

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY**

Saturday, 17 July 2021 by videoconference

Present: Mrs Sean Farrell - Chairman

Mrs Lynda Ashmore	Mr Steve Crow
Ms Sandra Devereux	Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Mr Thomas Goss	Mr John Hansson
Mrs Shelagh Heavens	Mrs Catherine Kaye
Mrs Jen Lacey	Mrs Lisa Robinson-Talboys
Ms Lyndsey Robinson	Mr Peter Williams

BD4116 MEETING INTRODUCTION

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
 - 1.1 Apologies were given on behalf of the Vice Chair, Mrs Hilary Dean and Mrs Elaine Robinson.
- 2. Chairman's opening remarks**
 - 2.1 The Chair opened the meeting shortly after 5pm and indicated he had information to give later in the meeting.

BD4117 SHOW MATTERS

- 1. An application for an All-Breed show licence from the Asian Group Cat Society**
 - 1.1 The Chair observed that the show did not yet have a licence for the 2021-22 season, and that it was necessary for the application to be considered now as the date requested was in October.
 - 1.2 SC and TG declared an interest in the item as they officers of the AGSC
 - 1.3 Sandra Devereux (the club's Show Manager) explained that there was a lot of disappointment in Scotland as the Edinburgh and East of Scotland had had to cancel their autumn show and no other show in Scotland was imminent. She explained that a number of preparations had been made for the E&EofS so that she felt confident that she could deliver a Covid-safe show and set an example for other Scottish clubs who might want to follow early in 2022.
 - 1.4 It was queried whether the AGCS was the club that was allowed to have a special one off show in 2019 as they had been let down by the North West CC and confirmed that it was.
 - 1.5 It was pointed out that it previously been said that shows without a licence for this season should apply for a date close to the one they traditionally had, and not be permitted to opt for a preference, and that permitting a breed club to hold an all-breed show would set a precedent that others would want to follow. It would then be seen as unfair to allow it only if the club had a connection with the Board.
 - 1.6 A response to this was the exceptional circumstances of Covid merited special consideration as many exhibitors could be without a GCCF show and so turn to showing with another organisation.
 - 1.7 It was suggested that if AGCS joined with the club holding a show in Scotland later in the year consideration could be given to the date, but that the transference to an all-breed show was inconsistent with the Board's response to other clubs.
 - 1.8 A vote was taken with 1 in favour, 5 against and 5 abstentions (LA, SC, RF, TG & PW).
(SD had lost her connection to the meeting).
SH stated her objection was to a breed club having an all-breed show, as did JH.
- 2. Show date changes from one day to another on the same weekend to be approved by email**
 - 2.1 It was proposed that if a club wished to change its show date from one day to another on the same weekend it should be dealt with by a simple majority approving within one week (7 days) of the circulation of the request to the Board.
 - 2.2 It was confirmed that there would be no effect on the 13 day rule.
 - 2.3 A vote was taken with 9 in favour and 2 abstentions (SH & JH). SD was not connected at this point.
Action: the Office to be informed JL
- 3 Show disinfectants**
 - 3.1 The Chairman introduced the subject to the meeting as an additional item of urgent business.
 - 3.2 He explained the necessity to confirm whether or not the water based form of Safe4 was Covid effective before putting in a £2.5K order so that disinfectant could be distributed to the penning companies.
 - 3.3 The alternative was to purchase the alcohol based form, which was effective though of a different consistency and possibly less cat friendly. He thought time was too short to acquire and trial samples as the order to provide for 14 August had to be made. The decision had to be based on what was effective against Covid as the response from the Veterinary Officer was insufficiently clear.
 - 3.4 Once acquired he would distribute it to the penning companies on a pro-rata basis.
 - 3.5 LA stated she had obtained alcohol based hand wipes for the celebration show. She was advised to make a check with the Vice Chair on whether the brand was as he had recommended.
Action: discussion with the company concerned to obtain clarification SF

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING **Friday, 20 August 2021**

The meeting finished at 5.25 pm.