 17 & 18 (the usual ones used) once again and the Committee had accepted as they were well liked by exhibitors. It was possible that inside car parking could be offered again, but there would a stewarding charge for this.
- 1.2 There would be no overhead rigging with signage this year, as it was costly and the same money could be used to purchase standing banners which would last for several years.
- 1.3 The names of the overseas judges who had been invited were given. Most had confirmed.
- 1.4 There was some discussion on one show that had not moved away from clashing with the Supreme date. It was observed that the Supreme sometimes changed dates which created difficulties for other shows.

**INFO**

2. **Updates from the Judge Training and BAC Review Groups**

**PC/JH**

**C2200.1**

- 2.1 The BAC Review Group had met recently and made revisions to its first proposals following feedback. The proposal to be made was for a less complicated structure, avoiding extra tiers of administration.
- 2.2 As soon as the minutes had been completed and agreed they would be circulated to BACs.

**Action: minute circulation**

**CK/JL**

- 3.3 The Judge Training RG was focussed on revisions to the stewarding scheme. Confirmation of the BAC structure would assist with the design of the judge training procedures.

3. **The return of marked show catalogues to the Office**

**Merseyside CC**

- 3.1 It was thought that just one was sufficient even if there were several shows at a single venue. If more than one person needed to use it, it could be cut. At least one show manager did this in advance.
- 3.2 The AOM said a show catalogue was still useful for the additional information it contained, even if exhibit data had been entered onto the system by the show team. It was thought possible that in future it would not need to be marked.
- 3.3 It was agreed this would be further assessed during the pilot shows. The Board would have to draft a rule change if thought necessary.

**Action: SMs using STAR and the Office to monitor and assess**

**OFFICE**

**C2219 BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. **Presentation of the Business Plan**

**SC**

- 1.1 The business plan, begun by the Vice-Chairman, had been completed by Mr Crow and Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell. It included the forecast budget which could be used comparatively with the income and expenditure figures at the time of reviewing the 2018 accounts.
- 1.2 It was observed that several projects listed did not yet have leaders, and suggested that Board members who were without special responsibilities currently should take them on and the plan could then be updated on GCCF website.
- 1.3 It was queried why the advertising budget had been increased. Mr Crow responded that the money had been allocated in case there were additional events requiring support, but possibilities had been discussed and not taken further so he could give assurance that it would not be needed.

**INF**

2. **IT report** **SRO**  
 2.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported that new additions for breeders, clubs and judges would be available soon.  
 2.2 Clubs and BACs would be able to update their own officer/delegate details and next year input their returns. Breeders would soon be able to make changes from non-active to active status, and judges would find it much quicker to write reports as exhibit details would be available for download for use of report headings. This would be immediate if the data was from a STAR Show.  
 2.3 There was an update on the STAR system as it had now been active for almost six months and improvements had been made. The Merseyside CC had been able to make use of the all the facilities and the SM reported it had been well like by exhibitors (70% of entries had been made online). It had made some show processes particularly easy.  
 2.4 Future cost to clubs was queried and the proposal to the Board was outlined. There would be a £50 set up charge and a levy per cat depending on the amount of input contributed by the club. 20p, 30p or 40p were suggested.  
 2.5 This would have to be considered at the next Board meeting.  
**Action: information to be given after Board consideration** **OFFICE**
3. **Licensing and HMRC Concerns** **SC**  
 3.1 Steve Crow confirmed information given in his report on the GCCF website. Licensing would come into effect in October after local council officers had received training.  
 3.2 There was no DEFRA definition of a 'commercial breeder' and he feared local authorities would make different interpretations. Broadly speaking it depended on the intention to make a profit. Breeders would need to keep careful financial records to prove they were not.  
 3.3 HMRC and licensing were not directly linked but the advice on keeping records was the same. It was noted from the floor that different tax offices were inconsistent over what could be classified as business expenditure.  
 3.4 Steve had been invited to sit on a new committee to advise DEFRA on welfare. In spite of pressure from certain charities the government had no plans to legislate on cat breeding, though it was proposed to raise the maximum term for animal cruelty from six months to five years.  
 3.5. Other priorities were:  
 • better regulation for advertising cats and kittens for sale  
 • microchipping  
 • companion pets for the elderly  
 • the effect of electric fencing sold with the purpose of restricting roaming  
 • conformation - breed extremes- the Scottish Fold, Persians and Sphynx were discussed.  
 3.6 The response to a query on accreditation was that there were currently no plans to go ahead. It was expensive to set up and maintain and would make little difference to licensing (as it was unlikely many breeders would be licensed). It could be reviewed for the purpose of raising standards if this was requested later.
4. **Partnership information** **CHAIR**  
 4.1 Merseyside CC had successfully obtained some sponsorship from Agria.  
 4.2 Royal Canin were giving less with more stringent terms and conditions relating to other food companies.  
 4.3 There was now a proposal from a microchip company ready for Board consideration. They made smaller than standard chips and wished to promote them. **INFO**
- C2220 INVESTIGATIONS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**
1. **Report on the work of the Investigations Committee** **KJ/GB**  
 1.1 The statistics showed the case load had increased this year, though was not so great as in the 2011-14 period.  
 1.2 The sale of sick kittens was dominant once again, with instances of FIP regularly mentioned.  
 1.3 Gillian Bennett reported on the retirement of Carole Butler as Secretary to all the disciplinary committees after many years. GCCF owed her a debt of gratitude.  
 1.4 Patience would be needed for a time with her successor who would be learning the procedures.
- C2221 CAT WELFARE TRUST** **RF**
1. **Annual report**  
 1.1 Rosemary Fisher (Secretary) reported that the current main project supported by CWT funds had remained stalled for another year. The researcher responsible had changed universities and the funding was in the process of transfer.  
 1.2 Prof Tim Gruffydd-Jones had sent apologies for this.  
 1.3 The CWT was also supporting Dr David Conolly at the Royal Veterinary College. The study was investigating hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) in British Shorthairs particularly. One intended outcome was that there would be a DNA test available for the genetic anomaly responsible in BSH.  
 1.4 Another aim was to develop therapy for HCM in all cats diagnosed with the disease. At present the symptoms could be alleviated, but there was no treatment for the condition.  
 1.5 Rosemary reminded delegates that an application for funding support could be made for breed study projects and that all donations went to research. None was spent on administration. **INFO**
- C2222 WORLD CAT CONGRESS & THE WCC 2021 EVENT** **JH**
1. **Report from Italy**  
 1.1 The Chairman reported that the WCC and the show run alongside it had been very successful well organised events. The hospitality had been excellent and there were some delightful finishing touches. As the bar was raised each time it made producing the next that little bit harder.  
 1.2 He had not requested that GCCF pay any expenses.

2. **2021 WCC Event**

2.1 So far Event City in Manchester and the Ricoh Arena near Coventry had been investigated for comparison with the NEC. Event City was considerably cheaper and would probably produce a good gate. The cost of the area required at the Ricoh was not yet known, but it would probably fall between the two. It had good facilities with plenty of seating, and was a central location.

2.2 Once the venue was chosen a date would have to be fixed. Delegates had varying opinions on the best time of year, and it had to suit the visiting organisations by not clashing with their major events. **INFO**

**C2223 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION**

1. The Chairman asked show management and reporters to take care when posting show pictures that children were not included at all, and never identified. If parents chose to do this it was their prerogative,
2. Dr Bruce Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the staff at the Bridgwater office who had been working extremely hard on behalf of GCCF through some difficult circumstances.  
Delegates applauded in agreement.

The meeting closed at 5:00pm with the business complete.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1.00pm.