ELECTORAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY  
(Meeting of Full Council)  
held on Wednesday, 26 June 2013 at the Conway Hall, Holborn, London.  

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GCCF LTD.  

PRESENTED ACTION  
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C1927 WELCOME TO DELEGATES AND IN MEMORIAM  

At 12.23pm the Chairman welcomed delegates, and thanked them for attending.  
CHAIR INFO

Joan Judd, Joyce Price, Pat Sandford, Colleen Scoblow, Rosemary Solman,  
Alan Edwards, David Howe, and Norman Hughes were remembered in a moment of silence.

C1928 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
CHAIR OFFICE

The Chairman gave apologies from the President who had sent a message of goodwill hoping the meeting would be an informative, successful and enjoyable occasion.  
(Other apologies received are recorded in the delegate attendance list following these minutes.)

C1929 THE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT  
CHAIR INFO

At the conclusion of her second year in office Helen Marriott-Power made the following points:  
1. The Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors and other GCCF Committees were thanked for working as a team to develop the organisation, with the valued help and support of the Office Manager and staff at Bridgewater.
2. GCCF Ltd had continued trading as a company limited by guarantee, and at the end of its second year again showed a modest surplus, ensuring long term financial security for GCCF.
3. This had provided the basis for a continued improvement of services, towards objectives and aims set out in the Business Plan, and appraised in the mid-year review and Annual Report.
4. The trading partnership with Agria continued.
5. Communication with the wider fancy was enhanced by News & Views and the excellent services of the webmaster, Marcia Owen, who updated the website on a daily basis.
6. The highlight of the year was the launch of online services in February (transfers) and April (registrations). Through the dedication of a small team and support of member clubs a long term project had come to life and been much appreciated by users. The Chairman looked forward to further planned IT developments.
7. GCCF had continued to promote itself to a wider audience through high profile events, successfully hosting the World Cat Congress and participating in the London Pet Show once again.
8. The Genetics Committee and BACs continued to work together to ensure genetic health and breed integrity. This year had also seen the successful launch of the Breeder Scheme, a further commitment to health and welfare.
9. The Young Exhibitor Scheme encouraged participation from junior members, some of whom had now reached advanced level.
10. In conclusion show teams, club committees and delegates were thanked for their commitment to GCCF and to cats.

C1930 TO ALLOW DISPENSATION TO CLUBS WITH AN INSUFFICIENT MEMBERS FOR DELEGATE REPRESENTATION  
CHAIR OFFICE

An addition to Byelaw 3:  
Note: Council may grant dispensation to clubs whose membership numbers fall below those required and allow any club to continue to be represented. Applications for dispensation must be made to the Board with each Annual Return and shall be put to the Electoral Council Meeting by the Chairman.

Approved by a majority. 1 vote against, 0 abstentions.

C1931 CLUB MATTERS  
CHAIR INFO

1. Club Returns Report  
The Chairman observed that only one club had accounts outstanding. She asked delegates to pass on thanks to their club committees for completing this annual business.

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2. Dispensation for representation was granted to 14 clubs:

Breed Clubs (with less than 50 members)  
Bombay & Asian Cats Breed Club  
Central LH & Semi-LH Cat Club  
Longhair Cream & Blue Cream Cat Association  
Oriental Cinnamon & Fawn Group  
Oriental Shaded, Smoke and Tabby Society  
Oriental Longhair Cat Club  
Smoke Cat Society

Area Clubs (with less than 100 members)  
Caesarea Cat Club  
Durham County Cat Club  
Eastern Counties Cat Society  
Herts & Middlesex Club  
Kensington Cat Club  
Northern Counties Cat Club  
Wyvern Cat Club

(delegates present then collected their voting papers)

C1932  
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

1. Chairman  
Helen Marriott-Power was unopposed and therefore took office for her third term.

2. Vice-Chairman  
Steve Crow  89  
John Robinson  30

It was observed that Mr Crow must now relinquish his position as delegate to the Burmese Cat Club to comply with Byelaw 8, and assurance was given that he would do so.

3. Board of Directors  
Gillian Bennett  80  
Lynda Ashmore  79  
Doreen Goadby  77  
Anne Gregory  74  
Jen Lacey  73  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell  72  
Celia Leighton  69  
Hilary Dean  66  
Rosemary Fisher  64  
Pat Perkins  60  
Shelagh Heavens  58  
Tommy Goss  58  
John Robinson  55  
Sandra Woodley  49  
Sean Farrell  46

4. Finance Committee  
Maria Chapman-Beer  108  
Doreen Goadby  92  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell  82  
Thomas Goss  64  
Rosemary Fisher  63

Reserves  
Shelagh Heavens  50  
Sandra Woodley  35

Reserves (order determined after a tiebreaker ballot)  
Sue Amor  44 (59)  
Barbara Prowse  44 (53)

5. Investigations Committee  
Gillian Bennett  93  
Michele Codd  92  
Kym Jarvis  76  
Lynda Ashmore  67  
Claire Lewis  57  
Reserve  
Harry Meekings  51

6. Disciplinary Committee  
Shirley Bullock  81  
Jen Lacey  78  
Val Kilby  76  
Celia Leighton  71  
Barbara Prowse  69  
Hilary Dean  63  
Saffi Rabey  59  
Sue Amor  52  
Sharara Crichton  51  
Reserves  
Ed Merchant  49  
Charles Patey  41  
Nichola Ryan  32

7. Appeals Committee  
Maria Chapman-Beer  106  
Pat Perkins  73  
Betty Singleton  71  
Joyce Green  69  
Sally Rainbow-Ockwell  64  
Rosemary Fisher  47  
Jennifer Fleming  47

Reserves  
Kate Kaye  42  
Janet Tonkinson  33
8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (taken as electoral votes were counted)

8.1 Agria’s Breeder Reward Scheme
Company representative, Ms Lorraine Tannat Nash, outlined the rewards to be offered to breeders who took out 4 week kitten cover policies with Agria, and the bonus if a kitten policy was converted to full cover by the new owner.
£1 (kitten cover online), 50 pence (kitten cover by phone) and £7.50 for full cover conversion.
The amounts would be paid directly into the breeder’s own bank account or that of a chosen charity. If breeders registered their details quickly their rewards for kittens already sold with cover would be backdated to the beginning of the Agria and GCCF link.
Ms Tannat Nash then responded to questions from delegates, promising to find out information if she could not answer immediately.
She gave an assurance of a swift result if Agria was contacted if problems were encountered, and that improvement in communication with GCCF was ongoing to prevent duplication and error in detail.

8.2 A limit to the number of classes allowed per exhibit at back to back GCCF shows
The discussion was lead by Anne Gregory who explained she had had personal experience of seeing cats who were usually calm evidently stressed towards the end of a back to back show.
In addition to classes, a cat could be handled for BOB, BIS and possibly tutorials which increased the number of times it was taken from its pen. She considered a limit should be set.
Several delegates gave examples which endorsed Mrs Gregory’s contention, though it was remarked that repeated handling could also be controlled by an exhibitor opting to enter under the same judge for more than one class.
The matter would be given further discussion by the Board so that a proposal could be made to a future Council Meeting.

C1933 THE 2012 ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

1. These had been presented and accepted at the February Meeting and no queries had been received.
   None were raised at the meeting.

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

C1934 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of 21 February 2013 had been circulated. No amendments were requested for meeting record, but two delegates required corrections on the list of attendees.
   Majority approval 0 against, 1 abstention.

C1935 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 21 FEBRUARY 2013

1. C1913: Breeder Scheme
Steve Crow reported at the launch of the scheme in March there were 32 breeders and CHAIR the second intake at the beginning of June brought the total to 117. This figure exceeded the uptake he had expected.
There had been a successful magazine feature, and there were now banners to advertise the scheme at GCCF shows, and events such as the London Pet Show. It was rewarding to explain the scheme to members of the general public.
The scheme was being refined by the volunteers who had devised it, and they were also training office staff in its administration. Additional breed listing was £5.
In response to a delegate question the Vice-Chairman confirmed that checks were made on those who applied, and to date three applicants had been rejected. Breed Club Membership was an important element, and it was always useful if a club reported concerns it had with any individual members on health and welfare issues.

C1936 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Presentation of the Financial Report for the year to date**  
   1.1 The income from registrations was lower than in the same period the previous year.  
   1.2 Receipts from transfers had increased, though were not yet at the target level.  
   1.3 Prefix application income was also greater and above target.  
   1.4 The overall total income to the end of April 2013 was more than at the same time in 2012 because of additional income from other sources, such as Agria and printing.  
   1.5 Building repairs and computer replacement had put pressure on finances early this year, with new office computers and software being phased in until the end of July.  
   1.6 By the end of April there was still a trading deficit, but it was smaller than that of 2012 for the same period. Figures for May indicated a surplus for the year to date.

2. **Presentation of volume figures for core business to date**  
   2.1 Both prefix and non-prefix litter registration had fallen.  
   2.2 The proportion of cats being transferred had increased substantially and it was hoped breeders would continue to encourage new kitten owners to transfer.  
   2.3 Prefix applications had increased, possibly a favourable indication for future business.  
   2.4 Imports were below the 2012 number, but exceeding the figures for the two previous years.  
      (They accounted for about 10% of business overall.)  
   2.5 There was no significant difference to trends across the sections.

3. In reply to a delegate query the Office Manager stated that figures for the Supreme varied in different minutes because they depended on the amount of input available at the time.

4. He also acknowledged that he was able to produce a balance sheet with each presentation of the accounts to Council, but one had not been requested recently with other detail available.

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**C1938 BUSINESS PLAN**

1. **Update on business progress**  
   1.1 The Vice-Chairman informed Council that the mid-year review had just been added to the Business Plan on the website and it indicated good progress in all areas.  
   1.2 The Veterinary Advisory Committee and Genetics Committee were both active and the GCCF Breeding policy was under review with a revised edition to be published shortly.  
   1.3 The Chairman of the Cat Welfare Trust queried why the need for closer liaison with the Board was a target in the BP as he believed existing communication was good. Mr Crow replied that he looked forward to learning details when future projects were being considered.  
   1.4 In response to concern over the number of additional Board Meetings it was pointed out that they had been planned and budgeted for, and Council had been informed (C1915 3.4).

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**C1939 IT REFRESH PROJECT**

1. **Proposal that EMS Code replaces the GCCF breed numbering system**  
   A presentation had been made at the February Meeting. The one item of additional information was that Pewter Persians would be PER 14 rather than PER 10.  
   It was also confirmed that v (variant) would be linked to a cat’s breed rather than its appearance, as was standard in GCCF.  
   Majority approval 2 against, 1 abstention.

2. **Phased introduction of EMS**  
   The Project Manager, Sally Rainbow-Ockwell, acknowledged that this was a major change but would be phased in gradually rather as decimal coinage was.  
   October 2013: Registrations and transfers issued by the office would have the GCCF and EMS code A translator would be available on the web site so that breeders, exhibitors and judges could use it and become familiar with the EMS code for their breeds  
   1st January: All show paperwork to use EMS only
April 2014: (or thereabouts) the new computer system would use EMS only. Official paperwork would carry EMS only, but there would be no penalty for breeders and exhibitors who continued to use the GCCF code on their certificates. An online translator would be available for judges, show officials breeders and exhibitors.

3. Plans for Phase 2 of the IT refresh project

| July 2013: | certified pedigrees would be available to order online |
| 1st August 2013: | online entries and payment taken for the Supreme |
| September 2013: | introduction of a simple HHP registration scheme |
| October 2013: | EMS introduction at the office |
| April 2014: (approx) | a new computer system coming into operation will complete phase 2. |

This gave the outline. Work was now beginning on the detail.

C1940  JUDGES

1. JUDGES FOR APPROVAL

| Abyssinian BAC | Probationer Judge | Mrs C Roberts |
| Balinese BAC | Full Judge | Mr C Dryden |
| | | Mrs J Smith |
| | Probationer Judge | Mrs J Pounds |
| Burmese BAC | Full Judge | Mrs A-M Heath |
| | | Mr M Pearman |
| | | Mrs L Walpole |

Extension backdated to October 2012 until October 2013  Mrs J Francis Wilson

| Colourpoint Persian BAC | Full Judge | Mrs J Wilkinson |
| Egyptian Mau | Full Judge | Mrs S Woodley |
| | Probationer Judge | Mrs M Buckeridge |
| | | Mrs S Rainbow-Ockwell |
| Exotic BAC | Probationer Judge | Mrs C Roberts |
| Joint Rex BAC | Probationer Judge | Mrs S Amor |
| | | Cornish Rex |
| | Mrs R Fisher | Devon Rex |
| | Mrs S Amor | Selkirk Rex |
| | Dr P Collin | |
| Extension for 1 year from October 2013 | Mr I Macro - Devon Rex |

| Korat & Thai BAC | Probationer Judge | Ms E Stark |
| | Probationer Judge | Mrs D Stone |
| Maine Coon BAC | Full Judge | Mrs C de Martino |
| | | Mrs S Rainbow-Ockwell |
| | Probationer Judge | Mrs L Dutton |
| | | Mr G Martin |
| | | Mr E Merchant |
| | | Mr J Trotter |
| Norwegian Forest Cat BAC | Probationer Judge | Mrs L Fryer |
| Ocicat BAC | Extension for 1 year from October 2013 | Mr S Parkin |
| | | Mrs D Stone |
| Persian Tabby BAC | Probationer Judge | Mr J Emery |
| | | Mrs S Rainbow-Ockwell |
| Extension for 1 year from June 2013 | Ms C Pearson |
Russian BAC Full Judge of Nebelung Cats Ms J Allen Mrs P Perkins Mr G Godfrey Mrs S Tokens

Siamese JAC Full Judge Mrs J Smith Mrs S Tokens

Self LH BAC Extension for 1 year from June 2013 Mr E Merchant

Siberian BAC Full Judge Mrs C de Martino

Singapura BAC Full Judge Mrs V Anderson-Drew Extension for 1 year from June 2013 Mrs S Woodley Extension for 1 year from October 2013 Mrs S Rose

Snowshoe BAC Probationer Judge Mr J Trotter

Sphynx BAC Full Judge Mrs C White Probationer Judge Mr P Williams Extension for 1 year from October 2013 Mr S Parkin

Tonkinese BAC Probationer Judge Ms S Dewhurst Ms L Vousden Mrs S Woodley

Tortie, Tortie & White & Bicolour BAC Full Judge Mr E Merchant

Turkish BAC Full Judge Mrs C Bamford Mrs S Rainbow-Ockwell Van Kedisi (Turkish Van &

2. JUDGE WITHDRAWALS/REMOVALS
Mr P Cornish from the Ocicat list
Mrs M Smith from the Ocicat list
Mr N Carter from Persian Tabby list
Mrs H Dessauer from the LaPerm list
Mrs B Webb from the Cornish, LaPerm and Sphynx lists

C1941 SHOW MATTERS

1. Report from the Supreme Show Manager
1.1 Celia Leighton observed that it was a quiet time at present. Schedules were almost ready to
go and they would include all the newly promoted breeds.
1.2 There would be fewer judges to reduce costs, but it meant judges would have a heavier loading
1.3 Club Row would have a new look as sponsorship had been obtained for screens and clubs would
be able to use them for promotional information
1.4 There would be a Teddy Bear class again with separate entry for children and adults.

2. Proposal that Balinese SH Variants are shown in the equivalent BALBAC SMs Siamese Breed Classes
(implementation: to shows not yet closed) Majority approval 1 against, 0 abstentions.

C1942 RULE CHANGES
(The full text of the rule changes is an addendum to these minutes and already included in the
online copy of the rules available for download)

1. Section 1: new rule at 7g ii): to be implemented with immediate effect Unanimous approval

2. Revision of rules to remove Provisional Recognition
(Breeds go from Preliminary to Championship Status)Implementation after 4 calendar months (26.10.13)
Majority approval 2 against, 0 abstentions
3. Section 4 Rule 3c (2) and Section 6 Rule 1. (Ringworm) Immediate Implementation.  
   Majority approval 0 against, 1 abstention.

C1943 REVISION TO BYELAW 8  
   CELTIC LH & SEMI LH CS  
   After some discussion the delegate representing the club withdrew the proposed change.

C1944 REVISIONS TO BYELAW 11 (6 & 7 PLUS NEW 8) STANDING COMMITTEES  
   (The full text of this byelaw change is an addendum to these minutes and already included in the  
   online copy of the Byelaws available for download)

   The incorporation into the Byelaws of the Veterinary Advisory Committee as a GCCF Standing  
   Committee and revision of the Byelaw concerning the Genetics Committee and Appeals Committee.  
   (Immediate implementation - effective for the elections of 2014)  
   Majority approval 0 against, 2 abstention.

   Minutes from the Genetics Committee were requested and it was agreed these should be published  
   with any personal information removed.

   It was suggested that in the planned review of the IC/DC process consideration should be given to  
   not having members of the Board on the other committees in addition to the Appeals Committee,  
   which would have no Officer or Board involvement on the advice of the GCCF Solicitor.

C1945 (deferred in advance of the meeting)

C1946 REVISED REGISTRATION POLICIES (immediate implementation)

   1. Balinese: variants to be on the Supplementary Register to allow them to be shown. BALBAC OFFICE  
      Unanimous approval

   2. Manx: a completely revised policy to include health screening  
      Unanimous approval

   3. Tabby Persian: to include Bicolour and Tricolour Persians  
      Unanimous approval

      A query on the position of Colourpointed in this policy was referred back to the club  
      as it was not relevant to the proposal, but policy already approved.

   4. Singapura: the policy revised to allow for outcrossing and PKDef testing  
      Unanimous approval

   5. Tonkinese: a revised policy to accompany the application for Preliminary Status for TBAC OFFICE  
      the colourpointed and Burmese patterned cats, with the inclusion of DNA testing.  
      Unanimous approval

   6. Bengal: a revised policy to include the Blue Bengal at Preliminary Status.  
      Unanimous approval

C1947 REVISED STANDARD OF POINTS  
   BSGC OFFICE

   1. Manx: revisions in line with the health principles of the breeding and registration policies  
      Majority approval 0 against, 2 abstentions

   2. Tonkinese: Complete revision of the Tonkinese SOP to include Tonkinese Burmese  
      Colour Restriction (BCR) and Tonkinese Colourpointed Pattern (CPP)  
      Majority approval 2 against, 1 abstention

   3. Preliminary Standard of Points for Blue, Blue Snow, Blue Silver, and  
      Blue Silver Snow Spotted and Marbled Bengals  
      Unanimous approval

   4. Abyssinian: changes to the body description and withholding faults  
      Unanimous approval

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Mrs Goadby explained that this was a very simple scheme to meet a demand. The Office occasionally received requests from people who liked the idea of registering their pet cat and GCCF currently had no way of doing this. If they supplied their details with those of their cat and picture (pdf) of the cat a registration certificate could be printed with the photo in place of pedigree details. For £10 they would receive this together with information on cat care and Agria insurance. People who showed their HHPs could register them, though this would not be compulsory. Possibly EMS code could be added to the certificates in the future which would assist correct class entry. (Beginning in September 2013, depending on computer readiness)

There was concern that some people would wish to breed from a GCCF registered pet. Mrs Goadby assured Council that the only categories to be allowed were Neutered Male/Female.

APPLICATION FOR BREED PROMOTION

1. Promotion to Championship Status for the Colourpointed & White British Shorthair
2. Promotion to Championship Status for the Red Self British Shorthair
3. Promotion to Championship Status for Ocicat Classic
4. Promotion to Championship Status for the Russian Black and Russian White (single class)
5. Promotion to Championship Status for the Snow Marbled Bengal
6. Promotion to Championship Status for the Snowshoe
7. Promotion to Championship Status for the Thai Blue Point and Thai Lilac (single class)
8. Promotion to Championship Status for the Fawn Point Siamese

All of these breeds were promoted following the approval of C1942 removing Provisional Status. Effective from 26.10.2013 Unanimous approval

9. Preliminary Status for Tonkinese of Burmese Colour Restriction TBAC OFFICE
10. Preliminary Status for Tonkinese of Colourpointed Pattern (Two separate Assessment Classes to be included in schedules as soon as practical) Unanimous approval

11. Preliminary Status for the Blue Bengal BENVAC OFFICE
An Assessment to be included in schedules as soon as practical) Unanimous approval

12. For information: The Board has granted the Sokoke a breed name. Cats may be shown on exhibition.

Delegates requested dispensation for breed shows to be allowed to have breed classes for the breeds newly promoted to Championship from Provisional Status before 26.10 as ICs would now be worthless. It was agreed that this was a special circumstance therefore dispensation was granted to:

- The Bengal Cat Club 3.8.2013
- Chocolate Pointed Siamese Cat Club 17.8.2013
- Lilac Point Siamese Cat Society 17.8.2013
- Tabby Point Siamese & Progressive Breeders CC 5.10.2013
- Siamese Cat Club 5.10.2013
- Tabby Cat Club 5.10.2013
- Ocicat Cat Club 5.10.2013
- Russian Blue Breeders Association 5.10.2013
- Colourpoint, Rex-Coated and AOV Club 20.10.2013

It was noted there could be clubs not represented in Council fulfilling the same criteria, therefore dispensation was extended to cover breed clubs requesting it for shows from August to October 2013.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Application from the Australian Mist Cat Club UK (immediate implementation) Unanimous approval
2. Withdrawal of the Norwegian Forest Cat Society from Provisional Membership was noted. INFO
C1951 WORLD CAT CONGRESS

Sean Farrell, Show Manager, gave a brief report on the success of the occasion. He believed it had established GCCF position favourably amongst WCC members. There had been appreciation from Congress delegates, visitors and regular exhibitors for all the organised events. Video links and stills had been made accessible via the internet for those who were unable to attend or wanted to look back on the show. Mr Farrell thanked his hardworking team who were involved in the preparation and were present throughout, and all of those who contributed by helping out in any way.

C1952 CAT WELFARE TRUST

Keith Scruton, Chairman, confirmed the latest report on the present project was available for download from the GCCF website. Currently funding was being given in support of further research into the genetics of immunity, and the impact on breed health from limited diversity in this respect.

C1953 A COMBINED REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEE

This discussion item had been proposed by the Abyssinian Cat Association and was withdrawn by the club’s representative as it was near the end of the afternoon. It would be revised and submitted for the October Council agenda.

C1954 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Office Manager confirmed the video tapes on Show Management talks were safely stored at the Office, but work had not started on their digital conversion yet.

2. Mrs Gregory responded on behalf of the YES! programme to a delegate’s question on the necessity for CRB checks. She confirmed that the administrators were checked, but judges and mentors who worked with the candidates in public (show hall) did not require them. Care was taken to ensure the young people did not leave the public space and the relevant information was supplied to parents.

3. It was acknowledged that there was no manual for show managers, but there was a considerable amount of information on the GCCF website, and regular updates were sent to SMs from the office.

4. Coventry and Leicester Cat Club wished to know why only the London Pet Show could be officially linked to GCCF with use of the company name and logo. It was explained that this was a condition of a commercial partnership. It did not prevent clubs working with other commercial show organisers, but on their own behalf rather than GCCF’s.

The Officers and Board received a vote of thanks for their work over the year, proposed by Mrs Coomer.

C1955 NEXT MEETING

A General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 October 2013 in the Conway Hall, Holborn, London at 1pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.00pm