



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



Wednesday 17 JUNE 2015 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

		PRESENTED BY	ACTION BY
<b>C2051</b>	<b>WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	<p>At 12.12pm the Chairman welcomed 127 delegates and thanked them for attending the meeting on a pleasant day in a rather warm and airless room. Five new delegates were invited to introduce themselves. A reminder was given that delegates should respect each other, and that debate should not include any personal comment. Delegates were requested to be concise and not repeat observations made by others.</p> <p>Gwen Waugh, and Mike Findlay (Veterinary Committee) were remembered in a moment of silence.</p>		
<b>C2052</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	<p>The Chairman gave apologies on behalf of the President and Vice-President, Eric Wickham-Ruffle. Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.</p>		
<b>C2053</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	<p>1.1 The Chairman explained that he preferred to bring Council up to date, by giving delegates information on events not otherwise on the agenda, rather than make a complete review of the year. 1.2 He observed that it had been a full and busy year, particularly as there had been no Vice-Chairman for most of it and he had missed the support of another Officer. 1.3 This year seven Board meetings had been held and he intended to keep to that number, or reduce it to six in the forthcoming year because of the cost saving. 1.4 Those who led and participated in working groups were thanked, as were those who had assisted in the office and with administration. This enabled members of staff to focus on core business. Marcia Owen's contribution to the website was particularly appreciated as she was so reliable and quick to respond. 1.5 The Cat Welfare Bill had not progressed in the last parliamentary session, and although Lord Black had drafted a new one, (that included suggestions made by GCCF) it wouldn't go beyond a first reading because of his position in the ballot for order of presentation. Cats Protection was no longer promoting the bill in the media, but concentrating on its Cats' Manifesto. 1.6 His membership of the Breeding &amp; Sale of Cats Group enabled continued promotion of best practice in hobby breeding, as supported by GCCF. At present the group was undertaking research to define what the main problem areas were. A report would be presented to the Feline &amp; Canine Sector Group and this should then go on to DEFRA. 1.7 The Growth Accelerator Programme had to be completed by the end of September. The final meeting planned for July would concentrate on the development of a marketing plan. 1.8 The World Cat Congress had taken place in New Zealand and the Chairman described the show and gave news from the seminar. He reported that at the business meeting the GCCF and Australian proposal had been successful. It had been unanimously agreed that wild cat species should not be present at any show licensed by a WCC member. 1.9 There was a brief report on staffing at the GCCF Office. A new member of staff had been engaged, but so far she was the only replacement for four who had left. There was an aim for flexibility in staffing and the intention was not to be overstaffed when Project Phoenix was launched 1.10 GCCFI had been given information on the costs and terms for use of the GCCF online system. Feedback would be given once their decision had been received.</p>		
<b>C2054</b>	<b>CLUB MATTERS</b>		
1.	<b>Club returns report</b>		
	<p>The Chairman reported most clubs had submitted the required information. 10 still had made only partial returns. A vote was taken to allow the three delegates present from those clubs to participate and vote in the meeting.</p>		
		<b>Majority approval.</b>	<b>0 abstentions</b> <b>INFO</b>
2.	<b>Dispensation for continued representation without the specified membership was granted to 14 clubs:</b>		
	<b>Breed Clubs</b>	<b>Specialist</b>	<b>All Breed</b>
	Bombay & Asian Cats	Central LH & SLH	Caesarea CC
	LaPerm Cat Club		Eastern Counties CC
	Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group		Jersey CC
	Oriental Longhair Breed Club		Humberside CC
	Smoke Cat Society		London CC
	United Chinchilla Association		Northern Counties CC
			Scotia Cat Fanciers
		<b>Majority approval.</b>	<b>0 abstentions</b> <b>INFO</b>

3. Council was informed of Board approval for Provisional Membership for the Sokoke Breed Club. **CHAIR INFO**

**C2055 THE 2014 ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY**

**1. Presentation of the Company Accounts of 2014(draft) - statement and questions**

Adrian Wood of O'Hara Wood presented the GCCF's 2014 accounts to delegates to the end of the fourth year of the company's trading. He reported that they had been prepared, and were in the format, required by company law. He observed:

- 1.1 GCCF had a net asset position of £401,659. At the same time last year it was £391,402 confirming that overall assets, less liabilities, increased in the 12 month period by £10,257.
- 1.2 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 £577 had been paid on interest received.
- 1.3 The fixed assets of the company amounted to £216,027, with the property valued at £193,900 as the major asset.
- 1.4 Debtors totalled £20,633, a higher figure than last year, but the creditors falling due within one year were £14,606 lower, mainly due to a reduced VAT liability. At December 2014 the amount owed to the clubs was deemed as £30,201, with the full amount falling due by 2017.
- 1.5 Turnover had been lower than 2013 by £5,923 (1.7%).
- 1.6 Total expenses were £201,072 compared to £208,315 for the prior year, representing a decrease in direct costs of £7,243 or 3.5%.
- 1.7 Allowing for other operating income and miscellaneous income GCCF generated a gross profit of £174,999 compared to £149,771 in 2012, an increase of £25,228 or 16.8%.
- 1.8 In general terms, prior to allowing for the expenditure on the IT project (£25,000) this year had seen a significant increase in gross profit and a decrease in expenditure which had produced a more profitable year overall.

There was a question on the fees for audit/independent examination, and it was confirmed that in 2014 there was only one figure as the Supreme accounts had not required a separate audit. In 2013 there had been a need to ensure the correct amount of VAT had been paid from the show's accounts.

It was queried why there was no recharge to the office in the 2014 Supreme accounts and it was explained that much more of the administrative work was done now by the Show Manager and her team. It was also confirmed that the club row and advertising income were a single figure in the accounts, and that it had already been noted by FC and the Board that in future categories of income and expenditure should be as presented by the Show Manager and not changed in the general accounts.

Concern was expressed that only £30,210 was shown owing to clubs this year, although the full amount of the loan was £56,615 and had been shown in previous years. It was stated that previously none of the loaned amount had been used, but this year it had all been spent on the new IT system, which was its intended purpose. Rather than assign the total to a single year this would be accounted for over the next three years to 2017 which was when it was due to be repaid to the clubs. No difficulty making the total repayment was predicted. £25,000 had been set aside from profits this year and the remainder would be divided between the next two years. If GCCF failed, the total remained secured to the property with the bond specifying the amount owing to each club. The figure of £30,210 was not relevant to the total allowed to be reclaimed at any given period, but was indicative of a spread of capital costs.

It was proposed that the approval of the accounts be deferred until October as this was not acceptable, although this would mean they could not be filed at Companies House by the 30 September deadline.

**The proposal was lost.** A show of hands indicated: **42 in favour 64 against 2 abstentions**

Approval of the accounts, with a proviso that detail of the club loan be differently presented so that the full amount was stated, was proposed by the Chairman.

A show of hands indicated: **Majority approval 75 in favour 29 against 2 abstentions**

**Action: Discussion with O'Hara Wood for representation of the accounts. This to be circulated to FC and the Board before presentation on the GCCF website.**

**SC/OM**

**2. The appointment for the examination of the GCCF 2015 accounts.**

It was agreed that O'Hara Wood should continue in this role.

**Majority approval 2 against 3 abstentions**

**OM**

**3. A subsidiary company to be established for the Supreme Show**

3.1 The Yorkshire Cat Club proposed that it would isolate GCCF from risk of severe financial loss if, for example, the show could not go ahead, as a subsidiary company would be treated as a separate legal entity.

3.2 Mr Wood was invited to comment and noted that tax would be payable on any profit the show made.

3.3 The Board had concluded a separate company would not necessarily protect GCCF from loss, as if initial GCCF sponsorship was miscalculated and losses were incurred, GCCF would have to pay these or risk its reputation, and/or leave the Supreme unable to trade in future.

3.4 It was probable that additional accountancy fees would be incurred for a second company.

**The proposal was lost. 9 in favour 12 abstentions INFO**

**1. Vice-President**

Mrs Anne Gregory had been proposed by the Board after the close of business for the agenda, as it was known at that point that she was not standing for any officer or committee role.

A paper ballot was held to allow the proposal to be taken.

**Majority approval. 101 in favour 20 against 1 spoilt paper**

The proposal was then put to Council by paper ballot.

**Majority approval. 101 in favour 21 against 1 abstention**

**2. Vice Chairman****1st vote**

Sean Farrell 21  
John Hansson 66  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell 34

**2nd vote**

John Hansson 82  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell 37

**3. Board of Directors**

Gillian Bennett 95  
Doreen Goadby 89  
Jen Lacey 85  
Helen Marriott-Power 85  
Lynda Ashmore 81  
Rosemary Fisher 78  
Thomas Goss 78  
Shelagh Heavens 75  
Celia Leighton 75  
Caherine Kaye 71  
Pat Perkins 71  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell 71  
John Robinson 68  
Heather McCrae 60  
Sean Farrell 59

**4. Finance Committee**

Maria Chapman-Bear 96  
Doreen Goadby 80  
Helen Marriott-Power 74  
Rosemary Fisher 67  
Shelagh Heavens 64  
  
Finance reserves  
Thomas Goss 61  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell 56

Board reserve  
Sandra Woodley 47

**5. Investigations Committee**

Gillian Bennett 94  
Michele Codd 74  
Kym Jarvis 72  
Claire Lewis 56  
John Harrison 46  
Lee Tipton 30

**6. Disciplinary Committee**

Shirley Bullock 99  
Sue Amor 77  
Elaine Culf 70  
Sharara Crichton 68  
Lizanne Kempself 40  
Maria Bryant 36

**Reserves:**

Stephen McConnell 28  
Penni Cragg 24

Clive Wicks 28  
Lorraine Burns 25  
Penny Bennisson 21

**7. Appeals Committee**

It was agreed that as there were insufficient applicants there would be a request for applicants to come forward before the October Council Meeting. Council also approved a suggestion that a Byelaw change be considered to allow the election for Appeals to be held at each October meeting to give the committee greater significance.

**Action: this to be on the agenda for the next Board meeting**

**JL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY****MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING****1. The Minutes of the Council meeting of 18 February**

**CHAIR JL**

The draft minutes had been circulated. They were approved with no amendments to the meeting record.

**Majority approval. 0 against 3 abstentions**

**2. Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item****2.1 C2050 Any other business or information.**

It was stated by a delegate that he had remarked that Council was not a social meeting. The Chairman observed that he stressed respect at the beginning of each meeting and this included listening to speakers rather than conducting private conversation.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**CHAIR INFO**

1. Board of Directors:	13 January 2015,	10 March 2015	No questions
2. Finance Committee	17 December 2014,		No questions

**1. Presentation of the Financial Report to the end of March 2015**

MG

INFO

- 1.1 The Office Manager's report showed that in ordinary business GCCF had traded in surplus for this period.
- 1.2 The net after depreciation was £2,129.67
- 1.3 The total capital expenditure to the same date was £78,166.98. This covered 80% of the total spend on Project Phoenix and 50% of the cost of the new website.
- 1.4 There were no queries.

**2. Presentation of the volume figures for core business to date**

MG

INFO

- 2.1 Graphs showing the transaction volume comparisons to previous years had been published.
- 2.2 There were increases in some areas, but prefix registrations and transfers had not improved on the same period in 2014, but were slightly down.
- 2.3 There were no questions.

SRO

INFO

**1. Progress of the 2015 Business Plan**

- 1.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell first noted that the 2014 Annual report was available at the meeting for delegates and would be on the GCCF website.
- 1.2 She then reminded delegates that the 2015 Business Plan was in a more simple form than previous ones, with the number of goals reduced, but measurable targets included.
- 1.3 She noted that progress had been achieved in 2015 in a number of areas:
  - IT ( with Project Phoenix progress),
  - international outreach (GCCFI contact),
  - incentives for growth with commercial partners,
  - in IC/DC reform (with the opening of the committees to non-delegates),
  - show entry encouragement (continued review of show rules in response to exhibitor concerns),
- 1.4 It was intended that the Review Groups for Show Structure and BAC/judge training reform would deliver further incentives for show entry, in conjunction with the innovations of individual show managers.
- 1.5 Improvement in marketing was of importance.
  - The licence for the advanced version of Survey Monkey had been approved. Surveys would be conducted by the review groups, and possibly by the Board. It would also be available for club use.
  - It was probable that the next new member of staff to be employed would have some marketing expertise and so would be given specific responsibility in this area.
- 1.6 The next aim to work for after the new website launch would be to get this ranked highly in search engine results on certain key phrases such as 'pedigree kitten'.
- 1.7 The Chairman thanked Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell and asked for formal approval of the plan.

Majority approval.

0 against 1 abstention

**2. The new website**

RF

INFO

- 2.1 Mrs Fisher reported that this was now ready to go live and the launch would be at 5pm, immediately after the Council meeting.
- 2.2 She thanked Digital Trading Creative for the site construction work they had done, and the training and support they had given to her and Mrs Owen to enable them to manage the website effectively.
- 2.3 Individual breeders, clubs and BACs were thanked for their contributions of breed information and pictures.
- 2.4 Tribute was paid to Marcia Owen for her continued work on the show area of the site, and all the time she had dedicated to transferring show information from previous years to ensure it remained accessible.
- 2.5 Mrs Fisher assured BACs that comment and feedback would be welcome. She was ready to change and update breed information, as long as it was by BAC request.
- 2.6 She informed delegates that a link would be maintained to the old site, until it was certain that all the information required had been transferred and (in response to a query) reported that there was an embedded search engine, but she was unable to say how effective it would prove to be.
- 2.7 The Chairman thanked Mrs Fisher for all the time and hard work she had committed to this project .

**3. Partnership information**

CHAIR

INFO

- 3.1 The Chairman reported that the partnership with Agria had proved proved financially successful.
- 3.2 The period of the contract was now past the halfway stage and there would be an FC and Board review next year on whether to enter into negotiations for renewal or to look for an alternative partner.
- 3.3 He then took delegates through the information that had been given in advance of the contract with Royal Canin being signed, and the fact that there had been no objections, and reiterated that the purpose in making commercial links was to add income without having to increase prices for breeders, clubs and exhibitors. These had been held now for over four years.
- 3.4 Council was then informed that when objections had been received from breeders, there had been some immediate response. Details of the parents had been returned to the certificates and breeders could obtain registration cards without the RC advert by direct request.
- 3.5 46 direct complaints had been received by the GCCF Office and all had received a response. Other survey information was acknowledged and the comments were being read, but it was not known whether those responding had received accurate information, or knew of the agreed changes.
- 3.5 On behalf of their club members several delegates noted that a main objection was that RC information was on the documentation they had to pass to new owners. It was suggested that it should be separate. It was agreed that this could be discussed with the company, but thought unlikely as it was something that RC had requested to ensure its offer reached the new owners as intended.

- 3.6 From the floor it was observed that commercial partners expected some returns for the sponsorship they provided. This could be seen when watching any televised sporting event.
- 3.7 The Chairman assured delegates that the contract was for one year only and there would be close monitoring to see whether the results were positive, negative or there was no impact. The first report would be made to Council in October. Information would also be supplied on reviews made by the Board and Finance on whether to renew the contract and/or pursue links with other companies.

**4. Report on Project Phoenix** **SRO** **INFO**

- 4.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reminded delegates that she hoped a start date for activating the new system could be announced at this Council Meeting and the launch would be soon afterwards. This was not possible as one of the key volunteers had been unable to provide his services at the beginning of the year, though Digital Trading Creative were on schedule with their work.
- 4.2 She was now proposing November for the launch to ensure staff holidays and the work for the Supreme had both cleared through the office.
- 4.3. This had the advantage of allowing plenty of time for intensive staff training, and to consult BACs on any registration policy anomalies.
- 4.4 She hoped to be able to post screen shots of the new system onto the website so that users could see it and become familiar with the appearance.

**5. Report on online services** **SRO** **INFO**

- 5.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported one new enhancement. Breeders could now purchase their own customised pedigrees directly, making use of their GCCF records.
- 5.2 The Turkish Angora had been added to the iSeries so that registrations could be taken.

**C2061** **BYELAW CHANGE:** **an addition to Bylaw 7 (15) Immediate implementation** **CHAIR**

This was agreed following an amendment (final sentence) to ensure any judges put forward in the month prior to a Council meeting could have their names listed on the Council supplementary agenda, as is current practice, to avoid disadvantage.

**The list of appointments to Pupil Judge, and promotions to Full Judge, will be published on the GCCF website on a weekly basis to include the following information: the BAC making the recommendation, the judge's name and list status (Full Judge or Pupil Judge). During the four weeks following each publication a delegate to Council may contact the GCCF Office with an objection to any appointment, and bring this objection to the next meeting of Full Council so that it can be considered. If no objection is received, at the end of four weeks it shall be deemed that the appointment is confirmed, and the judge and BAC shall be informed of this. Any names outstanding at the time of a Council meeting shall be included on the Council supplementary agenda.** Unanimous approval.

**C2062** **RULE CHANGES** **All for immediate implementation**

1. **An addition to the rules to ensure kittens are sold vaccinated** (Section 1:10b ii)

**All kittens must be fully vaccinated against infectious enteritis (FPV), FHV and FCV ("cat flu") at least one week prior to sale and/or leaving for a new home unless it is agreed otherwise in writing and signed by both parties. (Fixed penalties to a maximum of £100 will be applied before referral to DC on a third offence)** **IC**

This was agreed following minor amendments to the wording to ensure it covered all kittens going to a new home, and did not depend upon an actual sale having to be proved. **Majority approval. 1 against 0 abstentions**

2. **Revisions to the registration rules to ensure the names of Household Pets (non pedigree and pedigree pet) when registered do not conflict with the registered prefixes of breeders.** **MG** **OFFICE**

(Text retained as an addendum to the minutes.) **Majority approval. 2 against 10 abstentions**

3. **Rule changes to ensure that imports require a certified pedigree to a maximum of five generations.**

(Section1) **CHAIR** **OFFICE**

7f) i A 4 generation, or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed, **to a maximum of five generations.** Certified Pedigree for the parent/parents not registered with the GCCF issued by a bona fide registering organisation.

7g) i A certified pedigree, **to a maximum of five generations,** which must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. **Majority approval. 9 against 3 abstentions**

**Actions: implementation by the GCCF Office for all registration policies** **OFFICE**  
**GC and Board discussion on the protection of registration policies** **JL**

4. **An addition to the rules to ensure cat comfort at shows** (Section 2:3g) **NFCBAC** **SMs**

...Exhibitors should **must be permitted the use of cool pads/ice packs** under their cats blankets, and/or safe battery-operated fans on their pens, **at all shows. Show Managers are recommended that, wherever possible , air conditioning is utilised in halls.** Exhibitors and visitors may be requested to leave the hall for a period....

**Majority approval. 0 against 1 abstention**

5. **Rule changes to allow a cat to enter a higher certificate class if a title is gained after the closing date stated on the schedule if an extension to the closing date is published on the website.**

2:4d) With reference to schedule requirements the insertion of **proposed** to be added before 'closing date'.

4:11a) ...as published **stated** in the schedule, **or any extension to this published on the GCCF website** **Majority approval. 1 against 0 abstentions**

6. Withdrawn prior to the meeting.

7. Section 4:23 (new rule - current 23 to 30 become 24 to 31) CHAIR EXHs  
Exhibitors may not receive any certificate and/or Best of Breed, Best of Variety or Best in Show awards from judges they have travelled with to that show in a private vehicle. Majority approval. 36 against 6 abstentions
8. Addition to the Code of Conduct for GCCF Judges 3a) (in conjunction with 6 above) CHAIR JUDGES

.... for BOB/BOV or BIS. Be aware that you may be asked to take on additional judging on the day and any exhibit you travel with would become ineligible to receive certificates and/or awards from you. (Rule 4:23). Majority approval. 11 against 1 abstention

*(The following amendments were proposed as the outcome of the first work done by the BAC Review Group)*

9. Rules in which Probationer must be changed to Pupil to reflect the revisions made to the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme (JAS), and 'on probation' and 'probationary' replaced by 'training'. Section 3: 1b, 1c, 2, 4b. (one word changes only) Majority approval. 0 against 6 abstentions

10. To ensure that judges for new breeds are already qualified to work in the section applied for (Section 1:43e and 1:48d)

A list of full GCCF judges of at least 2 years standing, full on at least one list, to be submitted for appointment as full judges of the new breed together with a rationale for their choice. These should be full or pupil judges already qualified to work in the section into which the new breed has been placed. Further lists may be submitted prior to the new breed applying for promotion for ~~to~~ Provisional Championship recognition status using the same criteria. Confirmation of the list of full judges of the breed, who have been appointed in accordance with rule 1:43e. If so wished, a list of candidates for appointment as probationer pupil judges of the breed, in accordance with the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme, may be submitted. (1:48d) Majority approval. 5 against 7 abstentions

11. Change to the Code of Conduct Change for GCCF Judges to allow for a revision to judge training that enables newly qualified pupil judges to offer their services to Show Managers.

Section 2

Judges should not solicit judging engagements at specific shows, with the exception that Pupil Judges who are progressing from the stewarding scheme for the first time may offer their services to a Show Manager in order to gain experience. (see JAS 24d) Majority approval. 0 against 11 abstentions

12. An addition to the 'Eligibility to Judge Title Classes – Minimum Requirements 1.6.2013'

Note to the end of this:

NB: Once deemed eligible to judge a title class, with the record made on the GCCF list accordingly, no judge should lose this eligibility by the restructuring of sections, or breed groups, and/or the addition of new breeds to a section or group. (This will be applied retrospectively from the introduction of the Olympian Classes at 1.6.2012, so that any judge eligible to judge them at that point is not excluded subsequently.) Majority approval. 6 against 4 abstentions

13. An amendment to the Judge Appointment Scheme to permit PJs to obtain a tutorial if stewarding for a Full Judge of the relevant breed. (supported by the GCCF Guild of Judges & Stewards).

NB A Probationer Pupil Judge must be judging at the show, or stewarding for the Full Judge of the breed for a tutorial to take place. No more than one tutorial form may be submitted for any one breed/or breed of the same pattern/colour breed class or its equivalent at the same show.

Amended to remove the deletion of the final four words.

Unanimous approval

## C2063 INVESTIGATION/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. **Report on the work of the Investigations Committee**  
Published with the agenda and taken as read. There were no questions. INFO
2. **Notice of additional rules to be covered by fixed penalty**  
Those published had been noted. There were no questions. INFO
3. **The adoption of a Code of Conduct relating to social media use and GCCF** IC
  - 3.1 Mrs Codd presented the Code of Conduct that had been accepted by the Board, explaining that it had been based closely on that of another organisation, and given legal scrutiny, and not constructed by IC.
  - 3.2 Some reply was made to this from individual delegates, but it was deemed there was insufficient time for a full debate and it should therefore return to the agenda in October.

**Action: to be positioned as a key item on the October Council agenda.** JL  
the proposal from the Southern & South Western Birman Cat Club to follow it.

## C2064 SHOW MATTERS

1. **Update from the SSM on plans for the 2015 show.**
  - 1.1 Schedules were now available.
  - 1.2 The Supreme website had been out of action for some time, but would be accessible again from the evening of 19 June 2015.
  - 1.3 There would be no charge to clubs to take a table and exhibit cats in Club Row. This was to encourage clubs to display their breeds to the public without cost, as at the Pet Shows. INFO

2. **The introduction of exhibition classes that give a critique** **LaPerm CC**  
 2.1 The LaPerm Cat Club proposed the definition of exhibition classes as an addition to Section 2 5g.  
 2.2 The current exhibition classes would be defined in the first section of the rule as open to all.  
 2.3 Shows would also be permitted to offer Exhibition Classes with a critique for cats of breeds having full or preliminary recognition only, but on any section of the register.  
 2.4 The purpose was to allow breeders independent feedback on breeding cats not eligible for competition, but being used in a breed development and/or outcross programme.  
 2.5 A written critique would be supplied on the day by the relevant breed judge and published with other show reports.  
 2.6 The delegate for the LaPerm CC acknowledged that the cost to the exhibitor for this type of class would be more than a standard exhibition class, because of the judge time involved.

**Majority approval. 9 against 6 abstentions**

3. **Draft Proposals from the Show Review Group**  
 3.1 There was discussion throughout the electoral period between votes being taken. It was lead by the Chairman of the Show Structure Review Group, Mrs Catherine Kaye.  
 3.2 Awards and titles for kittens and/or junior cats were considered without conclusion. There was some sympathy for the idea, but also strong feeling that there should not be further proliferation of classes as titles were cheapened.  
 3.3 It was suggested there was a need to know what would actually encourage show entries as they were improving and there was a need to maintain that momentum. If there were changes they needed strong appeal.  
 3.4 This was agreed by Mrs Kaye who informed delegates that the next stage in the SSRG's work was to conduct a properly structured survey into what was liked and disliked, when considering a show from the point of entry to the conclusion of the show day, starting from why particular shows were preferred.  
 3.5 She asked for continued feedback on all ideas published.

**Action: the email address to which this is to be sent to be published on the GCCF website. CK**

**C2065 JUDGES**

1. JUDGES APPOINTMENTS	(all approved)	JL
<b>Abyssinian BAC</b>	Full Judge	Mr Steve Crow
<b>Asian BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Ms Sarah Dewhurst Mrs Linda Martin Miss Emma Matthews Miss Elisabeth Stark
<b>Burmese BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Miss Sarah Dewhurst Mr George Godfrey
<b>Birman BAC</b>	Probationer Judge Extension to June 2016	Mrs Carole Gainsbury Mrs Pat Perkins
<b>Exotic BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Mrs S Danks Mrs D Brown Miss C Pearson
<b>Norwegian Forest Cat BAC</b>	Full Judge ( 6 months absence)	Mrs Susan Luxford-Watts Ms Linda Johnstone
<b>Ocicat/Ocicat Classic BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Mr Steve Parkin Ocicat Classic Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Dorothy Stone
<b>Persian LH BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Mrs C Roberts Mrs Chris Bamford
<b>Russian BAC</b>	Full Judge Full Judge - Nebelungs	Mrs Naomi Johnson Mrs Sandra Moore
<b>Ragamuffin UKRMCS</b>	Full Judge Probationer Judge	Dr Bruce Bennett Mr John Harrison Mrs Carole Gainsbury Ms Claire Lewis
<b>Siamese JAC</b>	Probationer Judge	Mrs L Walpole
<b>Siberian BAC</b>	Full Judge Probationer judge Extension to June 2016	Mrs Val Anderson-Drew Mrs Sandra Moore Ms Claire Lewis Mrs Audrey Saye

**Sokoke Breed Club**

Full Judge list:

V A Anderson-Drew, L Ashmore, M Buckeridge, S Bullock, M Chapman-Bear, M Codd, S Crow, S Farrell, R Fisher, G Gow, J I Green, A Gregory, J Hansson, D Harper, V Kilby, C Leighton, S Luxford-Watts, P Mansaray, H Marriott-Power, G Martin, L Martin, S Parkin, P Perkins, C Pike, S Rainbow-Ockwell, B Shingleton, L Stevenson, J Tonkinson, S Woodley.

**2. JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/REMOVALS**

Phil Auden had withdrawn from the Oriental lists

**INFO****C2066 BREED APPLICATIONS****1. Promotion to Championship Status for the Ragamuffin****Majority approval. 0 against 1 abstention**

New class to be allowed as soon as is practical for Show Managers, at shows whose published closing date has not yet passed, but must be provided at shows from 17.10.15

**2. Preliminary Recognition for the Sokoke****Majority approval. 0 against 4 abstentions**

Assessment classes may be offered at shows whose closing dates have not yet passed.

**3. Blue Chinchilla, Blue Shaded Silver and Blue Golden Persians to be accepted in the existing breed classes for Chinchillas and Goldens as appropriate.****Majority approval. 0 against 1 abstention**

New colours to go into the existing classes of any show taking entries.

**C2067 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER SOP MATTERS****Immediate implementation****1. Revised registration policy the Persian LH****Unanimous approval****PLHBAC****2. Revised registration policies for the Ocicat and Ocicat Classic including the renaming of the Ocicat Classic to Aztec****Majority approval. 4 against 2 abstentions****O/OCBAC**

**Action: confirmation to BACs with requests that an updated clean copy of the policy is sent to the GCCF Office.**

**JL****3. Rules for Household Pet registration****WoESWCS**

3.1 This was withdrawn as household pet registration had already been dealt with at C2062.2.

3.2 It was acknowledged that this action was all that was required currently. Clubs could make additional proposals for change at such time as it was confirmed that registration was mandatory to gain show titles in the HHP Section by the setting of a date for this to happen.

**INFO****4. GCCF Outcrossing Guidelines**

4.1 The Chairman thanked GC member, Anthony Nichols, for drafting the document, which was intended to complement the GCCF Breeding Policy.

4.2 He stressed that it was not a rule book, but intended to provide guidance to BACs, clubs and individual breeders interested in following an outcross programme to maintain breed diversity.

4.3 Feedback and updates were welcome from any BAC.

4.4 The delegate for the Russian Blue Breeders Association observed that the report on genetic diversity frequently cited in the Guidelines (Lipinski et al) had included only Northern American and European Russians, and that a study into the diversity of GCCF Russian Blues was underway. When results were known they would be published and a comparison could be made.

4.5 It was agreed it could be useful for other breeds to have an indication of whether a UK breed had a greater, lesser or similar degree of diversity to cats of that breed elsewhere in the world.

**INFO****C2068 CAT WELFARE TRUST**

Rosemary Fisher gave the Annual Report on behalf of the CWT.

**1. Report of trustee resignations and appointments**

1.1 There had been three resignations in recent months, including that of the Trust Chairman, Mr Keith Scruton, and its Treasurer, Mrs Eileen Fryer.

1.2 Three nominations had been received for the vacancies.

- Dr Karen Kempzell (nominated by the GCCF Genetics Committee)
- Mrs Pat Perkins (nominated by the GCCF Board)
- Ms Juanita Sharpe (nominated by the GCCF Veterinary Officer, also a Trust Board Member)

1.3 These candidates had been considered suitable by the Trust and Board. It would be the responsibility of the Trust to appoint a Chairman and Treasurer.

2. **Update on the progress of the current projects**

- 2.1 Mrs Fisher reported that the main project into the genetics of the feline immune system had been on hold as the key researcher had been ill and unable to travel. However, it was in progress once again with work being carried out at a Dutch University.
- 2.2 In 2014 it had been agreed that the scope of the Trust would be broadened to support projects put forward by clubs and BACs, and the first of these had begun. £1,500 match funding had been contributed to a study into the genetic diversity of GCCF Russian Blues, enabling the number of cats in the study to be doubled.
- 2.3 There had also been enquiries from clubs on HCM and PRA research so it was hoped another project of this type could be started.
- 2.4 Assurance was given to delegates that every penny gained by the Trust was spent on feline research, nothing went on advertising or administration. It was a charity that deserved support. **INFO**

**C2069 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No further discussion than that reported at C2064.3 took place. It was expected that the Show Structure Review Group would be able to publish some concrete proposals for the October meeting and that time would also be allowed for further discussion of some of the more complex issues the SSRG had identified.

**Action: discussion to be returned to the October Council agenda.** **JL**

**C2070 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION**

It was agreed that the next meeting would also start at midday to allow time for discussion.

**Action: revision in hall booking required** **OM**

The meeting closed at 4:58pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 12 noon.