



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



Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London

	PRESENTED BY	ACTION BY
C2070	WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM	Chair
	<p>At 12.08 the Chairman welcomed delegates and thanked them for attending the meeting. The midday start was at the request of delegates at June Council and it was disappointing not more could be present. (Note: there were a number of late arrivals, giving a total of 93). New delegates were invited to introduce themselves. There were three present, representing Siamese, Burmese and Ragdoll clubs. The regular reminder was given that it was acceptable to express differing views, but that all should be listened to with equal respect and no personal abuse would be tolerated. The Chairman also requested that delegates did not call out, or have long conversations with those near to them, as this made it difficult for others to hear the debate.</p> <p>Liz Coward, Ruth Fish, Pat Neale, Juanita Sharp, Tom Wells and Michael Wrigley were remembered in a moment of silence.</p>	
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C2071	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Chair
	<p>The Chairman gave a message from the President wishing all a happy and successful day. She had recently had surgery and Council's good wishes would be passed on. There were also apologies given on behalf of Vice-President, Eric Wickham-Ruffle. Delegate apologies were as recorded on the attendance sheet.</p>	
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C2072	CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	Chair
	<p>1.1 The Chairman stated there were not many topics to cover in his update as most matters were on the agenda. Therefore he would be brief. 1.2 There were no changes to report in office staffing at Bridgwater. 1.3 Project Phoenix was ongoing and detail of this would be given by the project manager later in the meeting. 1.4 The Canine & Feline Sector Group had met twice since June. Most of the topics discussed were canine, but work had begun on reviewing the welfare codes and cats had their own. Recommendations were in preparation to send to DEFRA. 1.5 The small C&FSG working group for Breeding & Sale of Cats had also met to collate data gathered from adverts. The Chair stressed that he considered participation in this really important to stress the difference between the unregulated production of non-pedigrees and the hobby of responsible pedigree breeding. 1.6 The bill proposed to regulate cat breeding had not been dropped, but its proposer, Lord Black, was not in a position to bring it before the House of Lords as he had not gained the parliamentary time to do so. 1.7 The Growth Accelerator Programme had been completed with a final meeting held in September to discuss a marketing plan. The business coach, Philip Cox-Hynd, had promised to remain in contact and would offer advice if requested. 1.8 News had just been received from GCCFI. The registry was prepared to accept the Board's latest offer for more limited online services at a lower cost. A letter of intent would be signed to confirm this and, if the GCCFI Council agreed the terms at its November meeting, a contract would follow.</p>	
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C2073	CLUB MATTERS	
	1. Dispensation for continued delegate representation for the reconstituted Tabby Cat Club	Chair
	<p>This was agreed unanimously, and acknowledged by the delegate present.</p>	
		INFO
	2. GCCF Full Membership for the Australian Mist Cat Association	
	<p>This was agreed unanimously. The club would be informed.</p>	
		JL
	3. Update on club returns and introduction of an administrative charge	Chair
	<p>3.1 The meeting was informed that one club, the Central LH and Semi-LH, had not completed their returns. It had had difficulty finding an examiner for its accounts. 3.2 It was suggested that a list of those who were competent and happy to do this could be compiled from club recommendations, and those who offered, and published on the GCCF website. 3.3 FC had suggested to the Board that a penalty of £10 should be levied on clubs that were late with their returns to recover some of the administrative costs involved in having to repeatedly contact them. 3.4 Most of those who expressed opinion on this considered that the charge was too low, and should be more realistic. Others suggested that any proposal brought to February Council should include reference to extenuating circumstances.</p>	
	Action: Board discussion to produce a proposal to Council in February	JL
	4. Club Name change	
	<p>4.1 Two clubs with Ocicat Classic in their name wished to change this to Aztec. This was accepted.</p>	
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C2074 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1. The Minutes of the Council meeting of 17 June 2015** JL
The draft minutes had been circulated. They were approved by a majority with no amendments. **INFO**
3 abstentions
- 2. Delegate questions on ongoing business not covered by an agenda item**
There were no matters arising or queries. **INFO**

C2075 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. Board of Directors: 14 April, 19 May and 14 July 2015 No questions JL
2. Finance Committee: 11 February and 10 June 2015 No questions
- 3. Change of remit for the Finance Committee** Chair
- 3.1 The first change concerned minute circulation. These would be sent to the Board after electronic approval by FC members.
- 3.2 The second allowed for a reduction in the number of meetings. The Chairman explained that six meetings a year had been necessary after incorporation, but the need no longer existed. It was considered that three meetings would be sufficient, but the opportunity to have more was written into the remit so that it would be unnecessary to return to Council again should the Board approve additional meetings.
- Majority approval 2 abstentions. INFO**

C2076 FINANCE

- 1. Re-Presentation of the 2014 GCCF Accounts with additional notes** MG
- 1.1 The Chairman gave a summary of the steps taken after the June meeting to ensure the presentation of the 2014 accounts was amended according to the wishes of Council. The accountants, O'Hara Wood, had been asked to make the changes ahead of submitting the accounts to Companies House by the deadline of 30 September.
- 1.2 The Office Manager then gave detail of subsequent amendments that had been made following points raised by delegates. These did not alter the figures or final outcomes, but provided further information.
- 1.3 He agreed that the total for miscellaneous income was large (£36,709) and it would in future be listed to show the main elements. Most of this was the money earned from Agria commission.
- 1.4 Also, although capital expenditure had been shown, the payment to Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell, for her work as Project Manager to Project Phoenix, had not been separately itemised, as Mr Wood had seen invoices on her company stationery and not identified the connection between these and a GCCF Director.
- 1.5 In the next accounts this record would be shown in the note summaries.
- 1.6 Mr Goadby pointed out that although the amendments to be made were not formal requirements for accounts that were sent to Companies House they would be included in future as he preferred not to have two different versions of the end of year accounts.
- 1.7 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell observed that it would be misleading to describe GCCF payment to her as 'director's remuneration' as she was not being paid for her work as a director, and it was important that this was clear to prevent any precedent being set. It was properly described as a 'related transaction'. **INFO**
- 2. Presentation of the management accounts for the current period** MG
- 2.1 The Office Manager was pleased to report a rise in income and decreased expenditure for the year to date.
- 2.2 Except for card transaction costs, because of the increased amount of business by phone and online, there had been some successful contract renegotiations contributing to savings made.
- 2.3 He expected there would be a satisfactory end of year surplus. There was a realistic prediction of this given on the income/expenditure sheet.
- 2.4 Responding to a query Mr Goadby explained that the difference between the i/e and balance sheets was because the current balances did include computer software depreciation. If the figure for that (£18,000) was subtracted from the total on the balance sheet there was no significant variation.
- 2.5 He confirmed for delegates that the club loan was included within the amount stated for capital and reserves (£475,021.42).
- 2.6 Also, that the Supreme account had received a loan from the primary GCCF account of £30,000. This acted as a float in order to pay expenses before income was received.
- 3. Presentation of the volume figures for core business to date** MG **INFO**
- 3.1 Overall the cumulative total litter registration was similar to that for the same period in the previous year. Prefix registrations were down a little and non-prefix were at a record high. It was good that a decline in the number registering with GCCF now seemed to have plateaued.
- 3.2 Import figures continued to be good, and the OM also informed delegates that the request for certified pedigrees had fallen. It seemed to indicate that new cats were coming into GCCF and not many were leaving.
- 3.3 Transfers figures were better than in the previous year. The rise had begun in June and had grown at an average rate of 5% in the months following. The transfer incentive scheme (RC partnership) was producing results.
- 3.4 Prefix applications were not high, but the improvement on the figures for 2014 continued.
- 4. Project Phoenix Costs** MG **INFO**
- 4.1 These were presented to Council for information.
- 4.2 There was a correction to one figure confirmed. The actual spending was therefore currently just below the amount planned
- 4.3 In response to a delegate query Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell said she could not confirm yet that the forecast totals would be the actual outcomes, but she did not anticipate any significant additional expenses.

C2077

BYELAW CHANGES

1. An amendment to Byelaw 9 (2)

Chair

Business to be transacted at the Electoral meeting shall include:-

- c) Election of the Standing Committees hereinafter mentioned, **with the exception of the Appeals Committee which may be elected at the meeting following the Electoral Meeting**

This was agreed by a unanimous decision.

INFO

2. An amendment to Bylaw 12 (13b)

Final sentence: The maximum level of **the first** fixed penalty per breach shall not exceed £100.

2.1 There was some discussion to clarify the meaning of this. The Chair of IC confirmed that subsequent breaches of the same rules could double and triple the penalty, making a maximum fine £300.

2.2 In practice this did not happen as IC was not obliged to levy a fixed penalty, but could ask for a case to be referred to DC if deemed sufficiently serious. Repeated breaches of a serious offence that carried a £100 penalty would almost certainly be in this category.

Majority approval. 1 against 2 abstentions

Action: the revised fixed penalty list to be available from the GCCF website.

GB/RF

C2078

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. Confirmation of the Appeals Committee

Chair

- 1.1 Mrs Maria Chapman-Beer Mrs Pat Cherry
Mrs Cynthia Mary Cullin Mrs Carole Pike
Mrs Betty Shingleton Ms Elisabeth Stark

were appointed as the Appeals Committee.

1.2 There were sufficient applicants to form the Committee, but without reserves.

1.3 The Chair asked the Committee to agree amongst themselves who should serve for one, two and three years before standing for re-election. If they were unable to do this an electoral process would take place at the February Council meeting.

Action: The Appeals Committee to inform the Office prior to the February Council meeting.

AC

2. Confirmation of the Appeals Committee Remit

Chair

2.1 The Chairman referred delegates to the GCCF Byelaws (11 6). The Appeals Committee met very occasionally to hear appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.

2.2 In addition to hearing appeals against DC judgments it had the power to act as arbitrator between individuals and/or organisations within GCCF, and adjudicate upon Appeals lodged against any section of the Show Rules, with its decisions binding on all parties.

INFO

3. The adoption of a Code of Conduct relating to social media use & GCCF

Chair

3.1 The Chairman explained that he would lead on this item in the absence of Mrs Codd who had prepared the Code of Conduct, basing it upon that of an equine association which had received legal guidance.

3.2 It was deemed suitable for GCCF staff, officers, committees and all members of the GCCF community to establish what was acceptable social media in matters that concerned GCCF.

3.3 Prior to a paper vote being taken on whether or not the code should be adopted a number of delegates spoke to make points in favour and against its acceptance.

The proposal was lost. 37 in favour 54 against INFO

4. A Code of Conduct proposed by the Southern & South Western Birman Cat Club.

S&SWBCC

4.1 This code, based upon that of the Kennel Club, set out the expectation of respect for others from social media users, but was clear that GCCF should not be responsible for action if there were disputes.

The proposal was lost. 19 in favour 74 against INFO

C2709

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Website report

RF

1.1 Mrs Fisher reported that the new website had had some early problems, particularly with its show report pages, but issues had now been resolved.

1.2 The site continued to be developed, importing additional pages and making updates to existing sections.

1.3 The breed section was complete, including the addition of the Chartreux, but representatives of BACs were reminded that amendments could be made upon request.

1.4 The next stage of the project would bring improvements to the Breeder Scheme section of the site, enabling breeders to add and remove their kitten availability and advertise stud service, if so wished.

INFO

2. Feedback on the Royal Canin transfer incentive

Chair

2.1 The Chairman reported that the improvement in transfer figures showed the incentive scheme was of benefit to GCCF. The number of new owners transferring had received a boost when the service had been offered online, but growth had not continued.

2.2 Since the beginning of the incentive in June, monthly totals had increased by 3%, 3%, 9% and 6%. This was increased income, but had the additional benefit of involving new people with GCCF.

2.3 Just over 100 breeders had opted out of the scheme, but this was small percentage of the overall total. Enquiries received by the Office indicated that it was popular with new owners. DTC

2.4 It was observed by a delegate some had had difficulty accessing a retailer to make a voucher redemption. This would be reported to Royal Canin who had previously acknowledged their list of retailers was not up to date, and helpline support was available. The GCCF Office could advise.

2.5 The company was very satisfied with the voucher redemption rate achieved to date.

Action: Continued monitoring of the scheme and a further report to be presented to February Council. SC

3. Report on the partnership with Agria

Chair

3.1 The Chairman reported that this year to date almost £25,000 had been earned from Agria in commission from policy conversion (when new kitten owners took out a full insurance policy with the company). This income ensured prices for direct services to breeders and exhibitors could be held.

3.2 At a recent meeting with Agria representatives it was urged that more should be done to encourage breeders to give kitten policies to improve the opportunity for conversions and so increase commission.

3.3 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell informed the meeting that new owners making online transfers were now asked if they had kitten insurance and could opt for an Agria policy if they did not.

INFO

4. Progress of Project Phoenix

SRO

4.1 Mrs Rainbow-Ockwell reported that there had been two recent difficulties:

- a member of the DTC team who had worked on the project was leaving so his knowledge of GCCF would no longer be available for system implementation,
- the initial review made of the iSeries had not detected all of its functions.

4.2 To mitigate the first she had been spending additional time at DTC to assist system testing, and good progress had been made.

4.3 In November staff training on the new system would begin, as planned.

4.4 She reminded delegates that although extra work was involved, because of the addition of the new functions, this would not mean additional cost to GCCF as DTC were on a fixed term contract.

Action: a further update to be given at the November Board meeting and then published on the website. SRO

5. Report on online services

SRO

5.1 There were no new updates to report.

INFO

C2080

RULE CHANGES

1. To establish identity for a Certificate of Entirety

Section 1:1a

VAC

All male cats used at stud must have a certificate of entirety deposited with GCCF prior to registration of their first litter of kittens. **They must be uniquely identifiable at the time of the examination by microchip or alphanumeric tattoo; the detail of which is noted on the certificate and included in the cat's own veterinary records.**

1.1 An amendment was proposed and accepted to add 'or alphanumeric tattoo', and substitute 'detail' for 'number'.

1.2 Agreed.

Majority approval

12 against

3 abstentions

2. To ensure all registration policies are sent to the Board with a rationale. Section 1:20

Chair

Amendments to registration policies **with the rationale for them** must be submitted to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee or, in the case of Preliminary status breeds only, via an affiliated breed club if the relevant breed club is not yet affiliated.

Agreed unanimously

3. To give overseas judges equality of eligibility with GCCF judges for judging title classes

JH

Section 2 9e and Section 3 3e

An overseas judge must not judge Certificate **Breed** classes (including Grand, Imperial Grand, Olympian and Assessment classes) which include **for** breeds, colours or patterns which are not recognised by the organisation for which he/she is currently a full judge. **Eligibility to judge title classes should be determined by the same criteria applied to GCCF judges.**

Majority approval

0 against

1 abstention

4. To give exhibitors the right not to have their address in show catalogues, but ensure a list of those excluded is sent to the GCCF Office with the show returns.

C&L CC

Section 2 11b)

A list of names addresses of all exhibitors together with the numbers of the pens allocated to them.

Note: An exhibitor may request in writing that the address provided on the entry form shall be omitted from the catalogue, and show management should ensure that this instruction is followed.

0 against

2 abstentions

Section 2 20c)

.... send to the GCCF Office one fully marked, certified copy of the catalogue, **together with detail of any addresses that have been omitted from it by exhibitor request (2:11b). The catalogue should be** complete with.....

4.1 'detail' was substituted 'a list' and the proposal was agreed.

4.2 Agreed

Majority approval

0 against

2 abstentions

5. To clarify that the use of any form of contraception will not be considered as show preparation

Chair

Section 2 19c and Section 4 22

v) NB **Notes:**

i) An alphanumeric identification tattoo in the ear, or on the inner thigh shall not be considered a change in the normal appearance of the cat.

ii) The use of chemical contraception with veterinary supervision is acceptable in the interests of welfare and is not considered as show preparation. (Exhibitors with male cats that have received hormonal injection for contraceptive purposes are advised to have evidence of this with them to show to the Duty Vet should any testicular abnormality be queried).

Majority approval

6 against

3 abstentions

6. Rule amendments to include queens who may be pregnant Section 4 4a) and section 5 4a)

IC

Queens who are pregnant, **or could be pregnant**, lactating or ...

Majority approval

3 against

4 abstentions

7. To clarify the period in which an exhibit may be withdrawn Section 4:10) **SSRG**
 A show entry cannot be withdrawn after the published closing date of the show, **which will include any extension published on the GCCF website.** Majority approval **5 against 2 abstentions**
 NB: with immediate effect for shows not yet closed.

8. Removal of Section 3:13

Judges and stewards must not smoke whilst handling cats.
 This rule deletion was withdrawn.

Action: rule changes 1-7 to be included in the next update of the GCCF rules.

OM

C2081 SHOW MATTERS

1. Update on news for the forthcoming show **Chair INFO**

- 1.1 As Mrs Leighton was busy preparing for the show on 24 October she had given the Chairman information to report.
- 1.2 A total of 775 cats would be present. This was 120 down the previous year, although the show entry date had been kept open as long as possible.
- 1.3 With loss of income from entries and the consequent reduction in RC sponsorship it was almost certain that the losses would be greater than in 2014, even if the gate and catalogue sales were good.
- 1.4 There followed some comment on the future of the Supreme show. The fortieth was due in 2016. The Chairman said he would ask the SSM for figures for the November Board meeting. He was asked for a draft copy of the Supreme Show accounts to be available for the February council.

Action: details of headline income and expenditure to be published as soon as possible. **CL**

2. The Judge Appointment Scheme - revised to include all recent update **JH**

- 2.1 Discussion took place on the revisions made. Some were considered impractical to have been made prematurely, and further amendments were suggested.
- 2.2 It was therefore agreed that the revised document should be made available for comment and additional amendments collated to be considered for inclusion by the BAC review Group.

Action: review by the Board, and publication of the scheme on the website with a date set by which further comment will be accepted, and a BACRG meeting to follow. **JH**

3. Revised tutorial and assessment forms for the Judge Appointment Scheme **JH BACRG**
 These were withdrawn for amendments to be made.

4. Report from the Show Structure Review Group **CK**

- 4.1 SSRG Chairman, Kate Kaye, reported that the survey to gather information from as many exhibitors as possible was now ready. It was just five simple questions with the opportunity presented for additional comment and ideas.
- 4.2 It would be sent out via Survey Monkey to all GCCF held email addresses within the next few days, and be on the website and social media pages. Delegates were urged to give it maximum publicity.
- 4.3 It would be open until 7 December and it hoped that collation would be completed so that the SSRG could hold a meeting in early January to prepare proposals that could be put to Council in February.

Action: publicity for the survey **All**

5. Update on the new designs for the show certificates **RF**

- 5.1 Mrs Fisher stated that feedback from shows where the certificates had been displayed had indicated approval for the use of the new GCCF logom and change of style for the certificates, but not for a change to white card. The traditional use of gold and silver was preferred.
- 5.2 She was currently researching different types and costs of this, and had refreshed the designs to give greater space for exhibits' names and to avoid having to write across coloured stripes.

Action: to report on sources of card and prices to the Board, and display the designs. **RF**

C2082 JUDGES

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

Asian BAC	Pupil Judge	Mr Steve Parkin	
Ocicat & Aztec BAC	Extension for one year (October 2016)	Mrs Janet Tonkinson	
Singapura BAC	Full Judge	Mr Phil Cornish	JL

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

Birman BAC	Pupil Judge	Mrs Val Anderson-Drew
British Shorthair Group Committee	Full Judge	Dr Peter Collin
Joint Rex BAC	Full Judge (Devon Rex) Pupil Judge (LaPerm) Pupil Judge (Selkirk Rex)	Mrs Rosemary Fisher Mr Steve Parkin Mr Mark Pearman

Korat & Thai BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Ms Elisabeth Stark Miss Sarah Dewhurst Mrs Sandra Woodley
Maine Coon BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Mrs Chris Bamford Mrs Helen Hardwick Mrs Val Anderson
Ocicat & Aztec BAC	Full Judge (Aztecs) Pupil Judge	Mrs Michele Codd Miss Sarah Dewhurst Mrs Sylvia Rose
Oriental BAC	Full Judge (Selfs) Full Judge (Bicolours) Pupil Judge (Bicolours) Pupil Judge on all Oriental lists	Mrs Sally Tokens Mrs Linda Walpole Mrs Perri Mansaray Mrs Pina Bruno-Grieve Mr Phil Cornish Mr Richard Lord Mrs Linda Martin Mr Peter Williams
Persian Longhair BAC	Full Judge	Mr Jonathan Emery
RagaMuffin BAC	Pupil Judge	Mrs Valerie Anderson
Russian BAC	Full Judge (Nebelungs)	Mrs Lynn Fryer
Sokoke Breed Club	Full Judge	Mrs Veronica Brooks Mr Phil Cornish Mrs Catherine Kaye
Somali BAC	Full Judge Pupil Judge	Dr Bruce Bennett Mrs Dorothy Stone
Sphynx BAC	Full Judge	Mrs Michele Codd

3. **JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/RMOVALS** **INFO**

- 3.1 Mr Keith Scruton gave notice of transfer to the Emeritus List for:
 Persian LH (Self, Tabby, Smoke/Tipped, Bi/Tri-colour & Colourpt), Exotic, Birman, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdoll, Ragamuffin, Siberian, Somali LH & SH, Turkish Van & Turkish Vankedisi, Korat & Thai, Snowshoe, Tonkinese.
- 3.2 He also withdrew as a judge of Nebelung, and as a Pupil Judge from the Asian, Russian and Burmese lists.

C2083 BREED APPLICATIONS

1. **Promotion to Championship Status for the Tonkinese with Burmese colour restriction** **ToBAC**
Approved unanimously.
 New class to be allowed as soon as is practical for Show Managers, but must be provided at shows from 21.2.16
2. **Breed recognition of the Chartreux** **INFO**
3. **Breed recognition of the Toyger** **INFO**
 These breeds are now accepted for registration and cats may be on exhibition at GCCF shows. The acceptability of using a Bengal was queried, but both the Chairman and Vice-Chair confirmed that it was outcrossing to a non-domestic breed that was not permitted by the GCCF Breeding Policy and that although Bengals were derived from another feline species originally, it had been substantiated that no new outcrossing had been used to develop the Toyger.
4. **Application for Cinnamon and Fawn Point Balinese, with the colours also allowed for in Tortie, Tabby and Tortie/Tabby Point, to go into the existing Balinese breed class** **BaBAC**
Approved unanimously.

C2084 REGISTRATION/TRANSFER SOP MATTERS

1. **Revised registration policy for Balinese.** **BaBAC**
- 1.1 An amendment on the day was proposed by the Balinese BAC Secretary to remove reference to the Oriental LH registration policy. This was agreed.
2. **Oriental registration policy revision** **OBAC**
3. **Somali registration policy - amended wording** **SoBAC**
4. **Amendments to the SOP for Balinese** **BaBAC**
5. **Amendment to the SOP for Selkirk Rex** **JRBAC**

6. **Amendment to the SOP for Tonkinese** **ToBAC**
7. **Revised SOP for Turkish cats** **TuBAC**
 (a note to be sent to the Turkish BAC that its next SOP revision should include mention of chins).
Items 1-7 approved individually, all unanimously. The respective BACs to be informed. **JL**
8. **Discontinuation of the Experimental Register** **SRO**
- 8.1 It was proposed that the register no longer served a useful purpose. It should be replaced by new breeds having an approved registration policy at the time of breed recognition, and new colours and patterns of existing breeds being included in their current policy, appropriately revised.
- 8.2 This was agreed in principle. Therefore the new system would not include an 'experimental register' and reference to EXP would become historic as registration policies were revised.
- Majority approval** **1 against** **0 abstentions**
- 8.3 It was noted there would be many rule changes to implement removal of the experimental register. Delegates approved a suggestion that these should be scrutinised by the Board, published on the GCCF website and reported to Council.
- Action: rule changes to drafted** **SRO/JL**
9. **Consultation on minor policy corrections/amendments receiving immediate Board approval and being referred to Council as information.** **JL**
- 9.1 It was proposed that minor changes to registration policies should be published on the GCCF website subsequent to Board approval. A four week period would then be allowed for objections to be received from delegates and if none were then they would be deemed approved and listed on the next council agenda so that a record was kept.
- 9.2 The process would be exactly as it was for approving judges.
- 9.3 An objection on the principle of a reduction to Council's authority was made by Mr M Coomer of Coventry & Leicester CC.
- Majority approval** **3 against** **2 abstentions**
- 9.4 It was suggested that other non-material items could be dealt with similarly.
- Action: this to be considered by the Board for a proposal to be brought to February Council** **JL**
10. **Revised registration policy for Russian cats** **RBAC**
- Majority approval** **2 against** **0 abstentions**
- Action: The BAC to be informed.** **JL**

C2085 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR INFORMATION

It was suggested that a Council meeting and the Supreme Show should not be held in the same week in future and there was general support for this.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 24 February 2016 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London, commencing at 1pm.